

## Israel 101 Frequently Asked Questions

### **What is the difference in time zones?**

During the summer, Israel is 7 hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time.

### **What kind of money should I bring?**

For security reasons we highly recommend people bring ATM cards, Cash and a credit card. Please be aware that you will be responsible for 6 to 8 of meals and tips for drivers and guides, totaling \$70 (Tips will be collected at the airport in the USA). The shekel (NIS - New Israeli Shekel) is Israel's legal tender.

You can also use your ATM cards in Israel- just remember when you input an amount of money; you are requesting shekalim, NOT dollars. **\*\* Call your bank to tell them you will be using your cards abroad, or they may freeze your accounts \*\***

As of April 6, 201, the exchange rate for Israel was 3.48 NIS = 1 Dollar

### **What kind of electrical appliances can I use in Israel?**

The electrical current in Israel is 220 volts AC, single phase, 50 cycles. If you are taking electric shavers, hair blowers, irons or electrical appliances, we advise that you bring a small converter kit (most local hardware stores carry them).

### **What are the differences in measurements in Israel?**

Israel uses the metric system. Clothing and shoe sizes are different. Here is some help with conversions.

#### **Approximate Size Conversions:**

<b>Tops: Men</b>	Israel	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	
	US	14	14.5	15	15.5	16	16.5	17	
<b>Women</b>	Israel	40	42	44	46	48			
	US	32	34	36	38	40			
<b>Shoes: Men</b>	Israel	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46
	US	6.5	7	8	9	10	10.5	11	12
<b>Women</b>	Israel	37	38	39	40	41	42		
	US	5	6	7	8	9	10		

### **What languages are spoken in Israel?**

Hebrew and Arabic are the official languages. English is also widely spoken.

### **What are the most common religions in Israel?**

Israel is home to a number of religions including Judaism, Islam, Catholicism, and Protestantism. Other religious communities include Samaritan, Armenian, Eastern Orthodox, Druze, and Bahai. Each religious body has the statutory right to observe its own weekly rest day and holidays. The Jewish Sabbath (Saturday) and festivals are official holidays in Israel.

### **When do we get our actual tickets?**

We use e-tickets now and you will get your seat assignment at the airport.