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Experience Israel for yourself April 22-May 2, 2018!

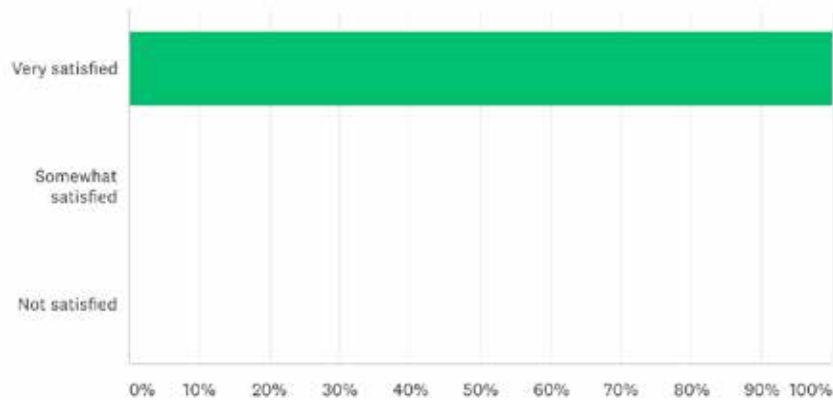


**I**n their own words, here's the advice travelers from our April 2018 trip have to offer future travelers with Experience Israel Now. This anonymous survey was sent out just two days after our trip and most of our travelers responded to it. If you're headed to Israel with EIN in the near future, read these results carefully! You'll find advice here on everything from how much money to take with you for souvenirs to what to expect from the food we eat!

Q1

In general, how satisfied were you with our biblical study tour of Israel?

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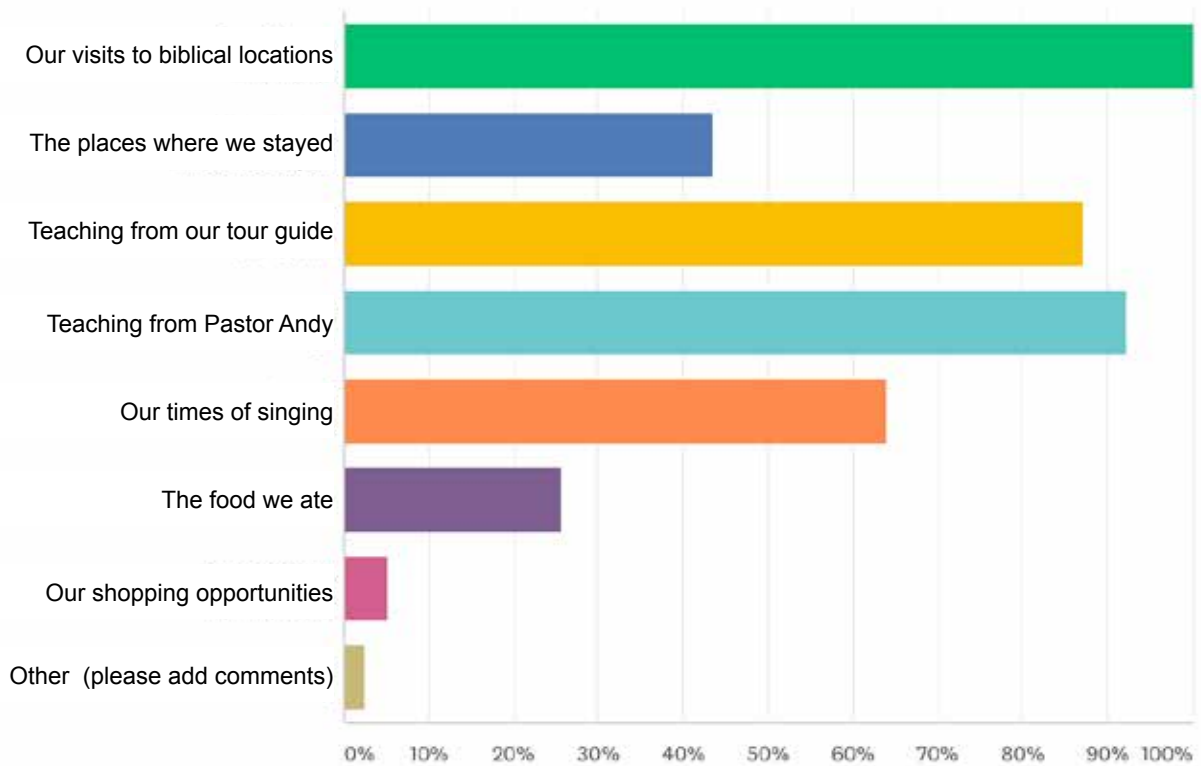


