

# The Best of Jordan & Israel

October 5-18, 2023

## SOME BASIC Q & A

### *Some Common Questions:*

- WHAT'S INCLUDED?
  - Round-trip Airfare
  - Hotels
  - Breakfast and Dinner Daily
  - One Fish Lunch in Galilee
  - Visas
  - Border Taxes
  - Tips and Taxes
  - Guides
  - Buses
  - Drivers
- IS THE TRIP OPEN TO PEOPLE OUTSIDE OF HARVEST? - Yes
- DO YOU HAVE TO BE VACCINATED FOR COVID? – No, Israel has lifted all restrictions.
- WILL IT BE A DIRECT FLIGHT? - Yes
- IS TRIP INSURANCE INCLUDED? – No, but we do recommend purchasing trip insurance.  
Additional information on options will be available in the next month.
- WHO IS OUR TOUR OPERATOR? - We are working through Noseworthy Travel and Sar-El Tours who served us on the 2019 trip and with whom Stephen Katz has a great working relationship.
- WHEN WILL REGISTRATION BE OPEN? - In about a month. We will contact you when it is available.
- WHAT DOES IT COST? - The final cost is dependent on the number traveling in our group (see chart below)

Cost	# Traveling
\$5,949.00	20
\$5,799.00	25
\$5,699.00	30
\$5,649.00	35
\$5,599.00	40
\$5,569.00	45

Cost is based on double occupancy.

\$300 deposit is REQUIRED at time of registration.

\$1,500.00 additional due by JUNE 22, 2023

FULL PAYMENT is due by JULY 22, 2023

Credit card payments will incur a 3.5% service fee

- ARE SINGLE ROOMS AVAILABLE? - Yes, but there is an extra cost involved. Ask for more information.
- IS THERE A LAND ONLY OPTION? - Yes, please ask for additional information.

## Additional Questions and Answers

### General Travel Questions

**1. How safe is it to travel to Israel?**

You do not need to be concerned over your safety while traveling to Israel. Tour operators take tours into the country all the time and it is a safe country for tourists.

**2. What will the weather be like?**

Average temperatures from October 5-18 are highs in the low 80's and lows in the mid 60's. In general, the probability of precipitation is approximately 10% during our travel dates, however it is wise to bring some type of light raingear.

**3. Will our flight be non-stop?**

Yes. We will be flying direct from Chicago's O'Hare Airport to Amman, Jordan.

**4. How long is the flight?**

Flights from Chicago to Amman are scheduled to be 11 hours and 25 minutes while the return flight is scheduled to be 12 hours and 35 minutes.

**5. Will I need an electrical adapter or converter?**

You WILL need a Type C, H or M Adapter, which simply allows your device to plug into the differently configured wall sockets in Israel. This is needed for all devices you plan to plug into an electrical socket.

Israel operates on a 230V power supply, so if your devices cannot run on 220 volts or are not dual voltage, you will need a power CONVERTER along WITH the adapter. To learn if your device is a dual voltage appliance, you should find "INPUT: 110-240V" on the body of the device. Most computers are dual voltage, however items like hair dryers are usually not.

**6. Are the rooms double or single occupancy?**

All rooms are double occupancy. If you are traveling alone, you can choose another solo-traveler to room with or we will assign you a roommate. If you wish to have a single room there is a \$2,500.00 additional fee added to the base rate of the trip.

**7. What if I'm traveling with two teenagers?**

Only two people should be housed per room. In this situation where two teens are traveling with their parents, one adult would need to be in each room overnight.

**8. How old do you recommend children be to go on this trip?**

Noseworthy's suggested cutoff age is 10. It also depends on the child as he/she needs to be old enough and mature enough to appreciate the tour. Parents need to appreciate the tour leaders and guides are not able to cater to individuals (no matter their age) in a way which will alter or diminish the experience for the rest of the group. So, while our new recommended cutoff age will be 10, we do want parents to carefully and prayerfully consider whether their child is prepared to take part in this trip.

**9. How will the group travel to O'Hare?**

As long as we can secure a driver or drivers, our plan is to travel together from the church in the church bus and/or van and be dropped off at the airport. When returning, we would be picked up at the airport and driven back to the church.

**10. Will we be able to leave our car parked in the church lot?**

Yes, Harvest will provide a designated area for you to leave your car.

## While In Israel Questions

### 1. Do I need special clothing?

We recommend you purchase and break in a very comfortable pair of walking shoes before travelling. Plan to dress in lightweight layers most days in case of changing weather conditions and some type of head covering to protect from the sun is recommended.

\*At some religious sites women are required to have their head, shoulders and knees covered. Plan to bring some type of scarf or other appropriate head covering and avoid sleeveless shirts and short shorts. In general, modest clothing is recommended when visiting the Old City, Capernaum, and others. Your guides will tell you in advance when you need modest clothing with you.

