



TIPS FOR SAFE & ENJOYABLE TRAVEL

PASSPORT

When traveling internationally including all Middle East and European countries a valid passport is required. **A valid passport is one that does not expire for at least six months beyond the return date of your trip.**

If you do not have a passport, apply for one immediately as it can take up to 8 weeks to obtain. Apply for a passport at your nearest post office, passport office, or District Court. When applying, you will need to provide a certified birth certificate (raised seal), two 2"x2" photographs taken within 6 months of application, and proof of identity (drivers license or employee ID card)

VISA

Tourist Visas are required to enter some countries that we tour. Arriving in ISRAEL, tourist travelers will be given a slip of paper in Passport Control by the Agent, which serves as your Entry VISA. You MUST keep this temporary Tourist VISA on your person at all times throughout our time in Israel and until your departure back home.

If traveling to JORDAN with a group, Faith Based Expeditions will secure your VISA if you have given us a copy of your passport. If you intend to enter Jordan on your own then you will be responsible to obtain the entry VISA at your own expense.

At this time, Greece/Italy do not require a tourist VISA for US citizens.

If traveling to TURKEY, **you must secure** a Turkish VISA **PRIOR** to departing for the tour. VISA applications can be secured by going to the following link. Apply and pay for the VISA at: www.evisa.gov.tr. Keep your VISA throughout the tour with your passport

It is the responsibility of NON US citizens, including US green card holders, to obtain information about your particular VISA requirements from the consuls of the countries you will be visiting. Our office will do our best to advise you specifically as well but it is your responsibility to know what is required for your citizenship designation in and out of the countries being toured. For more information on passport and visas go to www.travisa.com

SPECIAL REQUESTS

Any special requests, such as dietary concerns, should be made to our office in writing 120 days prior to the tour. We cannot guarantee that special requests can be honored but we do try.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

Your travel documents, including airline, hotel, and itinerary information will be mailed to you once all final payments have been received by FBE. If airline tickets are to be issued by FBE they will be sent (via email) to the appropriate passenger approximately 20 days prior to the tour departure date.

Should you have a change of address after registration, please notify our office immediately so that this can be changed prior to mailing of documents.

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Travel documents from Faith Based Expeditions will include the following:

Travel pouch

Travel book specific to country traveling

Travel folder containing airline, hotel, itinerary information **please see note above regarding airline tickets.*

Luggage Tags - 2 per person

Nametag - if requested by group leader

Power Adaptor specific to country traveling

AIRLINES

Because we negotiate **group rates** with several airlines, you are unable to select the airline for your travel unless you choose the Land Only option. You may submit a seating or meal request in writing no later than 120 days prior to departure. We cannot, however, guarantee that your request will be honored by the airline.

INSURANCE

The cost of travel is an investment and while we do all possible to insure your safety and health, there are obviously circumstances that we cannot control. Travel Insurance helps to protect your investment, your safety, and your health! Travel insurance provides a measure of security should the uncommon or unexpected happen where you require medical assistance while traveling, or have to cancel your tour.

Faith Based Expeditions offers reasonably priced travel insurance plans through Travelex, an internationally recognized provider of travel insurance plans.

CURRENCY

Since most travel arrangements are prepaid, there is no need to carry a large amount of currency with you. US Dollars are accepted in most countries, credit cards are widely accepted, and ATM's are generally available in major cities. ATM's will provide you with local currency at time of exchange. We recommend taking small denominations of US Dollars. Money can be exchanged at the airport or at the local bank if you feel more comfortable having local currency on hand. Hotels may charge a (high) fee for exchanging currency. We do not recommend Travelers Checks due to the high usage fee and difficulty in cashing.

From time to time, if not notified before travel, banking institutions will place a security hold on your transaction until the bank can be assured by the account owner that the overseas transaction is valid. We strongly recommend that you contact your bankcard institution with your dates of travel so that this security hold can be avoided.

