



Your Participant Pre-Departure Package

10-Day Spiritual Journey of a Lifetime through The Holy Land

October 24 – November 2, 2022

Optional Turkey Pre-Trip: October 21 – 25, 2022

with

Pastors Kevin and Joelene Taylor

A private program customized and designed exclusively for



JOURNEYCHURCH
Making it easy to find and experience God



Bruchim Ha-ba'im! Welcome, dear, Honored Guests!

PARTICIPANT PRE-DEPARTURE PACKAGE

YOUR

**Participant Gift Package
and
Participant Travel Document Pouch**

will be distributed at the

Pre-Departure Orientation on October 2, 2022

for your

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*Shalom Shalom, may our comings be in peace;
May our partings be in peace.
May we be surrounded by peace.*



***"Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
To the house of the God of Jacob;
He will teach us His ways,
And we shall walk in His paths."***

Isaiah 2:3

Your Journey Begins on the Second Day of the Week - *Bereshit – Genesis 1:6-8*

⁶And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the water, and let it be a separation between water and water."

וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים יְהִי רָקִיעַ בְּתוֹךְ
הַמַּיִם וְיְהִי מַבְדִּיל בֵּין מַיִם
לַמַּיִם:

⁷And God made the expanse and it separated between the water that was below the expanse and the water that was above the expanse, and it was so.

וַיַּעַשׂ אֱלֹהִים אֶת־הָרָקִיעַ וַיַּבְדֵּל
בֵּין הַמַּיִם אֲשֶׁר מִתַּחַת לָרָקִיעַ
וּבֵין הַמַּיִם אֲשֶׁר מֵעַל לָרָקִיעַ
וַיְהִי־כֵן:

⁸And God called the expanse Heaven, and it was evening, and it was morning, a second day.

וַיִּקְרָא אֱלֹהִים לָרָקִיעַ שָׁמַיִם
וַיְהִי־עֶרֶב וַיְהִי־בֹקֶר יוֹם שֵׁנִי:

Genesis 1:6-8

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Your Pre-Departure Package Elements

Bruchim Ha-ba'im! Welcome to Your Spiritual Journey!

Your journey begins on the second day of the week, Genesis 1:6-8

Your Pre-Departure Package Elements

Welcome Letter

Your Participant Gift Package

Your Journey - Featuring Hotels, Highlighting Inclusions, Signature Touch Service, Exclusions

Group Flight Itinerary Information and Participant Names Assigned to Your Flight

Your Name as it Appears, Your Passenger Manifest, and Your Passport

Special Considerations for check-in and arrival time at the airport for your departure to Israel

Your Bus Assignment (Red or Blue) and Bus Group Teams

Your Hotels and Contact Details

Your Suggested Sites Itinerary and Site Specific Scriptural References

Important Contact Information

Important Things to Remember....i.e., Your Bible – in-hand or downloaded on your phone

Calling Israel from the US and Calling Israel from within Israel

Downloading WhatsApp on Your Cellphone

Special Notes and Consideration

What to Pack? What to Wear? How to Prepare????? Temps and Weather in Israel in May

I Have a Few Questions...

Gentle Reminders

SAFETY

What Else Should I know? Bring? What Should I think About in Preparing for My Journey?

Pack in Checked Luggage

Pack in Carry-on and/or Personal Bag

Warning about Cell Phones and Tablets

Extras for Your Comfort and Ease of Mind

The Ten Commandments

A Pilgrim's Prayer

Israel Overview

NOTE FOR GROUP MEMBERS PARTICIPATING ON THE OPTIONAL TURKEY PRE-TRIP: On October 21, 2022, when you check in at O'Hare International Airport for your flight to Turkey, **YOU MUST CHECK YOUR LUGGAGE THROUGH TO IZMIR, TURKEY.** You must complete the online visa for entry to Turkey prior to departing the US. Access the link to the Turkish entry visa: <https://www.evisa.gov.tr/en/>.



Shalom Shalom and Treasured Greetings, dear friends, **Welcome to Your Spiritual Journey!**

It's here! We're coming to the Holy Land....

Please note the materials and information accompanying your **Participant Pre-Departure Package**: round trip airline flight itinerary, list of passengers traveling with you as a group, day-to-day suggested sites itinerary, site specific scriptural reference, hotel details, and important contact information. We will distribute **Participant Gift Packages** to each of you at the **October 2, 2022 Pre-Departure Orientation**. Your gifts are designed for your travel comfort and convenience. Please, use the passport and travel document holder we provide as your Participant Gift Package to help keep your passport and important papers together. Use the luggage tags and handle grippers, too. Bring your nylon bag for carrying lightweight belongings during the touring day and bring your hat and wear it, too! It will protect you from the sun and the heat and likewise identify group members across crowded touring sites.

We'd like to share some **last-minute travel suggestions – hints and tidbits** we've learned through our years.

Travel documents, your flight itinerary, your passenger manifest, your passport, travel insurance policy...We suggest making a copy to carry with you, another copy to pack and keep separate from your daily belongings, and a copy of your travel documents to leave at home with family and friends.

Any medication you may be bringing...please keep a list of your medications and dosage with you, and leave your medication in their original bottle or a smaller well-marked container. Leave a list at home with family and friends.

The fall season in Israel does not typically include rain. If you'd like to bring a small travel-size umbrella just in case it rains, please do so. The Jewish High Holy Day season will conclude on October 18, 2022, at which time prayers for rain are recited each day during worship services. If it should rain while we are traveling through the Holy Land, we consider this to be God's blessing and witness that our prayers are being answered.

Cellphone – if you have a Sim card, bring it with you. If you need a 'key' for your cell phone to open the 'drawer,' remember to bring this with you as well. Otherwise, make arrangements for global cell phone service with your cell phone provider.

You can bring your laptop, ipad, etc. with you on the airplane. Remember to flip the switch to 'Airplane Mode' once the flight attendant announces that passenger can use approved electronics.

The electric current in Israel is 220-240 volt electrical input. We'll provide you with an adapter for your electronics.

Nisiah Tovah! Safe travels!!!!



The Israel Advantage Tours, Inc. Team

*We're almost on our way.....your **Participant Gift Package** from IATI will be handed to you on October 2, 2022 at the **Pre-Departure Orientation** scheduled immediately after worship service at Journey Church. You will also receive your **Participant Travel Document Pouch** with important travel documents relevant to only you.*

It's that special time - pre-departure time - when you're determining your wardrobe, paring it down to accommodate one suitcase weighing no more than 50 pounds, and figuring out which suitcase will accompany you on your spiritual journey. It's a time-honored tradition to reflect during these precious moments, realizing that, "Yes, I'll soon journey through the Holy Land."

To enhance your travel experience and assure a bit of extra comfort, please enjoy your Participant Gift Package, designed for your convenience.

- Hat, for your comfort, protection, and group identification
- Passport and Document holder, to hold your travel documents in one place
- Name badge/neck wallet, to wear for at least the first few days of touring
- Luggage handle grippers (one for your checked luggage and one for your carry-on)
- Luggage tags (one for your checked luggage and one for your carry-on)
- Foldable nylon tote, perfect for our daily outings
- Electrical adapter compatible with Israel electrical current and electrical receptacle

Likewise, please find easy-reading and important reading materials designed to familiarize you with the sights and sounds, tastes and touches you're about to experience as we focus our hearts and minds on the journey ahead, walking through the footsteps of Jesus and sensing the presence of God.

Please bring each of these items with you...remember your Bible...and of course, as always, bring comfortable walking shoes.

Enclosed in this package you'll find all sorts of travel details, important information, your flight itinerary and passenger name list. If there is a flight itinerary change, we will post it on the landing page, <https://israeladvantagetours.com/journey-church-2022/> and will also send emails should there be a change in flight departure times. It is your responsibility to arrive at the airport four hours prior to the scheduled departure time. Please continue to check the landing page for last-minute updates. **You will receive your passenger manifest with appropriate identification information on October 2, 2022 at the Pre-Departure Orientation immediately following worship service at Journey Church.**

Danny and I look forward to sharing fellowship with you in the Holy Land.

Abundant blessings,
Cindy



Your Journey

FEATURING THE FOLLOWING HOTELS WITH DAILY BUFFET BREAKFAST AND DINNER

Netanya: Vert Lagoon Hotel, October 25 – 26, 2022, 1 night

Tiberias: Ramot Hotel, October 26 – 28, 2022, 2 nights

Dead Sea: David Resort & Spa, October 28 – 29, 2022, 1 night

Jerusalem: Dan Jerusalem Hotel, October 29 – November 2, 2022, 4 nights

HIGHLIGHTING INCLUSIONS

International airfare, taxes, and fuel surcharges

All meeting and assistance upon arrival and departure at Ben Gurion International Airport in Tel Aviv

Porterage at airport and hotels

Tour Israel with Israel Government licensed, certified English-speaking tour guide

Deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach with experienced driver, complimentary WiFi, Hepa air filtration system

All greetings, assistance, transfers, entrance fees per Suggested Sites Itinerary (time, weather, conditions, pace of tour group members permitting)

Full days sightseeing, experiencing Israel, the Holy Land with sites and activities to cherish for a lifetime

Signature Touch Service...INCLUDED FOR EACH PARTICIPANT...

