BLUE DIAMOND TRAVEL

The Israel Experience Frequently Asked Questions

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Registration and Entry

How do I register

Register at www.thegreatesttrip.com. A $500 per-person deposit is due within 10 days. A $25 per-person processing fee applies when the deposit is paid by credit card. To avoid the fee, mail a check with each traveler's name on the memo line to Blue Diamond Travel, P.O. Box 242058, Little Rock, AR 72223. For help, call Kelly at 501-416-3320 or email kelly@thegreatesttrip.com.

What information do I need

Provide each traveler's name exactly as it appears on the passport, the required contact and passport details, and the deposit. You must also read and accept the Tour Conditions. Blue Diamond Travel requires a passport that remains valid for six months after the trip.

Do I need a visa or ETA-IL

U.S. citizens traveling for tourism generally do not need a traditional visa, but they do need an approved ETA-IL before travel. Apply through the official Israeli government site at israel-entry.piba.gov.il. Travelers using other passports should confirm their requirements with the Government of Israel.

Are vaccinations required

No vaccinations are required at this time. Airline, transit-country, Israeli, and Jordanian requirements may change before February 2027. Blue Diamond Travel will confirm the current requirements again before departure.

What is the reservation deadline

There is no fixed registration deadline, but hotel and tour availability becomes more limited as departure approaches. Late arrangements may be possible; contact Kelly at 501-416-3320.

Who may make a reservation

An adult who accepts financial responsibility may register one or more travelers. The person making the reservation does not have to travel. Travelers under age 18 must travel with a responsible adult.

Payments Rooms and Travel

Will my credit card be charged automatically

No. Travelers must make each payment online or contact Kelly to arrange payment.

Can Blue Diamond Travel help me find a roommate

Yes. On request, we will try to match you with another traveler of the same gender. A match is not guaranteed. If no match is found, you are responsible for the $1,500 single supplement.

Can I pay by credit card

Yes. We accept Visa, Mastercard, Discover, and American Express. The credit-card processing fee is $25 for the deposit and $150 for the remaining trip payments, for a maximum total fee of $175 per person.

Is the price per person

Yes. The Israel tour is $5,325 per person, based on two travelers sharing a room. The optional Petra Extension is $1,950 per person, also based on double occupancy. Private rooms cost an additional $1,500 for Israel and $600 for Petra, subject to availability.

What is the payment schedule

The $500 deposit is due within 10 days of registration. The 50% trip payment is due November 13, 2026. The remaining balance is due January 13, 2027. There is no separate deposit or payment schedule for Petra; extension charges are included in the regular trip invoices.

What is included in the Petra Extension

The optional three-day extension is planned for February 23–25, with U.S. arrival on February 26. Scheduled lodging, meals, transportation, entrance fees, taxes, and standard gratuities are included. Airfare, personal expenses, beverages not otherwise included, and travel insurance are excluded.

How do I arrange flights

Blue Diamond Travel will provide recommended arrival and departure windows and can help you book. You may also book your own flights. Send the final itinerary to Kelly so airport transfers can be coordinated.

What should I wear

Dress is casual. Pack comfortable layers and supportive walking shoes. No formal clothing is required. Some sites require shoulders and knees to be covered; the guide will give advance notice before a modest-dress day.