



## My Epic Tours Check List

- 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.myepictours.com](http://www.myepictours.com) to purchase Travel Guard 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 – then, use empty boxes to pack fragile souvenirs on return.)
- 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. NO NEW SHOES that haven’t been “proven comfortable”.
- Use hard-shell, light weight luggage. 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 CARRY-ON BAG OR PURSE. Place items in Ziploc bags to prevent leakage.
- 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! Wear the same thing several times. It’s not a fashion show.
- Phone camera or a digital camera with supply of batteries and/or electric charger. Be sure your camera card will hold a thousand photos! Maybe take a spare card!
- Take \$100 in \$1 bills for those “One dalla moments” – like a bottle of water or a pack of postcards.

- Wash cloths/face cloths are not provided in most hotels. Take cheap throwaways. A ten-pack from the Dollar store will do.
- DO NOT TAKE LARGE AMOUNTS OF CASH. Use Debit or Credit Cards. A few \$20s is good along with 50 \$1 bills. 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.
- A supply of Imodium, Advil/Tylenol, small tube of Polysporin or Cortisone cream and band-aids. If you don't need them, some else may need them.
- Carry on bag ! Do not over pack it. 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! And, be sure it has wheels for the long walks in the concourses at the airports.
- 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 backpack.
- Strong luggage tags with your name and address attached to the main handle of your luggage and carry-on. We will provide color coded markers in order to quickly identify our luggage on conveyor belts in the airports.
- 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.
- Electric gadget to place into mug and heat water. Can be bought at travel & luggage stores. It is a simple cord with an element on the end that you place into the cup of water and –wa la- it heats it up!
- PAY ATTENTION HERE! There is a 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. Try BestBuy or order on Amazon. Don't skimp on the price! Get the best set they have.

- Before we leave, I will provide you a phone number for any emergency that may require a call. Using your cell phone there is very expensive. However, you can use the Internet at the hotels to call on your phone.
- Pack your Passport in your purse/waist purse, not in your luggage.
- Pack face/wash cloths. Many hotels in the Middle East do not provide wash cloths. Buy a cheap pack from the Dollar store and throw them away.
- EpicTOURS will provide you with a lanyard and name badge. It will be YOUR IDENTIFICATION AS A MEMBER OF OUR TOUR GROUP. It must be worn from the time we arrive at the departure city until we return. It is your meal ticket, your bus ticket, your entrance ticket and hotel/baggage identification ticket.
- Weigh your luggage after it is packed. GO ONLINE TO EL AL AIRLINES BAGGAGE POLICY – read the weight and dimensions carefully. Convert the numbers to pounds. DO NOT LEAVE HOME WITH THE FULL WEIGHT ALLOWANCE BECAUSE when you add your purchases/souvenirs to the luggage coming back, you will be over-weight and the airlines will charge you a hefty price.
- 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! A FEW of each is enough! We will not be holding fashion contests! Be comfortable. If you take too much, about the second day, you will confess "they told me so!" as you lug it around, up and down, in and out of the coach!
- Passengers are urged to arrive at the departure city and at the check-in counter four hours before flight time. If you are flying in, give yourself plenty of time in the event of a possible delay or cancellation.
- DO NOT ATTEMPT TO CHECK IN FOR YOUR FLIGHT TO ISRAEL. EpicTOURS personnel will be present to guide every movement, inform and coordinate the group check-in.
- EpicTOURS will not be sending your tickets to you for the flight to Tel Aviv, Israel. Your Epic Tours host will be present to manage the exciting experience of your pilgrim journey to the Holy Land and Jordan.