Flower upon arrival at Ben Gurion International Airport

"The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom like a rose" (Isaiah 35:1)

Three lunches: St. Peter's Fish famous lunch along the Sea of Galilee, Traditional Bedouin Lunch near Jericho and a hearty lunch in Bethlehem (NOTE: Beverages are not always included in the lunch meals)

Whispers headsets to hear your tour guide (the tour guide will have a microphone and headset)

Headsets at Yad Vashem, Israel's official memorial museum commemorating the victims of the Holocaust

Farewell Dinner at outside dining establishment

Decorative Personalized Certificates commemorating the momentous occasion of this experience in Israel

Gratuities to the tour guides, experienced bus driver, hotels' staff, and scheduled out-of-hotel restaurants

SPECIAL NOTES AND CONSIDERATION

NOT INCLUDED IN YOUR PROGRAM:

Travel Insurance, purchases of a personal nature, hotel wi-fi, hotel minibars, lunches other than those mentioned in the *Signature Touch Service*, any services, meals and beverages not reflected in this program, spa and exercise facilities requiring fees, hotel amenities requiring arrangements made by you in advance. Not everyone wishes to be baptized while in Israel; as such, cost for rental of baptismal gowns and towels is not included. Gowns are towels are available onsite with a rental fee. Bathing suits are required to wear beneath the baptismal gown. Water will be available for purchase on the bus for \$1 per bottle.



YOUR GROUP FLIGHT ITINERARY

Your assigned flight itinerary and participant name list appear below:

OPTIONAL TURKEY PRE-TRIP FLIGHT ITINERARY ABOARD

TURKISH AIRLINES (TK) FLIGHT 0006
SCHEDULED TO DEPART ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2022
AT 9:40P CT
FROM CHICAGO'S O'HARE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

*****FLIGHTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE AIRLINE.*****

Date	Flight No	Operated By	Cabin	Depart	From	Arrive	At	Transit
Fri Oct 21	TK0006	Turkish Airlines	Economy	9:40 pm	Chicago O'Hare Airport (ORD)	4:10 pm (on Oct 22)	Istanbul Airport (IST)	2h 10m
Sat Oct 22	TK 2336	Turkish Airlines	Economy	7:00p	Istanbul	8:05p	Izmir	1h 5m
Sun Oct 23	TK 2333	Turkish Airlines	Economy	6:45p	Izmir	8:00p	Istanbul	1h 15m
Tues Oct 25	TK 0788	Turkish Airlines	Economy	6:20p	Istanbul	8:20p	Tel Aviv	2h
Wed Nov 2	TK 0785	Turkish Airlines	Economy	10:30a	Tel Aviv	1:55p	Istanbul	2h 25m
Wed Nov 2	0005	Turkish Airlines	Economy	3:20p	Istanbul	7:15p	Chicago O'Hare	4h 55m

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OPTIONAL TURKEY PRE-TRIP FLIGHT ITINERARY
Participants assigned to your flight

**PLEASE, FIND YOUR NAME AND CHECK IT TO ENSURE THAT YOUR NAME
IS SPELLED EXACTLY AS IT APPEARS ON YOUR PASSPORT.
IF THE SPELLING OF YOUR NAME DOES NOT MATCH YOUR PASSPORT EXACTLY,
NOTIFY OUR OFFICE IMMEDIATELY: 847-835-0550.**

JOHNSON/JOHNDAVID
JOHNSON/ALICIADIANNE
ATKINSON/JANICEAGUSTA
LUCUS/DEBRALYNN
BURGES/KATHLEENANN
COXDELCID/KRISTYLYN
TAYLOR/JOELENEHARDT
TAYLOR/KEVINSCOTT
NIMPHIUS/ELIZABETHROSE
MANG/ADDYSONJO
CRUZ/OLIBIA
ESCAMILLA/ALMAROSA
CANNON/STARRDEA
EDGERLE/CANDIUSLYNN
AMBROSIUS/AVERYJORDAN
AMBROSIUS/KELLYKENNETH
MARTINEZRUGEBREGT/MARIAANGELICA
FIGUEROA/ZENAIDA
HERRMANN/SCOTTPAUL
HERRMANN/KARLAJO



YOUR GROUP FLIGHT ITINERARY

Your assigned flight itinerary and participant name list appear below:

ISRAEL ONLY FLIGHT ITINERARY

**TURKISH AIRLINES (TK) FLIGHT 0006
SCHEDULED TO DEPART ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2022
AT 9:40P CT
FROM CHICAGO'S O'HARE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

*****FLIGHTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE AIRLINE.*****

Date	Flight No	Operated By	Cabin	Depart	From	Arrive	At	Transit
Mon Oct 24	TK0006	Turkish Airlines	Economy	9:40 pm	Chicago O'Hare Airport (ORD)	4:10 pm (on Oct 22)	Istanbul Airport (IST)	2h 10m
Tues Oct 25	TK 0788	Turkish Airlines	Economy	6:20p	Istanbul	8:20p	Tel Aviv	2h
Wed Nov 2	TK 0785	Turkish Airlines	Economy	10:30a	Tel Aviv	1:55p	Istanbul	2h 25m
Wed Nov 2	0005	Turkish Airlines	Economy	3:20p	Istanbul	7:15p	Chicago O'Hare	4h 55m

*****FLIGHTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE AIRLINE.*****



ISRAEL ONLY FLIGHT ITINERARY

Participants assigned to your flight

**PLEASE, FIND YOUR NAME AND CHECK IT TO ENSURE THAT YOUR NAME
IS SPELLED EXACTLY AS IT APPEARS ON YOUR PASSPORT.
IF THE SPELLING OF YOUR NAME DOES NOT MATCH YOUR PASSPORT EXACTLY,
NOTIFY OUR OFFICE IMMEDIATELY: 847-835-0550.**

BIRONG/CAROLEJEAN
PFEIFFER/LARRYJOHN
ALANIZ/MARIAISABEL
BROWN/JOYMARIE
COLON/ANURADHA
DURGOM/KIZZIEMARIE
BLANDFORD/ELISABETH
GILEWSKI/DAVIDMICHAEL
GILEWSKISR/DAVIDMICHAEL
GILEWSKI/KRISTINAROSEMARIE
KAWLEWSKI/KARENLERAE
SOTO/SHEILAHILDAGARCIELA
TOPPS/KRYSTAL
BERMUDEZ/BROOKEANNA
BERMUDEZ/JEOVANNYARIAN
DRYSDALE/BRANDONREED
DRYSDALE/PAMELASUE
DRYSDALE/LAURENBROOKE
HELD/JASONRONALD
HELD/REBECCALYNN
THOMPSON/VICKILYNN
SOCIANU/DAN



**AS THE PARTICIPANT,
YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THAT YOUR NAME REFLECTED IN THE LIST
IS SPELLED EXACTLY AS IT APPEARS ON YOUR PASSPORT. CRITICAL PENALTIES
WILL BE ASSESSED BY THE AIRLINES IF YOUR NAME AS IT APPEARS ON THIS
PASSENGER MANIFEST DOES NOT MATCH EXACTLY AS YOUR NAME APPEARS
ON YOUR PASSPORT. THESE CRITICAL PENALTIES WILL BE INCURRED BY YOU,
THE PARTICIPANT.**

**CALL OUR OFFICE IMMEDIATELY IF THERE IS A DISCREPANCY:
847-835-0550**

CALL OUR OFFICE IMMEDIATELY IF YOUR NAME DOES NOT APPEAR ON THE LIST.

Please note your name appearing in the participant list beneath the specific flight itinerary to which you are assigned. Please ensure that your name is spelled exactly as it appears in your passport. We will notify you via the Journey Church Spiritual Journey Tour landing page and via email should we receive information about flight itinerary updates.

Optional Turkey Pre-Trip Group Members

On Friday, October 21, 2022, you are traveling as a group member, and as such, **you must present your passenger manifest and flight itinerary upon check-in at the Turkish Airlines ticket counter in Terminal 5 at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport in order to receive your boarding pass.** Plan to arrive no later than 5:40p CT. **BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR LUGGAGE TO IZMIR, TURKEY. BE SURE TO COMPLETE THE ONLINE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY VISA PRIOR TO DEPARTING THE USA.** <https://www.evisa.gov.tr/en/>

Israel-only Group Members

On Monday, October 24, 2022, you are traveling as a group member, and as such, **you must present your passenger manifest and flight itinerary upon check-in at the Turkish Airlines ticket counter in Terminal 5 at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport in order to receive your boarding pass.** Plan to arrive no later than 5:40p CT.