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	100.00%	39
Somewhat satisfied	0.00%	0
Not satisfied	0.00%	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>39</b>

Q2

What were some of the things you enjoyed the most about your

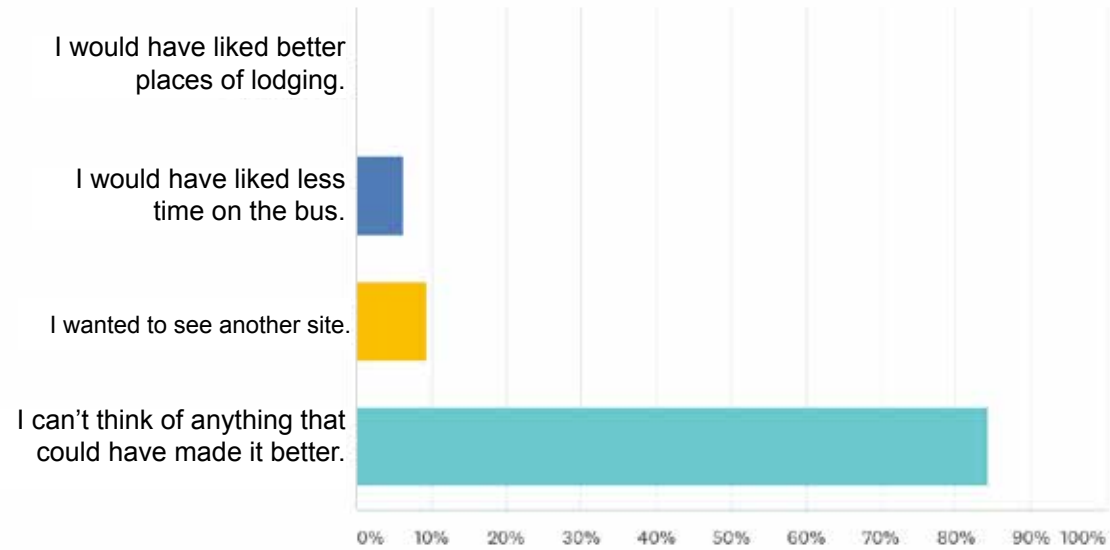
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Q3

### What could have made our experience better?

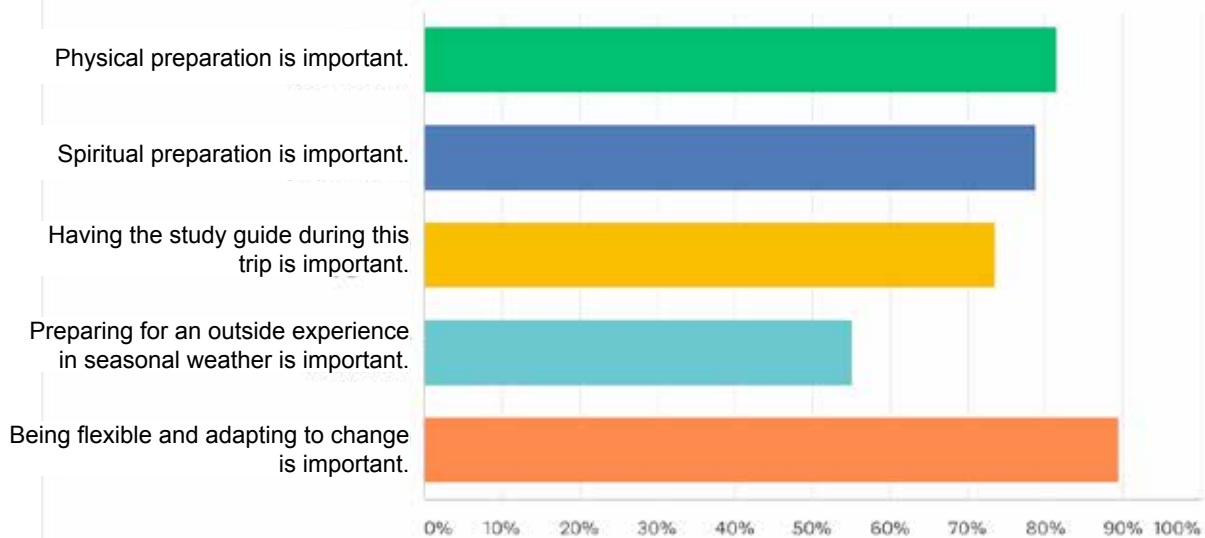
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Q4

