Touring Pricing Info, Registration & Travel Resources

DATES: Monday, March 08 – Sunday, March 21, 2021, a fourteen day trip (11 days 9 touring in Israel & 4 days trip with 2 touring days in Greece).

DEPARTURE: Los Angeles (LAX) with Lufthansa/Air France
DEPARTURE: Tel Aviv-Athens with El Al Airline or similar (Greece extension)

Meals: Buffet breakfast and hotel dinner daily in Israel and Greece plus three lunches (in Israel).

*The tour price is based on a minimum number of 25 persons per bus.

Estimated price of *$3,929 from Los Angeles (LAX) per person for Israel Tour & *$999 for Greece extension in a double occupancy includes: Round-trip airfare to Tel Aviv/Athens on a scheduled carrier, fourteen day trip (11 days 9 touring in Israel & 4 days trip with 2 touring days in Greece), and first class hotels with breakfast and dinner daily plus three lunches in Israel, and all transfers, entrance fees, taxes and tips to hotels, drivers and guides.

REGISTRATION:
A deposit of $400 per person is due at registration in order to secure your spot on this tour & $100 to secure a spot on Greece Tour. All registrations will be processed on a space-available basis. A second deposit of 50% of the tour costs will be due by Sunday, August 9, 2020. Full payment and a copy of your passport are due by Monday, November 9, 2020. Any desired deviations must be requested in writing before the final payment deadline.

ROOMMATES:
A fee of *$1,350 for Israel tour and *$350 for Greece extension will be applied if you are among the last to register and we cannot provide a roommate for you, so register early. Hotels will allow up to three people per room, upon request. All beds are twin sized and will be combined for couples

PRICING:
Prices are based on estimated rates for March 2021 and may increase. Prices are subject to change if airline fuel surcharges or taxes are increased, which could happen up to the date the non-refundable airline tickets are written.

REFUNDS AND PENALTIES:
If you need to cancel, you must notify Voice of Cultures Travel in writing. All cancellations will be charged a $250 processing fee per person. Cancellations after Thursday, July 9, 2020 are charged a $400 penalty. Cancellations after Wednesday, September 9, 2020 are subject to

airline penalties. Cancellations after Monday, November 9, 2020 subject to additional airline, hotel, and tour penalties that may exceed 75% of the tour cost. Cancellations within four weeks of departure date will be charged 100%

FINAL DOCUMENTS:
Your church will have an Orientation Meeting, which usually takes place about one month prior to your tour, you will receive your flight schedule, hotel telephone numbers, and other material at this meeting. If you cannot attend this meeting or one is not scheduled, this material will be sent to you about 30 days prior to departure.

PASSPORT NAME:
You must verify that all documents from Voice of Cultures Travel EXACTLY match your passport name prior to airline tickets being written. You are responsible for all fees incurred for correcting/changing name on airline tickets.

AIRLINE TICKET:
Your tickets are "paperless" which means you only need your passport and flight information to check in at the airport. **Group seating** is done alphabetically and you may have to change seats with another tour member if you are separated from your traveling companion.

TOUR CONDITIONS
Registrations and payment for this tour constitutes your acceptance of the following Tour Conditions and Responsibility statements. We endeavor to provide the ultimate experience at the lowest possible cost. All prices are per person based on two persons sharing a room with private bath. Single rooms are subject to availability and may be smaller than twin rooms. Hotels may allow a maximum of three people to a room. The tour price is based on air, hotel and exchange rates in effect the date the tour was booked and on a specific number of tour members traveling together. In case of fewer participants, or a fluctuation in the value of the US dollar, prices may increase. Any subsequent increase in fuel surcharges and/or airline taxes will be borne by the passenger.

INCLUDED in Israel:
Buffet breakfast and hotel dinner daily while in Israel, 3 lunches, entrance fees, airport and departure taxes, group visas for U.S. Citizens, transfers, porterage, tips to hotels, drivers, and guides (unless stated otherwise on your group's flyer/registration form).

INCLUDED in Greece:
Buffet breakfast and hotel dinner daily while in Israel, entrance fees, airport and departure taxes, group visas for U.S. Citizens, transfers, porterage, tips to hotels, drivers, and guides (unless stated otherwise on your group's flyer/registration form).

NOT INCLUDED:
Passports, individual visas, accident and cancellation insurance, porterage at all airports, any expenses incurred resulting from injury or accident, loss of, damage to, or theft of luggage or contents, and items of a personal nature such as laundry, phone calls, sodas, bottled water and food or beverages not on the regular menu of the included meals. If in doubt whether a food or beverage is included, please ask the guide or the tour leader.

REGISTRATION FOR THE TOUR:
A deposit is required to secure air and hotel reservations. Deposits received after the deposit deadline will be processed on a space available basis. No registration will be processed without a deposit and a completed registration form.