You will receive your passenger manifest along with information relevant only to you at the Pre-Departure Orientation on October 2, 2022 immediately following worship service at Journey Church. These documents verify your identity and associate you with the ticket being held in your name with a distinct and unique participant ticket identification number. These documents will contain your ticket number which you will need in case of a travel emergency on the day of travel, or to help the airlines find your reservation. Please print the documents and leave a copy of these documents at home with family and friends. Thank you.

Participants requiring special airport ground services, please notify our office IMMEDIATELY, BY OCTOBER 7, 2022. Participants requiring a special meal request aboard your flights, please notify us IMMEDIATELY, BY OCTOBER 7, 2022. **OUR OFFICE PHONE: 847-835-0550 AND 847-835-3050.**



IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR PASSPORT AND PASSENGER MANIFEST

Positive identification is required for airport check-in. The name on your passenger manifest must match **EXACTLY** as the name on your passport; if your name does not match exactly, notify our office immediately: 847-835-0550. Your passport must be valid at least through May 31, 2023. When you receive your flight itinerary and passenger manifest, please review the documents and ensure that you understand allowances, restrictions, dangerous goods prohibited onboard or packed in your suitcase. Please check Turkish Airlines' website for information on baggage allowances and restrictions. <https://www.turkishairlines.com>. You are allowed only one large-size piece of luggage weighing no more than 50 lbs to check, one carry-on weighing no more than 17 lbs to keep with you during the flights, and one small personal bag or purse. In order to comply with the motorcoach configurations and storage area in the bus luggage hold, we ask that you respect these luggage dimensions and weight requirements.

REMEMBER TO BRING:

- **YOUR PASSPORT WITH YOU.**
- **YOUR AIRLINE FLIGHT ITINERARY AND PASSENGER MANIFEST WITH YOU.**
- **FOR TRAVELERS VISITING TURKEY, BRING THE COPY OF YOUR VISA TO ENTER TURKEY.**
- **BRING YOUR MANDATED TRAVEL INSURANCE DOCUMENTS WITH YOU.**
- **BRING INFORMATION VERIFYING THAT YOU HAVE PURCHASED TRAVEL INSURANCE THAT COVERS YOU FOR COVID-19 AND/OR ITS VARIANTS AND INCLUDES COVERAGE FOR QUARANTINE**
- **IF YOU HAVE BEEN VACCINATED, BRING YOUR VACCINATION CARD WITH YOU**

As the program comes to an end, it is customary, not mandatory, to acknowledge your tour guide and driver with a love offering which is always at your discretion. Typically, these love acknowledgements are collected on the bus on the final day of touring to be presented to our tour guides and drivers at the Farewell Dinner.



Your hotels await you and your visit....

...each property breathtakingly set against the backdrop of ancient, biblical Israel...



October 25 – 26, 2022, 1 night

Vert Lagoon presents the West Lagoon Hotel, *beautifully situated overlooking the shores of the Mediterranean Sea*

Kehilat Tsefat Street

Netanya, Israel

011-972-73-387-5555

<https://www.vert-hotels.co.il/vert-lagoon-netanya-hotel>



October 26 – 28, 2022, 2 nights

Ramot Resort Hotel, Sea of Galilee, *overlooking the magnificent Sea of Galilee*

Sea of Galilee, Israel 12948

011-972-4-673-2636

<http://ramot-nofesh.co.il/new-ramot/?lang=en>



October 28 – 29, 1 night

David Dead Sea Resort & Spa, *perfectly positioned at the lowest place on earth, 1300' below sea level*

Ein Bokek, Israel

011-972-8-6591234

<https://www.grandhotels-israel.com/>



October 29 – November 2, 4 nights

Dan Jerusalem Hotel, *majestically crowned in the hills surrounding the holy city of Jerusalem*

Lekhi Street 32, Jerusalem

011-972-2-533-1234

<https://www.danhotels.com/JerusalemHotels/DanJerusalemHotel/>



10-DAY SPIRITUAL JOURNEY OF A LIFETIME THROUGH THE HOLY LAND
October 24 – November 2, 2022

SUGGESTED SITES ITINERARY

**Pending time, weather, conditions, and pace of tour group members
and
SITE SPECIFIC SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES**

We are not Bible scholars, nor seminary students immersed in scriptural understanding.
Nor do we profess to carry such worthy credentials with any other holy and sacred texts.
This is by no means a comprehensive scriptural reference to sites we are visiting.

Based on our research of, our exposure and connection to,
and our deep relationship with the Bible and the Holy Land,
we present the following pages that strive to
Place The Word within the Context of the Land and Landscape of the Bible.

It is our genuine wish that these scriptural references
serve as a supplement, augmenting the knowledge and understanding
you already possess as you prepare for your upcoming Spiritual Journey of a Lifetime through the Holy Land
with
Pastors Kevin and Joeline Taylor

Let the Bible continue to guide you.
You are blessed with Pastors Kevin's and Joeline's teachings and insight,
your truest and most reliable sources of substantive scriptural connection to The Word.

We apologize for any inadvertent errors that may be present.

Thank you for allowing us the blessing of walking this journey with you.

With our love, Danny and Cindy

10-Day Spiritual Journey of a Lifetime through the Holy Land

SUGGESTED SITES ITINERARY

Pending weather, time, conditions, and pace of tour group members

Day 1 – Monday, October 24, 2022 - Depart USA

Depart USA for Tel Aviv. Dinner and breakfast are served during the flight.

Day 2 – Tuesday, October 25, 2022

Arrival in Tel Aviv

We arrive in Israel at Ben Gurion Airport near Tel Aviv. After brief airport formalities and baggage claim, we meet our guide and are escorted to our waiting motor coach. We proceed directly to our hotel in Netanya for check-in, dinner, and overnight.



Day 3 – Wednesday, October 26, 2022

Caesarea / Akko Crusader Museum / Megiddo / Magdala / Tiberias

We begin the first full day of our spiritual journey in the Holy Land by traveling north along the Mediterranean Sea to visit Caesarea, the ancient seaport built by Herod the Great. Paul was imprisoned here and this was the site of Peter's first Gentile convert. Then we visit the ancient city of Akko. The remains of the Crusader town, dating from 1104 to 1291, lie almost intact, both above and below today's street level, providing an exceptional picture of the layout and structures of the capital of the medieval Crusader Kingdom of Jerusalem. We continue to Megiddo with its 24 layers of civilizations. This was Ahab's chariot city and one of the most strategic crossroads of the world in Old Testament times. After, we drive to Magdala, hometown of Mary Magdalene, a once prosperous fishing village with its 1st century synagogue, where, in greatest likelihood, Jesus may have taught; as the Bible tells us, Jesus taught in synagogues along the Sea of Galilee. Then on to Tiberias for dinner and overnight at our hotel located in Tiberias.

Scriptural References:

Caesarea

Acts 8:40, 9:30, 10:1-48, 12:19, 18:22, 21:8, 16, 23:23-35, 25-26

Megiddo

Judges 1:27; I Kings 9:15, II Kings 9:14-27, II Kings 23:29, Revelation 16:16

Magdala

Matthew 15:39, Luke 8:1-3

Tiberias

John 6:23, 21:1

Day 4 – Thursday, October 27, 2022

Boat Ride on Sea of Galilee / 2,000 year-old boat at Yigal Alon Museum / Banias (Caesarea Philippi) / Capernaum / Mensa Christi / Mount of Beatitudes / Katzrin / Mitzpe Shalom / Yardenit for Baptismal service on Jordan River

After breakfast, we will enjoy a time of praise and worship as we sail on the Sea of Galilee. Following, we will visit the Yigal Alon Museum at Kibbutz Ginossar and its ancient 2,000 year old boat dating to the time of Jesus. Then we visit the Banias, Caesarea Philippi. Jesus and His disciples were here when Peter made his remarkable confession that Jesus was the Messiah (Matthew 16:13-20). Onward to Capernaum (Kfar Nachum), the center of Jesus' ministry, where we visit the ruins of an ancient synagogue from the 4th century AD. We will then visit Mensa Christi, the "Table of Christ," where the resurrected Jesus prepared bread and fishes over a fire for His disciples. Next, continue to the Mount of Beatitudes. From this location, it is believed that Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount. Time permitting, via Katzrin, the modern capital of the Golan Heights, a nice town, we stop at Mitzpe Shalom, an observation point overlooking the entire Sea of Galilee and the entire Galilee region. Take the curvy road of Chamat Gader to Yardenit, the baptismal site. Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Tiberias.

