

תכנון הנסיעה
ומידע על מעברי גבול בישראל
PLANNING YOUR TRIP AND INFORMATION REGARDING
ISRAEL'S GATEWAYS
(ENGLISH – 2017)
Airports and Land Crossings
שדות תעופה ומעברי גבול יבשתיים:
נהר הירדן - JORDAN RIVER
אלנבי- ALLENBY
יצחק רבין - YITZHAK RABIN
- מנחם בגין Menachem Begin



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PLANNING YOUR TRIP

International travelers come to Israel for a wide variety of reasons, including tourism, business, medical treatment and certain types of temporary work. The type of visa needed is defined by immigration law, and relates to the principal purpose of the traveler. **Please, note, a visa does not guarantee entry into Israel.**

Passport Control

Upon arrival in Israel, all travelers are requested to present a passport that is valid for at least an additional six months.

Tourist Visas

Many countries have a Visa Waiver Program with Israel which allows their citizens to visit Israel without a visa arranged in advance. Before embarking on a trip, visitors desiring to stop in Israel for an extended visit or on their way to other destinations must check if they need a prearranged tourist visa. People with no nationality must hold a valid laissez passer, as well as a visa back to the country that issued it. More detailed information regarding the list of countries specifying from which countries tourists are required to present a prearranged visa, can be found in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs website: www.mfa.gov.il

Please note that tourists are in column of Nationals while Service refers to Diplomats on official service. <http://mfa.gov.il/MFA/ConsularServices/Documents/VisaRequirements-Tourists.pdf>

All Visa Waiver Program travelers must present a machine-readable passport at the port of entry in order to enter Israel without a prearranged visa; otherwise a visa is required. This applies to tourists arriving with a passage card from countries with a Waiver Program who nonetheless require a prearranged visa. Additional information can be found on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs website: WWW.MFA.GOV.IL

Visitors are entitled to remain in Israel up to three months from the date of their arrival, in accordance with the conditions of the visa issued to them. Visitors intending to work or volunteer in Israel must submit a request to the Ministry of the Interior for a special visa through the Israel Embassy closest to them.

At the entrance to Israel all receive The “Electronic Gate Pass” which replaced the system in which passports were stamped upon entrance and exit from Israel. The Gate Pass is a card which depicts the date of arrival and visa information including photograph as in the first page of passport. This is a new and modern technological system instrumental in meeting the needs of the various Immigration, security, Airport and Tourism authorities as well as providing the tourist with the credentials necessary to prove his visa status. At the airport, this card allows the traveler to exit the arrival terminal without further delays.

The Gate Pass is an official form of identification while in Israel. We ask all tourists to keep the card at hand at all times as proof of their visa status. At the airport and designated Land Crossings, this card allows the traveler to exit the arrival terminal without further delays and continue to the luggage pickup area without further delays. **The tourist will be asked to keep the card at hand at all times.**

In addition, the Gate Pass will allow tourists to receive their tax benefits as described in below in information regarding customs and Value Added Tax.

Recommendation: Tourists requesting that their passports not be stamped at the borders should directly request this from the Border Control official. Should the Gate pass not be available, it is recommended to request an official gate card to be filled out manually.

Incoming travelers continue to the passenger luggage area after their passports have been inspected. Carts are at their disposal. From there, they continue to customs control and to the airport exit.

Information for Passengers entering Israel via the Land Crossings:

- Citizens of countries having a Visa Waiver Program with Israel which allows their citizens to visit Israel without a visa arranged in advance can receive a three month visa at the border with either Jordan or Egypt.
- Those requiring a prearranged visa must receive the visa from an Israel Embassy abroad.
- Such tourists requiring a prearranged visa and arriving from Jordan may petition to the Israel Embassy in Amman Jordan, telephone: 962 6696511

- Such tourists requiring a prearranged visa and arriving from Egypt can contact the Israel Embassy in Cairo: 202 361 0528/545
- Opening hours for the different Gateways vary seasonally.
- In addition, opening hours vary between the different Gateways.
- Should any problem arise during the crossing process, you may request the assistance of the Duty Manager.
- Ensure that you comply with all the regulations of the Ministry of Agriculture (appearing on signboards at the Terminal) and refrain from bringing in contraband goods such as: Food, animals, plants etc.).
- For passengers arriving in private vehicles, it is recommended to return to Israel early – around noontime in order to alleviate unexpected delays or security inquiries.

