# Holy Land 2021

# Traveler Information

Everything you need to know!

The most important thing you can do is **PRAY** about God's will for you in going on this trip and for our travels!



# TOUR OPTIONS

GREECE ONLY GREECE + JORDAN GREECE + JORDAN + ISRAEL JORDAN + ISRAEL ISRAEL ONLY JULY 6 – JULY 15 JULY 6-JULY 18 JULY 6-JULY 29 JULY 14 – JULY 29 JULY 17-JULY 29

# TOUR COSTS

### **Includes:**

- -5\* hotels (4-4.5\* US standard)
- -Breakfast & Dinner
- -Airport/Hotel Transfers (with group)
- -Entrance & event fees
- -Guide
- -Bus & Driver
- -Tips/porter fees
- -Taxes

Does not include:each tFlight (paid separately)LunchTransfers separate from main groupJordan departure tax (\$50)Travel insurancePersonal expensesOptional activities \***3% fee** if final payment is made with credit card

\*Optional activities: Israel – Baptism \$10, Caliber 3 (Co-Ed) \$100, Shabbat of a Lifetime +/- \$60 Greece –Cable car 6-8Euro Jordan – Wadi Rum 4 wheel drive excursion \$85; tips for horse escorts at Petra \$5-6

Minimal tips are included but support the guide, driver, and all hotel staff. You may wish to budget to tip more for exceptional service on each tour.

COST DETAIL	Greece Tour	Jordan Tour	lsrael Tour	
Detail	Per person 8 nights	Per person 3 nights	Per person 10 nights	DEPOSITS & DATES (payable to xxx)
Land	<b>\$2905</b> Based on 26 travelers min.	<b>\$ 745-\$875</b> Cost depends on # of travelers.	<b>\$2565</b> Based on 34 travelers min.	\$750 by 11/30/20 ( <b>to AIT)</b>
Tips	\$50	\$ 40	\$ 120	Included in final tour costs.
Billing fee Charged once – not once per tour	\$25	\$ -	\$ 25	Included in final tour costs
Land Total (no flight)	\$2980	\$ TBD	\$2710	TOTAL DUE May 31, 2021 (to AIT)
+ Group flight (optional)	\$	\$ TBD	\$TBD	\$100 non-refundable (to SkyBooker)
Land+ MAIN Group Air Total	\$	\$ TBD (no air)	\$TBD	Balances due TOUR(S): May 231 2021 FLIGHT(S): at booking
Inter-country Flights	Israel to Greece \$TBD	Greece to Jordan About \$200 US	N/A Drive from Jordan	(to Skybooker) when booked
To room alone	\$775	+\$ 235	+\$ 1,105	Included in final tour cost.

ADD Tour Totals + Inter-Country flights + Single Supplement (if needed) for TOTAL cost. Travel insurance to be paid with final invoice if desired.

### **GOOGLE TOURS OF OUR ITINERARIES** – click on the links!



Itinerary Maps





GREECE TOUR <u>Google Tour of</u> <u>Greece</u> <u>itinerary</u> JORDAN TOUR <u>Google Tour of</u> <u>Jordan</u> <u>itinerary</u> ISRAEL TOUR <u>Google Tour of</u> <u>ISRAEL</u> <u>itinerary</u>

# Flights Two options



Flights - 1

# Fly with the group or meet us from wherever you are!

Book your own flight OR

- You can book your own flight and meet us at our arrival time.
- You can share transfers to hotels if you meet the main group at the airport for arrival and depart at the same time from the last hotel. Separate transfers can be arranged for a fee or you can book your own.
- Book your own if you are not flying with the main California group or from an alternate location.

We will assist you however you decide to book your flight!

- Book with Skybooker (through Debbie)
  - Let Debbie know you want to book a flight through Skybooker.
  - She will get you a quote and you can pay via credit card to Skybooker.

# GROUP Flights



Flights -2

- Most travelers are flying from Fresno, CA but you can fly from anywhere.
- We can get a quote from Skybooker or you can book your own matching or alternate flight through whomever you wish. Try to match arrival/departure times to utilize included transfer to/from hotel or pay for a separate transfer if early or later
- You should book your own flight if:
  - you want an upgraded seat
  - you want to use airline miles



## Travel Insurance

Travelex Group insurance can be paid when you register with America Israel Tours or at final payment. **Coverage begins when you pay for it – NOT when you say you want coverage**. If you need coverage before final payment, pay at tour registration or buy your own separate policy.

## For more details, click on the Home page link.

Travel insurance is highly recommended! Purchase AIT's group policy (details below) our source your own – either is OK. Be sure you get a policy that covers your needs for pre-trip cancellation, medical coverage, transportation home if you get sick/hurt, etc. Look at exclusions! Policies cover total value of travel, even if through multiple providers (like tour company and airline). Pay for what you need. COVID coverage is provided per terms provided.