Scriptural References:

The Sea of Galilee area

Matthew 5-7, 26:32, Mark 1:35-39, 4:1-20, 4:35-41, 5:1-13, 6:30-44, 6:45-51, Luke 5:1-11

Sea of Galilee

(shaped like a harp – in Hebrew, the word 'kinor' is a harp)

Numbers 34:11, Joshua 11:2, 12:3, 13:27, Mark 1:35-39, 4:1-20, 4:35-41, 5:1-13, 6:30-44, 6:45-51, Luke 5:1-11, John 6:1, 21:1

Banias (Caesarea Philippi)

Matthew 16:13, Mark 8:27



Capernaum

Matthew 4:13, 8:5-17, 17:24, Mark 1:21-31, 2:1-12, 9:33-37, John 6:17-21

Mensa Christi

Mark 16:14, John 21:1-24

Mount of Beatitudes

Matthew 5-7, Luke 6

Yardenit, Baptismal Site

Matthew 3:13-15

Day 5 – Friday, October 28, 2022

Beit She'an / Gilgal / Ein Gedi / Lunch at Vared of Jericho / Qumran / Dead Sea Swathe / Dead Sea

We travel through the Jordan Valley to Beit She'an, one the ancient cities of the Decapolis dating from the 5th century B.C., now the site of the largest archaeological excavations in Israel. Continuing to Gilgal, we visit the place where Joshua and the Israelites landed after they crossed the Jordan River into the Promised Land. The site is located on the east side of Jericho (Joshua 4:19-20). Joshua set up 12 stones in this area to commemorate the crossing of the Jordan. Afterwards, enjoy a hike in the nature preserves and waterfalls of Ein Gedi where King David hid from Saul. Next, we visit Qumran, the location where the famous Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered by a shepherd boy. It is here, that the entire Book of Isaiah was found in one of the many caves in the area. We will spend this night at the Dead Sea - the lowest point on earth, where we can swim and enjoy the therapeutic properties of the saltwater without the possibility of sinking. We will check into our hotel, perhaps deciding to enjoy spa treatments or to relax at the pools or to take a dip in the Dead Sea. Dinner and overnight at our hotel at the Dead Sea.

Scriptural References:

Beit She'an

Joshua 17;11, 16, Judges 1:27, I Samuel 31:10-12, II Samuel 21:12, I Kings 4:12, I Chronicles 7:29

Gilgal

1 Samuel 7:16, 10:8, 11:14-15, 13:4, 13:7-8, 13:15, 15:12, 15:21, 15:33, II Kings 2:1, 4:38, 2 Samuel 19:15, 19:40, Amos 5:5, Deuteronomy 11:30, Hosea 4:15, 9:15, 12:11, Joshua 4:19-20, 5:9-10, 9:5, 10:6-7, 10:9, 10:15, 10:43, 12:23, 14:5, 15:7, Judges 2:1, 3:19, Micah 6:5, Nehemiah 12:29,

Ein Gedi

Genesis 14:7. Joshua 15:62. I Samuel 23:29f. II Chronicles 20. Ezekiel 47:10

Qumran

Joshua 15:62, II Chronicles 26:10

Wilderness of Judah (focus on Jericho to travel from Dead Sea to Jerusalem)

Job 38:26, Psalm 23; 29:8; 61:1-3; 63:1; 78:52; 102:6, Proverbs: 21:19, Isaiah 27:10; 40:33, Matthew 3:1; 4:1, Luke 10:30; 15:4-7

Dead Sea

Genesis 14:3, Numbers 34:3, Deuteronomy 4:49, Joshua 3:16, 12:3, 15:2, 18:19, Ezekiel 47:8-12; 18, Joel 2:20, Zechariah 14:8

Day 6 - Saturday, October 29, 2022

Masada / Kfar Hanokdim / Tel Be'er Sheva / Ela Valley / Jerusalem

Enjoy a leisurely early-morning swim at the Dead Sea before heading to Masada where we ascend by state-of-the art cable cars to visit the mountaintop palace of Herod the Great and the great fortress. It is here that the Jewish defenders, from AD 70 – 73,



took their last stand against Rome. View the fascinating remains of Herod's palace, storehouses, cisterns, and an ancient synagogue. Next we visit Kfar Hanokdim where we participate in the Bedouin desert experience - living in the desert, just as our forefathers did thousands of years ago. Onward to Tel Be'er Sheva, the remains of the biblical town of Beer Sheva, mentioned in Genesis when Abimelech and Abraham swore an oath beside a well. Drive to the Ela Valley, best known as the place described in the Bible where the Israelites were encamped when David fought Goliath (1 Sam. 17:2, 19). Continue upward to Jerusalem, for dinner and overnight at our hotel overlooking the Judean Hills surrounding the Holy City.

Scriptural References:

Masada

I Samuel 24:16 (possible reference to Masada), Wars VII/285, Wars I/263, Wars VII/280

Tel Be'er Sheva

Judges 20:1, I Samuel 3:20, 2 Samuel 3:10, 8:2, 17:11, 24:2, 24:15, I Kings 1:50, 2:28, 4:25, II Kings 18:22, 23:8, Genesis 22:19, Genesis 21:32, Genesis 21:33, Genesis 26:23-33, 46:1, Genesis 21:25, Genesis 26:25, Leviticus 4:7, 18, 25, Exodus 29:12, 30:2, 38:2

Ela Valley

I Samuel 17:2, 17:19, 17:41-52 (David defeats Goliath)

Day 7 – Sunday, October 30, 2022

Jerusalem / Mount of Olives / Palm Sunday Road / Garden of Gethsemane / Tombs of Absalom and Zachariah / House of Caiaphas / Upper Room / Cardo / Pool of Bethesda / Church of St. Anne / Lion's Gate

Our first daylight view of the Holy City will be from Mt. Scopus, where we will have time to reflect. We begin our first day in Jerusalem at the Mount of Olives, with an outstanding view of the Old City walls and the Eastern (Golden) Gate. From there we descend by foot on the "Palm Sunday Road" to the Garden of Gethsemane for a service in the Garden with time to reflect in this lovely setting . . . olive trees, perhaps 2,000 years old, still stand today. We travel around the Old City walls, viewing the tombs of Absalom and Zachariah and continue to the House of Caiaphas where Jesus was held the night before His crucifixion. Here we will stand on the same stone steps Jesus would have walked up Mount Zion. We then go to visit The Upper Room (Room of the Last Supper) and have a brief service. After lunch, we walk through the Cardo, the bustling heart of ancient Jerusalem. then visit the Western Wall (the Kotel) where we may place our prayers snugly in the crevices of this Holy Wall. We then begin our visit to the Western Wall Rabbi's Tunnels where we come to an area considered to be the nearest to the Holy of Holies. We proceed to the Pool of Bethesda and the Church of St. Anne, where we can sing in a church with a 10-second echo! We leave the Old City through the Lion's Gate. Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Jerusalem.

Scriptural References:

Jerusalem

Old Testament Jerusalem

Genesis 14:18, 22, Joshua 10:1, Judges 19:10, I Chronicles 11:4-8

Hinnom Valley

Joshua 15:8; 18:16, II Kings 23:9, II Chronicles 33:6, Jeremiah 7:31-33, Matthew 5:22

Kidron Valley

II Samuel 15:23, I Kings 15:13, II Kings 23:4,6, John 18:1

Water

I Kings 1:9, II Kings 20:20, II Chronicles 32:2-4

Mount of Olives

Zechariah 14:4, Matthew 21:1; 24:3; 26:36



Old City Walls

II Chronicles 32:5, II Kings 25:4, Nehemiah 2:13, Jeremiah 39:8

Eastern Gate (Golden Gate)

Ezekiel 10:19; 40:10; 40:22-23; 42:9; 42:12; 44:1-3, Revelation 21:13

Tomb of Absalom

2 Samuel 18:17-33, 2 Chronicles 24:20-21

House of Caiaphas

John 18:12

Caiaphas

Matthew 26:57-75

The Upper Room (Last Upper Room)

Matthew 26:17-19, 20, Mark 14:18, Luke 22:19-20

Zion

II Samuel 5:7, I Kings 8:1, Psalm 2:6, Psalm 48:2, Isaiah 28:16, Jeremiah 9:19, Joel 2:1, Zechariah 8:3

Pool of Bethesda

John 5

Lion's Gate

Genesis 49:9 (explains the significance of the lion)

Mountains of Judea

Genesis 13:10f

Day 8 – Monday, October 31, 2022

Jerusalem / Bethlehem / Shepherd's Fields / Church of the Nativity / Lunch in Bethlehem / Yad VaShem / View the Knesset / Shrine of the Book and Dead Sea Scrolls / Scale Model of Ancient Jerusalem

Today, we travel the short distance to Bethlehem. There we will view the Shepherd's Fields and tour the Shepherd's Caves and the 1,600 year-old Church of the Nativity. We will have time to shop and see the famous olive wood carvings, a specialty of the Bethlehem artisans. After lunch, we will return to Jerusalem. We proceed to Yad VaShem, the memorial to the six million Jews who perished during the Holocaust. Following, we drive through modern Jerusalem, viewing the Knesset, seat of the Israeli Parliament, then go to the Shrine of the Book where the Dead Sea Scrolls are displayed and visit the amazing scale model of Jerusalem at the time of Christ. Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Jerusalem.

