

ISRAEL & ROME

OCTOBER 13-28, 2026



PRE-TRIP PACKET



Trip Includes

- Airfare through United Airlines, Lufhansa, and Italian Airlines (Rome Extension only)
- All 4-5 star hotel accommodations
 - 2 persons per room. Married couples will room together; all other roommates will be assigned.
- All breakfasts and dinners
- Entrance fees to all sites, portage at the hotels, transfers and taxes
- Air conditioned, deluxe Wi-Fi enabled motor coach throughout your tour

Final Meeting

- Sunday, August 30 at 1pm in the Worship Center

Trip Cost and Payment Schedule

Israel Only

- Non-Refundable Deposit due 02/28/2026: \$500 **required to hold your spot.*
- First Payment due 05/01/2026: \$2,500
- Final Payment due 08/15/2026: \$2,495
- TOTAL: \$5,495

Israel with Rome Extension

- Non-Refundable Deposit due 02/28/2026: \$500 **required to hold your spot.*
- First Payment due 05/01/2026: \$3,500
- Final Payment due 08/15/2026: \$3,495
- TOTAL: \$7,495

Next Steps

- Make sure you are signed up for our email list! We will communicate via email as new information becomes available. Sign up at awakenlv.org/israel or see Dara Asuncion.
- We will be emailing out instructions how to officially register through Planning Center, where you will be able to upload your documents such as passports and release forms!

Refund Policy

- Cancellation requests must be submitted via email to daraasuncion@awakenlv.org by **September 14, 2026**.
- **Airfare:** Non-refundable once ticketed. Refunds are **only issued** if the airline cancels the flight and provides a refund or credit under their policy.
- **Land Costs:** Requests received by the deadline may qualify for a partial refund of recoverable land costs, less non-recoverable deposits.
- **Refunds are not guaranteed** and are subject to vendor recovery.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Israel Only

Tuesday - October 13, 2026

- UA 1006 LAS VEGAS, NEVADA 11:35AM DENVER, COLORADO 2:30PM

Tuesday - October 13, 2026

- LH 481 DENVER, COLORADO 4:05PM MUNICH, GERMANY 9:40AM (arrival Oct. 14)

Wednesday - October 14, 2026

- LH 680 MUNICH, GERMANY 11:10AM TEL AVIV, ISRAEL 4:00PM

Sunday - October 25, 2026

- LH 691 TEL AVIV, ISRAEL 5:15AM FRANKFURT, GERMANY 8:55AM

Sunday - October 25, 2026

- LH 4352 FRANKFURT, GERMANY 11:50AM LAS VEGAS, NEVADA 3:40PM

Israel & Rome

Tuesday - October 13, 2026

- UA 706 LAS VEGAS, NEVADA 2:10PM CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 7:58PM

Tuesday - October 13, 2026

- UA 140 CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 10:05PM TEL AVIV, ISRAEL 5:40PM (arrival Oct. 14)

Sunday - October 25, 2026

- ITA 815 TEL AVIV, ISRAEL 8:30AM ROME, ITALY 11:20AM

Wednesday - October 28, 2026

- UA 971 ROME, ITALY 9:45AM CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 2:10PM

Wednesday - October 28, 2026

- UA 1875 CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 4:20PM LAS VEGAS, NEVADA 6:17PM

TRIP ITINERARY

October 14-19

subject to change

01

10.14 | Wednesday

- Arrival Ben Gurion Airport
- Overnight - Tel Aviv

02

10.15 | Thursday

- Driving to Joppa
- Caesarea by the sea
- Mt. Carmel
- Overnight - Sea of Galilee

03

10.16 | Friday

Upper Galilee

- Meggido
- Golan Heights
- Caesarea Philippi
- Tel Dan
- Overnight - Sea of Galilee

04

10.17 | Saturday

- Mt. Beatitude
- Capernaum
- Boat Ride
- En Gev
- Baptismal event
- Overnight - Sea of Galilee