Extension of Your Stay

Your visa can be extended (fee required) at the Ministry of the Interior office closest to you, please call their call center at: *3450 or 1 700 55 1111 and make an appointment.

Tourists can also fill the internet form and forward to the Population and Immigration Authority office near them. https://www.gov.il/he/service/request_for_extension_tourisem_visa_or_visitor_visa

Customs

General information regarding the laws and policies of the Customs Authority can be downloaded: <https://taxes.gov.il/customs/PersonalImport/Documents/CustomsReturningPassanger.pdf>

Please make note that travel through Allenby Bridge Crossing has specific limitations and directives. For example, visitors passing through the Allenby Bridge between Israel/Jordan may carry no more than the cash value of 2000 Jordanian Dinars.

Customs and V.A.T. for Tourists:

Aside from Allenby Bridge Crossing, and for all other Gateways including airports, the following tourist guide is relevant for the following visitors:

- a) For those who enter Israel on a B/2 visa (visitor).
- b) For those who enter Israel on a decree or permit, and possesses a diplomatic, consular or simila.
- c) For those who enter Israel on an A/2 visa (student).

d) For those who enter Israel on a type B/1 visa (foreign worker), A/3 visa (clergy), or B/4 (volunteer).

[:http://ozar.mof.gov.il/ita2013/eng/mainpage.htm](http://ozar.mof.gov.il/ita2013/eng/mainpage.htm)

Please note: there is a two-lane customs transit system, one green and the other red, at Ben Gurion Airport and the various Crossing Points.

Visitors who do not have goods to be declared may go through the green lane at the exit from the passenger arrival hall.

Leaving Israel

Tourists wishing to receive their VAT refund must approach the designated desk on the Departure Floor level of the Airport before leaving beginning their departure process.

Passengers must arrive at the airport three hours before departure time.

Passengers arriving at the airport must first undergo a quick security check before approaching the counter of the airline they are flying. Passengers and their luggage are inspected by airport personnel with modern security equipment before check-in and the baggage will be screened after as well. Passengers will receive a boarding pass and seat number at the airline counter.

At the Airport - Passport control upon departure

After the security check in the departure hall, passengers continue to passport control. They must present their passport and airline ticket and all carryon baggage.

Leaving Israel via the Land Crossings

- Opening hours for the different Gateways vary seasonally.
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- Should any problem arise during the crossing process, you may request the assistance of the Duty Manager.
- Ensure that you comply with all the regulations of the Ministry of Agriculture (appearing on signboards at the Terminal) and refrain from bringing in contraband goods such as: Food, animals, plants etc.).

- **Those traveling to Jordan, and requesting that their passports not be stamped at the borders, should directly request this from the Border Control official and should the Gate Pass not be available, request to fill out manually an official gate card.**

Passage fee certificates:

Enclosed are the new directives from the Israel Airport Authority to the travelling public departing Israel from any of the Land Gateways: Jordan River, Allenby, Yitzhak Rabin or Taba.

Travellers going abroad from Israel to Jordan or Egypt must according to the ordinances of the Israel Airport Authority from 1994, pay a Passage Fee to the Israel Airports Authority. Additional information is in the Airport Authority website: www.iaa.gov.il

The fees are updated annually on January 1st and are valid until December 31st of the same year.