Scriptural References:

Bethlehem

Genesis 35:19, Ruth 1:19-22, I Samuel 16:4, 17:15, II Chronicles 11:6, Micah 5:2, Matthew 2:1-6

Day 9 – Tuesday, November 1, 2022

Jerusalem / City of David / Davidson Museum / Southern Steps to the Temple Mount / Western Wall / Western Wall Rabbi's Tunnels / Lithostratos / Pilate's Judgement Hall / Ecce Homo / Via Dolorosa / Church of the Holy Sepulchre / Garden Tomb and Communion / Farewell Dinner



We start today with an amazing tour of the City of David. We then re-enter the Old City to visit the Davidson Museum and the Southern Steps to the Temple Mount. Continuing, we visit the Western Wall (the Kotel) where we may place our prayers snugly in the crevices of this Holy Wall. We then begin our visit to the Western Wall Rabbi's Tunnels where we come to an area considered to be the nearest to the Holy of Holies. We go to the Lithostratos, where we view the actual Jerusalem streets upon which Jesus would have walked, the remains of Pilate's Judgment Hall, and the Ecce Homo Arch. We then walk the Via Dolorosa, passing through intriguing markets and bazaars and visit the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, believed by many to be the place of Jesus' crucifixion and burial. This afternoon we visit the Garden Tomb, which is considered the highlight of our tour! There we will worship and celebrate communion beside the empty tomb. "He is risen; He is not here!" What a wonderfully meaningful conclusion to this truly memorable day! Farewell dinner at a restaurant. Prepare for early-morning flight to USA. Overnight at our hotel in Jerusalem.

Scriptural References:

City of David

II Samuel 5:7, I Kings 2:10, I Kings 11:27, II Chronicles 32:5

David

1 Samuel 16:1-13, 2 Samuel 1:19-27; 3:3-34; 22; 23:17, Luke 20:42, Romans 1:3, Revelation 22:16

The Temple

I Kings 6:1, II Chronicles 35:20, John 2:20, Matthew 4:5; 21:12; 24:1-2, Mark 13:1, Acts 3:1; 26:21

Western Wall and the Temple

I Kings 6:1, II Chronicles 35:20, Ezra 3:8, John 2:20, Matthew 4:5; 24:1-2, Acts 3:1, 26:21

Jerusalem

Old Testament Jerusalem

Genesis 14:18, 22, Joshua 10:1, Judges 19:10, I Chronicles 11:4-8

Hinnom Valley

Joshua 15:8; 18:16, II Kings 23:9, II Chronicles 33:6, Jeremiah 7:31-33, Matthew 5:22

Kidron Valley

II Samuel 15:23, I Kings 15:13, II Kings 23:4,6, John 18:1

Water, I Kings 1:9, II Kings 20:20, II Chronicles 32:2-4

Southern Steps

Psalms of Ascent 120-134 were chanted as they approached The Temple

Temple Mount - The Temple

I Kings 6:1, II Chronicles 35:20, Ezra 3:8, John 2:20, Matthew 4:5, 21:12, 24:1-2, Mark 13:1, Luke 21:1-4, Acts 3:1, 26:21

Lithostratos

John 19:13

Pilate's Judgement Hall

Mark 15:19

Pontius Pilate

Luke 1:25; 3:1; 23:1, Matthew 27:1-2; 11:26, Mark 15:1-5, John 18:28; 19:16, Acts 3:13; 4:27; 13:28, Timothy 6:13



Calvary/Garden Tomb

Matthew 27:32-33, Mark 15:22, John 19:17, Luke 23:33
Matthew 27:57-60

Day 10 - Wednesday, November 2, 2022

Tel Aviv / USA Today we return to Chicago, having experienced a soulfully-enriching spiritual journey of a lifetime with memories to last a lifetime.

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

Cindy Iglitzen-Socianu with Israel Advantage Tours, will be traveling with you from Chicago. Her US cell will be with her: 847-651-3696.

Dan Socianu with Israel Advantage Tours, will be accompanying the group. His US cell is: 847-651-1900.

Our wonderful, experienced, and knowledgeable tour guide looks forward to meeting you at the airport after you have cleared passport control and collected your luggage.

Mr. Yoav Rotem, Israel cell number: +1 972 52 454 2787

Mr. Ephraim Greenberg, our distinguished partner in Israel via Sarel Tours –General office number: 011-972-2-533-8000, ext. 215.

US Embassy in Jerusalem: 011-972-2-630-4000; Branch Office Tel Aviv: 011-972-3-519-7575

Emergency Medical Service, Magen David Adom: 101

IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER

BRING YOUR PASSPORT

Leave two copies of your passport, airline tickets, and your hotel and contact information with your family and friends. Pack an extra copy of these important documents in a separate area of your luggage.

BRING CASH IN SMALL BILLS

Suggested minimum \$400 dollars for shopping, small souvenirs, water for purchase in your motorcoach in bills no larger than \$20.

WEAR COMFORTABLE WALKING SHOES

We suggest good, sturdy, comfortable walking shoes with rubber sole.

BRING YOUR BIBLE

We are walking through the Bible scroll, touching sites and sounds that are thousands of years old. The Bible is your best 'guide book.' Please, bring it with you. The stories of the Bible will never be the same once the pages have touched the soul of the Land of Israel with its legacy waiting for us to inherit.



When calling Israel from the USA, please dial the international calling code + country code + area code (omit dialing the "0" before the area code if there is a "0") + the 7-digit phone number.

When calling Israel from within Israel, as a local call, dial "0" before the area code + the 7-digit phone number

011 = International Calling Code
 972 = Israel Country Code
 Area Code can be either 1 or 2 digits
 Phone number is 7 digits

We suggest **downloading WhatsApp** on your cellphone before you depart the US.

WhatsApp-to-WhatsApp calls are free so long as both parties have downloaded WhatsApp.

Minyan Captains and Bus Captains – to be assigned – and all group members – can stay in touch with one another, easily and comfortably. Please make sure to keep your phone charged each night in your room, or use the WiFi USB ports on the deluxe motorcoach taking us from site to site.

WHAT TO PACK? WHAT TO WEAR? HOW TO PREPARE?????

Temps in Israel in October: Daily high: 76F – 88F; Evening/Night: 56F – 66F (it's been unseasonably warm) October is one of the best months to visit Israel – not too hot, not too cold.

Everyone's body temperature adjusts differently to climate changes. Given the typical temperature and weather in Israel during October, we suggest bringing a light-weight jacket or sweater to keep with you in case the bus is cold. Many of the sites we are visiting are outdoors, yet, still, we visit sites indoors and their air conditioning may be a bit cool for you. If you're into layering, our motto: Layer up and dress down. You may start the day wearing a jacket or sweatshirt, and by late-morning start to peel your layers for maximum comfort. We provide a suggested list of comfortable clothing and 'extras' to consider packing, keeping in mind that when visiting holy sites, modest attire is necessary. You may be asked to cover up if you're wearing shorts and sleeves that are too short or too revealing.

- ☐ Jeans/pants/slacks, a few pair, 2
- ☐ Shorts, must be long, to knee length, 3 – 4 pair
- ☐ Ladies' and Men's, Capris, 3 – 4 pair
- ☐ T-shirts and long-sleeve shirts, a few of each
- ☐ Socks
- ☐ Comfortable walking shoes
- ☐ Swimwear and cover-up for hotel pool, Dead Sea dip, spa, Baptismal Service
- ☐ Beach sandals, water shoes recommended (salt deposits line the Dead Sea seashore)
- ☐ Sweater/Sweatshirt, 1 - 2
- ☐ Lightweight jacket for cool evenings
- ☐ Sleeping wear
- ☐ Undergarments
- ☐ For women, a head covering and an easy packable skirt, scarf or shawl, for dressing modestly at holy sites; please note that slacks, pants, long shorts or capris are acceptable, etc. are acceptable at holy



sites for women; sometimes you may be asked to cover up with a large wrap-around shawl or scarf; keep a shawl or scarf with you on the bus in the daily nylon sac you'll be given as part of your Participant Gift Package