05

10.18 | Sunday

Jordan Vally – Dead Sea

- Magdala
- Beth Sean
- Leisure time
- Overnight - Dead Sea

06

10.19 | Monday

Dead Sea

- Masada
- Ein Gedi
- Qumran
- Leisure time
- Overnight - Dead Sea

TRIP ITINERARY

October 20-25

subject to change

07

10.20 | Tuesday

Leave for Jerusalem

- Jewish Quarter
- Burnt house
- Via Dolorosa
- Church of the Holy Sepulcher
- Gethsemane – Private Garden
- Overnight - Jerusalem

08

10.21 | Wednesday

- City of David
- Warren Shaft
- Pool of Siloam
- Israel Museum.
- Tour Scale Model
- Shrine of the Book
- Tree Planting - Neot Kdumim
- Overnight - Jerusalem

09

10.22 | Thursday

- Temple Mount
- Western Wall
- Davidson Center
- Ophel / Southern Wall Steps
- Ramat Bet Hakerem center
- Yad Vashem
- As Time Permits – visit Herods Family tomb.
- Overnight - Jerusalem

10

10.23 | Friday

- Garden Tomb
- Damascus Gate
- Ecce Homo
- Lion's Gate
- Mt. Olives
- Dominus Flevit
- Church of Gethsemane
- Overnight - Jerusalem

11

10.24 | Saturday

- Herodian
- Upper Room
- St. Ann and Pool's of Bethesda
- Overnight - Jerusalem

12

10.25 | Sunday

Depart to Las Vegas or Rome

- 03:00 am – check out
- 03:15 am – departure from the hotel to the airport

ROME EXTENSION:
on the following page

TRIP ITINERARY

October 25-28

Rome Extension - Subject to Change

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10.25 | Sunday

Tel Aviv - Airport

- After breakfast - transfer from Tel Aviv airport to Rome
- Leisure Time | Rest or Explore
- Overnight - Rome

13

10.26 | Monday

- St. Peter's Basilica
- Vatican Museums
- Leisure Time
- Overnight - Rome

14

10.27 | Tuesday

- Catacombs of St. Sebastian
- Colosseum
- Roman Forum
- Basilica of St. Clemente
- St. Paul Outside the Walls (if time permits)*
- Leisure Time
- Overnight - Rome

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10.28 | Wednesday

Departure to Las Vegas

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfer to the airport for departure flight





ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



Location: Middle East

Area: 21,643 square kilometers

Population: Approximately 10.18 million people

Capital: Jerusalem

Language: Hebrew, Arabic

Religion: 76.3% Jews, 21.1% Muslims, 2% Christians, 1.6% Druze, 4.4% without religious classification

Currency: New Shekel



01

Passport Control

Upon arrival in Israel, visitors undergo a security check and must present a passport that is valid for **at least 6 months from the date of travel** to Israel. It is very important that you **do not write** in your passport (except to sign your name on the line provided). If you have a passport from another country, it is **your responsibility** to get in touch with the appropriate consulate office to see if additional paperwork is needed to enter Israel.

02

Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA-IL) Requirement

All U.S. citizens must obtain an Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA-IL) before boarding a flight to Israel. This is **required**.

- Timing & cost: Most approvals are processed quickly, but apply **at least 72 hours** before departure. The fee is approximately **\$7 USD**. (not included in final trip cost)
- Validity: Once approved, the ETA-IL is generally valid for up to 2 years or until your passport expires, whichever comes first.
- Apply online: Submit your ETA-IL application through the official website of the Israel Population and Immigration Authority: <https://israel-entry.piba.gov.il>

03

Weather

The weather in Israel in October is pleasant, warm, and mostly dry weather as the country transitions from the hot summer into a cooler autumn. Daytime temperatures are generally warm, with cooler, comfortable evenings.

General Weather Conditions

- Temperature: Average daytime highs range from 24-30°C (75-86°F) on the coast, with slightly cooler temperatures in Jerusalem, often around 19-26°C (66-79°F).

04

Electricity

The electric current in Israel is **220 volts C, single phase, 50 Hertz**, the same as Europe. Most Israeli sockets are of the three-pronged variety but many accept some European two-pronged plugs as well. Electric shavers, traveling irons and other small appliances **may require** converters, adapters and/or transformers, which can be purchased in places such as **Best Buy, Target, or Amazon**.

05

Photography Cautions

You will have an opportunity to capture on film many sights and memories. Here are some cautions that will make your photography more enjoyable.