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#### BASE PLAN BENEFITS & BONUS COVERAGES

Benefits	Coverage <sup>1</sup>	
Trip Cancellation	100% of trip cost (\$15,000 limit)	
Trip Interruption	150% of trip cost (\$22,500 limit)	
Trip Delay	\$1,000 (\$250/day)	
Equipment Delay	\$200	
Missed Connection	\$1,000	
Baggage & Personal Effects	\$1,500	
Baggage Delay	\$250	
Emergency Medical & Dental Expenses	\$25,000 (\$500 dental sublimit)	
Emergency Evacuation & Repatriation	\$150,000	
Accidental Death & Dismemberment	\$10,000	
Travel Assistance & Concierge Services <sup>4</sup>	Included	

#### BONUS COVERAGES If plan is purchased at or before final trip payment. • Pre-existing Medical Condition Exclusion Waiver • Financial Default Coverage

### 360° GROUP CHOICE

The 360° Group Choice protection plan provides quality travel protection for all ages at competitive group rates; includes trip cancellation & interruption benefits, emergency medical coverage, along with 24/7 travel assistance & concierge services.

#### PLAN HIGHLIGHTS

- Primary coverage, no deductibles
- Same great rate for all ages
- Pre-existing medical condition exclusion waiver
- Trip cancellation/interruption benefit includes:
- Sickness, injury or death<sup>3</sup>
- Inclement weather
- Financial default & labor strikes
- Business reasons
- Terrorist incident
- Missed connection benefit
- 5 hour trip delay benefit
- 12 hour baggage delay benefit
- Fast online claims<sup>5</sup>

#### BASE PLAN RATES

Trip Cost	Plan Cost
\$O <sup>2</sup>	\$25
\$1 - \$500	\$50
\$501 - \$1,000	\$75
\$1,001 - \$1,500	\$105
\$1,501 - \$2,000	\$137
\$2,001 - \$3,000	\$187
\$3,001 - \$4,000	\$248
\$4,001 - \$5,000	\$313
\$5,001 - \$6,000	\$373
\$6,001 - \$7,000	\$435
\$7,001 - \$8,000	\$498
\$8,001 - \$9,000	\$559
\$9,001 - \$10,000	\$621
\$10,001 - \$11,000	\$704
\$11,001 - \$12,000	\$770
\$12,001 - \$13,000	\$836
\$13,001 - \$14,000	\$903
\$14,001 - \$15,000	\$969

Rates are per traveler. Maximum trip length allowed 364 days.

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Торіс	Answer	
TRIP COSTS	See Costs page for detailed costs.	
PAYMENT DUE DATES	Deposits: None take for 2021 tours Final payments due by 5/31/21 or with registration if later.	
WHAT IS INCLUDED	See itinerary & cost pages	
WHAT ISN'T INCLUDED	See itinerary & cost pages	
MIN/MAX TRAVELERS	Minimums & maximum # of travelers apply and can impact cost.	
TOUR PROVIDER	America Israel Tours (americaisraeltours.com) — 4 <sup>th</sup> year! Excellent tour company offering a great value experience and amazing operational support in Israel, Jordan, & Greece!	
<b>GROUP FLIGHTS</b>	AirfareExperts.com/Skybooker.com Nadeem Qureshi (admin@skybooker.com)	

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### Topic WHO CAN TRAVEL

#### **TRIP ITINERARIES**

VISAS & PASSPORTS

### Answer

Anyone who can manage their travel and time independently is welcome. Travelers should be healthy enough to walk comfortably over uneven terrain, climb and descend stairs, sit for bus rides, manage their own luggage at airports, and enjoy long days with walking up to 3 miles. We suggest that children do not travel. Anyone from any church or location can join us. Singles or couples are welcome. All travelers to Israel must be vaccinated.

See the Itineraries link.

- -Co-Ed and Women's Tours are different. -Greece is 4 nights cruise/5 nights land. -Jordan can be added to the Co-Ed or Women's Tour.
- -You can combine tours just add costs. -Tours may fill quickly ; max 45 per tour. Spaces are allocated based on registration timing.

All travelers will need a passport that expires at least 6 months AFTER we arrive home. No visas are required for Israel or Jordan.

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### Topic SAFETY IN THE MIDDLE EAST

### GLOBALENTRY/ TSA PRE-CHECK

TRAVEL INSURANCE

#### Answer

2021 will be our 4<sup>th</sup> year traveling to this area. We have had NO safety issues or cause for concern on any trip, even when going to Gaza or the Lebanon & Syrian borders. Travel advisories are monitored and, if our in-country itinerary has to be adjusted, it will be. U.S. tourists are valued and accommodated. We cannot guarantee anything but we do not expect any issues. The trip would only be cancelled if the U.S. government prohibits citizens from traveling to countries on our itinerary.

