Great Tips for Travelling to Israel No One Ever Shared With You!



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Why Visit Israel?

This e book will help you to learn why a visit to

Jerusalem and the Holy Land of Israel is a Must

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A trip to Israel is more than exciting ... It is life-changing!

"Visit Israel –You'll never be the same!"

- Discover exclusive insider details you need to know before you decide to travel to Israel.
- Amazing tips exposing all you ever need for easy touring of the Holy land.
- Plus all the key attractions to look out for on your trip
- Few Hebrew Phrases ... and lots more



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Welcome!



If you have ever had a strong desire to travel to Israel or have often wondered why anyone would ever want to travel to Israel then this guide is for you it will provide you with useful insights about all you need to know about the HOLY LAND of Israel.

People's single greatest expression when they return from a visit to Israel is, "I'll never be the same." Something about sailing on the Sea of Galilee, walking the streets of Jerusalem, and viewing the empty tomb creates an eternal change of heart and spirit. Wherever you go, you can sense God's presence.

When you visit Israel, God's Word becomes clearer, your faith becomes deeper, and your passion for the Lord becomes stronger. We believe that, once you visit Israel, you'll never be the same!

Every detail you need to tour Israel is included in this guide. You will find answers to the questions most often asked about touring the land of the Bible. Most of all, you'll discover how you can play your part to make sure your trip is one that leaves people saying, "I'll never be the same!"

The adventure begins here, with this step-by-step guide, prepared especially for you. . So as you read this booklet, imagine you and your friends in the Holy Land and begin the journey of a lifetime.

Come visit Israel with Hadur Travels and Tours You'll never be the same!

Why you need to discover Israel...

There is only one Holy Land. For hundreds of years, people have continued to flock to Israel to visit the holy places. People want to walk where Jesus walked. It is often called the oldest tourist destination on earth.

One of the most striking things about Israel is its sheer Diversity, it boasts of many fascinating, historical and holy sites than any other country I know. It has four climate zones green in the north, Mediterranean desert in the south, for detailed information about Israel check our website:

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In Israel, you get to experience the Mediterranean, the desert, mountains, green valleys, lakes, rivers, and cities and towns of every size. You enjoy unique destinations like the Dead Sea and the Old City of Jerusalem. You can also find the very best in dining, sea shores accommodations, shopping, and entertainment.

While Israel certainly has its share of historical, cultural, and entertainment attractions, Christian tourists returning from the Holy Land invariably single out the spiritual transformation as the most memorable and important event of their journey. Truly, Israel is the only nation in the world that is the very cradle of the Jewish and Christian faiths.

Let me give you some background information about this beautiful holy land.

Here we go:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Area: 22,145 sq km (8,550 sq miles).

Population: 7.04 million (Israel Central Bureau of Statistics, 2006).

Population density: 317.9 per sq km

Capital: Jerusalem

Population: (including east Jerusalem) 724,000 (2006).The Israel government has designated Jerusalem as the

Capital, although this is not recognized by The UN and most foreign embassies are based in Tel Aviv.

Government: Republic. The state of Israel was founded in 1948.

- Language: Hebrew and Arabic are the official languages. A large proportion of the Population speak good English - a compulsory subject at school.
- **Religion:** Majority of the people i.e. 80% are Jewish, 18% Muslim and the Remaining 2% are Christians.

Time: GNT +2

Electricity: 240 volts Ac, 50Hz. Two-pin plug are Standard

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SAFETY: A lot of people ask me this question all the time

Is it safe to travel to Israel?

Israel is an extremely safe country to visit and tour. In 2008, three million tourists travelled to Israel, an all-time record, and all three million went back home safe and sound. The number of tourists visiting Israel rose by 5% in 2012 3.5 million tourists entered Israel, a 5 percent increase from 2011 • 4.3 million. Israelis would not encourage tourists to come to Israel if they felt they would be in the slightest danger.