- ☐ Skirts and/or Dresses, 3 – 4
- ☐ Dress code: Casual; modest for religious sites: shorts should not be too short; shirts should not be too revealing
- ☐ Ladies – head coverings or a body wrap (that you can carry with you) for covering up at religious sites; easy, packable, wrinkle-resistant skirt; toss a long sleeve shirt in your daily carry-on bag just in case it gets cool on the bus or in case you need to cover up at some of the sites we visit
- ☐ Ladies and Gentlemen – at least 2 – 4 pair of long pants
- ☐ Shoes – comfortable – rubber soles are ideal for gripping slippery/uneven surfaces; sandals and/or non-slip socks that double as slippers; flip-flops/water shoes for hotel, Dead Sea, and Yardenit Baptismal Service (the baptismal site steps may be slippery)
- ☐ Travel alarm clock, though you can arrange for a wake-up call with hotel concierge or front desk; typically, the guide arranges for a group wake-up call each morning; please make sure that your room phone is open and able to accept phone calls
- ☐ Medicines – carried in their original containers – copies of prescriptions kept with you and leave a copy with family members at home; telephone number of doctor and pharmacy; diarrhea medicine; motion sickness medication, aspirin, any other medications you believe you might need
- ☐ If you wear hearing aids, bring a set of spare batteries
- ☐ Walking stick/collapsible chair and walking accessory if experiencing mobility challenges
- ☐ Sunglasses and sunscreen
- ☐ Handkerchiefs, tissues
- ☐ Electrical converters/adapters – electric outlets accommodate the Israeli 3-pronged standard plug; some accommodate the rounded 2-pronged plug (IATI Participant gift; can be re-purposed; feel comfortable returning to IAT or group representative)
- ☐ Hairdryers are provided in most hotels, in limited supply
- ☐ Face-cloths are not always available in hotels; you might want to bring some throw-away face-cloths
- ☐ Personal items, i.e., personal hygiene products: toothbrush, toothpaste, dental floss; cosmetics, comb and brush; personal care and sanitary items; soaps, shampoos, and conditioners; deodorant; shaving equipment; travel-size lotions/potions/dreams'n'creams; tissues; antibacterial wipes/hand sanitizer; ladies' necessities; personal first-aid kit with band aids, aspirin, etc.; manicure set and sewing kit; extra pair of glasses and contacts; contact solution; visa, travel protection/travel insurance information, ATM/debit/credit cards/PIN codes (call your credit card company to let them know that you will be traveling overseas and may be incurring other than expected expenses from overseas; otherwise, they might block activity on your credit card while you're away)
- ☐ Money belt to wear inside your coat, sweatshirt, or clothes; or clothing with lots of pockets that close
- ☐ Extra batteries, chargers, memory cards, SIM card, quart-size storage bags, personal first aid kit
- ☐ Usernames and passwords for your communication devices and electronics
- ☐ If you forgot or need anything while in Israel, remember: Israel is a modern, developed country and you can purchase virtually anything you need during your stay.



I HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS...

Do I need a visa to enter Israel? No. Citizens of the US do not require a visa. Entry is always at the discretion of the airport customs and security personnel; always behave courteously; if there is an issue, let us know. Upon clearing passport control, you will be handed a slip of paper; this is your entry visa. You must carry it with your passport at all times. You may be asked to present your visa when checking in to your hotels. Do not lose this visa; you are required to present this visa when exiting Israel.

For group members participating on the Optional Turkey Pre-trip, you must complete an online form to obtain your Turkey entry visa. Access the form via this link: <https://www.evisa.gov.tr/en/>.

Can I bring my laptop? ipad? Tablets? Yes, and bring necessary cables for your gadgets.
Cellphone? Check with your cellphone provider for service in Israel. Make arrangements with your cellphone carrier to include phone and/or WiFi and data features and packages while you're traveling.

Can I use my credit card in Israel? Yes. Ask your credit card company if they charge for overseas transaction fees. You may want to check with credit card companies that do not charge transaction fees or conversion fees. Israel's currency is the shekel. Currently the exchange rate, as of September 30, 2022, is 1 shekel or NIS (New Israeli Shekel) = 0.28 USD, or 28 cents.. Advise your credit card company in advance that you will be traveling overseas and that you plan to use your card overseas, otherwise they might block activity on your credit card while you're away.

What about camera equipment? Sure, it's up to you. Most cellphones do take great pictures, though.

What's the electrical current in Israel? 220 volts AC; Israel Advantage Tours, Inc. provides an adapter to each Participant.

What about a transformer? If you're plugging in an appliance that was built for 220 volt electrical input, or an appliance that is compatible with multiple voltages, then an adapter is all you need. Otherwise, if the appliance or gadget requires more electricity conversion than an adapter can accommodate, you will require the use of a transformer. It is not recommended to bring a transformer unless you require the use of certain medical equipment or otherwise. Please check with the airline rules and regulations about transporting a transformer. Electrical gadgets that have dual electricity levers, 110 volt and 220 volt, requires your switching the lever to 220 volt when you're in Israel.

GENTLE REMINDERS

Bring your passport

Bring your flight itinerary and Participant manifest

Bring proof of your travel/health insurance covering Covid-19 and quarantine coverage

Bring your Participant Travel Document Pouch

Bring prayers to place in the crevices of the Western Wall

Currency...how much? Suggested minimum \$400 dollars for shopping, small souvenirs, water for purchase in your vehicle; bring cash in small bills in denominations no larger than \$20.



SAFETY in Israel... *and on the way to Israel*

If asked by security personnel for information about you, the reasons for taking this trip, if they ask to see your passport and travel documents, please oblige their request. They want to make sure that you and the other Participants are safe. Please be courteous, polite, and patient. We may not always know their reasons for asking questions or making requests, but we do know that their interest is our travel safety. Thank you for obliging with kindness. Before leaving TSA and other checkpoints en route to your destination, remember to collect all of your belongings, especially those items from your pockets that you must place in smaller bins, including identification cards, your passport, loose papers, your wallet, cell phone, loose change and currency, laptops, cellphones, etc.

In case your luggage gets lost en route to your final destination...

... ensure that your belongings are as safe as possible. We suggest the following:

In your carry-on:

Pack a set of clothing in your carry-on luggage in case your checked luggage gets lost.

If packing personal vanity items in your carry-on, note that restrictions exist for carrying liquids in excess of certain amounts. Please check your airline website per luggage requirements and restrictions

Upon arrival at the airport of your final destination:

Be sure to complete a 'lost luggage' form; be prepared to provide information about the hotels at which you will be overnighting. Hotel information has been provided in your pre-departure program.

Provide the name and phone number of our overseas travel partner:

Sarel Tours – General Office: 011-972-2-533-8000

Attn: Ephraim Greenberg, office: 011-972-2-533-8000

Your Luggage Tags:

Before you leave home, write your name and cell number (if you plan to have a cellphone with you at your final destination) on your luggage tags and affix one to your checked luggage and one to your carry-on. It's up to you if you wish to include your home address details.

Packing Tip:

If you are traveling with a spouse, friend, or family member, both of you might wish to divide your clothing and personal care items amongst your suitcases so that you're each carrying half of one another's belongings. If one checked piece of luggage gets lost, you'll have some clean clothes in the other piece of luggage to wear in the meantime.



Suggestion for small containers:

Contact lens cases that you're not using for contacts, double as a great small and compact container for creams and ointments, small earrings, etc.

ISRAEL ADVANTAGE TOURS, INC. PARTICIPANTS are each permitted to bring only one checked piece of luggage (airlines' policy to not exceed 50 lbs) due to the size constraint of the luggage-hold on the motorcoach, one carry-on piece of luggage based on the airlines' allowances (not to exceed 17 lbs) and one small bag or purse.

Israel is a very casual and dress-down country. We will be experiencing a spiritual journey. Jewelry for every outfit is not necessary, nor is it advised. Think 'comfort' as you prepare and pack your belongings for your personal spiritual journey.

Please visit our website for additional travel tips, blogs on the sites of significance we will be experiencing, places where we will share devotionals: <https://www.israeladvantagetours.com>

WHAT ELSE SHOULD I KNOW? BRING?

WHAT SHOULD I THINK ABOUT IN PREPARING FOR MY JOURNEY?

Your Bible is very important: As you walk in the footsteps Jesus left for us to follow, we will place The Word within the Context of the Land and Landscape of Israel; Your Bible remains your best guide, from now on and forever.

- Our warm, knowledgeable, expert tour guide, Yoav, will become *your* best friend.
- Keep your passport, credit cards, travel insurance information, vaccination card, and hotel and contact info with you throughout the tour.
- Before disembarking from the plane en route to, and once you arrive in Tel Aviv, and all buses, check to make sure you are taking everything with you, i.e., passport, travel documents, phone, gadgets, etc. Check your area before disembarking from any flights upon your return to the USA. Check the seat pocket in the seat in front of you. Check the overhead bin.
- If you choose to lock anything in your hotel safe, remember to remove your items before checking out of each of the hotels.
- Liquids are not permitted in the airplane cabin beyond a certain quantity in a specific bottle size; check your airlines' website for specific information in this regard.

PACK IN CHECKED LUGGAGE

- Clothes
- Shoes
- Liquids (in plastic bags)



- Personal and vanity items
- Miscellaneous necessities
- Do not pack valuables in your checked luggage

PACK IN CARRY-ON AND/OR PERSONAL BAG

- Airline ticket
- Passport
- Travel Documents, Contact Information, Travel Insurance policy
- One-day change of clothes
- A good book/reading materials, ipad, tablet, laptop for entertainment
- Medication and Medical equipment, i.e., sleep apnea machine
- Spare contact lenses or glasses
- Hearing aid with extra batteries
- Money, credit cards and cellphone
- Neck pillow, sleeping mask, earplugs
- Sleep apnea machine and equipment
- Nothing sharp!!!

WARNING ABOUT CELL PHONES AND TABLETS

During the flight, if you're leaving your gadget on, you must turn it to 'Airplane Mode' in your Settings; when asked to shut your phone or gadgets completely, please do so.

