

## Statistics

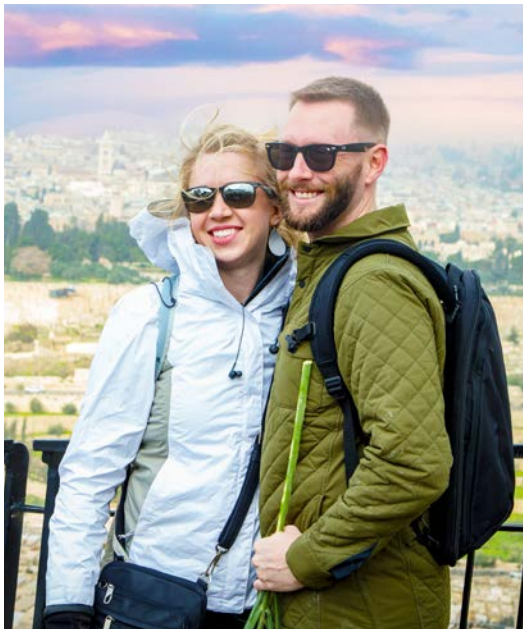
Over 400,000 guests have traveled with EO to the Holy Land in almost 50 years of Christian Travel ministry.

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In 2019, more than 16,000 EO guests visited the Holy Land.

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Over 4.5 million tourists visited Israel in 2019. 53.9% identified as Christian. 19.5% were from the United States.



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*"The Holy Land is a safe place to come in spite of all of what the media is telling us. EO has been very good to us and they really took care of us from the start of our trip until our departure. They were always with us and I knew I was safe."*

**Annie Freas Ramos,**  
8 time Holy Land traveler from Vallejo, CA

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**Will We Be Safe  
in the Holy Land?**







## Healthy Travel Standards

The health and safety of our guests, staff, and partners remains of the utmost importance to us. Our staff members and travel partners will be trained to ensure that proper health measures are upheld in accordance with the guidelines of local governments and health authorities and airlines. In turn, we trust that you, our guest, will adhere to the guidelines during your travel experience. For up to date information, please visit [www.eoupdate.com](http://www.eoupdate.com).



*“We feel absolutely safe here. We feel very well taken care of. It’s a delightful experience. I just encourage you in the strongest way “come” and enjoy the blessings of this sacred land.”*

**Pastor Jeff Kirby,**

6 time Holy Land traveler from Kansas City, MO



## What safety precautions does the airline take?

When boarding a plane for the Middle East, travelers are questioned about who packed their luggage and whether they actually own the bag. Sometimes they are asked about the purpose of the trip, who they are traveling with and who they know in the Middle East. The questioners are trained to look for tale-tell signs of nervousness and untrue statements. They are very good at their job and they take it very seriously! In addition, luggage is x-rayed before being placed on board the plane and every bag must have a passenger on board the plane or the plane will not depart.

## What safety precautions does EO take?

1. We have a full-time office in Jerusalem staffed by local people who know the area well because they live and work there.
2. You will ride aboard a private bus company
  - Only our passengers and staff are allowed to board our buses.
  - All of our buses stay in constant contact with the office and the bus company. The local office always knows the location of our passengers.
  - Our guides and drivers know the area better than anyone.
3. During peak travel times EO stations hospitality staff at hotels in Jerusalem and Tiberias to assist our guests.



## Will I be safe on this trip?

EO has a long standing commitment to safety. You are in less danger in Israel than you would be on a trip to New York City or Washington D.C. Not only is Israeli security vigilant and aware, your tour guides and EO representatives will be with you at all times.

## What makes me safe?

1. Security on planes bound for the Middle East go through several additional security precautions and procedures.
2. Security within Israel and Palestine is much more strict than within the USA.
3. Statistically, the crime rate in Israel and Palestine is lower than the typical US city, including your home town!
4. It is a small place... just 50 miles wide and 150 miles long. It is easy for our office to keep a watchful eye on situations in various regions of Israel and Palestine.
5. To our knowledge, no Christian Pilgrim from the USA has been killed in Israel during the last 42 years.
6. Since our first Holy Land trip, almost 50 years ago, we have never had a major incident.

