

Safety & Security

The University Outreach/Live The Land Israel Tour program is committed to providing a safe and secure travel experience in Israel. Our tour provider has a well-deserved reputation for providing the highest level of safety and security to program participants for many years. CJF Ministries/University Outreach has developed a safety protocol that places the welfare of our participants above all other considerations. Parents will be able to contact CJF Ministries staff on a 24x7 basis; and the University Outreach website will be updated regularly with news and information about the tour in Israel.

The following are the basic components of our approach to safety and security:

- CJF Ministries/University Outreach strictly adheres to security policies regarding youth and student travel. Our itineraries have been designed to allow the best tour experience while ensuring that safety and security are not compromised.
- Participants are given a comprehensive security and safety orientation immediately upon arrival in Israel. During this session, participants are taught all rules and regulations that govern their safety. They are also educated in how to protect themselves in the unlikely event that they are separated from the group. Each participant is given an orientation booklet that contains an emergency contact card with phone numbers of all Live the Land staff and personnel who are available to the participants on a 24x7 basis.
- Each group is accompanied in Israel at all times by a professional guide who is licensed according to the highest logistical, security, and safety standards. Each group is also accompanied by at least four CJF Ministries staff members who are responsible for the health and well-being of each participant in their group. Our staff members have emergency cell phones which enable contact with the groups on a 24x7 basis. (The only brief exceptions to this MAY occur in areas of Jordan and the Dead Sea where there is no cell service at this time.)
- Overnights are always spent in hotels and guest houses in the safest and most secure locations within the country.
- The program itineraries do NOT include travel to or through areas of the West Bank or Gaza Strip.
- While the program does make visits to Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, our travel within the major cities is generally confined to closed areas with special protection (e.g. the Western Wall, Yad VaShem, etc.). We never travel in crowded public areas, and we always travel on our own private buses.
- While we make every effort to give participants space and time to explore on their own, there is no leaving the group without approved supervision. The bottom line is that we maintain an ironclad commitment to all matters of security. In fact we

find that most of our participants complete their experience in Israel without even being able to detect evidence of tension in the region. On that note, we would be happy to put you in touch directly with one of our Live the Land alumni if you are interested in getting a firsthand perspective.

Finally, if you, your family, or a friend would like to discuss our security approach in greater detail, we encourage you to contact us directly at 1-800-926-5397.