Information for Group Leaders

- In exceptional cases, requests for late group passage can be forwarded to the various Gateway Directors. Please note, because such approval must be coordinated between both sides, requests should be forwarded as much in advance as possible.
 - **Groups must arrive at the Crossing at least one hour prior to closing.**
1. In order to coordinate the smooth passage of tourists between Israel and her neighboring countries, tour leaders are requested to notify the various Crossings of planned arrivals and departures. This is especially important for tourists from countries which have visa in advance requirements. Enclosed is copy of the notice form.
 2. Additional information is in the Airport Authority website: www.iaa.gov.il
 3. For further information and queries, please contact: Ms. Nancy Shedlaz, Legislation, Operation and Service Quality Division, Nancys@Tourism.gov.il Cell phone: 050 6214127

Information for Individual Travelers

- Check the validity of your passport - it must be valid for at least 6 months and **the validity of Israeli passports cannot be extended at the Crossings.**

- You may pay the exit Passage Fee at the bank at the Terminal or at some Post office Bank branches.
- For those passing with a vehicle, ensure that your driving license is valid and that your vehicle is not attached or under lien (For those departing in private vehicles).
- For passengers in private vehicles, it is recommended to return to Israel early – around noontime in order to alleviate unexpected delays or security inquiries.



Information for Passengers with Special Needs

The border terminals were planned to be accessible to passengers with Special Needs , taking into consideration and providing solutions for the unique needs of assisted travelers, so as to enable them to receive services in person and independently.

As part of the service, passengers may apply to the terminal's personnel for assistance and help in advance. Passage through the terminal, both on departure and on arrival, is uncomplicated, accessible to the disabled and unimpeded in all directions. Special parking places have been marked for the disabled in the parking lots. These are near the terminal building and easily accessible.

Wheelchairs may be obtained free of charge in the terminal. The wheelchairs remain at the disposal of those who need them until they leave the terminal. Public toilets in the terminal are accessible and adapted to wheelchairs.

Within the framework of improving services to all those passing through the terminals, the Airports Authority has completed a process of checking the accessibility to persons with disabilities at the border terminals. The check was carried out by a professional company specializing in the field of accessibility. **Terminal personnel will be happy to help and assist in solving any problem that may arise.**

לכבוד :
מנהל תורן - מסוף _____

הרינו להודיע על **כניסת** קבוצת נוסעים לישראל דרך המסוף. הקבוצה באחריות חברת: _____

ביום : _____ בתאריך : _____ בשעה (משוערת) : _____

מספר הנוסעים בקבוצה ולאום : _____
 תיירים ישראלי מעורבים

הרינו להודיע על **יציאת** קבוצת נוסעים מישראל דרך המסוף. הקבוצה באחריות חברת : _____

ביום : _____ בתאריך : _____ בשעה (משוערת) : _____

מספר הנוסעים בקבוצה ולאום : _____
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**TO THE ATTENTION OF:
DUTY MANAGER - BORDER TERMINAL at _____**

WE WOULD LIKE TO INFORM YOU ON THE **ARRIVAL** OF A GROUP **ENTERING** ISRAEL

ARRIVAL DATE: _____ **DAY:** _____ **TIME:** _____

AGENCY NAME: _____

PAX NUMBER and NATIONALITY: _____ RAELIS JRISTS ED

WE WOULD LIKE TO INFORM YOU ON THE **DEPARTURE** OF A GROUP **EXITING** ISRAEL

DEPARTURE DATE: _____ **DAY:** _____ **TIME:** _____

AGENCY NAME: _____

PAX NUMBER and NATIONALITY: _____ RAELIS JRISTS ED

הנהלת המסוף ממליצה לשלם האגרות מראש
לקבלת מידע נוסף אודות נהלי המעבר ותשלומי האגרה ניתן להתקשר ישירות למסוף
WE RECOMMEND YOU TO PAY THE BORDER TAX IN ADVANCE AT THE MAIN POST OFFICE

פרטים נוספים על מעברי הגבול היבשתיים בכלל ועל מסוף טאבה בפרט ניתן לקבל באתר

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE LOOK AT THE ISRAEL AIRPORT ASSOCIATION:
<http://www.iaa.gov.il/RASHAT/en-US/Borders/Taba>

ISRAEL GATEWAYS

AIRPORTS

- ▶ **Ben Gurion Airport**
- ▶ **Ovda International Airport**

BORDERS WITH JORDAN:

- ▶ **Jordan River Terminal - (also called also Sheik Hussein Gateway)**
- ▶ **Allenby Terminal- (also called King Hussein Gateway) - For Palestinians, tourists, and Israelis holding a valid visa for Jordan from the Embassy**
- ▶ **Yitzhak Rabin Terminal-(also called Arava-Aqaba Gateway)**

BORDER WITH EGYPT:

- ▶ **Menachem Begin Terminal**

Airports

Israel has seven public use airports. From each one domestic flights operate while only a few operate international flights. The largest airport is Ben Gurion Airport.

