

Help with Electronics in Israel

To help you think through what you'll need to bring on your upcoming Christian tour, we've provided the following information for using your electronic appliances like blow dryers, phones, laptops, etc. while traveling abroad.

You have three options of devices designed to help you operate personal electronics overseas:

Adapters These devices simply enable your standard plug to fit into wall outlets in other countries. Most are relatively inexpensive, about \$3 to \$5 each. If you travel frequently, you may want to consider purchasing a universal adapter kit.

Dual-voltage Appliances Many small electronic devices are dual-voltage and will adjust automatically for other countries. If your appliance's charger has a manual switch, you'll need to change it back and forth before plugging in your appliance. Check the manual or power cord for the device to know if it will work with 220 voltage without a converter.

Converters A power converter allows you to run U.S. devices that are not dual-voltage. Most converters cost \$40 to \$50. Be aware that U.S. electronics that are not dual-voltage should never be used without a converter in countries with a voltage of 220.

We know how nice it is to have the conveniences of home when traveling to a foreign country. Bringing your own electronics and hair appliances can enhance your overall travel experience. Here are some things to know about your electronics before you pack them:

PHONES, MP3 PLAYERS, LAPTOPS, CAMERAS & VIDEO CAMERAS

Most small digital devices have dual-voltage chargers that do not require a converter. Before leaving on your tour, you'll want to check the manual or power cord for each device to determine if it is dual voltage. If so, you'll simply need to bring an adapter to plug the charger into the outlet.

BLOW DRYERS, CURLING IRONS & STRAIGHTENERS

Many hotels provide hair dryers in each room. If you prefer having your own hair appliances, you may want to consider purchasing or borrowing a more travel-friendly dual-voltage appliances instead of buying a converter—a less expensive (and lighter) option.