### How would you encourage other travelers to prepare for their own trip to Israel with Experience Israel Now?

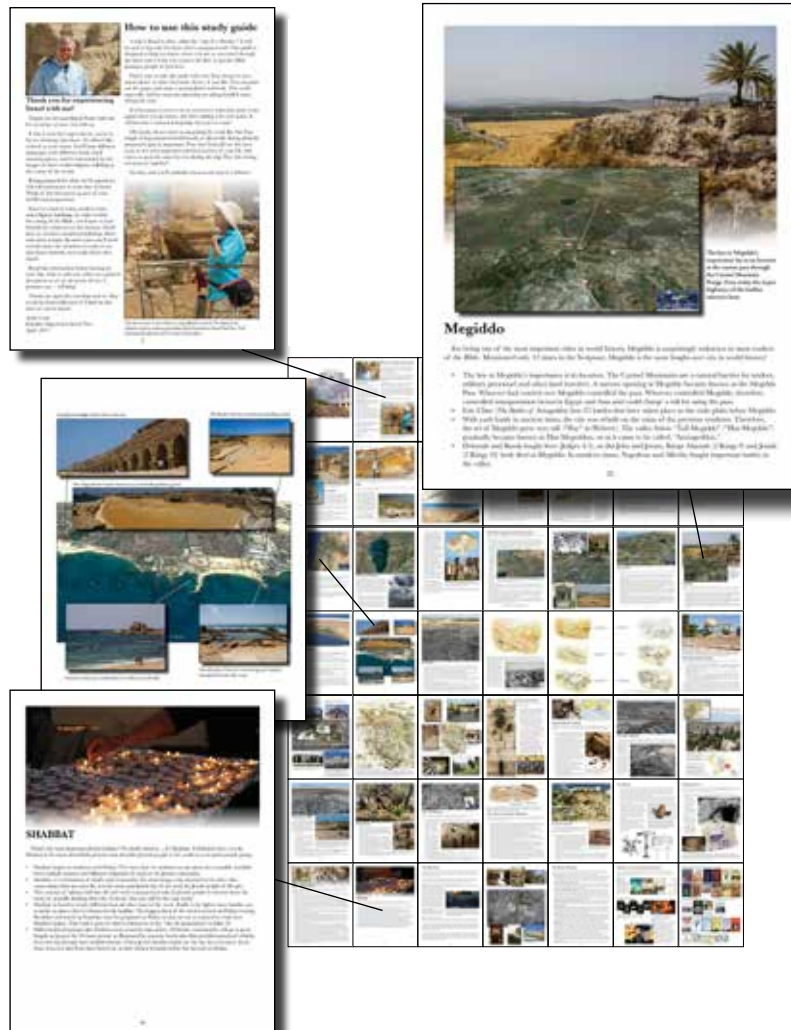
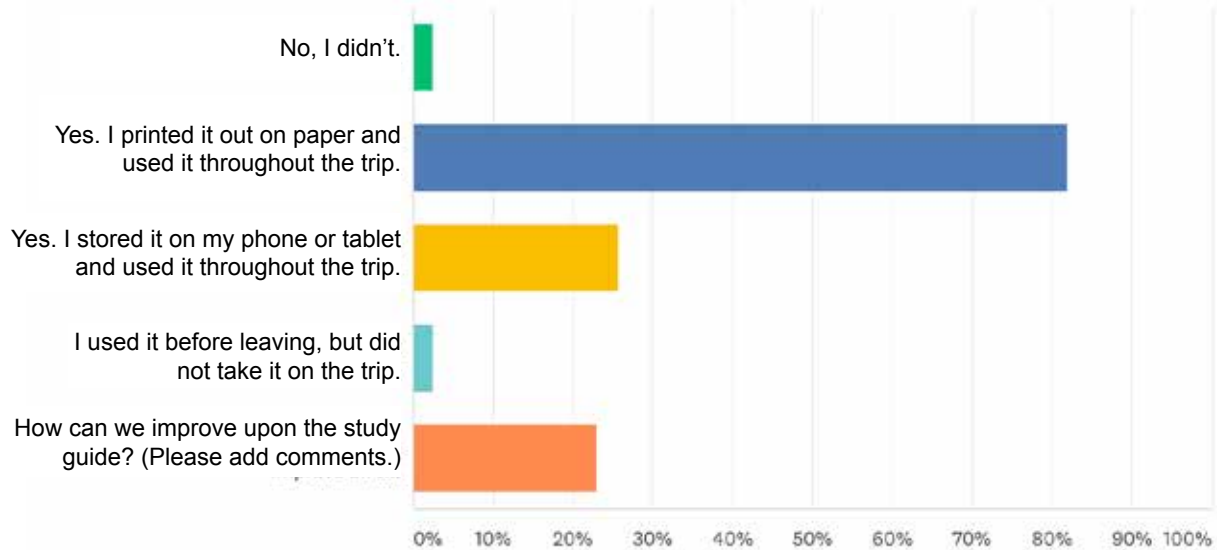
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Q5

