

Israel

Travel Facts



US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US State Department currently recommends US citizens reconsider travel to Israel and the West Bank due to terrorism and civil unrest. DO NOT TRAVEL TO Gaza due to terrorism and armed conflict. <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

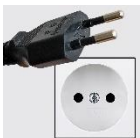
Temperate; hot and dry in southern and eastern desert areas

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 types(s): C, H



Type C



Type H

Major Languages

Hebrew, Arabic, English (most used foreign language)

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

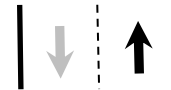
Yes, but many opt for bottled water

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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