

THE MASTER'S SEMINARY

May 2022 Israel Study Trip May 9–30, 2022

COVID Vaccinations

In a COVID impacted world, the nation of Israel is **currently requiring** COVID vaccinations (one of the several varieties approved by CDC) for any people arriving in Israel. We DON'T KNOW what they will require at the time of our trip. However, you need to be prepared to receive a COVID vaccination for the trip if Israel requires it. You would need to get the vaccination by April 1, 2022, to insure that you would pass the COVID test at LAX and at TLV airports. You have two options to consider:

- 1. Agree to receive COVID vaccination: Submit your registration form, marking that *you will receive the COVID vaccination* and make your payments, agreeing that you are willing to receive a COVID vaccination if Israel requires it. There will be a place on the trip registration form to register your decision. You would arrange to receive that vaccination no later than April 1, 2022. You will pay your deposit and trip payments on time.
- 2. Refuse to receive COVID vaccination: Submit your trip registration form, marking that you will not receive the COVID vaccination, and pay the deposit by December 3. There will be a place on the trip registration form to register your decision. We will put you on a trip waiting list. By March 1, we will make a decision on the COVID vaccination requirement based on what Israel requires. If you have changed your mind, be sure to let us know by Feb. 28 (email Christine Dixon). Otherwise, we will refund your check payment (less \$20.00 for admin fees) or provide a credit to your credit card (less \$30.00 for admin fees and CC charges for that amount). If we fill the trip with people willing to receive the COVID vaccination, you will not be part of the trip roster and we will refund your deposit as specified above.

Dr. G is not pushing a COVID vaccine agenda, but working with the requirements of Israel.

TRIP COST DETAILS

<u>Full Trip</u>

**All full trip prices are based on LAX to LAX flights and double occupancy.

TMS students* (and spouses): \$4200.00 Alumni and non-TMS participants: \$4700.00

Land Only

TMS students* (and spouses): \$3250.00 Alumni and non-TMS participants: \$3500.00

*This includes any student currently taking courses for academic credit from TMS, whether at the LA campus, distance locations, or online.
**Single occupancy requires an additional \$1300.00

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***If you are interested in a shorter trip, Dr. Grisanti leads a 10-day trip to Israel in mid-March every year, sponsored by The Master's University called the <u>IBEX Family and Friends</u> <u>Program</u>.

Note: Credit Card Convenience Fee - \$200.00

<u>Note</u>: If you pay *any part of the trip costs by credit card*, you will be asked to pay this credit card convenience fee. It will be added to what you owe for the final payment. This helps cover the additional work by office staff and the extra charge required by your credit card company.

PAYMENT PLAN

1. A \$500.00 CC non-refundable deposit is due with your <u>registration form</u> by *December 3*, *2021*.

If you are not a TMS student or alumni (or their wife), you will be placed on the trip waitlist until December 3rd. If at that time there are no additional spots available, we will refund your deposit. Otherwise, we will automatically add you to the trip list. Christine Dixon (cdixon@tms.edu) will contact you by Monday, December 6, to inform you of your status.

- 2. \$2500.00 is due by *January 14, 2022*.
- 3. Remaining payment due by *March 18, 2022* (the exact amount will depend on whether you have to pay a credit card convenience cost). Christine Dixon, my assistant for the trip records, will inform you of the exact amount.

PAYMENT DETAILS

<u>Check Payments</u>: Please make checks payable to The Master's Seminary and send it and the trip registration form to the below address:

The Master's Seminary Dr. Michael Grisanti 13248 Roscoe Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 91352 ATTN: Israel Study Trip

Or submit your registration form and check to Christine Dixon as her TMS office.

<u>Credit Card Payments:</u> Please use our <u>credit card processor</u> and put "2022 TMS Israel Trip" in the comments area.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Each trip participant must make their own decision about trip insurance. Although we provide a recommended vendor (<u>AIG Travel Guard</u>), you can pick your own vendor if preferred. You need to read the instructions carefully and pick the level of coverage you desire. The parameters of their coverage will determine whether they will refund all, some, or none of your trip costs.

