

TBC Israel 2022 Interest Meeting

Dates: May 24-June 4, 2022

Tour leaders: Danny and Sandy Cunningham, Dave and Courtney Tate

Tour guide: Erez Bar-David

Cost: \$5,875 per person (double occupancy; single occupancy is \$1,335 extra)

*cost is preliminary until flights are confirmed July 2021

Payment schedule: Deposit \$750 per person, due with registration; 2nd payment \$1,500 per person due January 24, 2022; balance due March 25, 2022

Cancellations: All cancellation notices must be received in writing. Tours are non-transferable.

Date of Cancellation

Refund Policy

Prior to January 24, 2022

Penalty of 50% of your deposit

January 24, 2022 to March 25, 2022

Penalty of 50% of your deposit and \$500

March 26, 2022 to Departure

No refund

Passports: US passport holders must have a valid passport with expiration not less than 6 months after your return to the US. It takes about eight to twelve weeks to secure a passport, so do not delay. Non-US passport holders must contact Morning Star Tours to confirm need for visa and required length of required validity. Passport information along with applications can be obtained on the web by going to: US Passports at <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports.html>

Tour itinerary (see handout)

General FAQ's (see handout)

COVID related FAQ's

Is Israel open yet? No, they have not opened their borders to tourists yet. However, we do see movement in that direction. We are hearing from our land operators in Israel they plan to open in late May to a limited number of travelers and with new travel protocols in place. We do not yet know for certain what those protocols are going to be (there is a lot of speculation being reported in the news). Whatever this first "phase" of reopening may be, it could change before next year.

Will I have to be vaccinated to travel? Maybe. We do not yet know what the new travel protocols will be. We hope to hear something more definitive within the next couple of weeks. We have "heard" that they may require proof of vaccination AND a negative covid test within 72 hours of arrival. Again, whatever they announce for the travel protocols for this summer and fall, it could look different by next spring. For guests

that do not plan to take the vaccine, I have encouraged them to WAIT to register until we know more. Once a guest registers, their booking is subject to our terms and conditions. Many of our guests booked for fall tours have already received the vaccine.

Are there other tours that will be going this year? Yes. We have MANY tours still set to go beginning in September and throughout the fall. We are moving forward with those tours in the hope that Israel will be ready to receive them!

When can I book my air? Flights usually open about 11 months prior to departure. We will begin looking at flights for your tour in June 2021. We are not currently booking flights for guests (waiting until Israel officially opens). However, I have been assisting guests on our September and October tours with booking their own air, taking advantage of the low fares!

Should I purchase travel insurance? Yes. There are many companies out there to choose from and many levels of coverage. The most basic policies will cover medical while in-country and usually have some trip interruption coverage, as well. The more comprehensive policies will come with the “cancel for any reason” add-on (like Travel Safe’s Classic Policy). These policies are more expensive, but they are more comprehensive. If someone is scared about traveling, fears getting sick before the tour, forcing them to cancel last minute, or has other concerns that could lead to them cancelling before the tour goes, having the “cancel for any reason” policy is a must – it will allow them to recover more of the funds they have paid if they must cancel. NOTE: We are hearing that one of the new travel protocols may be requiring each guest to have medical coverage (that includes covid) in case they get sick while in country.

Once Israel opens, will it be safe (sanitary, reduced covid risks) to travel there? Yes. Israel has done an amazing job of putting government regulated protocols into place to ensure visitor safety. The buses we use have had state-of-the-art air purifiers installed in them. The hotels must abide by the Purple Standard. Israel handled the lockdown AND their vaccine distribution seriously and beautifully.

If the tour is cancelled (because of covid or civil unrest or something similar), what will my options be? If a tour is cancelled, we have a (new) standard procedure. First, we work with the tour leaders to reschedule the tour for a later date. Most of our 2020 tours were rescheduled for 2022 or fall of 2021. Once the new tour is set, we offer guests two options: A) Transfer their booking to the new tour, or B) receive a refund (minus the 3.3% of unrecoverable credit card fees). If they paid by check, 100% is refunded.

If I register for the tour, then decide to cancel because I do not want to take the vaccine (if proof of vaccination indeed becomes a requirement), can I get my deposit back? Per our terms and conditions, depending on when you cancel, you may be entitled to a refund of 50% of your deposit. See cancellation policy above.