# Did you use the prepared study guide?

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## A note on our unique study guides:

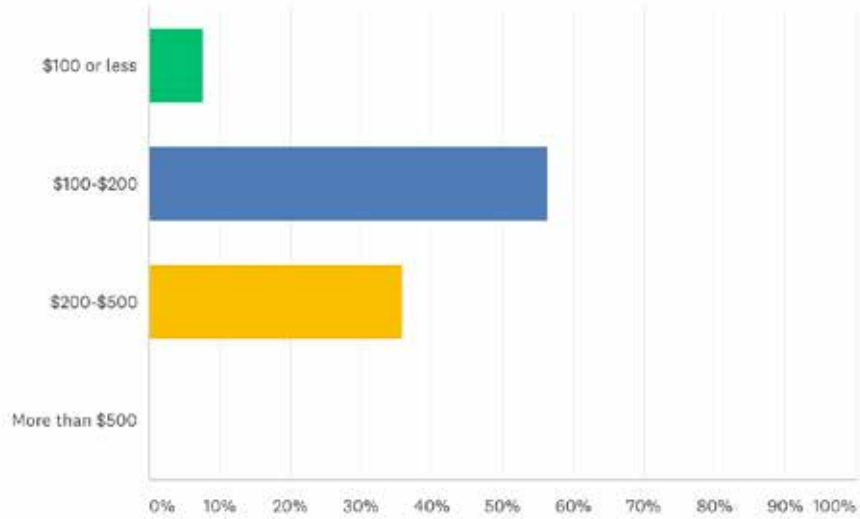
You'll get a personalized study guide designed just for your trip in a few weeks. You can print it out on paper, store it on a phone or other electronic device ... or both. You'll find it to be an incredible aid in understanding what we see each day.



Q6

How much cash would you suggest future travelers take with them for incidental expenses and souvenirs?

