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Preparation for the Tour of a Lifetime

- A small purse-pocket size, light-weight Bible
- A Journal/Notebook that fits into the pocket or purse Jacket or lightweight coat
- Small Ziploc bag of detergent (powder) for hand laundry
- Log on to www.epictoursjerusalem.com website to purchase your Travel Insurance
- Lotions, cream, shampoo, etc. place in Ziploc bag before packing
- Pack a couple shoe boxes with snacks in luggage (eat and share the snacks on tour – use boxes to pack fragile souvenirs on return. This saves space for your treasures you bring home.
- Place clear “dry cleaning” plastic bags over each hanging garment. Prevents wrinkles. Lay flat on floor together and roll up to place in luggage.
- Wear walking shoes. No dress-up occasions. Casual/sport is fine for dinner. You will feel right at home with other dining room guests. Do not bring NEW SHOES that haven’t been “proven comfortable”.
- Use hard-shell luggage - light weight. No locks needed or permitted at Security check points.
- Pack all gels, liquids, lotions, tooth paste, shaving cream, face cream, shampoo, hair spray, etc. in your checked luggage, NOT IN YOUR CARRY- ON BAG OR PURSE. PLACE ITEMS IN ZIPLOC BAGS TO PREVENT SPILLAGE OR LEAKING.
- Casual comfortable clothes – lightweight/cool for Dead Sea area (hot) and perhaps a sweater/ light jacket for cool nights on the Sea of Galilee. Use mix and match to avoid quantities of clothing.

- Get used to wearing the same things several times. MINIMUM OF CLOTHING! You will regret bringing all that stuff you didn't really need! This is not a fashion show.
- If you use a digital camera/cell phone bring electric charger (120-220). Be sure your camera card will hold a thousand photos! Maybe take a spare card! Most folks use their phone camera.
- Take \$100 in \$1 bills for those "One dalla moments" – like a bottle of water.
- DO NOT TAKE LARGE AMOUNTS OF CASH. Use Debit or Credit Cards. A few \$20s is good. There will be no need to exchange your money. US\$ are welcome. Cash cards from AAA or American Express work well but the merchants love cash in the tourist areas.
- A supply of Imodium, Advil/Tylenol, small tube of Polysporin Antibiotic cream and band-aids. If you don't need them, some else may need them.
- Carry-on bag! Do not over pack. Leave lots of empty space for your souvenirs. Be sure it will fit in the overhead bin of the airplane. A spinner with 4 wheels is the easiest to manage. Be sure the bag is light weight before you pack it! Carry-on bag should have wheels for long walks in airport concourses.
- **Two personal items may be carried on the plane. For ladies, a purse and the carry-on luggage. For men, a carry-on piece and a personal piece like a computer case or back-pack. OVER-THE- SHOULDER BAGS GET HEAVY TO MANAGE – USE WHEELS WHEN POSSIBLE – LONG WALKS IN AIRPORT CONCOURSES!
- Strong luggage tags with your name and address attached to the main handle of your luggage and carry-on.
- Waist purse! An absolute necessity. Men must not carry money and passport in pockets. All persons should wear a waist purse that fits neatly in front right over your belly button – and under your shirt/blouse/sweater. Pick- pockets will be challenged to find your valuables & money if you follow this advice.
- **If you like a cup of tea or coffee first thing in the morning, take tea bags, Splenda, a plastic spoon and mug, and for the coffee drinkers, buy the "coffee bags" (they are just like

tea bags, except they have ground coffee in them. Take a small container of Coffee Mate or the individual packets. Most hotels have electric hot water kettles in the bedroom.

- PAY ATTENTION HERE!** Learn the difference between an electric converter and an adapter. A CONVERTER CONVERTS THE 220 TO 110. The ADAPTER simply adapts the plug to fit the Israeli socket. You will need both. It comes as a set. Don't skimp on the price! Get the best set they have. (Hotels usually have hair dryers) Converter/Adapter kits can be bought online. Try Amazon.
- **Pack face/wash cloths** – Most hotels in the Middle East do not provide wash cloths. Buy a cheap package of 10 and throw them away.
- You can send a message to us through our website for your family for any emergency that may require a call. However, warn your loved ones that you will not be calling because it is VERY EXPENSIVE. However, wi-fi calls can be made in the hotels. Use WhatsApp for free Internet calls or Facetime Audio/Video. Sim cards can be purchased in country which are much cheaper but require an unlocked phone.
- **Pack your Passport** in your purse/waist purse, not in your luggage.
- Weigh your luggage after it is packed. Go TO the Airlines BAGGAGE POLICY online and carefully read the weight and size of checked luggage, carry-on and personal items. THEY ARE STRICT!
- When you add your purchases/souvenirs to the luggage coming back, you will be overweight and the airlines will charge you a hefty price. (Again, check with the Airline for an accurate, up to date policy.)
- **Pack your cases** one week prior to departure. Then, unpack about half of what you packed, and it should come out about right. You don't need five pairs of slacks/skirts and ten shirts/blouses! Be comfortable. Two days after you leave home, you will regret taking so many clothes.
- Passengers must arrive at the check-in counter four hours before international flight time.
- WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND ALL PASSENGERS INVEST IN INSURANCE

COVERAGE. (www.epictoursjerusalem.com) Click on the travel insurance link. Your US insurance may not cover you in foreign countries unless specifically stated. Medical insurance is strongly recommended to all tour members. Also, should some unpredicted event require the cancellation of the tour, your travel insurance should cover the cost of your tour.

****DON'T FORGET YOUR PASSPORT!!!**