

#### SUGGESTED PACKING LIST

Bible & Notebook/Journal
Layers (Jacket, Sweater)
Backpack For Daily Outings
Sunscreen & Sunglasses
Chargers For Cameras/Cell Phones
Adapters/Converter Plugs
Battery Boosters
Your Passport & Copies Of Your Passport

Medications – Prescription & OTC Bathing Suit & Cover-Up Beach Towel (Baptism, Dead Sea) Water Shoes (Baptism, Dead Sea, Etc.) Wash Cloths (Not Provided In Many Hotels Overseas) Comfortable Walking Shoes

Attire on tours and in Israel in general is extremely casual. Jeans and T-shirts or the long-sleeve equivalent are fine. There is no need to dress up for dinner, you can come in from touring all day and go to dinner as you are.

### Special consideration:

**Women**: Scarf/sarong/skirt to cover shoulders/knees/legs at certain religious sites. We recommend carrying something in your backpack that you can put on over top & remove as needed.

**Men:** You will need to cover your head at the Western Wall – baseball caps are fine. Paper yarmulkes are available on site.

We suggest you check the weather reports for the areas you are traveling to (Tiberias, Jerusalem) right before you go in order to pack best for the conditions you'll face during your week. Weather.com is a great resource.

# ATM/Credit Card Usage

- Call your bank beforehand & tell them you're going overseas.
- Ask what foreign transaction fee they charge to use the card or withdraw money.

Israel uses the shekel, and the exchange rate is currently around 3.1 - 3.5 shekels to \$1. The US dollar is widely accepted in Israel, so you can comfortably begin your trip with dollars. One of the easiest ways to obtain shekels is to withdraw cash from ATMs there. For small quantities of shekels, many places allow you to pay in dollars and dispense the change in shekels.

# **Cell Phone Usage**

- Call you carrier before you go to ensure you have the right phone/SIM card/service
- Ask about adding Israel for one month to obtain a lower per minute rate
- Ask about your overseas data plan and data roaming for smartphones

### **Electricity**

The Israeli power supply is single phase 220 volts at 50 Hertz. Most power sockets in Israel have three pin holes, but many of them will work with Type C double-pin European plugs. Americans will need an adapter for their plugs. Check your appliances and chargers to see which voltages they accommodate to determine if you also need a converter.