Travel Tips to Israel

Traveling to Israel is a once in a lifetime opportunity that you will never forget. Israel has roots of three major religions, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Everybody finds something close to their heat with in Israel. Visit the holy land to see ancient architecture and amazing religious sites. Read below for a few travel tips to Israel.

Safety

Make a copy of your passport and separate it from your real passport. Expect to go through strict security screening upon entering and leaving Israel. Tell family members where you are staying and give them phone numbers and your itinerary. Make sure you have health insurance coverage, just in case. Keep your wallet or purse in front of you at all times, pick pocketing happens. Water is safe to drink in Israel, but you may not be use to the high mineral content, so you may want to buy some bottled spring water at the supermarket. Do not take pictures of the Western Wall or religious sites on the Sabbath, it is disrespectful.

What to Pack

Bring light clothing for the summer and layers for the winter. Israel is a hot climate so be prepared. Wear modest clothing for holy sites, such as skirts and blouses with sleeves for woman. Women should bring a scarf as well, just in case they have to cover their hair in order to enter a church. Bring some toilet paper with you at all times, also be aware that there may be a fee.

Tours

Plan a tour before you leave for Israel. It is cheaper than you think, and you will get to relax while visiting all the top sites in Israel. Don’t forget to tip your tour guide, but it is not necessary to tip cab drivers. You can also rent a car, but keep in mind the different driving speeds, cost, and the fact that you may get lost.

Places to Stay

Hotel rooms are smaller than in the U.S. Many rooms sleep only 2 people. Rates may include a breakfast plan as well. Half board includes breakfast and full board includes breakfast, lunch, and dinner with your room. Read the hotel reviews before picking your hotel. Remember, there’s always somebody who will complain about the hotels no matter what. Enjoy your time in Israel, it will be a memory that you will cherish forever.