

FOUNDATIONS ISRAEL TOUR

October 24 – November 4, 2020

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHEN IS THE FOUNDATIONS ISRAEL TOUR?

The tour is scheduled for October 24 - November 4, 2020.

WHO CAN COME ON THE TOUR?

The tour is open to individuals, couples, families and groups of all ages.

(Please take into account the pace of the tour when considering children under the age of 8).

The tour is sponsored by Foundations Church and abides by its Statement of Faith. As such, all couples sharing a room must be married.

WHAT IS THE COST OF THE TOUR

The tour is \$4,695 per person (double occupancy) round-trip JFK (New York) to Tel Aviv on ELAL Israeli Airlines. If a single room is preferred, the cost of the tour will be an additional \$1495. If you prefer to secure round-trip airfare to Tel Aviv on your own, the land-only package is \$3,795.

WHAT DOES THE PRICE INCLUDE?

- Round trip airfare from JFK to Tel Aviv
- Deluxe hotels with spectacular locations
- Full Israeli breakfast each day
- Dinner each evening
- Two lunches are included; one on the Sea of Galilee and one in Jerusalem's Old City
- Farewell dinner before departure to home
- Boat ride on Sea of Galilee
- All entrance fees to the sites/museums
- All airport transfers and taxes, hotel taxes and service charges
- Baggage handling while on tour beginning with arrival in Israel
- Deluxe, air-conditioned motor coach
- English-speaking, licensed Israeli guide specializing in Christian tours
- ALL tips and gratuities on the tour (hotels, baggage handling, meals, tour guide and bus driver)

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR?

The price of the tour does not include cost of passport fees, travel insurance costs, items of a personal nature such as laundry services, tips for personal services, phone calls, souvenirs, several lunches and beverages other than those included with meals. If you wish to be baptized in the Jordan River, there is an additional cost of renting a robe and towel at the baptismal site.

WHEN AND HOW DO I REGISTER FOR THE TOUR?

Registration is open immediately. There are limited spaces available that will be filled on a first come, first served basis so register soon to secure your spot. To register go to Foundations Church website; <http://www.foundationschurch.org/israel2020> and click the "Sign Up Now". You may register without passport information if you need to acquire a passport or if your passport has expired.

WHAT IS THE ROUND-TRIP JFK/DEN FLIGHT SCHEDULE?

We are required to check-in with ELAL Israeli Airlines in New York at least 3 hours before departure for the international flight. To be safe, be sure you arrive at JFK by 7:30 pm on October 24.

On our return flight from Tel Aviv to JFK, make sure you allow at least 3 hours to go through customs before departing to your final destination.

Below are our scheduled round-trip flight details. All flights are non-stop.

OCTOBER 24 - DEPART - JFK on ELAL #008 @ 11:50 pm

OCTOBER 25 - ARRIVE - Tel Aviv @ 4: 10 pm

NOVEMBER 4 - DEPART - Tel Aviv on ELAL #001 @ 12:30 am

NOVEMBER 4 - ARRIVE - JFK @ 5:30 am (same day)

HOW DO I GET FROM MY DEPARTURE CITY TO NEW YORK?

The tour price of \$4,695 includes round-trip from JFK/Tel Aviv. Start shopping now for the best rates for flights from Denver to JFK. There is a possibility that we can secure group rates Denver to JFK round-trip with Jet Blue who are partners with ELAL Israeli Airlines. We will not know any details until 6 months prior to departure, which would be the last of March. Since this is an unknown, you may want to proceed now with purchasing your domestic flights while the prices are low.

WHAT IS THE PAYMENT SCHEDULE?

1. A \$500 deposit is due with each application submitted, one application per person.
2. On or before March 10, 2020 a payment of \$1400 is due per person in addition to the \$500 deposit received.
3. Passengers signing up March 10 or later must submit the deposit plus the 2nd payment.
4. On or before June 10, 2020 a payment of \$1,400 is due.
5. Passengers signing up June 10 or later must submit the deposit of \$500 plus the two payments
6. Final payment is due on or before September 10, 2020 and required to ticket the group.
7. Price reflects a 3% discount cash discount. Payments may be made by credit card; however a 3% service fee will be applied to any amount charged after the initial deposit.

WHAT IS THE CANCELLATION POLICY?

Ed Hill Tours, our travel broker in the US, will provide details of their current cancellation policy upon registration.

DO I NEED TO PURCHASE TRAVEL INSURANCE?

It is not required, but it is encouraged to protect against unforeseen events that could prevent your traveling or completing your trip. Travel insurance offers peace of mind, as well as financial protection. Once you have registered, travel insurance information will be sent to you.

CAN I SPEND MY US DOLLARS IN ISRAEL?

Yes, Israel widely accepts US dollars so there is no need to convert money into Israeli Shekels. Credit cards are accepted in most gift shops. Be advised that some shops do not accept traveler's checks. There will be a small safety-deposit box in your hotel room to store cash, passports and other valuables.

HOW STRENUOUS IS THE TOUR?

Each day begins early and is filled with exciting activities! You should be able to walk, climb stairs and get on and off the bus without help. The tour is not difficult, but there is a great deal of walking on uneven surfaces and stairs. People in reasonably good health will have no difficulty participating in all of the activities. We recommend that you begin to walk now to build up your stamina and strength. If your health is questionable, please consult a physician.

WHAT SHOULD I PLAN TO WEAR ON THE TOUR?