Travelers can use these if you have them for Customs when returning to the U.S. but they are not recognized in other countries. We recommend downloading Mobile Passport to ease passage into and out of countries.

Travel insurance is not required but is highly recommended. See the Travel Insurance page. Pandemics are not covered.

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### Topic FLIGHTS

### LUGGAGE

### ROOMMATES

### HOTELS

Answer

See the Flights page for options.

We suggest that you pack very light in one 21-22" carry-on size wheeled bag and a backpack/tote. You can check the bag under the plane or carry it on. You do not need excess clothing or gear as clothes can be washed at some hotels. Take a small packable bag with a "sleeve" (to put over your luggage handle) for dirty laundry and things you buy. See the Suggested Packing Guidelines for more information.

We may be able to help you find one among solo travelers or you can pay the supplement to room alone. Costs are based on two people per room. Three can share with no cost reduction.

Hotels are moderate 5\* (Israel standard, similar to U.S. 4-4.5\*), and well located. Wifi, hair dryers, and toiletries are usually available though some items must be requested at arrival. Laundry is a hotel service; machines are not available to travelers.

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### Topic MEALS & BEVERAGES

### RESTROOMS

### TERRAIN

#### Answer

Breakfast and dinner in the hotel are provided each day - buffet style with many choices . Special dietary needs or food allergies can be accommodated within the available food options. Lunch is eaten out each day (\$8-12) as a group. Alcohol is not included except wine tasting if offered. Cold bottled water is available on the bus for a nominal cost in Israel & Greece; free in Jordan. Breakfast usually starts at 6am (eat any time after), lunch is around 1pm, and dinner begins at 6 through the evening.

The sites we visit have public restrooms available and reasonable stops are made to use them.

These tours require a lot of walking (average 3 miles per day) on uneven terrain, up and down hills as well as on flat ground. You will need shoes with good soles & tread to walk on asphalt, concrete, dirt, gravel, sand, and through water. You can hike at Masada but you can also take the gondola to the top. In some areas, non-walking transport can be arranged if you need it.

Topic WHAT TO WEAR

### MONEY

### ELECTRICAL OUTLETS

### Answer

See the Suggested Packing Guidelines Modest clothing is essential. Women must have shoulders and knees covered at times most days (sweaters over sleeveless is ok). Please do not wear gym clothes (except at Masada), short shorts or short skirts, or seethrough clothing. Golf attire is fine. Backpacks and gear can be safely left on the bus. Passports should stay with you at ALL times.

American money is acceptable everywhere. You can use credit and debit cards in most areas (not with street vendors). You will need cash for lunches, bottled water, and some optional shopping. You can use Israeli shekels if you wish. ATMs can be used. Suggested cash: \$250-\$300 per week. Notify your banks/card issuers of your travel plans.

You will need a power adapter (Type C, two round prongs, for EU use). You will also need a power converter if you take a hair dryer or shaver. Take cables for device charging + a 4' or longer cable for the bus outlets under the seats.

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### Topic

### CELL PHONE SERVICE OPTIONS

### **IMMUNIZATIONS**

### BUSES

#### Answer

You can add an international data plan through your wireless provider or use only Wi-Fi. All hotels + some sites & buses have Wi-Fi.

Ask your doctor what he/she recommends for your unique health conditions. Tetanus, measles, DPT, MMR, hepatitis, flu, and rabies are recommended, not required. Check this site for more information: https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destination s/list/#group-g

All buses are modern, clean, and most have Wi-Fi on board. Some have bathrooms and some do not. Seats are 2x2 in each row with an aisle between. Depending on the number of travelers, you may or may not be seated next to someone else. Storage racks are available above your seat. Cold water is available on the bus for a small fee in Israel/Greece and included in Jordan.

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### COMMUNICATION

CANCELLATION

Topic

### Answer

You will hear from Debbie often. <sup>(2)</sup> We will have a few gatherings before the tours to get to know each other and share information.

We will have a Facebook group pre-tour and a different one to share photos during the trip with family & friends while touring. We will use WhatsApp for group messaging on tour. It's also great for FREE calls & texts home while traveling if both people have it.

America Israel Tours has cancellation policies that should be considered before you pay your \$500 non-refundable deposit. AIT has been very fair with our 2020 group in refunding most of our nonrefundable deposit due to COVID but this was an exception to the non-refundable terms. We want you to be committed to the travel as a lot of time goes into preparing for your tour once you pay a deposit.