



# Transcontinental Travel Solutions.

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## HOLY LAND TOUR BRIEFING SHEET

### ➤ Baggage:

- *Baggage allowance- 20Kgs Check in & 7 Kgs hand carry but travel light.*
- *No Liquids / Cream / paste / metals like knife, nail cutters, scissors in hand carry*
- *One set of clothing / documents / camera etc in hand carry*
- *Trolley Bags are recommended for easy portability at Borders.*

### ➤ Clothing:

- *Light summer clothing during SUMMER or warm clothing during WINTER +Sports shoes/Sneakers/floater as footwear and also carry a P-Cap/umbrella.*
- *Torches and warm clothing if you want to climb Mount Sinai.*
- *Elderly people are advised to carry a walking stick.*

### ➤ Currency & Personal Expenses

- *Exchange rate : 1USD = 5.00 Egyptian pounds / 3.8 Shekel*
- *Personal Expense Rs 15,000 to Rs 20,000 per person in USD.*
- *USD is widely used in all the three countries. But kindly note exchanging Rs to USD in any of these countries will be according to the Bank's rate at the time of exchange. Kindly carry enough USD from India. All major credit cards and international debit cards accepted.*
- *Telephone calls can be made from the rooms at own cost but it will be expensive.*

### ➤ Shopping:

- *Please do not buy items on the road as they are not genuine. Time will be given for shopping in stores which sell genuine items*
- *Souvenirs can be bought in Bethlehem, Bethany and Jerusalem and Communion wine only in Cana.*
- *You can do some shopping at the Duty Free shops in the Airport (if time permits).*
- *Note the Guide will take the group to shopping areas that are recognized by the Government and therefore the quality can be trusted.*

### ➤ Food:

- *Breakfast and Dinner at Hotel where you will be staying.*
- *St Peters Fish will be served at Sea of Galilee. If you do not eat fish kindly notify your tour leader or your local Guide.*
- *Chicken /Lamb/Fish/Beef is largely used in daily meals; however there will be a lot of Vegetable Salads and Bread for vegetarians.*
- *Pickles can be carried in Check-in baggage but must be sealed well. Snacks can also be carried in the check-in luggage.*
- *Diabetic person have to bring sufficient quantity of small eats to avoid hunger during journey.*
- *No stops for Coffee/Tea during the Tour or long Drives.*
- *Advised to carry band-aids, paracetamols, pain killers.*

## ➤ General Instruction

- Carry swim-wear and towels to the Dead Sea.
- Carry a towel and spare pair of dress to the Baptism Site in River Jordan. Note that robes can be rented or bought (Extra Cost) near the site and must be worn before getting into River Jordan.
- Dress code: Entry to churches and Monasteries in SHORTS or SLEEVELESS TOPS is not allowed please ensure proper dress code.
- All Hotels are well equipped with hot and cold water showers and western closets are used. Note ALL TOILETS ARE DRY AND HENCE CARRY A MUG (if needed).
- Kindly Refrain carrying food stuff from the Buffet Table IN ANY HOTEL as it is monitored by the Hotel Staff.
- Most of the sites do have TOILETS but have to pay to use them.
- Carry the hotel business card with you & get the telephone no of the Local guide
- Early wake-up calls. Kindly co-operate. PUNCTUALITY will be strictly maintained in morning. please assemble 15minutes prior to departure time. Also assemble on time near the coach after visiting the site.
- TAKING PHOTOGRAPHS AT SECURITY CHECK-POST IS BANNED.
- Do not interact more than required with the Immigration officers. Answer what is asked; nothing more nothing less.
- All metal articles such are belts /watch/steel finger rings and Mobile phones should be declared before the security. {Mandatory for both Ladies and Gents }
- Make sure you keep your PASSPORT safe and carry it along with you Daily {Mandatory}. Tour Leader or the Tour Guide will not be responsible for loss of passport or any other travel Document.
- Calls from hotel rooms and public phones are expensive therefore it is best to carry SIM cards from local vendors in India {For assistance in this matter, kindly contact our rep/office}
- There will be long drives in the tour and hence be prepared.
- Always look out for the local guide and Tour Leader: they are your best friends on the tour.
- All Guides are well-qualified, English- speaking and licensed.
- Listen to the explanation and then ask questions/ doubts and carry a Bible / Hymn books.
- Plucking olive twigs and leaves, scrapping Walls, digging mud is prohibited at sites and is penalized.
- Tap water is not edible in Egypt and Jordan.

### NOTE:

- a. The Tour Director and the Tour Guide will be accompanying the Group throughout the Tour.
- b. Kindly stay with the group as there will be chances of getting lost.
- c. Kindly make sure you have your Tour Director or the Tour Guide Cell Numbers.
- d. In case you are delayed at any sights, you have to make your own arrangements to reach the Group at the next site. Neither the Tour Guide nor the Tour Director will be responsible for your Transportation. Hence please make sure you keep up the Timings.
- e. The tour cost is subject to change without prior notice. The rate is subject to change according to the US\$ ROE as on the day of final payment.