You are not required to purchase trip insurance. However, you must realize this important reality. In addition to the parameters that govern whether you receive a refund if you have to cancel your trip before you make your final payment, travel insurance would be the only way you would receive any refund for your trip costs after we have sent the money to the airline and the land vendor. Once we have made those payments, TMS would have no money with which to provide you a refund. Travel/trip insurance would be your only recourse for a refund of trip expenses.

LIABILITY/ACTIVITY RELEASE FORM

To protect the seminary from liability issues, please complete the liability/activity release form.

ACADEMICS

Up to four units of TMS credit are available for current TMS students who are enrolled in a degree program:

- Two units for the **spring semester** Geography of Israel Class (BI652- optional—taught at TMS)—no academic tuition scholarship funds available for this course as an Israel trip benefit.
- Two units for the **summer school** Field Studies in Israel course (BI653- optional—part of TMS Israel trip). Dr. Grisanti will provide a course syllabus by the beginning of May—no academic tuition scholarship funds available for this course as an Israel trip benefit.

In the past, we were able to offer a tuition scholarship for those taking BI 653 in the summer. Both courses are good electives courses to take. However, tuition scholarships will not be offered specifically for students going on the TMS Israel trip for either BI652 or BI653. Any other spring semester tuition scholarship awarded may be used for BI 652 as part of your regular course load.

Current TMS students may be eligible for a TMS Israel trip scholarship. God has blessed us with funds that enable us to offer **several \$2500.00 Israel trip scholarships.** Read the instructions (*click on below link*) carefully before asking Christine Dixon or Dr. Grisanti questions. You will find the scholarship instructions and the scholarship application form. Fill the application out completely and be sure to submit the required essay.

View the TMS Israel Trip Scholarship Instructions and application here.

PASSPORT

If you are even considering going on the trip, please begin the process of <u>obtaining a US passport</u> if you don't have one. If your passport is scheduled to expire on or before December 2022 (6 months after our return date), you need to renew your passport for this trip. If you are not traveling on a United States Passport, please check with your consular office for VISA requirements to travel to Israel. If you are a TMS student, be certain to let your International Student Advisor know about your trip.

TRAVEL

2022 TMS Israel trip flight itinerary

**Airlines often change exact times along way. Dr. Grisanti will provide any essential updated itinerary information closer to our departure day. Our group reservation is on Lufthansa and involves a one-stop flight both ways.

Date	Airline flight	Departure city and time	Arrival city and time	Duration
5/9	LH457	LAX- 8:00 a.m. dep.	FRA- 10:50 a.m. arr. on 5/10	10:50
5/10	LH694	FRA- 2:00 p.m. dep.	TLV- 7:05 p.m. arr.	4:05
5/30	LH695	TLV- 8:00 a.m.	FRA- 11:30 a.m. arr.	4:30
5/30	LH450	FRA- 2:00 p.m.	LAX- 4:35 pm arr.	11:35

For those who live in other parts of the country, you can travel to LAX and then from and back to LAX with most of the group. Or you can make your own reservations from your home airport to Israel and back. You may make your own reservations using the instructions below or use our travel agent, Craig Dunning (craig@discipleshiptravel.com; (682) 227-0175).

If you want to fly out of and return to a different city than LAX:

In this case, since the group reservation involves a one-stop Lufthansa flight from LAX to the Ben Gurion airport outside of Tel Aviv through Frankfurt, German, it might be simplest to book your own flight reservation on another airline. You must arrive **BEFORE** the group flying from LAX (before 7:05 p.m. on 5/10) if you want to ride the bus we provide for the transfer from the Ben Gurion airport to Jerusalem. If you flight into Israel is delayed for some reason or is scheduled to land after the group arrival, we will not wait for you. You will need to take a sherut/shuttle or taxi to Jerusalem. I will give instructions for that later.

If you want to arrive in Israel or depart from Israel on a different day than the group:

Sometimes a person wants to arrive in Israel a day or so before the group (but on the group reservation—using the Lufthansa group reservation out of LAX) to get some rest before the trip begins. In that case, you would pay the full trip price (and your flight costs would be part of the trip costs). Sometimes, there is an additional charge required by the airline for "deviations" from the group reservation. If that is the case, you would pay that charge to our travel agent who would be handling that "deviation". If you want to arrive or depart on a different day with a flight reservation you make, the below info also applies to you.

