



# THE MASTER'S SEMINARY

*May/June 2024 Israel Study Trip*  
*May 13–June 2, 2024*

**\*\*\*Please Read the entire file carefully.**

# COVID Vaccinations

At this point in time, Israel is not requiring any COVID vaccinations or COVID pretests.

## TRIP COST DETAILS

### Full Trip—land and air costs

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

TMS students\* (and spouses): \$4695.00

Alumni and non-TMS participants: \$5395.00

### Land Only- not including air fare costs—you will make your own air reservations.

TMS students\* (and spouses): \$3395.00

Alumni and non-TMS participants: \$3945.00

\*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 \$2100.00

*Note: Credit Card Convenience Fee - \$200.00 per person, one time*

**Note:** 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.

### Included:

- Airfare (for full trip price)
- Hotel Accommodation—half board (breakfast and dinner)
- Transportation—bus driver for touring and group transfers to/from airport
- Guide—Dr. Michael Grisanti
- Entrance Fees

### Not included:

- Travel insurance
- Lunches, snacks, special drinks at meals (anything other than water)
- Individual activities on free times
- Individual transfers to/from airport apart from main group
- Personal discretionary spending
- Single room supplement

## **PAYMENT PLAN- a deposit payment and two other payments:**

1. A \$500.00 non-refundable deposit is due with your [registration form](#) by *November 29, 2023*.

If you are not a TMS student or alumni (or their wife), you will be placed on the trip waitlist until November 29. 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](mailto:cdixon@tms.edu)) will contact you by Monday, December 4, to inform you of your status.

2. \$2500.00 is due by *January 12, 2024*.
3. Remaining payment due by *March 15, 2024* (the exact amount will depend on whether you have to pay a late fee or credit card convenience cost). Christine Dixon, my assistant for the trip records, will inform you of the exact amount.

**See below for payment information if you are an LA campus student and have been awarded a trip scholarship.**

**LAND ITINERARY:** The trip website has a sample trip itinerary from a previous trip that will give participants an idea of what we will see and do. Dr. G will provide a similar itinerary for the 2024 trip closer to departure day. Each trip has some scheduled events that must be scheduled and are not the same each year.

## **PAYMENT DETAILS**

**Check Payments:** 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 at her TMS office.
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**Credit Card Payments:** Please use our [credit card processor](#) and put "2024 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 ([Travel Guard](#)), 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](#).

**\*\*Link attached liability form here**

## 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 after course preregistration for Summer and Fall concludes—no academic tuition scholarship funds available for this course as an Israel trip benefit.

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 BI652 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.

If you are awarded a trip scholarship, that amount will be deducted from what you owe for the Israel trip. You will need to pay your deposit and the second or final payment (March 15, 2024). The scholarship amount will be considered your January payment.

***Create a link to the scholarship instructions called “TMS Israel trip scholarship instructions and application”.***

## PASSPORT

If you are even considering going on the trip, please begin the process of [obtaining a US passport](#) if you don't have one. If your passport is scheduled to expire on or before December 2, 2024 (6 months after our return date), you need to renew your passport for this trip. Be sure to submit your application for a new passport or renewal **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**. There is a significant backlog/wait for passport applications. It would be best to pay the expedite fee. 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 plans.

## TRAVEL

### 2023 TMS Israel trip flight itinerary

**\*\*Airlines often change exact times as the departure date approaches. Dr. Grisanti will provide any essential updated itinerary information closer to our departure day. Our group reservation is on Turkish Air and involves a stop in Istanbul both ways.**

#### Just Israel itinerary

Turkish Airlines	10	5/13/24	Los Angeles (LAX)	Istanbul (IST)	6:35 PM	5:35 PM	*	5/14/24
Turkish Airlines	864	5/14/24	Istanbul (IST)	Tel Aviv (TLV)	7:50 PM	9:55 PM		
Turkish Airlines	865	6/2/24	Tel Aviv (TLV)	Istanbul (IST)	8:25 AM	10:45 AM		
Turkish Airlines	9	6/2/24	Istanbul (IST)	Los Angeles (LAX)	1:15 PM	4:55 PM		

LAX- Los Angeles; IST- Istanbul; TLV- Tel Aviv

#### Flight arrangement questions:

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](mailto: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 two flights (through Istanbul) to and from the Ben Gurion airport outside of Tel Aviv, it might be simplest to book your own flight reservation on another airline. You could try to arrange a flight to join the group in Istanbul, but Dr. Grisanti recommends that you create an independent flight itinerary. If you do that and if you want to ride the bus we provide for the transfer from the Ben Gurion airport to Jerusalem, **you must arrive BEFORE** the group flying from LAX (before 9:55 p.m. on 5/14). If your 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 Turkish Air group reservation out of LAX) to get some rest before the trip begins. There are two ways to do this.

1. Airlines often allow a certain number of “deviations” from a group itinerary—same itinerary, but a different day. In that case, you would pay the full trip price (and your flight costs would be part of the trip costs). Please contact Craig Dunning if you need a “deviation” like this. Sometimes, there is an additional charge required by the airline for “deviations” from the group reservation. If that is the case, you would pay extra in your final trip payment to cover that cost. If you want to arrive or depart on a different day with a flight reservation you make, the below info also applies to you.
2. You would simply book your own flight arriving and departing on your preferred days. 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 how to get shuttles or taxis 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: [gloriahl@netvision.net.il](mailto:gloriahl@netvision.net.il). 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. Dr. Grisanti and Craig Dunning will not make these hotel reservations for you.

### **If you are making your own flight arrangements but arriving on the same day as the group and you want to share the bus for airport transfers covered by trip costs:**

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 after 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. *The Jordan trip information can be found through a link on the initial page of the Israel trip website.* I insert that information here because it would require you to head back to the U.S. on a different day. Our agent has created a separate group reservation for Jordan trip participants (a different return date- June 6). Depending on your situation, you could travel to and from Israel on the Jordan trip group itinerary or just book your return flight for a day that works with the Jordan extension trip (see below). Again, we have a group reservation on Turkish Air for a number of seats for those dates. That travel itinerary group air and land) will be on the Jordan trip page. The price for both flight itineraries (Israel only or Israel and Jordan) are the same.**

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## 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 [Travel Guard](#).

**REGISTRATION:** Complete registration form and send it in along with the non-refundable deposit by November 29, 2023. Your first main payment is due by January 12, 2024, and your final payment is due by March 15, 2024.

**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.**