



Dear Pilgrims,

SHALOM! Please review the following information, which will help to prepare you for our upcoming pilgrimage to the Holy Land, January 16-26, 2023:

Recommended books to read (available on Amazon):

[In the Steps of Jesus](#) by Peter Walker

[How to Walk in the Footsteps of Jesus](#) by Hela Crown-Tamir

[The Source](#) by James Michener

Weather: Temperatures average 60 degrees plus during the day. Plan to bring clothing that you can "layer" to quickly adapt to the daily temperature.

Dress: Plan to dress casually and comfortably (i.e., jeans, slacks) Ladies, there is no need to bring dresses or skirts unless that is your preference. Make sure to wear comfortable shoes.

Prescriptions: We recommend keeping your prescription medications and over-the-counter drugs in your carry-on luggage along with a change of clothes in the unlikely event your luggage does not arrive with you in Tel Aviv (this has never happened with any of our pilgrims, but we want you to be prepared).

Vaccinations / Travel Insurance: Israel is no longer requiring testing or vaccinations for traveling to/from Israel. Although it is not required for entry, travelers are strongly encouraged to purchase trip insurance with medical coverage that includes COVID coverage. Imagine Travel recommends trip insurance through Travel Guard which you can learn more about by calling 1-800-826-1300. Other Travel sites that our pilgrims have used in the past include Squaremouth.com which features a listing of Travel Insurance companies.

Rest on the Plane: We would encourage you to bring ear plugs to help you rest on the plane if you are sensitive to noise, along with a face mask to block light. Suppose you have a regular schedule for drinking caffeinated coffee or tea. In that case, you may want to decaffeinate before leaving until you are back into a regular routine after you arrive in the Holy Land.

Restroom Breaks: We take regular bathroom breaks. If you have any special physical or personal needs, let us know. Be assured that every effort is made to make sure everyone is always comfortable.

Meals: We leave our hotel each day around 8 a.m. following a delicious buffet breakfast (included). We stop for lunch around 1 p.m. (lunches not included in your package average around \$15 per day). One restaurant we visit offers you an option of ordering St. Peters Fish which costs in the \$25 range). We return to our hotel every evening for a delicious buffet dinner (alcoholic beverages are available at dinner but not included in your pilgrimage package). We stop at a grocery store when we arrive in Galilee, where you can pick up snacks or other items. You may want to pack nuts and other protein sources if you have low blood sugar. Bottled water is available on our bus throughout the day.

Gratuities: Gratuities for hotel porters and servers are included in your pilgrimage package.

Love Offering: *Imagine Travel* compensates our guide and driver for their services. You will have the opportunity to participate in a *love offering* at the end of our pilgrimage to further bless our guide and driver if you so desire. Envelopes will be placed on tables at breakfast and dinner the day before we depart for home, where you can place a cash gift or complete a credit card form. Offerings are presented to our guide and driver with a card at our farewell celebration dinner.

Credit Cards: U.S. Currency and credit cards are received in the places we visit. Make sure you contact your credit card companies to let them know the dates you will be traveling to the Holy Land.

Electronic Adapters: Two Prong Chargers for converting from 220 to 110 volts are used in Israel; you can get them at most electronic stores, on Amazon. They often indicate they will work in Israel.

Cell Phone: Wi-Fi is available in our hotels and on the bus. For international cell service, please consult with your cell phone provider.

Baggage: Your airfare typically includes one checked bag, which can be up to 90cm x 75cm x 43cm (35.5in x 29.5in x 16in) – including any bits that stick out, like the handle, pockets, and wheels. These can be up to 50 lbs. and carry-on luggage. When you receive your airline tickets in December, you can check the airline's website for baggage information. Backpacks work well to keep with you during the day which can be left on the bus.

You are allowed to bring a quart-sized bag of liquids, aerosols, gels, creams, and pastes in your carry-on bag and through the checkpoint. These are limited to travel-sized containers that are 3.4 ounces (one hundred milliliters) or less per item.

We recommend that you wear heavier items like coats when you come onto the plane to help keep your suitcase weight down.

RECOMMENDED ITEMS TO INCLUDE IN YOUR CARRYON LUGGAGE

Passport (make sure your passport is valid for at least 6 months after you leave Israel)
Security pouch (these are convenient to wear around your waist)
Wallet with cash
Prescription Medications
Toiletries (must be 3 oz. or less and fit in a quart bag)
An extra shirt, underwear, socks
Bible, Journal, and pens
Book for reading
Camera, iPad, Cell Phone
Electronic Adapters (Two Prong Converter Adapter from 220 to 110 Volts used in Israel)

RECOMMENDED LADIES LIST

5 Shirts
5 Pants
3 Tank Tops for Layering
Two sweaters
1 Lightweight Coat
Lightweight Thermal Vest

Long Sleeved Windbreaker
Scarves
Cheap Jewelry
Underwear and Socks
PJ's
Bathing Suit and Cover-up
Hat / Gloves
Comfortable Shoes
Flip flops
Sunglasses
Extra glasses (if you wear them)
Bible, Journal, and pens
Umbrella (small and collapsible)
Sunscreen

RECOMMENDED MEN'S LIST

5 Shirts; 2 Long Sleeved, 3 Short
5 T-Shirts
3 Pants
2 Sweaters
Underwear and Socks
1 Lightweight Coat
Long Sleeved Windbreaker
Lightweight Thermal Vest
Cap / Scarf / Gloves
PJ's
Comfortable Walking Shoes
Bathing Suit
Flip Flops
Sunglasses
Umbrella (recommend small collapsible style)
Additional Electronic Converters
Sunscreen
Umbrella (small and collapsible)
Extra glasses (if you wear them)
Bible, Journal, and pens
Sunscreen

Answers to FAQs:

1. There are no assigned seats on the bus.
2. Imagine provides audio devices for all passengers.
3. The final payment to Imagine must be in the form of a check.
4. You will receive your travel documents a few weeks before departure
5. You will be given a name badge and luggage tags.
6. You can remain on the bus for any portion of any day if you are sick or tired.
7. There are ATMs in Israel (most dispense shekels; some U.S. dollars).
8. There is water available for purchase on every bus.
9. There is no smoking on the bus or in the hotels.
10. We provide special times for shopping