

ISRAEL MISSION TEAM
Essential Trip Information
March 2011

BEFORE WE LEAVE

1. All information for the trip can be found at http://www.beltway.org/serve/missions/trips/special_israel11
2. Beg, borrow or purchase (then read): *His People Shall Be My People* by Don Finto
God's Promise and Future of Israel (optional) by Don Finto.
Our Hands Are Stained with Blood (optional) by Michael Brown
3. Listen to messages by Pastor David (*I will bless those who bless you* and *Encouragement to Tents of Mercy*). Both are on the Israel Team 2011 webpage (see #1 above).
4. Give hotel phone numbers to everyone you deem necessary
5. Call credit card companies (one you might use in Israel) and tell them of your travel plans
6. Sign up for frequent flier program with Delta Airlines (you never know when you might use them) – www.delta.com

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Arrive at Abilene Regional Airport no later than 7:35 AM with luggage. International flights need to arrive 2 hours early.

Departure March 5, 2011:

Abilene – Dallas	9:35AM – 10:25AM	
Dallas – Atlanta	3:45PM – 6:57PM	
Atlanta – Tel Aviv	10:55P – 5:40PM	(Tel Aviv time March 6)

Return March 15, 2011:

Tel Aviv – Atlanta	10:05PM – 5:40AM	Atlanta time March 16)
Atlanta – Dallas	8:30AM – 10:08AM	
Dallas – Abilene	4:15PM – 5:05PM	

WHAT TO PACK

1. Baggage:
 - You are allowed to **check 2 bags** that weigh up to 50 lbs. Delta airlines allows more, but American Airlines will not.
 - **1 carry-on** bag along with a purse/briefcase/etc. This carry on bag needs to have sufficient items to live for a day or two in case luggage gets lost.

2. Clothes:

About the weather from Israel-travel-tips.com

“Generally speaking, the weather in most of Israel is not extreme at any standard, so that the Israeli winter is at best what New Yorkers would call "Autumn". As for the Israeli summer, well - that's a different story... summer in Israel is HOT and in most of the country it is humid as well, so get ready, here we go:

December – January – February: Winter

General weather Description: This is what we call winter. That means temperatures of between 5-18 Degrees centigrade in Tel Aviv which are 41 to 65 Degrees Fahrenheit. It may get colder around the Jerusalem and Ramat Hagolan mountains to a level of 0 (34 Degrees Fahrenheit) Degrees centigrade at night.

What to wear: a good fleece jacket will do the job. Those of you who are always cold (like my self) would want to bring a wool coat. If you are planning your stay for Tel Aviv, and plan on taking walks there - don't forget to bring water resistant shoes because it does get rainy there.

March - April – May: Spring

General Weather Description: The nicest season of the year, with very comfortable weather. Temperature in Tel Aviv is usually between 16 to 24 Degrees centigrade which are 61 to 75 Degrees Fahrenheit. Jerusalem and the Golan Heights are approx. 3 degrees centigrade colder (5.5 Degrees Fahrenheit), and Eilat is usually 3 degrees centigrade warmer.

What to Wear: On some of the days you may want a long t-shirt and light jacket, while on other days a short sleeve t-shirt will do. So, bring a good range of generally light clothes.”

- You can wear shorts to most locations, except a couple of days which you will be told about the night before. You might want to have a “modesty kit” that you can carry on the bus which will cover shorts and sleeveless shirts for that stop (or wear modest attire – pants and sleeved shirts – the entire day).
- We will go to congregational assemblies twice. Dress is casual (less casual than Beltway). Pants as opposed to short are recommended.
- Swimsuit(s). We will have opportunities to swim in the Mediterranean, the Sea of Galilee, and the Dead Sea. It will be March, but we should still be able to get into the Dead Sea.
- Light to medium jacket
- Walking shoes (we will walk a great deal on certain days)
- A small umbrella (we are during the rainy season)

3. Miscellaneous:

- Passport *****You cannot go without this.
- Cash. Enough for airport time and lunches each day.
- Bible (one that can be carried everywhere you go)

- Notepad/Pen (that can be carried everywhere you go)
- Voltage and/or plug adapter (You will only need a voltage/currency adapter if you need to plug in something without an adapter already built in. Most modern electronics have built in currency adapters. Check each item you plan to plug in to be sure). You will need at least a 1600 watt converter for anything with a heating element (i.e. blow dryer, curling iron, etc.).
- Fanny pack/back pack (optional)
- Camera/video camera (but remember, this is an intercessor's trip)
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Sleeping supplies for the airplane (you will need to sleep some on a plane both ways). Many people use sleeping pills for a trip like this.
- Reading/listening materials for the airplane
- Snacks (bottled water, raisins, gum, mints, peanuts, trail-mix, candy bars, granola & protein power bars, cheese or peanut butter & crackers)
- No Jewelry or only jewelry you'll constantly be wearing and/or don't mind losing

4. Toiletries:

- Hotels in Europe and the Middle East do not normally provide soap & shampoo
- Travel alarm
- Earplugs (great for planes and snoring roommates)
- Prescription drugs need to be in original/labeled container

5. If you desire a cell phone within Israel for this time, we will set up a group account with Israel Phones and let you now when you can order through a link on our group sight. You can go to the Israel 2011 webpage (see #1 above) and click on Israel phones "order" to see the rates for calls within Israel as well as to the United States. You also sign up for a phone or SIM card and receive it at the airport upon arrival.

HOTEL INFORMATION

March 6

Crowne Plaza, Tel Aviv

145, Hayarkon St. Tel Aviv

Ph: 972-3-520-1111 / Fx: 972-3-520-1122

<http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/cp/1/en/hotel/tlvil>

March 12 – 15

King David Hotel, Jerusalem

23 King David St. Jeruslaem 94101

Ph: 972-2-620-8888 / Fx: 972-2-620-8718

<http://www.danhotels.com/Luxury-Jerusalem-Hotel>

March 7 – 9

Ramot Hotel, Galilee

Sea of Galilee Tiberias 12948

Ph: 972-4-673-2880 / Fx: 972-4-679-3590

<http://www.ramot-nofesh.com/>

Tents of Mercy

PH: 011-972-4-877-7921 (Sun-Thurs 9-3)

FX: 011-972-4-875-7792

Mobile: 011-972-54-426-8827

March 10 – 11

Palm Beach Hotel, Akko

POB 2192, Acre Sea Shore Akko 24101

Ph: 972-4-987-7777 / Fax : 972-4-981-5820

<http://www.inisrael.com/palmbeach/>