Ben Gurion International Airport (IATA: TLV, ICAO: LLBG), often referred as **Natbag** (נתב"ג), is the largest international airport of Israel and is considered the main Gateway to Israel. It is operated by the Israel Airports Authority.

Additional information is available at the Airport Authority website:

<http://www.iaa.gov.il/he-IL/airports/BenGurion/Pages/default.aspx>

Ovda International Airport

The Ovda terminal is located in the South near Eilat. The airport operates only when incoming commercial flights are scheduled the hours are subject to flight schedules as published periodically at the Airports Authority website. www.iaa.gov.il Phone: 08-3675387/ 08-6378542

For a number of years, the Ovda Airport has served as entrance for Charter flights bringing tourists from Europe. This airport is temporary and will operate until The International Ramon Airport is completed opposite Timna Park near Eilat. Israelis can travel to Europe with the Charter flights. Additional information is available at the Airport Authority website:

<http://www.iaa.gov.il/he-IL/airports/ovda/Pages/default.aspx>

JORDAN RIVER BORDER TERMINAL

The Jordan River Terminal is the northernmost border crossing over the Jordan River. The Terminal is in the vicinity of the town of Beit She'an. The Terminal is situated at an important strategic point: Close to Haifa, to the Port, to the center of Israel and to the center of Jordan, a fact that greatly eases transit in both directions and the conveyance of freight between the two countries.

The Jordan River Terminal serves as a border crossing between Israel and Jordan for Israeli citizens and foreign tourists, with the exception of Palestinians.

Essential telephone numbers and hours of operation

Terminal switchboard	(04) 6093400
Terminal fax:	(04) 6586421
Customs	(04) 6480018
Border Police: (04) 648	(04) 6481103
MEMSI (Israel Automobile Club):	(04) 6068705
Taxi:	(04) 6585834
Israel Embassy in Jordan:	009626696511
Jordanian Embassy in Israel:	(03)7517722

The office hours of the above entities are to the same as the hours of operation of the terminal.

Hours of Operation of the Passenger Terminal:

Sunday to Thursday: 06:30 – 20:00 (*)

Friday and Saturday: 08:00 – 19:00

(*) **For your attention:** It is required to arrive at the Israeli/Jordanian Border at least one hour before closing.

The terminal operates throughout the year, with the exception of Yom Kippur (the Jewish Day of Atonement) and the Muslim New Year – Id el Hijra. It is advisable to follow announcements in the media or call the terminal in order to find out the exact hours of operation during other holidays and holiday eve.

Transport to and from the Terminal

The Terminal can be reached by the following means:

- Taxis
- Private vehicles - it is possible to cross over to Jordan with the vehicle or to park it at the parking lot adjacent to the Terminal - for a fee.

For your information, there is no public transport which goes directly to the Crossing. It is possible to take a bus to Beit Shan and from there continue with a private taxi.

Rates

Passage Fees: Rates are subject to change annually. Until 31/12/2016 the fee will be 101 NIS.

Additional Fees

- Bus ticket from the Jordanian terminal to the Israeli terminal,
- Bus ticket from the Israeli terminal to the Jordanian terminal,
- Visa on the Jordanian side for all tourists.

For those departing by vehicle

- Changing license plates on the Jordanian side + insurance for 1 week on the Jordanian side.
- Changing license plates on the Jordanian side + insurance for 1 month on the Jordanian side.
- Insurance on the Israeli side.

