

You should consider purchasing travel insurance for our upcoming Holy Land Pilgrimage. Several different companies offer travel insurance. They offer different levels of coverage, different options and different add-ons. They generally require that you purchase the insurance within a certain number of days of making your initial deposit for your trip. So do not delay in looking into travel insurance.

Here are things to consider in your decision on travel insurance:

1. What does your medical insurance cover for treatment you would receive in Jordan or Israel?
2. What documentation does your insurance carrier require to reimburse you for any treatment, medication, hospital/emergency room care, etc. provided to you while on a trip?
3. Do you have pre-existing conditions that limit what your insurance would pay?
4. Do you have pre-existing conditions that might limit coverage of any travel insurance would provide? (Be sure to read the fine print in any policy you are considering purchasing that deal with exclusion, limitations, etc.)
 - a. Many companies save themselves money by NOT covering pre-existing conditions, unless you purchase your insurance within 14 days of your very first deposit, others may give you up to 21 days to purchase it.
5. What coverage do you need if you are hospitalized in Israel and Jordan and need to remain there after our trip? What coverage is there for spouse or traveling companion to remain with you?
6. If you need to cut your trip short and return before the trip ends for any reason (your own health, health of someone traveling with you, death or other family emergency back home) do you need coverage to pay for flight?
7. Coverage for loss of personal possessions (luggage, camera). Don't bring expensive jewelry or luxury items with you.

Below is a list of some of the numerous companies offering travel insurance. There are other companies besides these, so do not feel you are limited to this list. There are also companies that will work with multiple travel insurance providers, do the research for you, and give you policies to compare. Feel free to do your own internet research or work with your own insurance agent in your shopping. I am not recommending any of these providers. I am ordained as a deacon to give spiritual guidance; I am not licensed as an insurance agent or lawyer, so I am giving no specific advice on what would be best for you in regards to travel insurance.

Insurance companies:

Allianz Global Assistance	https://www.allianztravelinsurance.com/
AMEX Assurance	https://aeti.americanexpress.com/travel-insurance/home.do
Berkshire Hathaway Travel Protection	https://www.bhtp.com/travel-insurance/exactcare
John Hancock Insurance Agency	https://www.johnhancocktravel.com/
Roam Right	https://www.roamright.com/
Seven Corners	https://www.sevencorners.com/#start
Travel Guard	https://www.travelguard.com/
Travel Insured International	https://www.travelinsured.com/
Travelex Insurance Services	https://www.travelexinsurance.com/quote/?nc=1
TripAssure	https://www.tripassure.com/main/
World Nomads	https://www.worldnomads.com/travel-insurance/