

1. How many hotels are we staying in?

Three hotels have been confirmed for the group

- 1 night at West Lagoon Resort in Netanya
- 2 nights at The Magdala Hotel in the Galilee
- 4 nights at The Ambassador Hotel in Jerusalem

2. Will there be group transportation to Newark?

Peter's Way Tours has not included transportation to/from Newark Airport in the travel package.

3. Will there be access to medical care while traveling?

*Yes. Israel has one of the highest-quality healthcare systems in the world. **To enter Israel, proof of travel medical insurance is mandatory. Peter's Way Tours offers optional travel insurance with comprehensive medical coverage. You may purchase travel medical insurance with Peter's Way Tours or through your own provider.***

4. Money Matters: What is the preferred currency in Israel?

Shekels (NIS – New Israeli Shekels) are the preferred currency to use while in Israel. However, the US dollar is widely accepted. We suggest that you plan to bring \$300 - \$400 USD to cover the cost of lunch (daily) and other beverages and snacks you may wish to purchase on your pilgrimage. You may pay for items with US dollars and you will be given change in Shekels. Credit cards are also widely accepted. We suggest you contact your credit card company and/or bank (if bringing an ATM card) prior to traveling.

5. Can I extend my trip and go to Jordan?

Yes. Peter's Way Tours is happy to assist travelers with special requests such as extending your stay. Once your participation in the pilgrimage has been confirmed, you may contact the Group Manager, Amy Choi. We require travelers to submit special requests in writing. Once you have received an enrollment acknowledgement email, you may reach out to Amy at: amy@petersway.com

6. Is the pilgrimage being offered to parishioners first?

Priority enrollment will be given to parishioners of St. Peter the Apostle Parish through February 15th. After February 15th, the pilgrimage will be open to family members and friends of St. Peter the Apostle parishioners who wish to travel with their loved ones.

7. Do I need a vaccine to travel to Israel?

At this time, travelers do not have to be fully vaccinated to enter Israel, however, it is recommended that you travel with your vaccination card if you have been vaccinated. Please be aware that requirements to enter Israel may change after you enroll in the pilgrimage. The Terms & Conditions on the brochure apply regardless of unexpected changes to travel requirements or health advisories.

8. When will I be assigned a roommate?

The package price is based on double occupancy. In order to be guaranteed a roommate you must include the name of your travel companion on the enrollment form. Peter's Way Tours will do our best to pair all participants wishing to share a room. If we are forced to assign a single room due to lack of another traveler to share a room with – the single supplement of \$950 will be added to your final invoice.

9. Will the group be using audio equipment?

Your guide will be using the WHISPER communication system. Each traveler will be given a transmitter attached to a lanyard with an earpiece for ease of hearing your guide. Guiding (talking) is not permitted in Churches. You can expect to hear explanations just before entering each holy site.

10. Do I need to carry my passport at all times?

We suggest you keep your passport in a locked safe in your room. You will need to carry your passport with you on one day only - when visiting Bethlehem. Your guide will provide instructions for that day. Peter's Way Tours will provide all travelers with a Passport/Neck Wallet which is a safe way to carry your passport for the visit to Bethlehem, on departure day, and on your return home when your passport needs to be readily accessed.

11. Can I bring a carry-on in addition to my checked bag?

In addition to one piece of checked baggage, El Al Israel Airlines allows each passenger to take carry-on baggage and one personal item with them into the cabin of the aircraft. Dimensions and weight of all carry-ons are determined by the travel class. All specifications will be provided in your final travel documents.

12. Can I use my cell phone, and do I need an adaptor?

Please check with your individual carrier regarding an international usage plan and costs for using your cell phone abroad. WiFi will be available in hotels and on the coach (although service on the coach can be spotty). You will need a plug

adaptor to fit a US plug into an Israeli power outlet. As the voltage is different, you will also need a power converter. You can find these items on Amazon.

13. What is the weather like in November?

The most pleasant time to visit Israel is between September and November when weather is mild. We suggest you pack light and plan to dress in layers. Temperatures range from the low 50's (evening) to mid 70's (daytime). You will receive a review of weather and suggested packing list with your final travel documents.

14. How will the enrollment process be handled? Will I get a refund?

Priority enrollment is being offered to parishioners, until February 15th, as an invitation to celebrate of the 75th Anniversary of the parish. After February 15th, enrollment will open to family members and friends of parishioners. All enrollment forms are subject to confirmation. No checks will be cashed unless enrollment is confirmed. If you are placed on the waitlist and the pilgrimage fill up, you will be given the option to remain on the waitlist or have your deposit check cancelled or returned.