Passage to the two major tourist cities of Bethlehem and Jericho in the Palestinian Authority is direct without prior clearance or required authorization. Often you will see a statement in tour materials that" visit is subject to prevailing conditions at time of entry". When such visits are perceived to be UN -safe visitors are not allowed to visit and another location is substituted

Christians in particular can discover the land of both the Old and New Testaments, and can personally walk the ground that Jesus walked. In Israel,

you can retrace the life of Jesus as you visit Nazareth, Capernaum and Jerusalem Bethlehem ,Cana, Galilee Jordan , Jericho to mention a few .

Stand on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, worship and pray at the Upper Room, the Mount of Olives, the Garden of Gethsemane, and the Garden Tomb. You can also visit places from the ancient past that hold an important place in history, such as the site of Solomon's and Herod's Temples, the famous fortress of Masada.

A trip to Israel is much more than just a vacation. It will revolutionize your own life and ministry as you come to know the Land of the Bible. It will give you a deeper appreciation for the Word of God and a greater understanding of Biblical truth because, visiting Israel is a transformational experience.

Once you visit, you will never be the same. Best of all, everything you need to organize a successful tour is readily available to you here.

TRAVELING TO NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES:

You can travel between Israel, Jordan and Egypt. You should check with the relevant embassies if you need a visa to visit these countries to travel to Egypt if you have an agent on ground they will take care of these issues for you at minimal cost.

WEATHER:

Israel enjoys long, warm, dry summers (April-October) and generally mild winters (November-March) with somewhat drier, cooler weather in hilly regions, such as Jerusalem and Safed. Rainfall is relatively heavy in the north and centre of the country, with much less in the northern Negev and almost negligible amounts in the southern areas.

Regional conditions vary considerably, with humid summers and mild winters on the coast; dry summers and moderately cold winters in the hill regions; hot dry summers and pleasant winters in the Jordan Valley; and year-round semidesert conditions in the Negev.

Weather extremes range from occasional winter snowfall in the mountain regions to periodic oppressively hot dry winds that send temperatures soaring, particularly in spring and autumn.

HEALTH /VACINATIONS:

Israel is a modern, developed country with levels of health and hygiene equal to those of Western countries. Visitors entering Israel are not required to undergo vaccinations prior to their arrival.

WATER:

You can drink tap water. But, you will also find mineral water everywhere. It is important to make sure you drink a lot, especially when you are out walking and especially on hot days.

ELECTRICITY:

The electric current in Israel is 220 volts AC, single phase, 50 Hertz. Most Israeli sockets are of the three-pronged variety but many can accept some European two-pronged plugs as well. Electric shavers, traveling irons and other small appliances may require adapters and/or transformers, which can be purchased in Israel.

HOW DO YOU GET STARTED?

Where do I begin?

The most important factor in the success of your tour is your own unconditional decision that you are going to Israel, when you want to visit and what places you would like to see are also important.

When is the best time of year to visit?

It's up to you. Unless you specifically want to be in Israel for Christmas or Easter, you may want to schedule your trip at a time other than these busy holiday seasons. One of the most beautiful seasons is right after Easter.

From November to March Israel has cool temperatures and some rain. From June to August temperatures are very warm, and the country is virtually rainless from April through October.

At Hadur travels, we package tours all year round to Israel, working with your chosen date.

How affordable is a trip to Israel?

One of the most exciting discoveries awaiting Christians who want to visit Israel is how surprisingly affordable the trip can be, so have no fear!

One important question prospects ask is about price. There is no fixed price for traveling to Israel but prices are based on certain parameters just like when you travel to any other country, class of air-ticket, choice of airline , meals provided is it breakfast only, half board or full board i.e. 3 meals, class of hotel e.g. 3* or 4* occupancy in hotel is it double, single etc. programme of tour, number of days you plan to spend, meet and assist at airport at entry and departure, usually excluded are tips and personal expenses.

For example our prices include welcome refreshment as well as a warm welcome with a rose at the airport these are incentives for those who choose to travel with us.

Our executive trips are for corporate, time conscious people who want to meet, network and fellowship with like minds - you need to stand for something not just flow with the crowd - know what you want to achieve and go all out for.

