



WALKING WITH THE PROPHETS



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Climate

Israel enjoys long, warm, dry summers (April-October) and generally mild winters (November-March) with somewhat drier, cooler weather in hilly regions, such as Jerusalem and Safed. Rainfall is relatively heavy in the north and center of the country, with much less in the northern Negev and almost negligible. Regional conditions vary considerably, with humid summers and mild winters on the coast; dry summers and moderately cold winters in the hill regions; hot dry summers and pleasant winters in the Jordan Valley; and year-round semi-desert conditions in the Negev. Weather extremes range from occasional winter snowfall in the mountain regions to periodic oppressively hot dry winds that send temperatures soaring, particularly in spring and autumn.

What to Pack

Israel is a modern, developed country, and you can purchase virtually anything you need during your stay, including clothing cosmetics, and hygiene products. If you are visiting Israel during the summer you will need lightweight clothing - short-sleeved and sleeveless shirts, shorts, sandals, beach shoes and a bathing suit. It's also a good idea to pack a sweater or jacket, since nights in the mountains and the desert can be cool. If you are visiting Israel in the winter, you will need warm clothing, a coat (preferably a raincoat as well), good shoes, an umbrella, gloves, a scarf and other warm clothing. Weather in Israel is not cold as it is in Europe, but days can be rainy and cold. It's a good idea to bring a small bag for day trips. If you are traveling to Eilat or the Dead Sea, it's a good idea to bring a bathing suit, since it is warm enough to swim there even in the winter. Sunscreen, a sun hat, and sunglasses are essential items throughout the year. If you are planning on hiking, you will need good shoes and a lot of water, either in a canteen or in several bottles. You will need a sleeping bag, tent, and camping equipment only if you are planning on sleeping outdoors. Most youth hostels supply sheets and blankets.

Electrical Appliances

The Israeli power supply is single phase 220 volts at 50 Hertz. Most power sockets in Israel have three pin holes, but many of them will work with double-pin European plugs. Visitors who want to use shavers, traveling irons and other small appliances may need both transformers and adaptor plugs.

Meals:

Breakfast and Dinner are Buffet style and serve daily during your stay in Israel. Unfortunately, we do not offer dairy products, pork, and/or shellfish, due to religious dietary laws. Diabetic meals can be served upon request.

Entry Requirements:

All you need is a valid passport to enter Israel. **Your passport must be valid for at least 6 months after your return date.** US passport information can be found at <http://travel.state.gov/> If you are a passport holder of one of the following countries you do not require a tourist visa to travel into Israel: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Barbados, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Central African Republic, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Gibraltar, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Hong Kong, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, South Korea, Latvia, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia, Monaco, Mongolia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, San Marino, Slovak Rep., Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, St Kitts & Nevis, Surinam, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Trinidad & Tobago, United Kingdom, United States of America and its territories (Puerto Rico, Guam & Virgin Islands), Uruguay and Vanuatu. If you are a citizen of a country not on the following list contact the any Israel Embassy.

Currency

In Israel, the currency is the New Shekel. For updated currency exchange information we recommend you to visit <http://www.oanda.com/convert/classic> **ATMs:** Most banks have ATMs and are open every day except Saturday, but there is a fee for withdrawals and you will receive New Shekel's, not USD, AUD, EUR nor CAD. You will also find ATM's at the airport. Do take your VISA and/or Master Card, American Express is not widely accepted.

GENERAL SECURITY INFORMATION:

Measured by square feet and population, according to the FBI statistics, Israel is far safer than most major US cities, information can be obtained regarding potential security threats to U.S. citizens overseas on the Internet at <http://travel.state.gov> for Air Travel Prohibited Items, please visit www.tsa.gov/travelers/airtravel/prohibited/permitted-prohibited-items.shtm For travelers suggestions and additional information, please visit <http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/vacation/kbyg/> You can read general facts about Israel by visiting http://www.akhlah.com/israel/israel_facts.php or <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/is.html#Govt>

Customs procedures in Israel can be found at:

http://www.goisrael.com/Tourism_Eng/Tourist+Information/Planning+your+trip/Immigration+and+Customs.htm

GENERAL OVERVIEW OF CANCELLATION & CHANGES FEES:

Cancellation fees apply before departure dates as following: 60 +Days prior \$200.00 Fee, 45-59 days prior 15% Fee, 31-44 days prior 25% Fee, and 30 days or less prior 100% Fee. All cancellations must be made in writing to Groups Accounting, 220 East Central Pkwy, Suite 4000, Altamonte Springs, FL 32701-3471.

All changes made to existing reservations are subject to a \$ 30.00 change fees, plus any other change or penalty fee imposed by the air carrier, if any. No refunds or exchanges will be made for any unused components of the package. No compensations will be issued for lost, destroyed or stolen documents or tickets. All refunds are subject to the above provisions governing cancellations, including applicable fees, and are further subject to any such fees or other charges imposed by Suppliers. Acceptance of a refund constitutes a waiver by the Consumer of all rights and remedies under applicable law other than the amount of the refund. **We make every attempt to get accurate prices, however, prices are not guaranteed. Quotes may increase up until the time of final payment, due to Airline imposed fuel surcharges and taxes.** In case of printing typographical error, computer error, or human billing error, we reserve the right to invoice or re-invoice participants with corrected billing.



WHY SHOULD I PURCHASE TRAVEL INSURANCE?

You can't afford to travel without it!

There are hundreds of circumstances that could cause you to cancel your trip, return home early or even worse, force you to seek emergency medical treatment while traveling. To demonstrate the importance of purchasing travel insurance, here are 5 common examples of what could go wrong. Incidentally, all are covered by a Travel Guard travel insurance policy:

1. It's 10 p.m. and your family arrives at the airport for a connecting flight, only to find that your flight has been cancelled. How do you get your family home?
2. Your first visit to Europe, and your passport and wallet are stolen. Where do you turn for emergency cash, and how will you get your passport replaced?
3. Your spouse is involved in an accident and adequate medical treatment is not available. Who will help arrange and pay for a medical evacuation?
4. If your sister-in-law becomes seriously ill and you choose to cancel your trip, what happens to your non-refundable deposits or pre-payments?
5. You arrive in New York and your luggage doesn't. If it's lost, who will help you find it? If it's delayed, who will pay for your necessities? If it's stolen, who will pay to replace it?

While many travelers think their health insurance, homeowners insurance or even credit card will provide adequate travel protection, that's simply not the case.

Why Travel Guard?

Not all travel insurance companies are the same!

When purchasing travel insurance, it's important you look closely at the coverage's and services you'll receive. Here is a quick summary of what makes Travel Guard different than the competition:

Broadest protection available - Travel Guard's policies include the broadest coverage you'll find in the industry. Bottom line: we cover more unforeseen reasons for trip cancellation, interruption and delay than any other travel insurance policy!

Exceptional customer service - We take great pride in providing the high levels of service for which we've built our reputation. When you choose Travel Guard, you can expect:

- Policies to be issued within 24 hours of the application being received
- All phone calls answered within 30 seconds
- Assistance 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year
- A zero defect tolerance for customer satisfaction

Fast, fair claims service - You won't find a faster, more accurate claims process than you will with Travel Guard. Our claims process standards include:

- All Claims reviewed by an experienced analyst within 24 hours
- Claims payment is finalized within 24 hours of receipt of final documentation
- 100% correct payments and calculations on all claims
- The "Fairness Principle" - all denied claims are sent to a mediator for review and the mediator's decision is honored.

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