ALLENBY BRIDGE TERMINAL - Israel's Central Gateway

The Allenby Terminal serves as a border crossing between Israel and Jordan and between the Palestinian Authority and Jordan.

The populations entitled to pass through the Terminal: Palestinians and tourists.

The Terminal also contains a freight wing, which serves for the transit of goods between Jordan and the Palestinian Authority, and between Jordan and Israel.

The Oslo Accords of 1994 defining the understandings with the Palestinian Authority as well as the signing of the peace agreements with Jordan designated that the Israel Airport Authority would operate the Allenby Bridge Terminal. Palestinians traveling abroad use this bridge to exit the Palestinian Authority region into Jordan and then use the Queen Alia International Airport in Amman to fly abroad.

Israelis are permitted to cross at this Gateway provided they hold a valid tourist visa from the Jordanian Embassy stating that it is valid at the Allenby Bridge. *Tourist groups* who wish to travel to Jordan must be in possession of a visa for Jordan in advance. Individuals can cross over without delay. Those who leave Jordan via the Allenby Bridge may return to Jordan on their original visa.

Recommendation for users of the Terminal

- To those crossing by vehicle - for your information, on the Jordanian side you will have to purchase third party insurance. It is possible to purchase complementary insurance in Israel (this can be done at the bank branch at the Terminal).
- **It is prohibited to cross over to Jordan with a motorcycle.**
- **Taxis and rented vehicles are not permitted to cross** between the two countries.

Essential telephone numbers and hours of operation:

Position	Office Tel. No.	Fax
Terminal management	(02) 548-2600	(02) 994-3289
Ministry of the Interior	(02) 940-9187	(02) 940-9207
Customs management	(02) 940-6555	(02) 994-4359
Police	(02) 940-7444	(02) 940-7440
Liaison and Coordination Administration	(02) 994-3375	(02) 994-3394
Foreign Forces Liaison Unit	(02) 940-5475	
Agriculture	(02) 994-3492	
Laufer VIP Service – JHA	02-9409041	02-9409041

Hours of Operation of the Terminal

The Terminal is open for business at the times stated below, 7 days a week, all year round, with the exception of Yom Kippur (the Jewish Day of Atonement) and the first day of the Muslim Feast of Sacrifice, when the Palestinian Wing is closed. It is advisable to follow announcements in the media or call the terminal in order to find out the exact hours of operation during other holidays and holiday eve.

Please note:

1. On Fridays and Saturdays, **tourism groups departing to Jordan** from Israel will be accepted no later than 12:00.
2. It is recommended to notify in advance the arrival of tourism groups to Israel through the Allenby Bridge Crossing to the following mail:

Allenby-info@iaa.gov.il and IditB@tourism.gov.il. Ms. Edith Ben Ari can be contacted directly at 050 6214070.

We request your cooperation.

Transportation To and From the Airport

Travelers at the terminal can use the following travel options:

- Special fare taxis to anywhere in Israel.
- Taxi service to East Jerusalem
- Private taxis from anywhere in the country
- Bus number 961 from Kiryat Shmona and from Jerusalem. The bus stop is on Road number 90, next to the upper entrance gate to the Terminal. From this gate, entrance is by taxi only. Upon leaving the terminal, passengers can take a taxi as far as the upper gate, and from there catch the bus to Jerusalem or north to Tiberius.

YITZHAK RABIN TERMINAL

Terminal Information

The Yitzhak Rabin Terminal is the southernmost border crossing between Israel and Jordan, and is located about 3 km. north of the town of Eilat. Formerly known as the Arava Terminal, it serves as a border crossing between Israel and Jordan for Israelis and foreign tourists only.

The majority of outbound passengers pass through the Terminal in groups going on one-day trips to Petra, generally from hotels in Eilat. Travel is customarily for organized groups as well as individual travelers.

Travelers from this crossing must look into changing regulations requiring the visa in advance policy of the Jordan and prepare their journey accordingly.