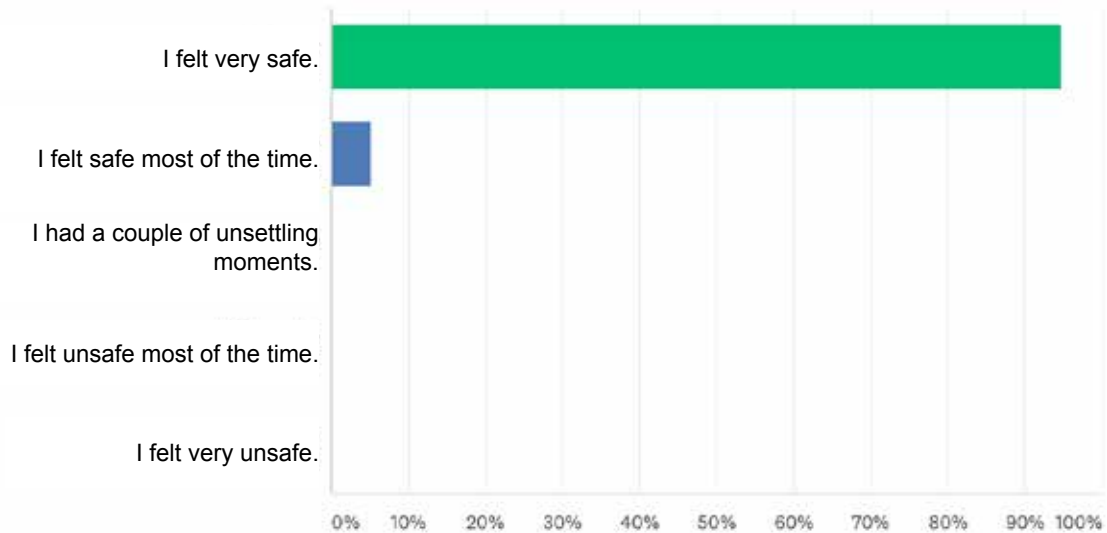
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Q7

Did you feel safe in Israel?

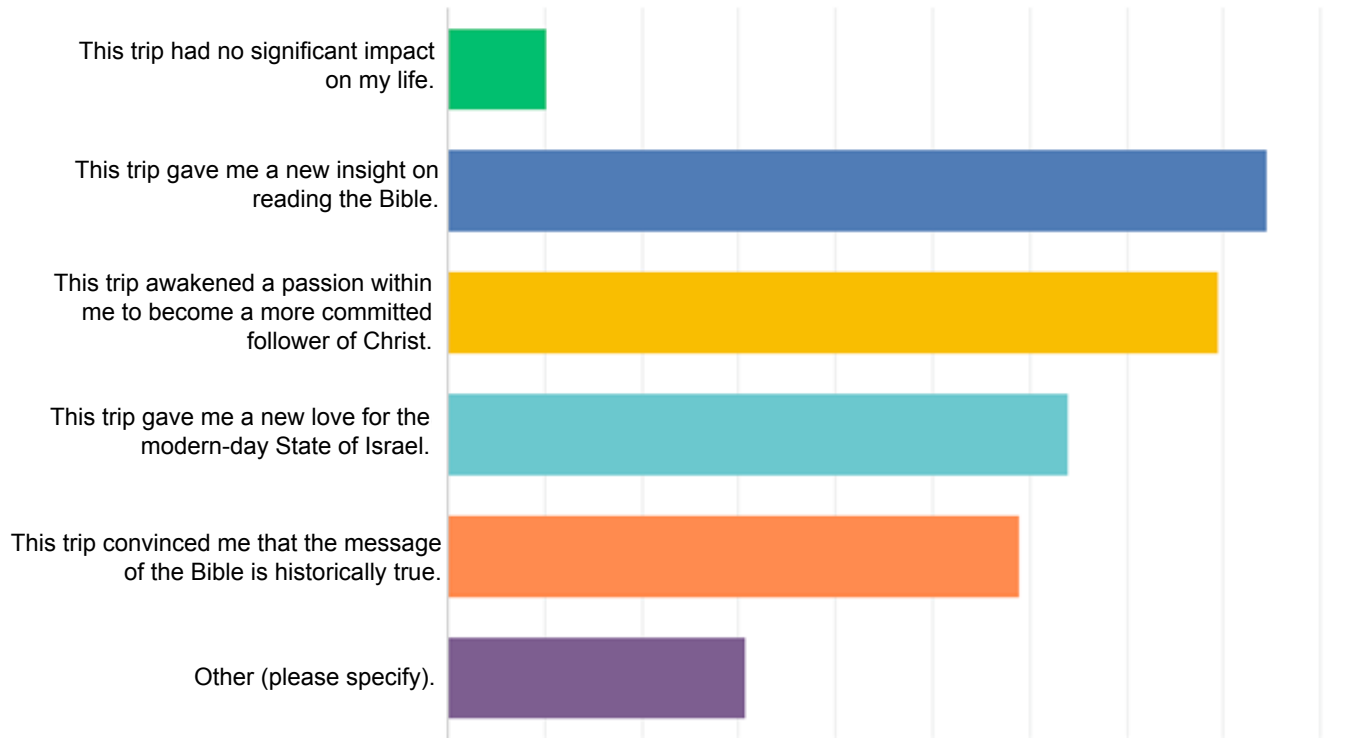
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### Q8

