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# ISRAEL TRAVEL TIPS



Israel is a modern country with many similarities to the U.S. You'll feel more at home than you might expect. With a little preparation, you can rest assured your experience will be an unforgettable journey! Here are things to consider that will help you prepare for an amazing Journey!

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## PASSPORTS

Make sure you have a signed, valid passport. Fill in the emergency information page of your passport. Your Passport must be valid for six months after your return date. Make 2 paper or digital copies of your passport identification page. This will facilitate replacement if your passport is lost. Give one copy to your group leader. Carry the other with you in a separate place from your passport. Check with Bible Land Tours for non-US passports.

## FLIGHTS SEATING

Group seating is done alphabetically, and we regret that we are unable to guarantee specific airline seat assignments. We do try to accommodate requests, and always try to seat couples and families together.

## LUGGAGE

You are allowed to check **one** piece of luggage, due to Israel Tour Bus requirements. The luggage cannot exceed 62 inches (height + width + length) & 50 lbs. Bags oversized or overweight will be charged an extra fee by the airline. Carry-on cannot exceed 45 inches (height + width + length). You are allowed to bring a quart-sized bag of liquids, aerosols, gels, creams and pastes that are 3.4 oz. or less per item in your carry-on bag. Check TSA website just prior to travel. Most airlines allow a personal item as an additional carry-on (purse, computer bag). Check with airline.

## PACKING YOUR BAG

Bring comfortable walking shoes and casual clothing. Layers are a great way to stay comfortable at different temps. Bring a sweater or light jacket with you in the warmer months and a heavier jacket in the winter months. You may have the opportunity to float in the Dead Sea and to be baptized in the Jordan River. Check the weather before you pack.

### Suggestion of things to take

Bible & notebook	Travel Kleenex	Prescription drugs in original containers
Sunglasses	Toothbrush/paste	Baggies for rocks & souvenirs
Sunscreen	Hand & body lotion (dry climate)	Swimsuit
Chapstick	Feminine hygiene products	Water shoes
Hand sanitizer	Small flashlight/headlamp	Electric adapters, converters
Rain jacket / poncho	US dollars - small bills	

## **DRESS REQUIREMENTS**

You can dress like you normally dress. Shorts are acceptable most days. However, certain Holy sites will require shoulders and knees to be covered. Capernaum, Temple Mount, Western Wall Prayer areas. You will need pants, slacks, skirts or a dress - *no leggings* - for such areas. Your guide will let you know so you may dress accordingly.

## **IMMUNIZATIONS**

You do not need shots or immunizations beyond what is already recommended for the United States, to visit Israel/Jordan. Check the Center for Disease Control for any updates prior to your trip.

## **MONEY**

The US dollar is accepted all over Israel and Jordan! If you want to convert currency, you certainly can, but it is not necessary. US credit and debit cards will also be accepted at most stores. You may want to alert your bank or credit card company that you will be traveling in Israel. Your Hotel is often the best place to exchange currency.

## **ELECTRIC ADAPTERS/CONVERTERS**

Electric in Israel is 220 volt. Your hotel may have a 110 volt outlet in your room, but not guaranteed. You will want a 2 prong round adapter to plug into wall outlets. Type C - adapters. Most Electronics like cell Phones & laptops are dual voltage. Check the voltage requirements for your electronics.

## **TIPS ABOUT TIPPING**

The Tips for your trip were included in the cost of your tour. Your Pastor/Tour Leader will be taking care of the tipping for your Guide, Driver, etc. There is no need for you to tip anyone during your tour.

## **CELL PHONES**

Call your service provider and ask about using your cell phone for calls, texting & data overseas. Carriers offer international plans for traveling. Most hotels/kibbutz provide free Wi-Fi. Your Tour Bus has free Wi-Fi.

## **LAUNDRY**

The hotels have laundry services, but it can be pricey and will only be available while staying in the hotel for multiple nights. Some people wash out their clothes in the sink and roll in a towel, then put on a hanger to dry.

## **DRINKING WATER**

Drink lots of water. Bring a water bottle to fill in your hotel and bottled water will be available on your bus for \$1 per bottle.

## **TIME DIFFERENCE**

Israel is 7 hours ahead of NY, and 10 hours ahead of CA, except during DST.

## **SHAPING UP FOR YOUR TOUR**

You can expect to do quite a bit of walking while touring Israel. If you are not used to physical activity and have concerns about keeping up with your group, we recommend that you start preparing for you tour by walking 30 minutes a day.

## **“LAND ONLY” PASSENGER RESPONSIBILITIES**

If you have arranged your own air transportation, the “Land Only” portion of your tour begins at the first hotel and ends on the last tour day. You are responsible for all expenses required to meet up with the group, and any expenses incurred in getting to the airport at the end of the trip, if you do not travel to the airport with the group.

You can meet your group when they arrive at the airport and join them on the bus to the hotel or sites.