EXTRAS TO CONSIDER FOR YOUR COMFORT AND EASE OF MIND

- Overseas phone service – arrange global service with your cell phone provider
- Download WhatsApp so that you stay connected with your fellow travelers and family and friends at home
- Make sure your home is cared for – remember to stop your mail delivery, arrange to have someone water your plants, turn on/turn off your lights or set up timers
- FB, Twitter, Social Media – Keep your friends and family in the loop
- Prayers to place in the Western Wall, the Kotel in Jerusalem, holiest site to the Jewish community
- Small Currency (Bills): \$1, \$5, \$10, \$20
- Israeli Shekel = \$0.28 USD
- Credit Card – Call your credit card companies to let them know you'll be traveling so that they are aware that you may be using your credit card overseas; if they suspect fraudulent charges, they may suspend your account.



- Read up on your destination; we provide some easy reading material
- Bring a portable back-up charger and cellphone charger
- Bring antibacterial wipes, hand sanitizer, face masks
- Masks in Israel in indoor facilities and during your flights, may be required. **BRING A MASK** just in case you are required to wear one.
 - Primary places may require that you wear a mask including any airports through which you are transitting. Hotels rmay require masks other than when you are eating in the dining room and hotel restaurants/coffee shops. Restaurants may require that you wear your mask. Masks might be required on the bus.
- Reading materials, download movies on your phone or tablet
- Travel pillow, lumbar support
- Remember to walk every hour that you're awake during the flight
- Take a photo of your luggage and even its packed belongings...in case it gets lost, it may make it easier to file a claim, if need be
- Pack a pen to fill out customs forms and other in-flight forms

LAST, BUT NOT LEAST....A FEW ADDITIONAL POINTS WORTHY OF MENTIONING...

TRAVEL INSURANCE AND COVERAGE FOR COVID-19 AND/OR ITS VARIANTS AND COVERAGE FOR QUARANTINE

Currently, Israel entry protocol requires that each Participant purchase travel insurance with verifiable coverage for Covid-19 and/or its variants and includes coverage for a quarantine package.

If you have not yet purchased your travel insurance, we encourage you to do so ASAP. Along the way during your travels, you will be asked to present verification of your having purchased mandated travel insurance.

While you can purchase travel insurance from any travel insurance company, please make sure that you understand the terms of your policy and the extent to which you are covered for Covid-19 and/or its variants while traveling overseas. Please make sure to have this documented in writing where the words 'Covid-19' is referenced as being included in your insurance coverage.

If you have not yet purchased your travel insurance which, mandated by the Government of Israel must include coverage for Covid-19 and/or its variants, we encourage you to do so ASAP. The Government of Israel may ask you for evidence of your having purchased such insurance.



While you can purchase travel insurance from any travel insurance company, please ensure that the policy you purchase includes coverage for Covid-19 and/or its variants in the eventuality you contract Covid-19 and/or its variants while traveling overseas. Please make sure that you understand the terms of your policy and the extent to which you are covered for Covid-19 and/or its variants while traveling overseas. Please make sure to have this documented in writing where the word Covid-19 and/or its variants is mentioned.

For the convenience of our participants, we have shared information about Travel Guard travel insurance which has been posted on the dedicated Journey Church landing page:

“With regard to travel insurance...

Israel Advantage Tours, Inc., believes that all Participants, should obtain travel insurance.

Regarding travel insurance for individuals residing in the United States:

Please note that Israel Advantage Tours, Inc. does not sell travel insurance, but offers information on travel insurance as a convenience to Israel Advantage Tours, Inc. Participants per the link below. The information we offer is relevant to individuals residing in the United States and does not cover individuals residing outside of the United States. The link will direct you to Travel Guard programs and benefits, quotes, and any other information you may require. Follow the prompts and be sure to select “Israel” as the country you plan to visit. You may likewise call this tollfree number to speak with a representative, **1-866-385-4839**, to get more information on your travel insurance and be sure to provide the **Israel Advantage Tours, Inc. (IATI) Participant Courtesy Code number 331783**. Visit the following link if you haven’t purchased travel insurance: <https://israeladvantagetours.com/resources/travel-insurance/>

Relevant to Participants considering travel insurance: The initial trip payment date is accepted as the date your initial deposit has been processed by our office. IATI Participants receive a notification via email when their initial deposit will be, or has been, processed, along with this information about travel insurance.

When coverage is purchased within 21 days of initial trip payment for this insurance plan, a pre-existing medical condition waiver may be available. To confirm all the terms and conditions, please call **1-866-385-4839** and provide the **Israel Advantage Tours, Inc. (IATI) Participant Courtesy Code number 331783**. The representative will be happy to review your inquiries and furnish information accordingly.”



TRAVEL INSURANCE Travel insurance including health insurance inclusive of insurance coverage for the treatment of COVID and/or its variants, and including coverage for quarantine, is required to enter Israel. This insurance is mandatory and serves as a condition to enter Israel. Travelers are hereby made aware that proof of such insurance must be presented to airport personnel upon arrival in Israel. Protect the safety of your travel investment:

For those having purchased Travel Guard insurance, after you receive your insurance policy, we suggest that you request a letter confirming coverage for your trip to Israel, including Covid-19 and/or its variants. Please send an email to VisaLetter.Requests@aig.com, request confirmation of your insurance and its covering you for Covid-19 and/or its variants, and provide the following information:

Your policy number
Your name
Your email to which to send the letter
Your travel dates
Your destination
Your phone number and mailing address

Plans offered to Israel Advantage Tours' participants are the Basic and Deluxe Plans, attached to this email. Mention this to the representative when you purchase your insurance, being sure to mention the **Israel Advantage Tours Participant Courtesy Code #331783**. This number identifies you as an Israel Advantage Tours Participant and the policies associated with Israel Advantage Tours' programs.

Allergies and Diet Restrictions

If you have allergies and diet restrictions, you already know them. If you are required to carry identification and/or documentation reflecting your allergies and/or diet restrictions, please make sure to carry them with you throughout your travels. If in doubt, while traveling, ask questions about the food just as you would at home.

Wheelchairs when transiting through the airport in Istanbul

If you have need for a wheelchair when we transit through the airport in Istanbul on the way to Israel or on the way home from Israel, please send an email in this regard no later than October 9, 2022. We must receive your request for such services in writing and no later than October 9, 2022. Please send the email to dan@israeladvantagetours.com.



Sleep Apnea Machine

If you have a sleep apnea machine, make sure to take enough distilled water with you to last for 48 hours in the Holy Land. Please pack your machine, cables, tubes, masks, etc. in your carry-on luggage. **DO NOT PACK YOUR MACHINE IN THE LUGGAGE YOU WILL BE CHECKING TO BE STORED IN THE CARGO BAY OF THE AIRPLANE.**

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PROTECT YOUR TRAVEL EXPERIENCE INVESTMENT: FOLLOW ISRAEL ENTRY PROTOCOL

Please note immediately below, information per the Government of Israel current entry protocol, effective as of March 8, 2022, and furnished by the Government of Israel, Israel Ministry of Tourism. Each participant must be apprised of these requirements for entry to Israel.

ENTRY PROTOCOL

As of March 8, 2022, Israel begins welcoming vaccinated and unvaccinated tourists of all ages. Following, please find highlighting information per entry protocol which may change prior to your travel dates. We continue to monitor the situation and will do our utmost to continue updating you about this ever-evolving entry protocol for Israel and the US.

VACCINATED AND UNVACCINATED FOREIGN NATIONALS

Entry by foreign nationals is open to both vaccinated and unvaccinated travelers of all ages. For entry, all travelers must know about their responsibility to comply with mandated tests and completion of forms; failure to do so may jeopardize their ability to participate on their planned



travel experience, and will likely slow down the pace of the tour for the other members of the group. You must complete a Declaration of Health within 10 days of visiting Israel. Access the entry form via this link: <https://corona.health.gov.il/en/flights/>.

Entry Statement

All foreign nationals are mandated to complete and submit the form within 48 hours before the flight, the earlier the better. Without a complete form, travelers will not be allowed to board the flight and border control will not let them enter Israel.

Please note: On the Entry Form, to be completed within 10 days prior to your US Departure for entry to Israel, the dates on the form in Israel reflect date/month/year, not month/date, year, as we follow in the US.

Personal Information

You, the traveler, can also fill out this form on behalf of your spouse or children who have visited the same countries as you have in the last 14 days.

IMPORTANT LINKS TO SHARE WITH PARTICIPANTS TRAVELING WITH YOUR GROUP/ORGANIZATION

ISRAEL MINISTRY OF HEALTH WEBSITE

(This is the most updated website reflecting new regulations.)