### 2. How difficult will the walking be?

It will depend on the planned activities for each day. Every place we go will have built in breaks so there will never be non-stop walking for long periods of time. While Megiddo has a lot of stairs, the Jerusalem area is hilly, and Tel Dan includes walking on an unpaved path, most people should be able to pace themselves during the trip. Again – be sure to break in a good pair of walking shoes before leaving for Israel!

### 3. What times will our days start and end?

It will depend on the planned activities for the day. Generally, days start around 8 or 9am, but if there is a day or two with a full itinerary you may need to board your bus by 7am. Ending times are determined by the day's activities.

### 4. What will our meals be like?

The food choices that are provided by our hotels are generally buffet style and are of excellent quality and selection.

### 5. What if I need a special diet?

In general, the buffet style of the breakfasts and dinners should allow most people to find something that fits their dietary needs. If you let us know your particular situation we can contact the tour operator on your behalf to make sure your needs will be met.

### 6. Will there be any laundry facilities available?

Packing adequate clothing is recommended. While the hotels we are staying at may have laundry service, there is normally a fee involved.

### 7. Do we need to know how to speak the local language?

You should not feel the need to know Hebrew in order to go on this trip. Our guides will speak English and English is commonly spoken across the country. For fun, Stephen mentioned he may give out a glossary of a few common Hebrew phrases if you feel like venturing into that arena!

### 8. Should I plan on exchanging US dollars before the trip?

While most places of business do accept U.S. dollars, Stephen did recommend to have some shekels in case you're at a smaller business or in a smaller town.

### 9. Where should I exchange U.S. dollars?

While some U.S banking institutions and most Currency Exchanges do exchange for foreign currency, you should check about their fees. Airports also often provide this service. Using your credit card for purchases where that option is available, will always give you a reliable rate that you can trust.

## Medical Questions

**1. Do I need to be vaccinated for Covid to enter Israel?**

No, Israel has lifted all Covid restrictions.

**2. Do I need to be vaccinated for Covid to fly into Jordan?**

No, Jordan has no Covid restrictions at this time.

**3. Do I need other vaccinations to travel to Israel or Jordan?**

No other vaccinations are required to enter Israel or Jordan.

**4. Do I need a negative test in order to return to the United States?**

No.

**5. What if I have a medical emergency while in Israel?**

Our tour operator and guides are all highly trained in the event of a medical emergency. They will be able to help you navigate the process and high quality care is available in all major cities.

## Financial Questions

**1. What is the process for refunds if I must pull out after making the deposit or the \$1,500 second payment?**

Our tour operator has informed us that the full cancellation policy will be available in the final tour brochure. Be sure to read it completely before you choose to register for the trip. All cancellations will be handled in an identical manner and the earlier you cancel, the lower the cancellation fee.

**2. What about travel insurance?**

It is recommended that you secure travel insurance for this trip. We are still working to find the best options for you to choose from, or you are free to research other companies. Options we find will be sent to your email inbox in the next couple weeks.

**3. When will the precise final price of the trip be known?**

We won't know for certain until trip registrations are completed through Noseworthy Travel, as it depends on the final number in our group. We would suggest you plan for a possible \$100-\$200 differential in case our tour group is much smaller than we expect.

**4. What happens if there is severe unrest in the Middle East?**

Our tour operator shared the following: There are always wars and rumors of wars in the Holy Land, so the cancellation policy will remain in place regardless of what the news is stating, unless the flights are not allowed to enter Israel. Then we would be dealing with the passengers as the circumstances dictate.

**5. When will registration open and when will it close?**

Registration should be opening for the trip no later than the end of October. You will be notified and given instructions on how to access the registration portal. The full payment due date is July 22, 2023 and no further registrations will be accepted after that date, but if you register after June 22, 2023 you will incur additional fees.

**6. How important are the payment due dates?**

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Payment due dates are VERY important as you will incur late fees and potentially lose your spot on the tour if the \$1,500 payment is not made by June 22, 2023 or if the final payment date is missed. The trip will cost you more money if you do not follow the dates carefully. We will send reminders to help you.

<b>7.</b>	<b>What if airfare costs go down before the trip?</b>
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There will not be any adjustments in the pricing, either up or down, if airfare costs change.

<b>8.</b>	<b>Can people choose a “Land Only” option?</b>
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Yes, they would choose the “Land Only” option and then secure their own flight to Amman. They would also be responsible for getting transport to the hotel from the airport and then on the final day to get transported back to the airport to meet their flight. Cost for the “Land Only” option is available on request and will also be available in the registration brochure, which will be sent very soon.

<b>9.</b>	<b>Can people upgrade their flight to business or first class?</b>
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If you need to upgrade the flight, our tour operator recommends that you choose the “Land Only” option and then book your own flight. You would then be responsible for your transportation to the hotel to meet the group and on the final day for your transportation to the airport to catch your flight.

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