Another Important Question is: Can I travel free To Jerusalem i.e. without payment?

You really will be surprised at the answer, Yes you can, provided you can build your very own tour of a minimum of 15 dedicated people and we will show you how we will give you all the support you require from start to the end so you do not have to be alone! Mail us for details.

I know you are wondering: Do I need a visa to travel to Israel?

Yes, you do!

VISA

All visitors to Israel must hold a passport that is valid for at least six months from the date they enter the country. People with no nationality must hold a valid laissez passer, as well as a visa back to the country that issued it. To obtain a visa in Nigeria you must visit the Israeli Embassy in Abuja, it takes between 10-14 working days after submission of required documents to get your visa. But like every embassy they want to be sure of your finances & your motive for traveling. Israeli embassy requires that you make a personal appearance at the embassy in Abuja.

Send us an email, for your genuine Israeli visa enquiries. We are specialized in the field! However, if you are traveling in a group that is over 9 people a group visa is issued from the Interior office in Israel.

Please note that some citizens of certain countries like the U.S .U.K Canada, etc, will be issued tourist visas free of charge at every port or entrance terminal to Israel: Check with the embassy to know if your country is included.

WHY VISIT ISRAEL:

People visit Israel for many reasons, religious, business, occasions like birthday, holiday/vacation, health, relaxation honey moon Etc. Israel helps you connect with the root of your faith when you make a spiritual tour. There are many things to gain from making a business trip these include:

- You get to make great connections in Israel to take your business to the next level. Since the country is rich in agricultural and technological know-how, many visitors from all over the world come to tap into its vast resources. Read all about the 2012 Agric tech exhibition at http://www.smarttravelsuperfan.com.
- Hadur travels packages exclusive Agro study tours to Israel & Songhai farm in Port Novo and other countries of interest.
- Many people do not know that Israel is a beautiful place to visit for vacation many cities like Eilat, Tel Aviv; Tiberias have wonderful beaches hotels, spas and relaxation centres.

Learn more about exotic places to visit in Israel at our website: <u>http://www.smarttravelsuperfan.com</u>.

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Of your dreams!

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ATTRACTIONS IN ISREAL YOU CAN'T WAIT TO SEE!

Check out some of the beautiful attractions in Israel you will love to enjoy

PLACES TO VISIT DURING YOUR TRIP INCLUDE:

SEA OF GALILEE:



Take a romantic cruise on a boat similar to the ones used on the Sea of Galilee 2000 years ago. The wooden boats have a sail that is used when there is a favourable wind, but there is also a quiet engine. The boat capacities are from 55 pax up to 120 pax.

The boats are safe and each boat is fully insured and licensed by the Ministry of Transportation. It is also possible to order catered food and drinks and enjoy the food during the cruise. The length of time of the cruise will be determined according to the event.

CAPERNAUM:

This was a settlement in the northern coast of the Sea of Galilee, not far from Korazim, in Ein Sheva Valley. For a long time Capernaum was Christ's activity centre. A Number of the Apostles of Christ lived in the village: St. Peter and his brother St. Andrew, Jacob son of Zebedee and his brother John.

Peter's Church House, in the first position of Capernaum - Archaeological excavations revealed an octagonal church in the 5th century, was built on the foundations of an earlier structure of a single room, apparently the 1st century. According to Christian tradition, this building is the home of Peter. Franciscans built a new church on the site in 1990. Synagogue - in the building there are 2 layers of synagogues from 2 different periods. The top is built of limestone, and the lower basalt. The Supreme synagogue dated to the Byzantine period, according to the coins found under the Avenue, this synagogue belongs to the 5th century and not before. Lower Synagogue, the oldest, according to Christian tradition it is the synagogue where Jesus visited as described in the New Testament.



Bible Times Centre in Ein Kerem.

