

## Individual Travel Instructions

Your trip from the US to Tel Aviv, Ben Gurion Airport. Although you have already received some Group Travel Information, the directions below are more detailed. You will probably want to have these instructions with you when you arrive at Ben Gurion. If you have any questions, please email us <http://iqumri@iyadqumripilgrimages.com>.

### **Traveling Individually**

**Traveling Alone:** If you are not traveling with the group, be sure that your flights arrive at Tel Aviv Ben Gurion Airport (TLV) roughly between 2-5 pm on the first day of the program. If you come at other times, your destination is: St. George's Cathedral and Guest House, Shkhem Road 65 (half block across from the Leonardo Hotel) in East Jerusalem. Departure flights should be made for around midnight at the end of the day that the pilgrimage concludes. In addition, all international flights arrive at Terminal 3 at Ben Gurion.

**Passport Control:** Being part of a group makes clearing Passport Control easier. Since you are traveling individually, please mention that you are going on a pilgrimage and will soon be joining your group. You are here to visit holy places and will be accommodated in churches throughout Jerusalem or Nazareth. With today's high security measures especially at Ben Gurion Airport, traveling as a "Group" is the magic word. Being part of a group and a pilgrimage reduces the level of alertness with security and allows the arrival procedure to flow smoothly. Once you reach the passport control booth, your passport will be reviewed and you will be given a small blue slip with a stamp on it. The slip contains your passport information and grants you entry to the Baggage Claim area. Please Keep this blue slip in your passport at all

times! This slip also acts as an entry/exit visa and you are required to present it to customs when you exit Israel. This slip of paper is issued in lieu of a stamp on your passport.

**Baggage claim:** If you wish to have a cart to collect your baggage, luggage cart(s) are 10 NIS each. Beside each conveyer belt, there are machines that accept credit cards, bills, and coins that will dispense your luggage cart.

**Customs and Exiting:** After claiming your baggage, go to the green “Nothing to Declare” customs area and come through the glass doors to the arrivals hall. If your baggage does not arrive, fill out a form at the counter in the Baggage Claim area and give it to Customs personnel on your way out. Ask that the lost bag be delivered to St. Georges’ Pilgrim Guest House, Shkhem Road 65, East Jerusalem. Then meet your guide in the Arrival Hall.

### **Airport pickup options for individuals not traveling with the Group:**

**Transportation Services:** There will be a taxi and sheroot (shared van - like Super Shuttle) stand at the curb just outside the exit from the Arrivals Hall. Or please choose one of the options or methods below:

- a. Check with your organizer for the group’s arrival time. If your flight arrives earlier than or very near the group’s arrival; you may choose to wait in the airport for Iyad’s chartered transportation. This is included in the price of the pilgrimage.
- b. A driver will meet you as you exit luggage and customs. The driver will be holding a sign with your name on it and will take you to the Guest House. The cost is \$100 for up to 3 people. This taxi service may be arranged by contacting us at [http://iqumri@iyadqumripilgrimages.com](mailto:iqumri@iyadqumripilgrimages.com). Make sure that we have your arrival and departure times. American dollars or credit cards are accepted; please PAY AT THE GUEST HOUSE. If you wish, you may tip the driver.

- c. Use the shared taxi called Sherut (sher-Root.) Up to eight passengers can be dropped off at the address of their choice. Cost \$18-20 per person. American \$\$ accepted. (Caution: dropping off several passengers can lengthen the time of the trip to St. George's.) Be sure the driver understands that you are going to St. George's Guesthouse on Shkhem Road, not St. George's Hotel.

**IMPORTANT!** When you exit the arrival hall and if you have a scheduled taxi to come pick you up, PLEASE make sure you are with the correct driver. If you are uncertain and have been waiting for a long while inside the arrival hall with no driver present, please contact the following emergency numbers:

- 1) **St. George's Guest House (Reception Desk): (02)-627-1842**
- 2) **Sami Qumri: (052)-686-9787**
- 3) **Rami Qumri: (054)-8854051**

**Your Destination:** St. George's Cathedral and Guest House, Shkhem Road 65 in East Jerusalem, half a block opposite the Leonardo Hotel (NOT St. George's Hotel, which is three blocks away).

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We appreciate your full attention to these instructions. If you have any questions, please email us and we are more than happy to assist.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Land of the Holy One.

Peace and Salaam,



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# Ben Gurion Airport Arrival Hall Map