If you arrive or depart on a different day than the group, *the shuttle/taxi cost and the additional hotel costs will be your responsibility*. Dr. Grisanti can help explain what to do when the departure date gets closer.

FYI for those who arrive to Israel early—we are staying at the Gloria hotel as a group for our Jerusalem days. If you want to stay there, email them to inquire about room availability: <u>gloriahl@netvision.net.il</u>. Tell them that you are part of the TMS Israel study group, led by Dr. Michael Grisanti. Don't wait too long to do this because May/June are busy times for hotels in Israel. You can also find a hotel in the Tel Aviv area and meet us at the airport or another hotel in Jerusalem. The Hotel Gilgal in Tel Aviv is owned by Messianic believers and is located 2-3 blocks from the beach: <u>https://www.hotelgilgal.com/</u>.

If you are making your own flight arrangements but arriving on the same day as the group:

Unless you want to pay for your own transportation from the Ben Gurion (Tel Aviv) airport to Jerusalem and from Jerusalem to the airport and you are arriving the same day as the group arrives in Israel, *you must arrive at the Ben Gurion airport (TLV) before the group is scheduled to arrive and must schedule your departure for <u>after</u> <i>the group departs*. That way your bus transportation after arrival and before departure is covered by the trip costs. In that case, you would pay the "Land Only" price listed above. The group will not wait at the Tel Aviv airport for late arrivals or go to the Tel Aviv airport for early departures. In those cases, you would have to pay for your own taxi or shuttle.

***We ARE DOING a four-day Jordan extension trip after the TMS trip this year. I will explain that further below. I insert that information here because it would require you to head back to the U.S. on a different day. Depending on your situation, you could do that with the group air itinerary or just book your return flight for a day that works with the Jordan extension trip (see below).

The "FINE PRINT"

The TRIP PRICE: Each registered participant agrees to pay the tour price indicated above in a single payment OR in payments that correspond to the payment schedule provided above. The

price(s) listed are based on current airline transportation and fuel surcharge taxes and are subject to change without notice until the airline tickets are issued. In the case of a fuel surcharge tax increase, each passenger will be responsible to pay the difference before departure.

INCLUDED IN PRICE: Coach airfare from/to LAX, double-occupancy accommodations in 3-4-star hotels (unless paying the single occupancy fee), entry fees, drivers, breakfast and dinner buffets, climate-controlled buses, taxes and tips (drivers).

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE: Trip insurance, lunches, a la carte beverages at buffets (e.g., bottled soft drinks and alcohol), daily water or snacks, souvenirs or personal expenses, any expenses resulting from illness or accident, passport costs, or any other expenses not specifically mentioned above as included.

ITINERARY CHANGES: The trip itinerary is subject to change, order, or content according to local conditions, which may include, among other things, mechanical problems, weather, security, and crowd considerations. If an itinerary change necessitates extra overnights, each traveler is responsible for the added costs.

AIRLINE TICKETS and FLIGHT TIMES: All flight times are subject to change by the airlines without advance notice. The Master's Seminary is not responsible for such changes or delays and does not reimburse expenses resulting from such delays. The Master's Seminary recommends travel interruption insurance through AIG <u>Travel Guard</u>.

REGISTRATION: Complete registration form and send it in along with the non-refundable deposit by December 3, 2021. Your first main payment is due by January 14, 2022, and your final payment is due by March 18, 2022.

PAYMENT: Late payment requires an additional \$100.00 fee. If full payment is not received, the traveler cannot participate in the trip and would receive no refund.

CANCELLATIONS:

- Any cancellation from registration until 121 days (ca. 4 months) prior to departure will result in a \$200 cancellation fee.
- Any cancellation between 120-61 days (ca. 2-4 months) prior to departure will result in a \$700 cancellation fee plus any airline penalties.
- Any cancellation between 60-45 days (ca. 1 ½ to 2 months) prior to departure will result in a \$1500 cancellation fee plus any airline penalties.
- No refund will be given for any cancellation that occurs less than 45 days prior to departure.
- Cancellation requests must be made in writing and sent to:

Dr. Michael Grisanti The Master's Seminary ATTN: Israel Study Trip 13248 Roscoe Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 91352 Cancellations **WILL NOT** be accepted by any means other than in writing. For your protection, it is recommended to use registered mail or courier service.