- **Do not** openly photograph Arab women. This is a 'no no' in the Middle East.
- Camel owners expect a tip for a picture.
- **Honor signs** regarding the use of cameras and flashes.

06

Phone and Internet

You will want to contact your cell phone service provider in order to have your phone unlocked, **if you plan** on making phone calls with it from Israel. You may also purchase international calling cards while you are in Israel if you would rather leave your cell phone at home. **If you do not have** an international plan, please keep your phone in airplane mode to avoid fees. There will be Wi-Fi available in most hotels and coffee shops. you can always use programs such as WhatsApp, iMessage, FaceTime, and more via Wi-Fi.

07

Please Carefully Note the Following:

The guides will share what Christians in general believe.

- **Do not** question or argue any points of difference.
- **Do not** put the guide on the spot.
- The drivers and guides have been exposed to Christianity on numerous occasions.
- **Ask sincere questions** and **learn** all you can while you're in the Middle East.

RECOMMENDED PACKING LIST

Participants are limited to checking **1 suitcase, 1 small carry-on, and 1 personal item.**
(50 lb. limit on checked luggage).

- Bible and Passport
- ID and Wallet
- Health Insurance Card
- 1 major credit card and about \$500 cash
- Watch and travel alarm
- Converter plug
- Camera and charger
- Clothing you can layer
- Dinner clothes in Jerusalem
 - For Example:
 - Men: Khaki slacks, collar shirt
 - Women: dress slacks, nice jeans, blouse, skirt, dress
- Important phone numbers
- Sunscreen / Sunglasses / Hat
- Glasses, contacts, solution, and eye drops
- Neck pillow / ear plugs / eye mask
- Purell or any Hand Sanitizer
- Rain Jacket or Small Umbrella (just in case)
- Prescription / stomach / headache / motion sickness meds. (Do not pack in your checked luggage)
- Toothbrush / toothpaste / dental floss
- Small amount of detergent for hand washables
- Wash cloth
- TSA Lock (if you use a suitcase lock)
- Tennis shoes or comfortable walking shoes (2 pairs) and sandals
- Swimwear for the Dead Sea
- Flashlight

Carry-On Bag

- Snacks (non-liquid)
- Bible / Journal / Pen
- Toiletries ** (see below)
- At least one change of clothes
- Cash and credit card
- Phone and other electronics

Cultural Note

In Jerusalem, people tend to dress up for dinner.

Suitcases

Checked bags **MUST be 50 pounds or less.** Only the 1st bag is free.

- Overweight bag fee: \$100-\$150+ (over 50 lbs) or impossible (over 70lbs)
- Extra bag fee: Ranges from \$100 - \$200+

FAA Regulations for Carry-On Luggage

Passengers may carry solid cosmetics and personal hygiene items such as lipstick in a tube, solid deodorant, and lip balm. Liquid products must be in **3-ounce containers or less and fit in **one quart-sized, clear zip-lock bag.** Each passenger may bring **one small bag and one personal item**, both placed in the screening bin. Please be sure to comply.

Larger items such as gels or aerosols, beverages, shampoo, sunscreen, creams, toothpaste, mousse, hair gel or spray, liquid cosmetics, and similar items must be packed in checked baggage.

In case checked luggage is delayed, consider packing a change of clothes & essential toiletries in your carry-on.

MEET YOUR TEAM



Derek Neider

Lead Pastor / Trip Host

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He loves great coffee, restoring classic cars (especially his 1971 Chevy Blazer), and trying new food spots. Most of all, he loves his wife Rachel and their kids.

Daniel Barletta

Worship Pastor

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He's a huge soccer fan who will die on the hill that Argentina is the greatest team ever. A gifted musician and Creative Director, he loves Marvel, radiates contagious optimism, and owns more pairs of Sambas than anyone should.



Dara Asuncion

Travel Manager

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Her favorite color is pink, she loves a good cup of coffee, and she's the most organized girlie you'll ever meet. Full of joy with a huge heart, she loves to travel, loves her family, and considers shopping a competitive sport.

Bonnie Valle

Travel Coordinator

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She has a huge heart for missions and spent several years living in Tijuana as a missionary—where she met her husband, Eduardo. She loves coffee, is a total foodie, and fun fact... she's a triplet!



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