Please tell us about the impact this trip made on your life.

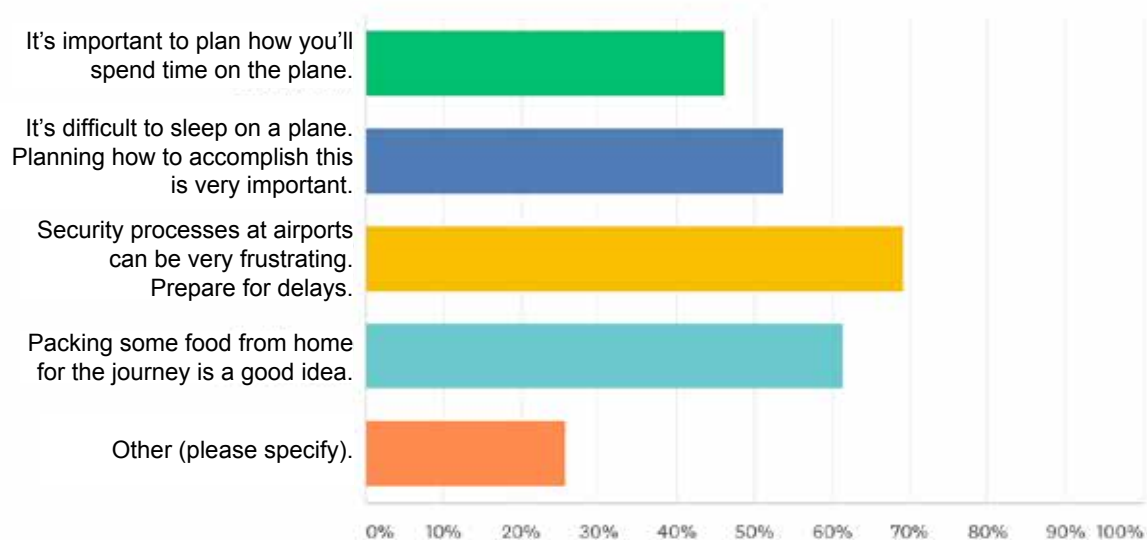
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### Q9

How would you advise future travelers to prepare for the journey to and from Israel?

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## IN THEIR OWN WORDS:

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“This was an awesome, life-changing trip. It has intensified my desire to get in the Word!”

“Great trip!”

“This tour exceeded my expectations!”

“I didn’t think it was possible to pack in so much.”

“It was the trip of a lifetime and it changed how I view Bible study.”

“I’m still trying to absorb all the places we visited!”

“This was an amazing trip. It gave me a whole new perspective about the locations and some of the people in the Bible; i.e., Herod the Great. There was so much new information which I learned and it will be helpful for me personally and as a Sunday School teacher of the Word.”

“The Bible came to life!”

“Great teaching of historical facts. Meaningful challenges were received. Brenda and I will cherish this special time together. Brenda even got a special note from the scribe at Masada.”

“When studying or reading the Bible, the places I read about come alive now! Singing is an important part of my life! The singing in various places was very meaningful to me especially beside the Sea of Galilee and the Garden Tomb!”

“I wish there had been some more time to reflect on the people of Israel and the personality of the country. I felt way too rushed. Would have gladly added some extra days for this.”

“I enjoyed how Pastor Andy and Boaz shared the Biblical insights of each location.”

“...even the food added to a more authentic visit. Shopping opportunities were not my reason for the trip. Bethlehem shopping almost felt like a tourist trap though.”

“I would have like a little ‘bazaar time’ in Jerusalem.”

“I enjoyed and learned tremendous truths about all the places we visited. Bethlehem was probably my least favorite place due to the people pressuring you to buy things and the state of things in that area. The food was always good! I enjoyed the kibbutz settings much more than the hotel settings. The hotel in Jerusalem was top notch and nice. My least favorite place was the David hotel at the dead sea, but there was no one place we stayed that was bad enough to say I did not like it. The kibbutz places, both of them had a “village” or “community feel to them and were so quaint and clean and we loved them best. Boaz was a wealth of knowledge in all places and his passion for teaching was wonderful to see. The teaching from Pastor Andy was very good also. We learned so much and each place prepared us for the next place and how it wove into the rich history and truth of the Bible.”

“The friendship and neighborly love of the others in our group. What a wonderful group of people!”

“The Valley of Tears and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre were my least favorite.”

“I thought the lodging locations were very good. I really appreciated the Kibbutz environments, but also enjoyed the very nice hotel at the end of the trip. I thought the arrangements of the places to stay helped the bus rides to be as short as possible. I realize this was a biblical trip, but i would have liked to have visited the Israeli museum to see the dead sea scrolls and other things. The only thing that could have made the trip better would have been a smaller group. I feel like there was more to see, but we just couldn’t get to it because of the time spent looking for people, loading or unloading the bus, or waiting for folks to catch up and regather the group. I thought you made it very clear in the trip information that there would be a lot of walking in the heat and that this was not a shopping trip, but maybe that needs to be made more clear before signing up for the trip vs in the trip information. I think several people either did not expect as much “hard and fast” walking as we did or they had already signed up and just hoped it would be do-able. Maybe a fast paced trip and a slower paced trip? I have neighbors that would love to go to Israel, but they would not be able to do all the walking we did.”

“It’s more than three miles a day of irregular walking.”

“Have some extra ‘Be Still’ time before you go.”

“I would make sure everyone knew that a lot of the walking we would be doing was hilly so they could be better prepared for the walking.”





“I have given lots of thought to this question and I honestly do not know of anything that could have improved this trip.”

“People need to understand that climbing steep inclines are a daily part of the trip. This tested not only a person’s will to do, but God’s willingness to supply his children the heart to follow. The team did well because God was in everyone’s heart!”

“Using a Fit-bit, we averaged about 12,000 steps a day and about 30 floors a day. This was not all at one time, but does make for a busy day. Reading the guide is definitely helpful in understanding the sites you are visiting.”

“Don and I thought the prep both spiritual and physical was important. For the physical prep, I would tell people to walk at least 3 miles a day 5 times a week, but I would advertise that prior to people signing up for the trip.”

“Make sure you wear excellent walking shoes or boots.”

“Physical preparation is a must! Most activities require physical preparation. There is a lot of walking and climbing of steps. Spiritual preparation is most important. You need a basic understanding at least of many Biblical events to be able to delve deep into the meanings of them.”

“You will be either walking uphill or downhill most of the time spend time walking slopes or inclined treadmills before you go. Study the Bible and about the land of the Bible in advance of your trip.”

“Being acclimated to the weather conditions is very important. Spending plenty of time outside before the trip helps. Good Physical conditioning is also very important due to the terrain of most of Israel. Spend extra time with God and His word to prepare for the revelations on this life changing event”

“Unless big gift buys are planned. I spent about \$80 cash. Used card for airport buys.”

“Have credit cards in case you need them.”

“We found we did not feel the need to spend money on souvenirs. The best part of the tour was the learning and sharing. The rocks and pottery shards we picked up had much more meaning for us than store-bought souvenirs. Most of the money spent was at airport for food or coffee.”

“\$250 is good amount to take with you. I brought money back!”

“This was what really surprised me because I was a little apprehensive about the political situations going on over there, but I never once felt unsafe in any way, even in Palestinian areas. The people were very welcoming, the military people were very nice, the guides and drivers were confident in where we were going, which put me at ease at all times.”

“I never felt unsafe, even in the streets of Old Jerusalem.”