Essential telephone numbers and hours of operation

Terminal management	08-6300555
Terminal fax	08-6336844
Yitzhak Rabin Terminal customs	08-6300400
Border Control	08-6336753
Foreign Corps Liaison Unit	08-6302425
Jordanian Embassy in Israel	03-7517722
Israeli Embassy in Jordan	00962-655524680

Hours of operation of the Terminal:

For your attention: It is required to arrive at Gateways at least one hour before closing.

Sunday to Thursday - 06:30 - 19:00

Friday and Saturday - 08:00 - 19:00

On Yom Kippur (The Jewish Day of Atonement) and on the Muslim New Year – the Terminal is closed. . **It is advisable to follow announcements in the media or call the terminal in order to find out the exact hours of operation during other holidays and holiday eve.**

Transport to and from the Terminal

The Terminal can be reached by taxi, shared service taxi from Eilat, or by private vehicle. Travelers by car can continue to Jordan by car or park the vehicle in the parking lot adjacent to the Terminal.

Obtaining a visa at the Jordanian Terminal:

All questions about the visa policy at the Aqaba-Yitzhak Rabin Crossing should be forwarded to: The Jordanian Embassy in Israel, Tel. 03- 7517722.

Departing for Jordan by private vehicle

All payments applicable to passengers without a vehicle are also applicable to passengers in a vehicle, in addition to the following payments:

1. Translation of the vehicle license by Change Place Co.
2. International Driver's License (not issued at the Terminal).
3. Taxes and stamps in Jordan.
4. Changing license plates in Jordan.
5. Third party insurance in Jordan (depending on engine capacity).

Please note: Prices may change from time to time.

MENACHEM BEGIN (TABA) CROSSING - Israel's Gateway to Egypt

Terminal Information

The Taba Terminal serves as a border crossing between Israel and Egypt for Israeli citizens and foreign tourists. The Terminal is situated at the foot of a steep mountain on one side and on the other side is a coastal strip, which is a proclaimed nature reserve.

Please note:

▶ Taba Terminal

- 1. Tourists wishing to enter Cairo must attain a visa from the consulate in Eilat in advance. Visa to the Sinai Peninsula only, is available at the border.**
- 2. Tourists wishing to enter with a vehicle from Egypt must produce "Carne de Passage" from their country of origin. Israelis may acquire at the Memsi Auto Club.**
- 3. Passage in a rented vehicle is allowed to the Taba area only.**

Rates for those crossing by vehicle- on the Israeli and Egyptian sides are subject to change!

Essential telephone numbers and hours of operation

Terminal switchboard	08-6360999
Terminal fax	08-6373024
Taba Terminal customs	08-6372108
Border Police	08-6370192
MEMSI - The Automobile and Touring Club of Israel office	08-6340502
Taba Taxi	08-6333339
King Solomon Taxi	08-6332426
Shachamon Taxi	08-6315455
Israeli Embassy in Egypt	00 20 2 - 3610528/545
Egyptian Embassy in Israel	03-5464151, Fax: 03-5441615
Egyptian Consulate in Eilat	08-6376882

Hours of Operation

The Terminal is open for business 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, all year round, with the exception of Yom Kippur (the Jewish Day of Atonement) and the Muslim Feast of the Sacrifice, when the Terminal is closed. It is advisable to follow announcements in the media or call the terminal in order to find out the exact hours of operation during other holidays and holiday eve.

Transportation To and From the Gateway

It is possible to arrive at the Gateway in the following ways:

- By taxi from Eilat
- Egged bus no. 15 departs hourly from the Eilat Central Bus Station

For additional assistance, please feel free to call: Mr. Avi Kendlekar, Director of the Israel Ministry of Tourism Eilat Office 08 6309111 or 050 6214114.

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**Below are the Land Gateways' Hours of Operation and Present
Passage Rates on the Israel side**

תעריפי מעבר גבול בצד הישראלי ביציאה מישראל כולל שעות הפתיחה במעברים

**Please note: It is required to
arrive at the Gateways at least
.one hour before closing**

**לתשומת לבכם: חובה להגיע
למעברי גבול לפחות שעה לפני
סגירה.**