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These are difficult days in Israel, and our hearts are with all the Israeli people impacted by this horrible tragedy, including members of our team and their family members who have been recently called up for IDF reserve duty.

For context, past conflicts in this region have been short in nature, with life in Israel bouncing back to normal vigorously. However, we are living through a unique moment, and it's impossible to make predictions. We proceed with trips so long as we are confident in being able to provide a safe, meaningful, and joyous travel experience.

From a practical perspective, scheduled October trips are cancelled, and we offered a full refund option to all travelers. Our approach to future trips will also be guided by our values and our commitment to being a trusted and responsible long-term organizer of travel experiences in Israel.

Like the people of Israel, we must all stand tall and look to the future with optimism. With that said, on behalf of the entire Authentic Israel team, we look forward to welcoming you in Israel with open arms soon.

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