

# Israel

## Travel Facts



### US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US State Department currently recommends US citizens Do Not Travel to: Gaza due to terrorism and armed conflict; Northern Israel and within 8 kilometers/5 miles of the Lebanese and Syrian borders due to Israel's continued military presence and activity. Reconsider Travel to: Israel due to terrorism and civil unrest, and the West Bank due to terrorism and civil unrest.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

### Passport/Visa Requirements

For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the US State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html>

### US Embassy/Consulate

[972] (2) 630-4000; US Embassy Jerusalem, 14 David Flusser Street, Jerusalem 9378322, Israel; JerusalemACS@state.gov;

<https://il.usembassy.gov/>

### LGBTQIA+, Women, and Special Needs Travelers

Additional travel considerations can be found on the US State Department's International Travel page.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html>

### Telephone Code

972

### Local Emergency Phone

Ambulance: 101; Fire: 102; Police: 100

### Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Israel: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, typhoid, rabies, anthrax, meningitis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), chickenpox, shingles, pneumonia, influenza, and COVID-19.

<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/list>

### Climate

Temperate; hot and dry in southern and eastern desert areas

### Currency (Code)

New Israeli shekels (ILS); the shekel is also commonly referred to as NIS

### Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

230 V / 50 Hz / plug type(s): C, H



Type C



Type H

### Major Languages

Hebrew, Arabic, English

### Major Religions

Jewish, Muslim

### Time Difference

UTC+2 (7 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time); daylight saving time: +1hr, Friday before the last Sunday in March, ends the last Sunday in October

### Potable Water

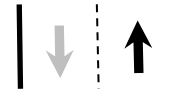
Yes, but many opt for bottled water

### International Driving Permit

Suggested

### Road Driving Side

Right



### Tourist Destinations

Jerusalem (includes Temple Mount, al-Aqsa Mosque, Holy Sepulcher Church, Mount of Olives); Bethlehem; Timna Park; Sea of Galilee; Masada; Dead Sea; Haifa & Mount Carmel

### Major Sports

Soccer, basketball

### Cultural Practices

Orthodox Jewish areas of Israel closely observe Shabbat, which begins at sunset Friday and continues until sunset Saturday. This time is a day of rest, and as a result, driving and using electricity and digital devices are usually restricted.

### Tipping Guidelines

Tip servers 10-15% at restaurants. Tipping taxi drivers is not expected.

### Souvenirs

Religious artifacts, jewelry, olive wood carvings, olive oil and Dead Sea mineral beauty products, antiquities replicas including Roman coins, olive oil and kosher foods

### Traditional Cuisine

Falafel — deep-fried balls or patties of mashed chickpea most often served with tahina/tahini (a paste made from ground sesame seeds), hummus, vegetable salad, or other sides

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