The centre offers the opportunity of a lifetime for Christians to fully understand and experience the period of the New Testament. The Center presents examples of ancient biblical models, eating the food of the ancient Bible, and shows the traditional clothes. Models are located in the beautiful garden of peace and pleasant village of Ein Kerem. Christian tradition says John the Baptist was born in Ein Kerem.

TIME ELEVATOR:

Combining motion based seating, panoramic screens, special effects carefully synchronized to the action of the film; visitors have the sensation of viewing the movie as a participant rather than a spectator. Surround sound headsets enable the show to be concurrently heard in several languages.

This unique and unforgettable experience combines learning and enjoyment in the best tradition of "Edutainment" (Education + Entertainment).

Safety First! – For pregnant women and those suffering from motion sickness, dizziness or heart problems, and this attraction contains 12 special stationary

seats in addition to 90 motion based seats. All seats in the attraction may be adjusted according to the requirements of the audience



The Time Elevator is an attraction for the entire family (for visitors over the age of 5) Visitors must arrive 15 minutes prior to show time to watch an introductory film reviewing safety instructions

(The Western Wall) is the western retaining wall of the Temple Mount, built by King Herod as part of his ambitious program to greatly expand and beautify the Second Temple complex in the first century BCE. When the Temple was destroyed by Roman legions in 70 CE, only the Western Wall remained standing.

To the Jews of the time, the resilient wall was proof that God had not abandoned Israel, an attitude which became enshrined in the nascent written corpus of Jewish religious thought For 2,000 years, Jews from all corners of the Diaspora made pilgrimages to their spiritual capital to touch the worn stones of the wall and be close to the site of the Holy of Holies where the Temple once stood. Seized along with the rest of the Old City in 1948 by the Jordanian army, the wall was retaken by Israeli forces as part of the campaign for the unification of Jerusalem in 1967.

The Biblical Zoo:

The garden is built in a special way to fit the surrounding landscape to the animals, to provide similar conditions for the animals, as close as possible to their natural conditions. The animals walk around freely, and there are deep pits that prevent contact between animals and visitors. The garden is divided into regions, so that each area has a particular category, for example by continent. This zoo is very special because apart from its goal to entertain the visitors, it takes care of conservation in Israel and contains a small number of extinct animals and country landscapes like fallow deer; these are great sites for children to visit.

Davidson Centre:

In the heart of Jerusalem Archaeological Park compound, is "Davidson Centre", display and presentation. The purpose of this centre is to create a sense of "beyond time" between the various periods. Visitors descend gradually into the underground spaces from the Umayyad Palace. Through the descent, visitors can experience the transition between the stones varying periods through unique content viewing. The most amazing experience is a virtual model of the Temple Mount, as it stood in all his glory in the days of the Second Temple. The model makes a real and tangible sense of life at the time of spiritual experience in the Temple.

Chagall windows:

In the synagogue of the Hadassah Medical Campus, Ein Kerem, there is a series of 12 stained glass windows. These windows were donated to the synagogue by the artist Marc Chagall. The windows symbolize the 12 tribes of Israel. The windows in the dome of the synagogue and made of glass that light travels through. The colour of the windows varies depending on time of day and the location of the sun.

The windows depict the blessing of Jacob to his sons, described in Genesis. According to Jewish tradition there are no human figures in the windows, but there are figures of animals, flowers and Jewish symbols.

Bethany:

A Second Temple period settlement located on the slopes of the Mount of Olives, about two miles from Jerusalem. According to Christian tradition Elazar (Lazarus) and his sisters Martha and Mary lived here. The New Testament tells that Jesus was a guest in the village in Simon the leper's house. During this visit to the village Jesus revived Lazarus. Bethany is mentioned again when Jesus comes to the village six days before Passover and the crucifixion, and received dinner at the home of Lazarus, Martha and Mary. There Mary rubbed his legs with oil.

Click link to read how you can get this type of oil

According to belief, the tomb of Lazarus is in this place. Today there is a mosque next to the tomb built in the sixteenth century on the foundations of a Crusader church. This place is a sacred pilgrimage centre for Christian pilgrims.

