

Health and Travel Safety Information for Israel and Jordan

Vaccinations: Neither Israel nor Jordan require any specific vaccinations for traveling to the country. However, travelers should check with their physicians to determine if additional vaccinations are recommended to travel to Israel or Jordan. It is particularly important to be current with a tetanus vaccination. Other vaccinations depend on travelers' vaccination history. Also, travelers should check the Center for Disease Control's (CDC) website for medical updates regarding Israel (<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/israel.htm>) and Jordan (<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/jordan.htm>).

Overseas Medical Insurance: The U.S. State Department has an informative site explaining the issues related to medical insurance for traveling abroad. Please read this page and the FAQs on it because it will answer many questions why we are requiring all participants to carry travel insurance (http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1470.html). Note especially the questions to ask your health care provider as you prepare for the trip. If your current medical provider does NOT provide treatment overseas or medical evacuation in case of an emergency, you must purchase additional travel insurance through Wallach. Note also that you will need to pay for any services with cash or credit card at the time of treatment and later be reimbursed by your insurance provider after you return home.

Travel warnings: The U.S. State Department currently has a travel warning issue for Israel and the West Bank (http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/tw/tw_5511.html). Regent University and its tour partners, the University of the Holy Land, will take every safety precaution possible. But participants in the tour must realize that they are traveling into this region at their own risk. The only time the tour will enter the West Bank is during our half day visit to Bethlehem. If you believe the risk is too great, you may elect to remain behind in Jerusalem that day. Because of our travel to Bethlehem, the cost of travel insurance is increased that day for coverage.