

HOLY LAND TRAVELER INFORMATION

WEATHER

Temperatures in Israel vary according to regions. Average temperature in Jerusalem are as follows: (in Fahrenheit)

- December-February 43-57 degrees
- March-May 47-77 degrees
- June-August 63-86 degrees
- September-November 54-82 degrees

You should carry a sweater and a lined raincoat to be prepared for cooler temps in the early morning and evening. We suggest that you dress in layers. The winter months are also considered to be Israel's rainy season; bring a collapsible umbrella. Expect mild climate during the remainder of the year.

PASSPORTS

An application may be obtained and submitted in person at your nearest Passport Office or U.S. District Court. When applying, take with you two duplicate, non-glossy photographs 2" x 2" in size, not older than six months from the date you apply. You will also need your certified birth certificate (with the raised seal and file number) or other document proving citizenship and birth. If in doubt, call the Passport Clerk before applying. All adult (over 18) U.S. passports are valid for 10 years. Passports normally take 2-4 weeks to issue, so apply as soon as possible. Current passports must be valid for minimum of three months after your departure date.

VISA

If you are a U.S. or Canadian citizen, no visa is required for entry into Israel. If you are going to Egypt, Turkey, or Jordan, a visa will be required. Your travel agent will assist you in obtaining the necessary visa. **If you are a citizen of any other country, you must apply for your own visa.** Please contact the nearest Consulate office of the countries you are visiting for instructions on obtaining visas.

SHOTS

No shots of any type are required for any country being visited in the Middle East and Europe.

WHAT MEALS ARE PROVIDED?

Israeli breakfast and dinner are provided in the cost of your trip. Lunches are not provided, but may be purchased anywhere from \$6-\$12 depending on what you order. We recommend only a light lunch.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Included in your total price is a fee for travel insurance and it protects you in the following cases: trip cancellation, illness or death, medical expenses overseas, lost or damaged luggage, and economy airfare if it is necessary to fly home early due to personal illness or death of any immediate family member. An insurance form, provided by the independent company listing all coverage will be sent by your travel agent before departure. But please remember, all emergency medical and transportation costs must first be paid by the passenger. Trip insurance moneys cannot be collected until a passenger returns to the U.S. and files a claim with the insurance company.

INTERNATIONAL AIRLINE TICKETS

International airline tickets must be issued to coincide with the name as it appears on the passport. Boarding may be denied if your airline ticket does not match your passport.

CELL PHONES/CREDIT CARDS

Check with your cell phone service provider to see if you can purchase a special package or phone that will enable you to make calls internationally. Be sure to contact your credit card company to notify them that you will be using your credit card(s) in another country.

SPECIAL DIETS

We will do our best to meet your special dietary requirements. However, there will be limitations in our ability to do so depending upon the area and hotel in which we are staying. Be prepared to buy any specialized food stuffs at the local market.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS AND PREPARATION

To obtain maximum benefits from the program, you should be in good physical and mental health, able and willing to actively participate in group events, coach trips and boat rides. During your journey, there will be much walking, numerous stairs to climb, and many sites to explore. We suggest preparing yourself by beginning a program of walking. Those who are less active will still find the journey a delightful experience. If you need to rest during the day, there is often a pleasant park which you can enjoy, or you can simply remain on the bus. Check with your doctor for medical advice pertinent to the trip and your health.

LUGGAGE

We must insist on **one suitcase only per person**. You are allowed a total of 44 lbs. of luggage, including your carry-on luggage. Your suitcase must not exceed 30" x 21" x 10". Your carry on piece should measure approximately 12" x 12" x 18". Any piece which does not meet these specifications will be placed in the cargo hold with the checked luggage. We do not recommend garment bags.

ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES

The electric current in Europe and the Middle East is 220 volts. To operate American small appliances or gadgets you will need.

WHAT TO PACK

- 1 pair of comfortable walking shoes (to live in!)
- 1 pair of low heeled shoes (optional)
- 1 skirt (women, optional)
- 1 sport coat (men, optional)
- Jeans or casual pants/slacks
- Shirts/blouses that can be layered
- 1 rain coat
- Small umbrella
- Sleepwear
- Swim suit
- Socks
- Underwear
- Personal items/toiletries
- All purpose travel bag (doubles as camera bag and purse)
- Chargers: phone, camera, laptop, etc.

MUST HAVE:

- Converter
- Adapter
- Travel alarm clock

OPTIONAL ITEMS

- Towelettes
- Tissues
- Emergency sewing kit and safety pins
- Personal snacks and food items
- Extra film
- Travel journal