

Travel Documents (Most Important!)

- Your passport must be valid for at least six months beyond arrival in Israel.
- No visa needed for travelers from Australia, Canada, the U.S., and Western Europe.
- Traveling to Jordan?
 - o If **leaving Israel for Jordan**, get your **Jordanian visa before** arriving in Israel.
 - If coming from Jordan to Israel, you can get a visa at the Jordanian airport.

Travel Insurance (Highly Recommended)

- HIGHLY recommended! Covers flight cancellations & trip interruptions.
- Choose a policy that allows cancellations for any reason.

Transportation (Tel Aviv → Jerusalem)

- Luxury coach transportation provided for group flights.
- If arriving separately, you can join the group transport if you land between 2:00 –
 5:00 PM.
- If arriving earlier/later than group arrival:
 - Check Arrival Instructions in resources at our website.

Pilgrimage Accommodations

- Jerusalem St. George's Pilgrim Guest House
 Climate-controlled rooms, TV, mini-safe, mini-fridge, private bathrooms.
 Great food, top-notch service.
- Nazareth Sisters of Nazareth Guesthouse
 Smaller but very clean, climate-controlled rooms.
 Cozy courtyard, homemade breakfast.

Electricity & Electronics

- Voltage: 220AC.
- Plug types: Type C & H (different from U.S. plugs).
 - o <u>European Adapter TESSAN Outlets International</u>
 - o <u>European Adapter Travel Converter</u>

What you need:

Phone/camera chargers? Just a **plug adapter**.

Bringing a hair dryer? You'll need a **transformer + adapter plug** OR a **dual-voltage hair dryer**.

Meals

- Breakfast & dinner → Served at St. George's or Sisters of Nazareth Guesthouse.
- Lunch → In local restaurants, covered by the guide (including tips!).
- Some free nights → You can explore local restaurants! Just notify the hotel in advance.
- **Drinks** at dinner **are NOT included** bring extra cash!
- **Dietary restrictions?** Inform your group leader.

Walking & Free Time

- Expect to walk 20 minutes at a time on rough, dusty terrain.
- Two half-days or one full day of free time plenty of options to explore!

What to Wear

Women:

- ✓ Skirts, slacks, or capris (covering the knees).
- X No tank tops, shorts, or sleeveless blouses at Holy Sites.
- ✓ Short sleeves & Bermuda shorts **okay for Galilee tours**.
- ✓ Bring a light sweater/jacket for cool evenings.

Men:

- ✓ Long pants, jeans, or khakis most days.
- ✓ Bermuda shorts okay for Galilee tours.
- ✓ Long-sleeved shirts for church & special nights.

Hats, sunglasses & sunscreen for everyone! Comfy walking shoes for cobblestone streets.

Hair Dryers

- St. George's Pilgrim Guest House → Yes, built-in wall hair dryers.
- Sisters of Nazareth Guest House → No hair dryers.
- Best tip: Bring your own just in case!

Extending Your Stay?

- Extra nights? Let us know ASAP rooms fill up fast!
- Getting around:
 - The **sherut** (shared taxi) is **safe**, **easy**, **and affordable** for airport transfers.
 - GETT equivalent to UBER or LYFT
 - Light Rail needs Rav-Kav card purchased at train station

Books & Reading

- Keep it light journal, map, small guidebook, Bible/prayer book.
- E-books? A Kindle, iPad, or phone works great!
- Want more books? Check out St. George's College & the Educational Bookshop.

Jewelry & Laundry

- **Keep jewelry minimal** you may find a special piece on your journey!
- Laundry at St. George's Guesthouse → Extra charge, ready by the next day.
- Many pilgrims hand wash items in their rooms dries overnight.

Photography

- Do NOT photograph military/police personnel or installations.
- Be discreet when taking photos in Jewish Orthodox areas.
- Most sacred sites will have clear signs if photography is allowed.

Language

- English is widely spoken in tourist areas.
- Arabic & Hebrew are the official languages.
- Your guide speaks English, Arabic, and Hebrew so you're covered!

Weather Guide

Summer (Jun-Sep): Hot & dry! 80s-90s°F, very humid in Tel Aviv/Tiberias, cooler in Jerusalem.

Spring & Fall (Mar–May, Sep–Nov): Mild & comfortable. 60s-70s°F in most places, **cooler evenings in Jerusalem.**

Winter (Dec-Mar): Unpredictable! 50s-60s°F, cold nights (40s°F) in Jerusalem/Galilee. Possible rain & even snow

Coffee Lovers Alert! (Least Important, but Good to Know!)

- Many hotels serve **Nescafe** (instant coffee).
- Want better coffee? Bring Starbucks VIA, Folgers instant packs, or your favorite brand.

Additional information may be accessed through our website:

For more details, please click here

Or to view on your smart phone. Please scan the QR code:

