

- 1) ALWAYS wear your name tag when exiting the plane upon arrival in Tel Aviv.
- 2) After landing, you will enter the new terminal and follow the signs to passport control. Here you will present your passport and the form that you have received while on the plane.
 - This form asks for your address in Israel; please list the name of your Jerusalem hotel.
 - **DO NOT LOSE THIS FORM, as you will need to present it when you exit the country.**
- 3) After exiting passport control, look for a representative from Sar-El (our travel agent in Israel), who will be holding a sign that reads "INSPIRED TRAVEL" and the name of your church/group. That person will tell you which carousel your suitcase is on and where to gather to be escorted to your bus. Free luggage carts are plentiful.
- 4) You will be taken as a group through the "GREEN – NOTHING TO DECLARE" exit. You will turn right after you pass through a set of doors, and be led to your tour bus. The driver will put your one suitcase in the storage compartment under the bus. You may need to take your carry-on with you onto the bus. When the entire group has boarded the bus, you will proceed to your hotel.
- 5) Should you somehow be separated from the group while inside the airport terminal, and if you cannot locate the Sar-El representative or your tour leader, exit through customs (with your luggage), go through the doors to enter the terminal. On your right is an exit door that leads to the bus area. If you are lost, please ask an airport employee (wearing badges) for assistance.

PASSPORTS

It is extremely important that your passport has not expired. In the past, some travelers have arrived at the airport the day of departure only to find their passport has expired the day of the trip. Please make sure this does not happen to you. Israeli officials will want your passport to be valid up to six months after your return date. For example, if your trip returns April 1st, you will need to make sure that your passport does not expire until after October 1st of that year.

LUGGAGE ETIQUETTE

- 1) NEATLY print your last name on all luggage tags. Put a label/tag on your carry-on also.
- 2) Have an Inspired Travel tag, plus a second tag (in case one comes off.) Tags are available at the airport.
- 3) Have your name and address on a card or paper INSIDE your luggage in a place easy to find in the event that both luggage tags are missing.
- 4) Always check carefully that a suitcase is yours before you take it from the luggage carousel. Almost every group has someone who mistakenly takes a suitcase that is similar to theirs. This can cause a significant delay for the group, as the person with the missing luggage must try to locate their suitcase and go through the "Lost Luggage" procedure.
- 5) Your tour cost includes tips to the hotel porters for ONE suitcase per person. This service begins when you bring your suitcase to the bus outside the terminal in Tel Aviv and ends when the bus arrives at Tel Aviv Airport for your departure for home. You will need to take your suitcase from the luggage carousel, through customs and to the bus. At departure, you will take your suitcase from the bus through security to check-in.
- 6) Please remember that your carry-on is always your responsibility to take with you from bus to hotel and hotel to bus. Please do not leave your carry-on with your one checked suitcase to be handled by the porters. We would not want to be unfair to them, and thus negatively affect our witness. Porterage arrangements are the same for any group tour extensions.
- 7) It is always a good idea to "cross pack." If you are traveling as a single, pack a change of clothing in your carry-on just in case your suitcase is temporarily misplaced by the airlines. Husbands and wives should pack some of each other's clothing in their suitcases for the same reason. Delayed arrival of a suitcase can be a great inconvenience. These precautions can lessen that effect.
- 8) Always keep any prescriptions for life-dependent medications packed in a different case from the one used to hold your supply of the medication. Have your doctor prescribe an Israel equivalent "just in case."
- 9) NEVER allow prescription medication out of your possession. If the airline requires you to check in your carry-on, take your medications out first.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND GOD BLESS YOUR TRIP!

Things To Know Before You Go

Roommate Etiquette

If you are sharing a room with someone you do not know, there are a few guidelines that will make for an enjoyable trip.

- * If you are an early riser, and your roommate is not (or vice versa), make sure that you do not disturb them either with noise or light.*
- * If there is only one key per room, make sure you leave it at the front desk if you are the last to leave the room.*
- * If you smoke and your roommate does not, please do not smoke in the room. If you ask permission, they may be too polite to express their true feelings.*

Airline Seating

We regret that we are unable to guarantee specific airline seat assignments. It isn't that we do not want to assign seats. Security and other reasons often dictate when seats are assigned and which people are assigned to which seats. We will try to ensure that couples and families are seated together, and as many others as possible. However, we are not able to request window or aisle seats for a specific passenger.

Travelers' Psychosis - The Jerusalem Syndrome

Sometimes tourists, in the excitement of being in a foreign country, temporarily fail to exercise the same caution they use at home. Here are a few things to remember:

- * Stay with the group and avoid straying off on your own.*
- * Don't follow friendly little boys down an alley because his uncle has a shop where you can find a great deal. It may be hard to get out of the store without buying.*
- * In any crowded place, keep your backpacks and hip packs in front of you with your arms folded across them.*
- * Keep your wallets in your front pants pockets.*
- * Since Moslem women are covered from head to foot, Moslem men think that Western women's clothes are "loose and immoral". For this reason we ask that you dress modestly at all times.*
- * Again, due to the difference in cultures, we ask that there be no dating of anyone not a member of our tour.*
- * **Be sure you drink plenty of water on the plane and on the buses during the touring to avoid dehydration.***

Things To Avoid

- * No drinking of alcohol.*
- * No smoking on the bus.*
- * Do not bring anything with you that you cannot afford to lose.*
- * Avoid the temptation to feed the local children. One darling child with a hand out can quickly become a group too large for your supply.*
- * Avoid friendly embraces from strangers. Pickpockets aren't limited to the USA.*
- * Avoid criticizing the country, the people, and the food. If you have a problem, please see your bus pastor.*

Tips For The Guides

We know that you are going to become very fond of your bus driver and your tour guide. They are skilled professionals who enjoy working with tourists. Sometimes, tour members will try to take a collection on the bus to give to the driver and guide, to show their appreciation. However, Inspired Travel tips the bus drivers and the tour guides at the very top of the scale. We therefore ask that no one start or contribute to such a collection. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.