THE "DISCLAIMER"

The Master's Seminary (TMS) acts only as an agent for the various companies whose accommodations are utilized. TMS assumes no responsibility or liability in connection with the services of any automobile, airplane, boat, or other conveyance which will be used either wholly or in part. Neither will TMS be responsible for any act, error, omission, or any injury, loss, accident, or any delay which may be occasioned by reason of defect in any vehicle or through neglect or default of any company or person engaged in the conveying of passengers. TMS accepts no responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delays or changes in motor coach, train, airplane services, or that of any other conveyance, sickness, accident, weather, strikes, war, quarantine, or other causes; and all such losses or expenses must be borne by the passenger. The airlines and/or other transportation companies concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission, or event that may occur during the time the passengers are not aboard the airplane or conveyance. The passage contract, as issued by the airlines or other transportation companies involved with the tour, shall constitute the sole contract between the purchaser and the airlines or transportation companies and limit the responsibilities of the tour sponsors concerning the related travel and accommodations. Prices and schedules that appear in any brochure or website are based on current schedules and tariff rates and are subject to change without notice. Payment of a deposit or fees, in whole or in part, constitutes a declaration of full understanding and acceptance of the terms and conditions outlined in this brochure, including the "FINE PRINT" and "DISCLAIMER.

Jordan Itinerary-May 29-June 1, 2022

- Sun., May 29
 Group transfer to Allenby bridge—Cross Jordan (D)

 Our bus and guide is waiting for you at the Jordan side of the border. Visit Jerash. Overnight in Amman.
- Mon., May 30 Amman City Tour, Mt Nebo, Madaba. Overnight at Petra. (B,D)

Tues., May 31	Full day Petra Tour. Overnight at Petra. (B,D)	B = Breakfast

Wed., June 1 Transfer to border. Cross to Israel (B)

Price Includes:

- > 1 Night at Gloria or Knights Palace Hotel in Jerusalem before we head to Jordan
- > 1 Night at **Days Inn** in Amman (or similar)
- > 2 Nights at **Petra Panorama Hotel** in Petra (or similar)
- Daily breakfast and 3 dinners at the hotels
- > Met and assisted on arrival to and departure from the Jordan side by our representative
- > Free group collective entry visa for entering Jordan on arrival
- > Transportation and tours in Air-condition modern Buses, with English speaking guide and driver
- English Speaking Escort Guide from arrival till departure; Dr. G will supplement the teaching focusing on Scriptural relevance.
- Lunch at Jerash on May 29
- Entrance fees to all sites mentioned in program
- \succ 1 horse ride and 1 entry in Petra
- > Porterage at hotels and borders
- > Bus transfers between Jerusalem and Allenby Bridge and between Jerusalem and Gilgal Hotel, Tel Aviv

Price does not include—Bring cash (US Dollars) with you for these expenses:

- > Departure tax (leaving Israel) at Allenby Bridge—\$52.00 (176 NIS) per person paid at the border
- > Departure tax (leaving Jordan) at Allenby Bridge—\$15 per person paid at the border
- Lunch meals—plan on ca. \$15 per person per meal
- Horse drawn carriages in Petra
- Be prepared to give a tip (\$2.00?) to the men who load our luggage or unload our luggage at the border crossing area.
- Tips for guide and driver—about \$5.00 per day (per person) for Jordanian driver and guide = \$20.00 total (\$15.00 for guide and \$5.00 for the driver). We will give them their tip after we get to the border crossing area. Also be prepared to give tips for the Israeli driver on transfer from Jerusalem to border crossing and from the border crossing to Jerusalem (ca. \$5.00 each way).
- > Expenses of private nature- souvenirs, snacks, etc.
- Ca. \$160.00 for expenses not covered by trip price

D = **Dinner**

Drinks during meals or at hotel rooms

Costs are all per person—Total Trip Price: \$600.00** (dbl occupancy) Note: the number of people who register for the Jordan trip may impact the total trip price. Dr. Grisanti should know if he needs to slightly increase the trip price by early December when the trip roster is fairly settled.

