



TORAH in MOTION travel

GREECE 2019

PRACTICAL INFORMATION FOR TRAVELERS

Everything has been done to make your journey special, please read this information that will be helpful to you as you prepare for the trip.

Time Zone:

Greece is 7 hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time. Please consider this when making arrangements for friends to call, etc.

Entry requirements:

A valid passport is required for entry to Greece. The passport must be valid for at least 6 months after your planned return home. No visa or other papers are required for Canadian, Israeli or US citizens. If you are travelling on another passport please check with us to confirm visa requirements.

Currency:

Greece is a member of the EU and the common currency in use is the Euro. Exchanges can be done at banks and official exchange places. While traveling with cash is a personal matter, we do recommend that all travelers bring some cash EUROS along.

Credit cards and ATM machines:

Major stores, hotels, etc. accept major credit cards. However, as in most other places cash is king. Small shops, street vendors, taxi drivers, etc. will not be able to process credit cards. ATM machines are easily available everywhere. Second to cash, using ATMs is the most convenient way to obtain local currency.

Weather:

Temperatures in Greece during July are expected to be hot. Day temperatures can range anywhere from 20-40 degrees Celsius. The weather is most frequently sunny and dry, and any -quite rare- precipitation falls in the form of showers or thunderstorms from cumuliform clouds. The air is usually hot during the day and pleasantly warm at night. Heatwaves may occur, but they are usually quite mild at the coastal areas, where temperatures are moderated by the relatively cooler sea and the sea breeze. Since weather can always be unpredictable, it is a good idea to pack a light jacket.

Electricity:

220 volts AC, 50 Hz. Adapters and/or converters are required for most U.S. electrical appliances. Check if your appliances work with 220 volts (written on your appliance or charger).

Kosher food:

During the tour, you are provided with 3 Kosher meals daily. Breakfast and two dinners are on a buffet basis while most of the dinners are on a set-menu basis. Meals are either prepared for us on the spot under rabbinical supervision or offered at local restaurants.

Kosher snacks:

Feel free to bring your favorite snacks and in between meal supplies. Kosher food is not as easily available as it is in Canada or the USA and even when you find some provisions, they are very limited. You will be provided with the food you need during the trip.

Water:

You can drink the water in most places, drinking of bottled water is recommended and will be provided.

Luggage on the tour:

Luggage is limited to one suitcase and one carry-on bag per person. There is no reason to pack heavily for this tour, since required clothing is mostly light and casual throughout. Never pack essential medication, money or other personal necessities in your checked luggage; these should be kept in your carry-on bag at all times.

What to Bring:

Think comfortably and practically when packing. Casual clothing is widely used and accepted. Comfortable walking shoes are a must, and we recommend that you bring at least two pairs. Since the weather can be unpredictable, please ensure that you come prepared. Always bring a day pack or waist pack that you feel comfortable with while touring or during activities.

3 good things to do before you leave:

1. Make two copies of your passport. Bring one copy with you on the tour (separately kept from your passport) and leave the other copy with a selected family member or friend.
2. Contact your credit card and ATM companies and inform them that charges might be made abroad - otherwise they will likely close your card as a protection. This has become common to fight credit card fraud. It is a good idea to make sure that your daily withdrawal allowance is sufficient for you.
3. Bring along the international number to your credit card company, should you need to cancel your card while in Europe (in case of loss etc.).

In addition:

We will provide you with emergency contact info for use during the trip, if you have any questions or comments during the trip please be in touch with us.

Email is usually reliable and you can be in touch with us at info@torahinmotion.org

Also, please note:

- Each passenger will need to provide their credit card number at each hotel to take care of their own extra expenses (if there are any).
- During the trip there are times when each traveler will be given a set of headphones for use when touring. Each person needs to take care of these and be responsible for them until they are returned in good repair.

Hotel information Greece 2018:

Athens:

Athenaeum Intercontinental Athens Hotel
Syngrou Avenue 89-93, 11745 Athens
Phone: 30 210 9206000

Ioannina:

Hotel Du Lac Congress Center & Spa
Karolos Papoulias Avenue & Ikkou Street, 45221 Ioannina
Phone: 30 26510 59100

Salonika (Thessaloniki):

Hyatt Regency Thessaloniki Hotel,
13th km. Thessaloniki - Perea Road, 57001 Themi, Thessaloniki
Phone: 30 2310 401234