Fall will be near perfect weather! Expect 70-80's in the day and 60's in the evening. Bring a jacket for the cool early mornings and evenings. It will be quite warm and sunny around the Dead Sea with higher temperatures, so you should pack a hat or visor. Include an umbrella in case of a surprise shower as well as a buffer from the bright sun. Casual and comfortable clothes are the order of the day, with modesty for both men and women. If you like to wear shorts they should come to the knees on both men and women. Some sites on the itinerary do not allow shorts and sleeveless tops. You will be informed the day before if we will be visiting those sites. Packing items that you can coordinate and accessorize is a good idea. Comfortable shoes that provide good support with non-skid soles are of utmost importance! We recommend properly "breaking in" any shoes you plan to wear while touring. A wise idea for packing is to include clothes that can be layered and removed throughout the day as needed.

WHAT IS THE LUGGAGE POLICY?

It is requested that each person bring only one suitcase each (50 lb. limit) because of the limited space in the motor coach's luggage storage area. The one large bag per person should be adequate for the length of the tour and is included in the cost of the airfare. After arriving in Israel and clearing customs, your luggage will be transferred from baggage claim and loaded onto the bus. It will be unloaded and loaded for you at each hotel stop as well.

DO I NEED A PASSPORT?

Yes, each person – regardless of age – must carry a passport that is valid for six months after the scheduled return date. For more information or to obtain a passport application, visit www.travel.state.gov. Visas are not required for U.S. citizens. If you do not have a passport, apply for one as soon as possible.

DO I NEED ANY VACCINATIONS BEFORE TRAVELING TO ISRAEL?

No, Israel is an entirely modern country with an advanced level of hygiene and health care on a par with the best facilities in North America and Western Europe.

WHAT HOTELS ARE ON THE TOUR ITINERARY?

We will be staying at four different hotels during the tour. They are all deluxe, five-star hotels.

- The Dan Panorama Hotel (1-night Tel Aviv)
- Sofia Hotel (3 nights Sea of Galilee)
- Herod's Dead Sea Resort & Spa (1-night Dead Sea)
- Orient Hotel Jerusalem (4 nights/5 days Jerusalem)

DO THE HOTELS OFFER INTERNET SERVICE?

Yes, the hotels do offer Internet service. Fees vary from hotel to hotel.

WILL MY ELECTRICAL ITEMS WORK IN ISRAEL?

The electrical outlet's voltage is 220 and the electrical plug is different. If your electrical appliance is not dual voltage you will need a convertor that changes the electric current. If your appliance is dual voltage, you will only need an adaptor to plug into the electrical outlet. The convertor/adaptor kits can be purchased at Wal-Mart, Target, etc. for approximately \$25.

IS THE WATER SAFE TO DRINK?

Water is generally safe. Bottled water is available on the bus and in shops if you are concerned. Tourists are advised to drink extra fluids while in Israel.

WHAT IF I HAVE SPECIAL DIETARY CONCERNS?

Let us know before departure and we will do everything we can to meet your needs. The airlines and all of the hotels we will stay at are eager to make your visit as pleasant as possible. There will be a variety of foods available with many locally grown fruits and vegetables.

WILL I RECEIVE GOOD MEDICAL TREATMENT IF I BECOME INJURED OR ILL DURING THE TOUR?

Yes, if you are injured or become ill during a tour, the local tour guide can contact a doctor to come to your hotel room to administer treatment. The concierge at the hotels can also contact a doctor to treat a guest. If you need to be hospitalized in the Holy Land, you can rest assured in knowing that the hospitals are well equipped and are staffed with friendly, English-speaking doctors and nurses.

IS IT SAFE TO TRAVEL IN ISRAEL?

Yes, Israel is an extremely safe country to visit and tour. In 2019 a record-breaking number of over 4,500,000 tourists visited Israel. Many people returning from touring in Israel often remark how safe they felt while they were there. Tourism in Israel is one of their main industries, so they take extreme precautions to protect all guests visiting their country. In the unlikely event a travel ban is issued, the tour will be rescheduled. Pray for guidance in your decision to become a member of the tour and trust God for His direction. Let your trust in God's protection overtake any fears so that you do not miss out on this wonderful, life-changing opportunity.

ARE THE TOUR BUSES EQUIPPED WITH BATHROOMS?

The buses in the Holy Land are not equipped with bathrooms. However, the tour guide will allow extra time at each site for you to use the facilities.

CAN YOU DESCRIBE A TYPICAL DAY ON THE TOUR?

A typical day in the Holy Land begins with a wake-up call at 6:00am. Breakfast is served in the hotel dining room beginning at 6:30 or 7:00am. The bus will depart the hotel promptly at 8:00am. During the day you will visit approximately 4-6 sites, then return to the hotel between 5:30pm – 6:00pm. You will stop at a local restaurant for lunch while sightseeing. Dinner is served in the hotel dining room beginning at 6:30-7:00pm. Because of the long touring days, most tour hosts do not schedule evening activities for the group.

WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I CAN DO TO PREPARE FOR THE TOUR?

Pray for God to prepare your heart and mind to recognize the insights that He desires for you to learn before, during and after the tour, to strengthen your faith, and draw you closer to Him. A great way for this to begin is by reading the Gospel of Luke, which gives you a chronological account of our Lord's life. Also, 1 & 2 Samuel and 1 & 2 Kings will give you an invaluable background to many of the ancient sites we will be visiting.

PLEASE NOTE: Flight times are subject to change by the airlines without advance notice. Foundations Israel Tour is not responsible for such changes or delays and does not reimburse expenses resulting from such delays.