

Joel Kramer Israel Study Tour Information

March 4-16, 2023

PASSPORT REQUIREMENTS

You must have a current passport (your passport must be valid for *six months beyond your return date*).

VISAS

Expedition Bible Tours does not arrange visas. It is your responsibility to confirm that you do not need a visa to enter Israel. (the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom do not need visas)

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

This study trip will demand more of the traveler than the ordinary tourist trip, both in terms of the daily schedule and physical exertion. Our days begin early, and we will be on the move every day. It is important that each traveler is capable of walking 2-5 miles a day, often up and down hills, and possibly in rainy weather.

Bottom line: WE WALK A LOT!

TRIP COST

\$3,995 per person – land cost only ***You are responsible for your airfare***

Includes: guide/teacher, all lodging, all transportation during 12 in-country tour days, all entrance fees and any incidental fees at sites, all breakfasts and dinners

Does not include: airfare, travel from and to the airport in Israel, lunches, purchase of personal items (gifts, snacks, personal travel, etc.), laundry, telephone/SIM card, mini-bar/alcohol/other beverages, personal tip for guide/driver, travel insurance, hotel costs for early arrival/late departure, transportation for personal excursions, any COVID-related expenses (testing, medical costs, extended hotel stay if you get sick, etc.)

Additional costs: The trip cost is based on double occupancy (two people per hotel room). There is a **single-supplement additional cost of \$1,093** if you desire a single room. If you are traveling alone and request to be paired with a roommate, all attempts will be made to accommodate you. If no roommate is available, however, you will be responsible for paying the additional single-supplement cost.

PAYMENT/CANCELATION DEADLINES

\$350/person deposit: paid **immediately** to secure a spot on the study trip (non-refundable)

remaining balance: must be fully paid by **Dec. 3, 2023** (you can pay in installments prior to the deadline)
• if the full balance is not paid by the deadline, your spot becomes available to the wait list unless you have received prior approval from Expedition Bible Tours.

*if you cancel:

- **by Jan. 7, 2023** - 100% refund less registration deposit
- **by February 1, 2023** - 75% refund less registration deposit
- **after February 1, 2023** - 50% refund less registration deposit any hotel deposits that cannot be recouped
- on or after the day of departure – there will be no refund
- all cancellations must be received in writing

*if we cancel: **cancellation at any time by Expedition Bible Tours due to governmental action, pandemic, or other circumstances beyond our control** – there are two options:

- receive a full refund less a \$150 administration fee and less any pre-paid hotel deposits which cannot be recouped.
- transfer payment to another upcoming Expedition Bible study tour (within twelve months)

Expedition Bible Tours does **NOT refund airfare, only land costs paid to us.*

PLANE TICKET CONSIDERATIONS

- To Israel: Schedule your arrival sometime **on Sunday, March 5, 2023 (or before if you want to arrive before the tour begins)**, keeping in mind that we will be having our first group dinner at 6 pm and our orientation meeting around 7 pm that evening, so aim to arrive before that if possible.
- Anyone departing from the U.S./Canada will leave the day before, on Saturday, March 4th.
 - If you choose to arrive before March 5th, you must make your own hotel arrangements.
- From Israel: Schedule your departure as suits your needs, leaving any time on March 16th. Aiming to leave that evening or night will give you the most time on that last Free Day.
- **PAY CLOSE ATTENTION** to your departure time. (ex: a departure time of 12:15 am on the 16th means you are really heading to the airport the night of the 15th, and your flight departs just after midnight in the early morning of the 16th, causing you to miss the last Free Day)
 - Departure Day: Plan to leave for the airport 4 hours before your flight departs (a 1-hour drive to the airport from Jerusalem + arrival at the airport 3 hours before departure—as required by the airport)
 - For those returning to the US/Canada, because of the time difference between Israel and the U.S., it is likely that you will arrive back home on the same date that you departed Israel.
 - If your departure date/time necessitates hotel accommodations after the tour ends, you will be responsible for making those arrangements.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: OVERSEAS MEDICAL (REQUIRED) AND TRIP CANCELLATION (STRONGLY ENCOURAGED)

