

Travel Update

Starting January 2025, citizens of visa-exempt countries who intend to visit Israel for up to 90 days, including minors of any age, must obtain an ETA-IL prior to traveling to Israel.

This applies to arrivals by flight, sea, or land.

**To apply for the ETA-IL Application,
please click [here](#)**

Travel Instructions: Arrival at Ben Gurion Airport

For a smooth arrival, please keep these detailed directions with you. Providing your personal cell number will help us stay in touch via text for any delays, lost baggage, or timing updates. For questions, email services@iyadqumripilgrimages.com. Safe travel!

Arrival Instructions: Ben Gurion Airport (Terminal 3)

1. Exiting Aircraft & Passport Control

- Ignore travel agent signs and proceed to passport control.
- Obtain a blue slip from a self-service kiosk by scanning your passport and taking a photo. Keep this slip in your passport—it acts as your entry/exit visa.

2. Passport Control

- If part of a group, mention you are on a pilgrimage and staying in church accommodation. This helps streamline the process.

3. Baggage Claim

- Luggage carts cost 10 NIS (pay by card or cash).
- If in a group, gather before leaving the baggage area and exit together.

4. Customs & Exit

- Use the green “Nothing to Declare” exit.
- Your guide will meet you inside the Arrival Hall near Exit Gate 02. If you travel solo, meet your pre-arranged driver there (see map at the last page)

5. Lost Luggage

- Report missing bags at the Baggage Claim counter. Request delivery to: St. George’s Pilgrim Guest House, Nablus Road 20, East Jerusalem.
- Then proceed to the Arrival Hall to meet your guide.

Arrival & Transfer to St. George's Guest House

Arrival Guidelines (As a Group or Individual)

- **Flights should arrive at Ben Gurion Airport (TLV) between 2-5 PM** on the first day of the program.
- If arriving at other times, your destination is:
St. George's Cathedral & Guest House, Nablus Road 20, East Jerusalem (opposite Leonardo Hotel, near American Colony Hotel).
- **Departure flights** should be scheduled around **midnight** at the end of the pilgrimage.
- All international flights arrive at **Terminal 3** at Ben Gurion Airport.

Transfer Options

1. Group Transfer (Recommended)

- Arriving with the group is preferred for organization and cost savings.
- One **group transfer by charter bus** is included in the pilgrimage cost.
- If arriving **between 2-5 PM**, meet in the **Arrival Hall** and travel with the group.
- If you arrive earlier, you may wait at the airport to join the group transfer.

2. Private Taxi Transfer (\$100 for up to 3 people)

- Email services@iyadqumripilgrimages.com with **flight details (arrival & departure times, flight number)** to arrange a private driver.
- A driver with your name on a sign will meet you in the **Arrival Hall** after customs.
- Pay at **St. George's Guest House** by credit card (tipping 10% is customary).

3. Shared Taxi (Sherut: \$18-\$20 per person)

- Available outside the airport, dropping passengers at their destinations.
- **Confirm with the driver** that you are going to **St. George's Guest House on Nablus Road 20, not St. George's Hotel**.
- Travel time may be longer due to multiple stops.

4. Train (\$8 - \$10)

- At the **kiosk**, you will receive a **Rav Kav card**, which can be used for buses and kept as a souvenir.
- After exiting **customs**, proceed to the **train station kiosk** outside the airport (map provided)
- Take the **Fast Train** followed by the **Light Rail**.
- Get off at **Shivtei Yisrael Station**, Google maps is your best choice to walk 5 mins

Important Notes

- If you are experiencing **flight delays or cancellations**, notify us immediately.
- Our **charter bus does not make stops** en route. If traveling to Tel Aviv post-pilgrimage, you must arrange transportation from the airport.

Communication

- **WhatsApp** is highly recommended for easy international communication.
- **Israel's country code: +972** (US: +1).
- If you cannot find your scheduled driver upon arrival, contact emergency numbers below:
 1. **St. George's Guest House (Reception Desk): +972 (2)-628-3302**
 2. **Sami Qumri: +972 (52)-6869787**
 3. **Rami Qumri: +972 (54)-8854051**
 4. **Iyad Qumri: +972 (50)-5216280**

Your Destination: St. George's Cathedral & Guest House, **Nablus Road 20, East Jerusalem**, located **half a block across from the Leonardo Hotel** (not to be confused with St. George's Hotel, which is three blocks away).

We appreciate your careful attention to these instructions. If you have any questions, feel free to email us—we're happy to assist.

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



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Ben Gurion Airport Arrival Hall Map