HEALTH

Consult your health care provider to discuss what you can do to prevent illness and protect yourself during travel. Make certain that you are up to date with all routine vaccinations, including a seasonal flu vaccine. Consider any recommended vaccines for your destination, and discuss any allergies, current medications, or other health concerns with your physician. Special Shots are not needed to travel in Israel, Greece, Turkey, Egypt or Jordan. If you have a medical condition that requires special consideration, please notify our office as soon as possible so that we can help navigate through your needs and concerns.

PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION

Keep prescription medications in original bottle with prescription label. If necessary, ask your pharmacist for small bottle with prescription label and take only what you need plus a few days extra. Pack your prescription medications in your carry-on luggage.

- Pack copies of all prescriptions, including the generic names for medications.
- Pack a note on letterhead stationery from the prescribing physician for controlled substances and injectable medications.
- Leave a copy of your prescriptions at home with a friend or relative.

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SIGHTSEEING

Faith Based Expeditions tour programs are specially designed for those travelers who are eager to experience the habits and customs of other countries thereby gaining insight into the cultural and historical backgrounds of other civilizations. We typically begin our day following breakfast and end in late afternoon. We try to allow ample time at sights for learning, experiencing, taking photos and for appreciating the beauty and history of the surroundings. It is NOT the intent of Faith Based Expeditions to rush you from place to place. All guides used by Faith Based Expeditions are English speaking and local to the area. We encourage you to ask questions and interact with the guides.

GRATUITIES

Gratuities (tips) are included for all normal services during your tour as stipulated in the tour brochure conditions including bag portage, guides/driver/hoteliars/food service (service gratuity for lunches is not included in the tour program). It is customary that service providers, guides, or driver be tipped for any SPECIAL or PERSONAL service, which they may provide for you. You may, of course, at any time, give an additional gratuity to a service provider should they exceed your expectations.

****Please note: IF you arrange your own air travel-choosing the LAND ONLY option of the tour-you are responsible for your own ground transportation between airport and hotel including cost and gratuity.**

TRAVELING ALONE

Single rooms on each tour are limited and as is customary in foreign countries, there is always a “single supplement” charge for a single room. If you indicate your willingness to share a room, we will make every effort to find a compatible roommate for you** **Please note: We cannot guarantee assigning a roommate therefore a single traveler will be assessed the single supplement at the time of final payment.**

For safety purposes, we recommend that you always alert someone in your travel party-perhaps your tour leader or guide-if you venture out of the hotel alone. Always take the address and phone number of your hotel with you.

EMAIL/INTERNET

Internet is available in most of the hotels that we use. Typically, there is an additional charge by the hotel for this use. Cost is typically \$18-24 USD for 24 hours in hotel rooms but is usually free in the hotel lobby.

TRAVEL SAFETY

No one can totally guarantee your safety however, we do all that we can to keep our travelers safe and out of harms way. Faith Based Expeditions does business in foreign countries using only licensed, respected, reliable, and experienced destination management companies who are committed to safety and quality. We maintain ongoing personal relationships with these companies to ensure the highest quality of tour guides, private motor coaches, and accommodations.

SAFETY IN BIBLICAL LANDS

We continually monitor the political situation within these countries – Israel, Egypt, Jordan, and Turkey -in order to wisely advise our travelers. Security on planes bound for the Middle East is much more strict than domestic and even some international air travel. Please be aware when flying into and out of Middle East countries that security personnel may question each traveler separately and extensively regarding the nature of travel, who packed your bag(s), who you are traveling with, and if you know anyone in the Middle East. Additionally, luggage is x-rayed and examined. Understand that these precautions are for YOUR safety and this process requires patience and understanding. In Israel, our tours do not go into Gaza or Hebron. We do go into some parts of the West Bank, such as Bethlehem and Jericho. If there is local unrest or an occurrence that renders the safety of our travelers questionable, our local guides will eliminate that from the itinerary and see that our travelers remain safe and out of harms way.

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