THE DEAD SEA

Don't be misled by its name the Dead Sea is one of the world's best-known and most unique therapeutic resorts. The region is characterized by an unusual combination of natural resources and climatic conditions – the saltiest sea in the world that is also mineral-rich; thermo-mineral waters; medicinal black mud; filtered sunrays; dry air rich in minerals; a pleasant temperature most of the year; a relatively high concentration of oxygen; air that is almost completely free of allergens and other air pollutants. Both a briefly bathing at one of the beaches or a stay for a pampering vacation at one of the hotels and guest rooms scattered along its shores are recommended.

A thirty-minute ride from the Dead Sea is the city of Arad, whose cold, dry, clean air makes it a haven for people suffering from asthma, allergies and respiratory problems.

Around the Dead Sea area are many health spas and health springs. Leave a message at our site to request special visit.



Genesis Farm - In the Heart of the desert, twenty minutes from Jerusalem and on the way to the Dead Sea, Ein Gedi and Masada, you are invited to a magical stop at in Genesis land. Genesis land is a farm that restored the biblical experience, and offers you a biblical experience. To the Genesis land you'll come on a camel to the tent of Abraham and you will enjoy from his warm hospitality. In the Tent you will meet the biblical stories from the land of Canaan Abraham, King David, the prophet Jeremiah, King Herod and until our days. Land of Genesis is a completely disconnect from being modern, a place where there you can find quiet and incredible stories.

During the trip, the holy sites are sacred places do your best to listen as the guide tells you the background story or we read the relevant scripture passage say your prayer with faith don't be an on looker so that you can receive the blessings of the Land.

SHOPPING:

There are beautiful souvenirs to buy everywhere but you need to be mindful of the prices before buying. Jerusalem has excellent local crafts and bargains. There is also a good Christian bookstore near the entrance to the market that you may want to visit. In addition, to this there are modern malls such as the Jerusalem & Mamala malls. They have many outlets that stock various brand name shops. The Carmel markets in Tel Aviv & Jaffa market in Jerusalem are also good places to do your shopping.

How do you greet in Israel?

Like every other country, Israel has its own diverse language. You don't need to be scared of learning the language; all you need on your trip are the basic expressions .Here are some important expressions in Hebrew-

LOCAL EXPRESSIONS in ISRAEL:

Hello Goodbye Good Morning Good evening Good night See you later Thank you Please Good Very good Shalom Shalom Boker Tov Erev Tov Lai la Tov Le Hitra ot Todah be va ka shah Tov Tov meod

ACCOMMODATION:

Israel is a tourist country visitors come from all over the world you will find hotels from 1- 5 stars to suit your budget and taste if you want cheaper lodgings you could request for a hostel. Also available are kibbutzim hotels.

Hadur travels will get you the best deal to make fast and homely hotel booking.



TRANSPORTATION:

Israel is a small country and transportation is easy to get from one place to another in a relatively short time. Public transportation is convenient, and you can get to almost any destination for a reasonable price.

Israel Railways operates convenient, inexpensive train service. It is also possible to travel by taxi, but this is more expensive, particularly for inter-city trips. It's therefore preferable to use shared taxis service called Sherut.

Several companies provide internal flights between Eilat and Ben Gurion Airport, Sde Dov Airport in north Tel Aviv, or Haifa, but these flights are more expensive.

Buses are the most popular form of public transport in Israel for both local transport and intercity trips. The Egged bus company operates most of the intercity bus lines, as well as the local service in most of the large cities and towns. Local and intercity transport in the Gush Dan area (Tel Aviv and the surrounding suburbs) is provided by the Dan bus company.

Bus service in Be'er Sheva and Nazareth is provided by private companies. The fare for all bus lines is reasonable, the busses are comfortable and usually air-conditioned, and there is regular, frequent service.

Tickets can be purchased at the ticket booths in the central bus station in each city or town, or from the driver. Most of the bus lines do not run on Shabbat

or on Jewish holidays. Service ends on Friday afternoon and resumes Saturday evening.

