

General Information – Ground Transportation

1. **Luxury Bus:** The Tour will be on a European-styled Luxury Bus for the entire time we are in Israel and on the Optional Petra Tour. It will seat ~48-50 people.
 2. **Jerusalem Area:**
 - a. The Luxury Tour Bus will be with us in Jerusalem and take us from one place to another throughout all of the days.
 - b. The Hotel will provide a shuttle to and from the Old City and it will run on a preset schedule. Details are available at the Hotel Front Desk.
 - c. Travelers should plan on it taking about 20 minutes in each direction from the hotel to the Old City in normal conditions. Make sure to check with the Bell Hop or Front Desk before you leave.
- NOTICE: Any private hire Rental Car, Taxi or Car Sharing service you use is entirely up to you. Neither the Trip Leader, the Hotel, the Guide, nor any other travel company or person associated with leading this trip incurs any liability or responsibility for you if you use one of the following items or something similar while on the trip. Each traveler will sign a waiver to this effect to go on the Trip.**
3. **Private Taxi Hire:** Trip participants are not prohibited from venturing out on their own during the trip, but they should, at a minimum, follow these common sense guidelines:
 - a. **Go in Groups of Two or more:** Never go anywhere alone.
 - b. **Inform the Trip Leader via text message or leave a message at the hotel desk or tell the Trip Leader directly:** Information must include where you are going and when you will return.
 - c. **Taxi's, Uber, Lyft, etc.:** Ride services such as Taxi's and Car Sharing Services operate from all the hotels and sites in Israel.
 - i. Uber/Lyft may or may not be operational as they go in and out of favor in different countries and jurisdictions. They are facing regulatory challenges in Israel at the time of publishing.
 - ii. Please see this website for detailed information on Israeli Taxi's:
<https://www.touristisrael.com/taxis-in-israel/2191/>
 4. **Rental Car:** There are plenty of US and Israeli rental car agencies with cars all over Israel.
 - a. There should be no reason for anyone to need a rental car on the trip. This is especially true in Jerusalem.
 - b. If a traveler does have something special they want to see while there and it requires a rental car, talk with the Trip Leader before you make plans.
 - c. Regardless of anything the traveler learns from anyone, one strict prohibition for group members is that they are prohibited from going into the area known in Israel as the West Bank or East Jerusalem.