

Safety In Israel

Parents have one major concern when allowing their student to travel on school trips; safety. At first it seems pretty daunting to allow a student to travel on a school trip to Israel, however, when you compare the safety of going on a trip to Israel verses the safety of going on a school trip to Washington D.C., you will be surprised at which trip is safer.

Studies prove that it is more dangerous to send teens and chaperones to Washington D.C. than in going to Israel. In Washington D.C in 2016 there were 5,446 violent crimes, including a total of 127 homicides.

Why do schools continue to send students to Washington, D.C. if there is such danger? Should this violence stop students from spending a week learning and understanding the American system? Of course not! Schools take precautions when traveling to D.C., including not traveling to the more dangerous parts of this tiny district.

When parents allow their student to go on a school trip they want to be sure that they will be safe and well chaperoned. When considering a school trip to Israel, please know that Israel is one of the safest countries in the world. The following information backs this up:

- Israel is an extremely safe country to visit and to tour. In 2016, almost three million tourists came to Israel, and the first half of 2017 saw record numbers.
- There are very tight regulations on the airline flights going to and from Israel. Despite what the media might lead you to believe, security in Israel is tighter than perhaps anywhere else in the world.
- Buses provided for transportation are private, reserved for our group only. No one is able to get on or off the bus except those belonging to the group.
- Our group will travel to the safest tourist sites. In addition, our tour guide keeps in constant communication with the proper authorities. If they have any doubt about a particular site, they won't risk taking a group there. The itinerary will NOT include the Gaza Strip and the tour will not be within 75 miles of any part of Gaza.
- Our group will be in the safest hands possible with a government licensed driver and guide. Safety is priority number one!



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