- Israel **requires travelers to have health insurance that covers COVID expenses**. If your existing coverage does not specifically include COVID, you will need to get a temporary traveler's medical policy. (options below)
- You do not necessarily need to insure the land cost, as that will be refunded* to you if you end up needing to cancel your trip (*100%, 75%, or 50% as stated previously). You are wise, however, to insure the cost of your airfare. Expedition Bible Tours does not refund airfare, only land cost.
- Make sure you have specific coverage for accidents or medical emergencies that might arise while you are traveling. If your regular insurance does not cover you overseas, short-term travel medical policies can provide coverage while you are traveling. (options below)
- Feel free to use the insurance carrier of your choosing. The links below are not a comprehensive list, and we don't endorse any particular company.
 - <https://www.travelinsurance.com> - allows you to compare various travel insurance plans
 - Safety Wing: <https://safetywing.com/> - travel medical insurance
 - IMG: <https://www.imglobal.com/travel-medical-insurance> - travel medical insurance
 - GeoBlue: https://geobluetravelinsurance.com/product_overview.cfm/ - travel medical insurance
 - AAA: <https://mwwg.aaa.com/travel/travel-insurance> - trip insurance
 - Insure My Trip: <https://www.insuremytrip.com> - trip insurance
 - Travelex: <https://www.travelexinsurance.com> - trip insurance
 - Travel Guard: <https://www.travelguard.com> - trip insurance

VIDEO/AUDIO RECORDING

You are free to video/audio record through the course of the trip; however, due to privacy and regional security concerns, those videos and/or audio recordings must be for your private use only and may not be sold or distributed in any manner, including being posted on social media (Facebook, Instagram, etc.). Posting your pictures is fine, but extended video and audio of the teachings or any other materials you receive during the course of the tour are intended for tour participants only, and portions of that content are protected by copyright law. We greatly appreciate your consideration in adhering to this stipulation.

DAILY ITINERARY

The daily itinerary (as laid out on the Tour Calendar) is subject to change at any time to adapt to local conditions (weather, special events, site/street closures, safety concerns, etc.). Sites may be visited in a different order than what is listed on the Tour Calendar. Should the itinerary alter, every effort will be made to ensure that no listed site is missed. Please be prepared to be flexible if adjustments are necessary. Thank you!

Joel Kramer Israel Study Tour - Releases

RELEASE OF LIABILITY

By traveling on this tour, you affirm that you are fit to participate in this tour and accept all risks to your safety and health.

All travel involves risks, and travel to some countries, including Israel, involves a heightened risk to your health and safety, including risks from terrorism, criminal acts, and illness.

You understand and freely accept these risks, and you generally and specifically release and hold harmless Expedition Bible Tours and their officers, agents, and employees from any liability and any claims for:

(i) any physical, mental, emotional, or other injuries whatsoever that you may sustain related to this tour;

(ii) delays, damages, illness, injuries or death, or for the loss of or damage to property, from any cause (including negligence) and however occurring; and

(iii) any accident, illness, injury, damage, sickness, loss of personal property, delay, or other injury or claim of any kind related to or arising from strikes, armed conflicts, social or labor unrest or strikes/work stoppages, war or acts of war, terrorism or terrorist acts, acts of God, mechanical or construction failures or difficulties, diseases, local laws or acts of local or government authorities, criminal acts, weather or climatic conditions, volcanic eruption, earthquake, disruption of advertised schedules, refusal of visas, or any other causes beyond their direct control.

RELEASE FOR MARKETING

You grant Expedition Bible Tours full permission to use any photographs and/or video footage taken and shared with the group, including any photographs and/or video footage taken of you to use in marketing materials for print, video, social media, and any other medium of marketing materials. Additionally, you grant Expedition Bible Tours permission to use any quotes shared with the tour in marketing materials for print, video, social media, and any other medium of marketing materials.

You discharge and hold harmless Expedition Bible Tours of any expectation of privacy or confidentiality related to these images, videos, and quotes. Moreover, you recognize that you will not receive any financial compensation for the use of any such images, videos, or quotes.

Furthermore, you release Expedition Bible Tours, its owners, its employees, or any third parties involved in the construction and publication of any marketing materials from liability for any claims by you or any third party.

You will have the opportunity to confirm your acceptance of these releases on our website.