Word of Life
Bible Institute

2027 ISRAEL STUDY TOUR

Safety, Security, and Trip Cancellation

Questions about the advisability of moving ahead with an Israel Study Tour in the context of current world events are entirely understandable. We welcome the opportunity to share how we have been evaluating the situation and what factors have been guiding our plans.

Travel in any part of the Middle East requires careful consideration, and the safety of our students and other trip participants is our highest priority. We do not take the decision to run a study tour in Israel lightly. The leaders of this tour have been organizing trips to Israel since 2010, and over the years have developed strong personal and professional relationships with trusted local partners, including guides, drivers, bus companies, and hotels. These relationships give us valuable firsthand insight into conditions on the ground and help us make informed decisions based on experience as well as current information.

We continually monitor developments, review U.S. government travel advisories, follow airline operations, consult our contacts in Israel, and stay in communication with reputable Christian tour organizations. Once in country, we avoid known areas of tension and immediately adjust our itinerary if needed. We recognize that media coverage can sometimes create an impression that does not fully reflect conditions on the ground, so we seek to evaluate the situation from multiple reliable sources. Based on all of the information available to us, we believe it is reasonable to move ahead with the March 2027 Israel Study Tour. At the same time, we recognize that circumstances can change and will therefore continue monitoring developments. Moving forward with plans does not mean ignoring risks; it means carefully evaluating them as circumstances evolve.

We also understand that prospective participants and their families may be concerned about what happens if the trip must be cancelled. If Word of Life cancels the tour before December 1, 2026, all funds paid, including the reservation fee, will be refunded or, for students enrolled in the spring 2027 semester, applied to their student account unless there is a compelling reason for a refund. If unforeseen health or safety concerns result in the cancellation of the tour after this date, we will seek the maximum possible reimbursement of trip costs under the circumstances. Further details about cancellation and refund policies are spelled out in the application form.

Our commitment is to provide trip participants with a meaningful educational and spiritual experience while exercising sound judgment and responsible care. We will not hesitate to reconsider our plans if circumstances warrant it. We appreciate the confidence trip participants and their families place in us and welcome all inquiries for further information.

Ultimately, our trust is in the Lord as we continually seek His wisdom and exercise due diligence in considering all relevant factors.

Thank you.