Extra cost if desired: Single room supplement: \$150.00

PAYMENT PROCEDURE :

Deposit on or before December 10, 2021 - \$100.00 (non-refundable) - with submitted registration form

Remaining Payment on or before March 18, 2022-\$500.00

Note: Payment must be made with checks payable to The Master's Seminary and mailed to:

Dr. Michael Grisanti The Master's Seminary 13248 Roscoe Blvd. Sun Valley, CA 91352 RE: Jordan Extension trip (No Credit Card payments)

<u>Note</u>: At the end of our last day of Isael "touring" (Sat, May 28), those of us going on the Jordan trip will be dropped off (with our luggage) near Jaffa Gate and check into our hotel (Gloria Hotel). Dinner and breakfast are covered. You can do a bit of shopping or poking around in Jerusalem if desired. We will get on our bus to the border crossing between Israel and Jordan (Allenby Bridge area, not far from Jericho) by about 8 a.m. We will see the sites on the schedule below.

On Wednesday, after breakfast at the hotel in the Petra area, we will drive from the Petra area to the border crossing, getting lunch along the way. After the border crossing, we will head to Jerusalem and get off the bus at Jaffa Gate (with our luggage) around 3 p.m.. Dinner will be on your own and you will not have a room for a shower. You will have to arrange for a shuttle to the airport that evening. I am sure that the Gloria hotel will allow you to store your luggage somewhere safe for a few hours.

FYI: You can get to the Ben Gurion airport on a shuttle (ca. \$25.00), a taxi (ca. \$100.00), or take the high speed rail (ca. \$15.00). For the high speed rail, you will have to walk with your luggage to West Jerusalem, about 2 blocks from the New Gate, take a light rail to the main train station, and head into that station, buy your ticket at a kiosk and climb aboard.

Basic Itinerary for Jordan Extension Trip, May 29–June 1, 2022

**Sat, May 28—spend the night in Jerusalem—covered by TMS trip price

Our Jordan extension trip starts on Sunday, May 29. The rest of the TMS group will have a free day in Jerusalem.

Sunday, 5/29	Monday, 5/30	Tuesday, 5/31	Wednesday, 6/1	Thur., 6/2
8:00 a.m.—Meet at front area of	8:00 a.m ready to start the day (may	8:00 a.m ready to start the day	8:00 a.m ready to start the day	Arrive Home!!!
Hotel—we will walk to the Carta parking area, put our bags under the	vary based on Jordanian guide): Amman City Tour	Full day of touring Petra	Drive North and then head back to the Allenby Bridge	
bus, and get on bus. Cross border at the Allenby Bridge into Jordan	Mt. Nebo Madaba Drive to Petra		The time it takes to cross the border depends on various factors. Prepare to be patient.	
Drive to the site of Jerash, where we will have lunch.			Roll our luggage out to the bus and ride to Jerusalem and then Tel Aviv.	Israeli Telephone Numbers:
Visit the site of Jerash- City of the Decapolis			TMS folks—head to Ben Gurion airport for your flight home.	Dr. G- 050-709- 4386
Overnight: Days Inn, Amman (or similar)	Overnight: Petra Panorama (or similar)	Overnight: Petra Panorama (or similar)	Idaho Folks will head to our hotel in Tel Aviv— Gilgal Hotel.	

2022 Jordan Extension Trip, May 29–June 1—Trip Registration Information

Please fill out the below areas completely and accurately (and legibly)! Circle one As it appears on your passport!!! DOB: mm/dd/yyyy Male / Female Address: City: St: Zip: Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Email Address: Passport #: _____ COO-000 Expiration Date: ______ My health restrictions are: My desired roommate is: I want to have a room by myself and will pay for a single room supplement (\$115.00 for Jordan hotels) **Tour Price Explained:** Payment Deadlines (no later): **\$600.00** per person, double occupancy Dec. 10—Non-refundable Deposit (\$100.00) March 18—Final payment (\$500.00) (plus single room supplement if requested) ***Payment must be made with checks payable to The Master's Seminary and mailed to: (No Credit Card payments)

Dr. Michael Grisanti The Master's Seminary 13248 Roscoe Blvd. Sun Valley, CA 91352 RE: Jordan Extension trip

**Send the registration form in with your deposit.