<https://corona.health.gov.il/en/abroad/arriving-foreign-nationals/>

THE ENTRY FORM

<https://corona.health.gov.il/en/flights/>

THE PRE-DEPARTURE ORIENTATION

**YOUR ATTENDANCE ON OCTOBER 2, 2022 IS REQUIRED
PLEASE BRING YOUR PASSPORT WITH YOU TO VERIFY SPELLING OF YOUR NAME
ON THE PARTICIPANT NAME LIST**

PLEASE NOTIFY US IMMEDIATELY IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO ATTEND THIS MEETING.

Immediately following worship services on Sunday, October 2, 2022, you are required to attend the Pre-Departure Orientation at Journey Church. We will be distributing Participant Gift Packages, travel documents, and other important information. The orientation will last 2 – 3



hours and requires that each participant complete a sign-off sheet indicating that they have received their Pre-Departure Package (sent via email prior and subsequently to be posted on the Journey Church 10-Day Spiritual Journey of a Lifetime landing page) and travel documents being presented onsite at Journey Church; that they have purchased and can provide evidence of having purchased the Government of Israel mandated travel insurance including coverage for Covid-19 and/or its variants and coverage for quarantine; that they plan to arrive at O'Hare International Airport on October 21, 2022 or October 24, 2022, 2022 at 5:40p (four hours prior to currently-scheduled departure time); that they have been made aware of the Governments of Israel, Turkey, and the US entry protocol and mandates; in addition to a few other subjects.

If you cannot attend this meeting, please send an email to cindy@israeladvantagetours.com Immediately explaining that you cannot attend the meeting. If someone will be receiving your materials for you at the October 2, 2022 Pre-Departure Orientation, the person must have a written request from you stipulating that you have designated that they receive your materials in your stead and that this person has your permission to sign your name and their initials on the participant sign-off sheet.

Thank you for your attention to the information summarized from previous meetings.

We are excited about sharing fellowship with you in the Holy Land....*and soon!*



Thou shalt remember...

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS for TRAVELERS

Commandment I: Thou shalt not expect to find things as thou has at home; for thou hast left thy home to find things different.

Commandment II: Thou shalt not take anything too seriously – carefree mind is the beginning of a journey.

Commandment III: Thou shalt not let other tourists get on thy nerves, for thou art paying good money to enjoy thyself.

Commandment IV: Thou shalt not forget that thou represent thy country at all times.

Commandment V: Thou shalt not worry - one that worrieth hath no pleasure and few things are fatal.

Commandment VI: Thou shalt remember thy passport, so that thou knowest where it is at all times. A person without a passport is a person without a country.

Commandment VII: Blessed is he who can say “thank you” in any language. Say it often. Smiles are universal.

Commandment VIII: When in Rome, do as the Romans do. If in difficulty, use thy friendliness and common sense.

Commandment IX: Thou shalt not judge the people of a country by one person with whom thou has trouble.

Commandment X: Thou shalt remember that thou art a guest in every land. Those who treat their host with respect shall be treated as honored guests.

Author Unknown



A Pilgrim's Prayer

If any delays should occur or changes take place prior to my departure,
and I become anxious, Lord,
May I remember that I am a pilgrim, not a tourist!

If I do not get the seat of my choice on the plane, Lord, or on the bus,
May I remember that I am a pilgrim, not a tourist!

If some things do not happen on schedule, per the itinerary, Lord,
May I remember that I am a pilgrim, not a tourist!

If I should get tired and inclined to become short-tempered, Lord,
May I remember that I am a pilgrim, not a tourist!

If my meal in a foreign country may not be to my particular liking, Lord,
May I remember that I am a pilgrim, not a tourist!

If some other pilgrim is talking loudly so that I cannot hear the guide, Lord,
May I remember that I am a pilgrim, not a tourist!

If someone takes a better seat on the bus, or a better place in the restaurant, Lord,
May I remember that I am a pilgrim, not a tourist!

If I find myself last in line waiting to be served, Lord,
May I remember that I am a pilgrim, not a tourist!

If a person in front of me buys the last item I really wanted, Lord,
May I remember that I am a pilgrim, not a tourist!

If I should get a chance to help another person,
A person who always seems to annoy me, Lord,
May I remember that I am a pilgrim, not a tourist!

If someone else is always 'last on the bus' and I am always on time, Lord,
May I remember that I am a pilgrim, not a tourist!

But Lord, especially let me remember that what I find objectionable in another...
Is really what You oftentimes find objectionable in me...
So let me never forget this and forgive others,
As You are continually forgiving me!

Author Unknown



ISRAEL TRAVEL OVERVIEW

Our Israel travel overview will help you gain a better understanding of the country's history and geography.

Israel, officially known as the State of Israel, a bit less than 8,000 square miles in size, with geographically diverse features within its relatively small area, most of which is desert, has a population of a bit more than 8 million people.

Located in the Middle East, Israel is land bordered by Lebanon to the north, Syria to the northeast, Jordan to the east, and Egypt to the southwest. Israel is located on the southeastern shore of the Mediterranean Sea and the northern shore of the Red Sea.

The modern State of Israel was founded in 1948 by a UN mandate. Although Israel is the world's only Jewish state, its people are very diverse, including citizens from a variety of ethnic, cultural, and religious backgrounds.

Israel has earned world recognition as having a rich and vibrant cultural life. A tremendous source of pride for the State of Israel is its enviable number of inventions and innovations that contribute immeasurably to global advancements in myriad arenas: medical, agricultural, economical, technological, to highlight a representative sampling.

This young nation has reached world-acclaim for having produced more high-tech start-ups and a larger venture capital industry per capita than any other country in the world.

Over the years, Israel was known by many names, *Eretz Yisrael* (Land of Israel); Zion (pronounced Tzion), the location where God's presence will reside; the Promised Land, the Land of Milk and Honey, and the Holy Land. Today its citizens refer to the country quite simply as, *Ha'aretz*, meaning *the Land*.



THE GALILEE

Israel Advantage Tours will help you get the most out of your Galilee travel experience.



Situated amongst the hills of northern Israel, the Galilee has preserved much of its pastoral beauty since biblical times. This mountainous region is divided into two parts — Upper Galilee to the north and Lower Galilee to the south.



Sea of Galilee

The Galilee region is one of Israel's predominant tourism centers. Tiberias, in the Lower Galilee, offers richly-textured cultural interests, awesome attractions, and vibrant excursions. From natural hot springs and alligator farms, to meditative spa retreats that welcome visitors from throughout the world, there is a variety of accommodations, diverse eating options, and water sports.

Make sure you traverse nature trails, visit historical sites, and enjoy warm and inviting Israeli hospitality on the Sea of Galilee.

Ancient biblical sites in this region include Capernaum, Magdala, Cana, Nazareth, and others closely linked with Jesus and early Christians.

The Upper Galilee is the perfect spot for outdoor adventure: horseback riding, canoeing, kayaking, rafting, rappelling, birdwatching, fishing, and skiing. The culture scene here is also plentiful with museums, music festivals, art galleries, sculpture parks, and folk dancing.

With a vast array of sites, natural beauty, and breathtaking landscapes, The Galilee is truly one-of-a-kind in one-of-the-oldest tourism capitals in the world!



THE DEAD SEA

Israel Advantage Tours will help bring the Dead Sea to life for you.

Travel to the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth. At 1300 feet below sea level the Dead Sea is surrounded by the striking landscape of the Judean Desert. The Dead Sea also claims a fascinating history, reaching back to the times of Abraham. Near the Dead Sea, the oasis of En Gedi once served as a place of refuge for biblical figures, like David hiding from Saul.



Dead Sea Beach

One of the most spectacular natural sites in the world, the Dead Sea has evolved into a major center for both health and beauty tourism in Israel. The leading draw at the Dead Sea is the warm, salty, and incredibly buoyant mineral-rich waters that have attracted tourists since ancient times, including Herod the Great and the beautiful Queen Cleopatra. Many have lavished its rich, soothing mud on their skin and floated effortlessly on the salt-infused water.

JERUSALEM

This Jerusalem travel overview will give you a better understanding of the city's history and geography.

Jerusalem, the capital of Israel, situated in the Judean mountains, the mountains seemingly serving as the city's natural fortress, is recognized by many names, 'the Jewel in the Crown,' 'the Golden City,' 'the holiest city in the world,' and 'the eternal city.' Built 7,000 years ago, it is said that each stone in Jerusalem whispers a story, that each grain of sand echoes the dreams of the millions who have journeyed to this hallowed soil over the past thousands of years.



View of the Old City

Strategically located, sitting atop the Judean mountains, Jerusalem was called "Urusalima," meaning 'City of Peace,' and was chosen by King David more than 3,000 years ago to be his capital. Jerusalem sits at the heart of the Christian, Jewish, and Islamic faiths. The city evokes strong emotion and awakens a soulful surge amongst its visitors: when you stand in the presence of some of the world's oldest and most revered religious sites in the world, your soul will be captured...and your story, too, will be whispered by the stones that echo others' dreams.

*"Blessed will you be when you enter in.
Blessed will you be when you choose to go.
Blessed where you live and where you love.
Blessed where you learn and where you pray."*

Deuteronomy 28:6