Students are entitled to discounts on intercity bus lines. To receive a discount they must present an international student card when purchasing tickets.

INTERNAL FLIGHTS

Israel is a small country, and for this reason it is only worthwhile to consider flying between Eilat and Tel Aviv or Haifa. Several companies operate flights from Eilat to Haifa, Ben Gurion Airport, or Sde Dov in north Tel Aviv. Airfares are reasonable, but are still much higher than bus fares. There are also private companies that operate special flights from anywhere in the country upon request.

Israel by train



You can certainly make a whole trip by train. In every major city you can find railway station (with the exception of Eilat), location of stations is usually central and there is always public transportation from the train station.

Israeli Money:

The Israeli shekel has not changed in the past twenty years and is marked ₪. NIS .There are coins of 5, 10, 20, and 50 cents, and coins of 1, 2, 5 and 10 shekels. The bills are of 20, 50, 100 and 200 shekels Notice ₪ 200 bills are not easily traded and you should avoid accepting many of them during the exchange of money. You can change money in money exchange shops, cash machines and a major Israeli bank (Hapoalim, Leumi, Discount, and International)



Banks –

Money exchange in the bank is charged a fixed fee. Exchanging money on the street, will not be charged on the transaction, but will get a lower exchange rate than the bank. If you chose to use the services of the bank, try not to replace the money on Sundays. While Israeli banks are open on Sundays, there is not world's foreign currency trading. For this reason banks charge much higher fees than any other day week.

ATMs - There are many ATMs around, which are connected to the banks in America and Europe.

When using ATM, you are charged by your credit card company, in addition to the ATM fee (usually 3.5 dollars plus 4% of the withdrawal.

Your credit card company (Visa, MasterCard, Diners, American Express, etc.) will determine what exchange rate level. Normally it would be the highest in the day. Money exchange offices - In general, changing money on the street, cheaper than in the bank or ATM.

Travellers' checks - some Israeli business owners will receive checks from tourists, but most refuse. You can cash the checks at any post office in Israel with no commission. You can send cash through the post office western union services company.

THE POST OFFICE:

Post offices are everywhere, and are the ideal place to buy stamps, mail letters or packages. Most hotels' front desks or concierges have stamps too. Be sure to find out from your hotel.

TELEPHONE:

Telephone service in Israel is world-class. The country-code for Israel is 972. Israeli area codes commence with a zero (e.g. 02-123-4567), so if you calling Israel from overseas, drop the zero (i.e. +972-2-123-4567). Roaming agreement exist with most international GSM companies. Coverage is good all over the

country but roaming may be expensive to use .You may consider buying a SIM card at the airport---- if you want to make a number of calls.

Cell phones:

Per capita, more Israelis have cell phones than any nationality on earth. Even children have them. If your U.S. cell-phone and/or handheld wireless device are programmed for international service, it will work automatically in Israel. Alternatively, cell-phones can be rented as soon as you arrive in Israel. We will arrange this for you on request. Please call for details

Public-phones:

There are public phones throughout Israel. You'll need to buy a "Telecart" magnetic card to use them: they're readily available at newsstands, supermarkets, post offices or at your hotel front desk. Most of the hotels have some internet service so you can keep in touch with Nigeria, but usually at a cost. Some may have complimentary internet at the lobby but the queues to use them may be long.

DEPARTURE FROM ISRAEL:

Departure is often more rigorous than entry because of terrorist threats. All gifts must be declared including any gifts received at tourist shops. This may occasion considerable delay at the airport so it may be better not to receive such gifts

EXCESS BAGGAGE

You can carry a few small containers for those who want to take water from say the Jordan River as souvenirs. Tourists are however advised not to take water from the Dead Sea as it is corrosive having a high salt content. You can buy Dead Sea products in packages to take home with you.

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Take a decision on what you want today we have group tours around <u>May and</u> <u>November</u> but you can go on a trip any time of the year.

Traveling always involves expenses airline tickets, hotels, ground travel all cost money so you need to plan well in advance so we can package a tour in line with your budget without compromising your goal

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