

# Joel Kramer Israel Study Tour Information

## PASSPORT REQUIREMENTS

You must have a current passport (passport must be valid for *six months beyond your return date*).

## PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

This study trip will demand more of the traveler than the ordinary tourist trip, both in terms of daily schedule and physical exertion. Our days begin early, and we will be on the move every day. It is important that each traveler be capable of walking 2-5 miles a day, often up and down steep hills, and possibly in rainy weather. Bottom line: WE WALK A LOT!

## TRIP COST

\$3,100 per person – land cost only (12 days in country) **\*You are responsible for your airfare\***

Includes: teacher, all lodging, all transportation during 12 tour days, all entrance fees and any incidental fees at sites, all breakfasts and dinners.

Does not include: airfare, travel from and to the airport in Israel, lunches or any personal items (gifts, snacks, personal travel, etc.), tip for guide/driver, trip cancellation insurance, hotel costs for early arrival/late departure

Additional costs: trip cost is calculated based on double occupancy hotel rooms there is a **single-supplement additional cost of \$745** if you desire a single room. If you are traveling alone and request to be paired with a roommate, all attempts will be made to accommodate you. If no roommate is available, however, you will be responsible to pay the additional single-supplement cost.

## PAYMENT DEADLINES

- deposit of \$250/person: paid **immediately** to secure a spot on the study trip (non-refundable)
- remaining balance: fully paid by **Jan. 18, 2020** (can pay in installments prior to deadline) (if the balance is not paid by the deadline, your spot becomes available to the waiting list)
- cancellations: by **February 15, 2020** – 100% refund less deposit & administrative costs  
**after February 15, 2020** – \*75% refund less deposit & administrative costs  
(\*except for medical emergencies, natural disasters, or overall cancellation of the trip. Sourceflex does NOT refund airfare, only land costs already paid to us)

## PLANE TICKET CONSIDERATIONS

- To Israel: Schedule your arrival sometime **on Sunday, March 8, 2020 (or before if you want to arrive early)**, keeping in mind that we will be having our orientation meeting around 7pm that evening, so aim to arrive before that if possible.
- Arrival in Israel on Sunday will mean departing the U.S. on Saturday.
  - If you choose to arrive before March 8<sup>th</sup>, you will need to make arrangements with the Gilgal Hotel (or any other hotel of your choosing) to book your additional stay.
- From Israel: Schedule your departure as suits your needs. You can leave any time of the day on the March 19<sup>th</sup>. Aiming to leave some time in the evening/night will give you the most free time on that last day.

- **PAY CLOSE ATTENTION** to your departure time. (for example: a departure time of 12:15am on the 19<sup>th</sup> means that you are really heading to the airport the night of the 18<sup>th</sup>, and your flight departs just after midnight in the early morning of the 19<sup>th</sup>, causing you to miss the last “Free Day”)
- **Departure Day:** Plan to leave for the airport 4 hours prior to departure time (1 hour drive to airport + 3 hours arrival prior to departure—as required by the airport)
- Because of the time difference between Israel and the U.S., it is likely that you will arrive back at home on the same date that you departed Israel.
- If your departure date/time necessitates hotel accommodations after the tour ends, you will be responsible for making those arrangements.

#### TRAVEL INSURANCE: OVERSEAS MEDICAL AND TRIP CANCELLATION (MEDICAL - REQUIRED)

- Do **not** insure the land-cost, as that will be \*refunded to you if you end up needing to cancel your trip (\*100% or 75% as stated previously). You are wise, however, to insure the cost of airfare. Sourceflix does not refund airfare, only land cost.
- Make sure you have specific coverage for accidents or medical emergencies that might arise while you are travelling. If your regular insurance does not cover such situations, short-term travel policies are quite affordable, and they do provide thorough and accessible coverage.
- Feel free to use the insurance carrier of your choosing.

Helpful links:

- <https://www.travelguard.com> is a popular travel insurance provider.
- [www.missionaryhealth.net](http://www.missionaryhealth.net) is an American company which provides policies primarily for Christian workers is MissionaryHealth.net.  
Phone: (800) 647-4589; e-mail [health@missionaryhealth.net](mailto:health@missionaryhealth.net)
- <https://www.travelinsurance.com> is a site that allows you to compare various travel insurance plans and purchase them online if you choose one.

#### VIDEO/AUDIO RECORDING

You are free to video/audio record through the course of the trip; however, due to privacy and regional security concerns, those videos and/or audio recordings must be for your private use only and may not be sold or distributed in any manner including being posted on social media.

#### DAILY ITINERARY

The daily itinerary (as laid out on the Tour Calendar) is subject to change at any time to adapt to local conditions (weather, special events, site/street closures, safety concerns, etc.). Sites may be visited in a different order than what is listed on the Tour Calendar, although every effort will be made to ensure that no listed site is missed. Please be prepared to be flexible should itinerary changes occur.