



## TLC HOLYLAND TOURS

### Final Reminders and Instructions: Travel to Israel

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#### DEPARTURE

**Your Passport** is used to check in at the airport, the e-ticket number emailed to you is your backup information. **Keep your passport within reach, not placed in your checked bag.** Leave a copy of your passport and your hotel/flight/contact page (download it under your Tour page's "downloads") with a family member or friend in the US. They can view your daily itinerary on our website by clicking your tour, then itinerary.

Be sure to arrive two hours before the domestic flight, 3 hours before the international flight.

#### GROUP TRAVEL

*A good attitude and courtesy towards others can make or break a trip. When the guide or teaching host is speaking, please don't talk to those around you, as others may want to hear what is being taught. When the group moves well as a group, more can be seen and explored on the journey.* **BE ON TIME.** No one should be the last person on the bus every day or every stop.

The group stays together, no wandering off to shop. There will be scheduled shopping stops.

When you land in Israel, our partners will distribute mid-sized, sturdy canvas backpacks (large enough to hold what you need each day; Bible, journal, water, hat, jacket, wallet) as soon as you board the coach.

#### FLIGHTS

**Download the airline app** to receive periodic flight updates.

##### **Seating on flights**

Travel companions were listed on the passenger manifest one after the other. We have no control over seating on the flights. If your seat is other than with a buddy, don't let it ruin your trip, keep in mind that it is an 11 hour span on a ten-day life-changing journey.

##### **Airport layover**

Take turns staying with the luggage at the airport so everyone can stretch their legs. Do not leave your luggage unattended.

##### **Comfort**

If you are cold-natured, tuck a rolled travel blanket in your carry-on in addition to the one provided inflight.

##### **Medical equipment on flights**

Airlines have requirements/restrictions regarding medical equipment such as C-pap machines. Each passenger is responsible to contact the airline for information approximately 2 weeks before departure.

#### PACKING

Luggage must travel under the coach so everyone may have just **1 checked bag, 1 carry-on bag and 1 personal item.** See your Airline's luggage specifics **online** for size and weight requirements.

##### **Carry-on Bag**

**Luggage can be lost or delayed so place a change of clothes, and essentials such as medication, Bible, phone chargers, etc. in your carry-on bag.**

##### **Luggage Tags**

For easy id, use the TLC Luggage tags provided and consider a brightly colored scarf or ribbon tied to the handle. Luggage looks surprisingly non-descript as it passes by on the luggage carousel

##### **Liquids**

Must fit into a specific sized clear zip lock bag and be placed on top of other items in your carry-on. Larger liquid items must be in your checked bag. See "Liquids" on the airline website.

##### **General Medication**

Keep general meds for nausea, headache, etc., accessible, in your carry-on. Carry a sleeping aid for the flight, you will need the rest.

##### **Prescription medication**

Carry prescriptions in original containers (request pharmacy refills in smaller bottles prior to tour departure.)

#### **PACKING TIPS**

**Don't forget** a light-weight jacket, gloves, scarf, folding umbrella, sunglasses, sunscreen, swimsuit, pocket-sized Kleenex pack,

hand sanitizer. Pack for the time of year but be prepared in case it cools off a bit early. Plan to layer on and off thru the day. The bus will be locked, and items can be left on it while at a site. Take less than you think you need, wear it more than once, and send it out for laundering, if necessary, in Jerusalem.

If you roll or fold your clothing so you can see each item when luggage is opened (not stacked), pull out a single item and leave the rest undisturbed, your evening prep for the next day is much easier and clothes travel better, especially since you change hotels several times.

Modesty is a good guide. Also, leave room in your luggage to bring back souvenirs and your new canvas backpack.

### **Shoes**

Wear comfortable shoes and take a spare pair.

### **Clothes**

Dress in Israel is casual, but you may want to dress a little nicer at dinner time.

**Cash** – US cash spends easily, no need to exchange currency. Carry about 10 ones and the rest tens and twenties as your change will be in Israeli currency

### **Credit cards**

Most cards are accepted everywhere. We recommend you carry two. Call your card company before departure to ensure they know the traveler is you.

### **Daily seating**

Seats on the coach are not assigned, change daily, and cannot be “saved” day to day.

### **Electric current**

Israel's voltage is 220 volts (USA is 120). **Bring an adapter /converter** to convert 220 volts to 120.

### **Nametag**

To assist in locating others at a site, to get to know each other, and to assist the guide, please use the lanyard provided.

### **Purse**

**Ladies, we suggest you take** a small flat purse to use while touring, no need to carry anything large, so you can just tuck it in your backpack.

### **Phone**

Check with your phone service provider about use outside of the US or for how to turn off what is necessary to keep cost down.

### **Lunch**

Lunch is your responsibility and is generally \$12 – 15 each meal

### **Snacks**

Feel free to take snacks for the flights and to have each day as you tour.

### **Toiletries**

Most hotels have these in each room. However, if you need washcloths, those are generally not provided. We suggest you purchase an inexpensive pack of them to take, and just discard them as you travel.

### **Valuables**

Leave expensive jewelry and electronics in the US.

### **Visa, vaccinations**

None are required for US citizens unless you have recently traveled out of the country to an area where malaria, yellow fever, etc. could be contracted.

### **Wi-Fi**

Available on the coach and in most hotels

Ladies, Karen Crisp is an excellent “Travel Resource” so if you have a question that isn’t answered here, she would be delighted to share her tips.