FINAL PAYMENT:
The final payment date will be printed on your flyer. Failure to send in your final amount by the deadline will result in forfeiture of your space on the tour and your deposits.

ROOMMATES:
The tour price is based on two people in a twin-bedded room. If you do not have a roommate, we can usually arrange one for you, unless you are among the last to register. If we are unable to do so, you must pay the single occupancy rate. If this occurs, you will be informed within three weeks after final payments are received.

SIGHTSEEING:
Subject to local conditions at the time of the tour. Adjustments in the sightseeing program may be made as the tour leader or guide deem necessary.

MEMBERSHIP:
In an honest effort to ensure congenial fellowship on the tour, the organizer reserves the right to refuse the application of anyone considered incompatible with the interests of the party as a whole. Applying for membership in this tour constitutes consent to abide by the discretion of the organizer and to absorb any expenses resulting from dismissal from the tour.

PASSPORTS:
All passengers are required to have a valid passport to depart or re-enter the USA. A copy of your passport will be required at time of final payment. Your passport must not expire for at least six months after the date you will return from Israel. To find the nearest office, look in the U. S. Government Offices listings of your telephone book under “Postal Services – Passport Information”. This should be done immediately. An embossed birth certificate (one with a raised seal) is required to obtain a passport. To obtain a birth certificate, contact the Hall of Records in the county in which you were born.

U.S. CITIZENS:
Can get their Israeli & EU Visa at passport control when they enter the country.

NON-U.S. CITIZENS:
You must inform Voice of Cultures Travel or the Church (registration) of citizenship immediately, and you must have a Resident Alien registration card (Green Card) in order to re-enter the U.S. You must call the consulate of each country to be visited and arrange any required visas and find out what inoculations are required. If your travel includes any country besides Israel & Greece, a multiple-entry visa may be required for Israel & Greece.
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INOCULATIONS:
There are currently no shots required for Israel or Greece for U.S. Citizens. We do recommend that your tetanus shot is current for any travel.

LUGGAGE:
Porterage (tips) for one suitcase per person is included from your arrival until you check-in for departure. You will be responsible at all times for your carry-on, so we suggest you keep it as lightweight as possible. This "one suitcase" rule is due to limited storage space on the bus. Passengers are allowed one checked bag with total dimensions not to exceed 62 linear inches. Most Airlines allow 50 pounds per checked bag. To find the size of your suitcase, measure it once from left to right, once from front to back, and once from bottom to top. A 30-inch suitcase is usually less than 62 linear inches. You are usually allowed a carry-on bag not to exceed 40 linear inches (measured the same way you measure your suitcase) and it usually must weigh less than 15 pounds. Carry-on luggage is supposed to fit in the space under your airline seat.) Baggage restrictions are changing constantly. It is the responsibility of the passenger to verify the current rules of your airline before departure. Excess weight or size of luggage is subject to additional charges by the airlines and are the responsibility of the passenger.

CHANGES OR LATE BOOKINGS:
If you want to deviate from the group itinerary (return home after the group returns), please advise Voice of Cultures Travel in writing as soon as possible. Late bookings made after final payment date, changes or deviations will be subject to a $200 per change service fee plus any airline charges.

LAND ONLY PASSENGERS:
If you arrange your own air transportation, the "Land Only" portion of your tour begins at the first hotel and ends on the last tour day. Expenses incurred in getting to and from the airport, or due to schedule changes of the group, are the responsibility of the "land only" passenger.

RESPONSIBILITY:
VOICE OF CULTURES, in accepting booking for the tour, clearly stipulates that they are not liable for the faults or defaults of other companies and persons that may be used in carrying out the tour services, nor for accidents, baggage damage or loss, strikes, political unrest, riots, acts of war or terrorism, or acts of God. In the event it becomes necessary or advisable for the comfort or well-being of the passengers, or due to any reason whatsoever, to alter the itinerary or arrangements, such alterations may be made without penalty to the tour operator. Additional

expenses, such as food and lodging costs resulting from such changes, shall be borne by the passengers. The right is also reserved to withdraw this tour and to decline to accept or retain any persons or members of the tour. The airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any acts, omissions, or events during the time passengers are not on board. The passage contract in use by the companies concerned when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the company and the purchaser of this tour.

Travel Resources for Your Journey:

Travelex Insurance Services – www.travelexinsurance.com

U.S Department of State – Travel Warnings and Travel Alerts

For the most up to date information on international travel warnings and alerts:
https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/alertswarnings.html

Passport Information:
https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/passports.html

General Travel Information:
https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en.html

International Currency Conversion:
http://www.xe.com/currencyconverter/

International Time Zones
http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/