



## Check List

### Preparation For The Tour of a Lifetime

- A small purse-pocket size, light-weight Bible
- A Journal/Notebook that fits into the pocket or purse
- Jacket or lightweight coat
- Small Ziploc bag of detergent (powder) for hand laundry
- Contact EpicTOURS to purchase Travel Insurance
- Lotions, cream, shampoo, etc place in Ziploc bag before packing
- Pack a couple shoe boxes with snacks in luggage (eat and share the snacks on tour – use boxes to pack fragile souvenirs on return.
- Place clear “dry cleaning” plastic bags over each hanging garment. Prevents wrinkles. Lay flat on floor together and roll up to place in luggage.
- Wear walking shoes. No dress-up occasions. Casual/sport is fine for dinner. You will feel right at home with other dining room guests. NO NEW SHOES that haven’t been “proven comfortable”.
- Use hard-shell luggage (like Samsonite’s Oyster) light weight. No locks needed or permitted at Security check points.
- Pack all gels, liquids, lotions, tooth paste, shaving cream, face cream, shampoo, hair spray, etc. in your checked luggage, NOT IN CARRY ON BAG OR PURSE. PLACE ITEMS IN ZIPLOC BAGS TO PREVENT SPILLAGE OR LEAKING.
- Casual comfortable clothes – lightweight/cool for Dead Sea area (hot) and perhaps a sweater/light jacket for cool nights on the Sea of Galilee. Use mix and match to avoid quantities of clothing. Get used to wearing the same things several times. MINIMUM OF CLOTHING! You will regret bringing all that stuff you didn’t really need!
- Digital camera with supply of batteries and/or electric charger. Be sure your camera card will hold a thousand photos! Maybe take a spare card!
- Take \$100 in \$1 bills for those “One dalla moments” – like a bottle of water.
- Wash cloths/face cloths are not provided in most hotels. Take cheap throwaways.

- DO NOT TAKE LARGE AMOUNTS OF CASH. Use Debit or Credit Cards. A few \$20s is good. There will be no need to exchange your money. US\$ are welcome. Cash cards from AAA or American Express work well but the merchants love cash.
- A supply of Immodium, Advil/Tylenol, small tube of Bacitracin or Cortisone cream and bandaids. If you don't need them, some else may need them.
- Carry on bag ! Do not over pack. Leave lots of empty space for your souvenirs. Be sure it will fit in the overhead bin of the airplane. A spinner with 4 wheels is the easiest to manage. Be sure the bag is light weight before you pack it!
- Two personal items may be carried on the plane. For ladies, a purse and the Carry on luggage. For men, a carry on piece and a personal piece like Computer case or brief case. OVER THE SHOULDER GETS HEAVY TO MANAGE – USE WHEELS WHEN POSSIBLE – LONG WALKS IN AIRPORT CONCOURSES!
- Strong luggage tags with your name and address attached to the main handle of your luggage and carry-on. We will provide color coded markers to quickly identify our luggage on conveyor belts in the airports.
- Waist purse ! An absolute necessity. Men must not carry money and passport in pockets. All persons should wear a waist purse that fits neatly in front right over your belly button – and under your shirt/blouse/sweater tail. Pick- pockets will be challenged to find your valuables & money if you follow this advice.
- If you like a cup of tea or coffee first thing in the morning, take tea bags, Splenda, a plastic spoon and mug, and for the coffee drinkers, buy the “coffee bags” (they are just like tea bags, except they have ground coffee in them. Take a small container of Coffee Mate or the individual packets.
- Electric gadget to place into mug and heat water. Can be bought at travel & luggage stores. It is a simple cord with an element on the end that you place into the cup of water and –wa la- it heats it up!
- PAY ATTENTION HERE! Learn the difference between an electric Converter and an adapter. A CONVERTER CONVERTS THE 220 TO 110. The ADAPTER simply adapts the plug to fit the Israeli socket. You will need both. It comes as a set. I am not fond of Radio Shack's product. Try a Samsonite luggage store or BestBuy type of store. If you buy Radio Shack, Don't skimp on the price! Get the best set they have.

- Leave our Israeli/Jordan contact number with your family for any ***emergency*** that may require a call. However, warn your loved ones that you will not be calling because it is VERY EXPENSIVE. Our USA number is 302-200-3742. However,
- Pack your Passport in your purse/waist purse, not in your luggage.
- JET/EpicTOURS will provide you with a lanyard and name badge. It will be YOUR IDENTIFICATION AS OUR TOUR GROUP from the time we arrive at the departure city until we return. It is your meal ticket, your bus ticket, your entrance ticket and hotel/baggage identification ticket. You will wear it at all times.
- Weigh your luggage after it is packed. It must not exceed 35 or 40 pounds at departure. They will accept 50 pounds going out, but when you add your purchases/souvenirs to the luggage coming back, you will be over weight and the airlines will charge you a hefty price. (***Again, check with your local carrier for accurate up to date policies.***)
- Pack your cases one week prior to departure. Then, unpack about half of what you packed and it should come out about right. You don't need five pairs of slacks/skirts and ten shirts/blouses! A couple or three of each is sufficient! We will not be holding fashion contests! Be comfortable. If you take too much, about the second day, you will confess "they told me so!" as you lug it around, up and down, across the border, in and out of the coach!
- Passengers are urged to plan on arriving at the departure city the evening before departure. Since we all need to be at the check-in counter four hours before flight time, you can avoid a possible delay because of cancellations or weather.
- DO NOT ATTEMPT TO CHECK IN FOR YOUR FLIGHT TO ISRAEL. Your Tour Leader will be present to guide every movement, inform and coordinate the ***group check-in***.
- WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND ALL PASSENGERS INVEST IN THIS INSURANCE COVERAGE. Your US insurance may not cover you in foreign countries unless specifically stated. Medical insurance is strongly recommended to all tour members. Also should some unpredicted event require the cancellation of the tour, G-d forbid, your travel insurance will cover the cost of your tour.
- DON'T FORGET YOUR PASSPORT!!!**
- CHECK THE EXPIRATION DATE!! IT MUST NOT EXPIRE WITHIN 6 MONTHS OF YOUR TRAVEL OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES. IF IT DOES, YOU MUST EXPEDITE RENEWAL IMMEDIATELY!**