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Holy Land Journey with Jordan

Reverend Father Roberto 'Tito' Ignacio.

(November 05-15, 2017)

October 07, 2017

Dear Participants,

Your trip is less than 4 weeks away! We are excited for you all.

As many of you may have heard, Mrs. Santos will no longer be joining you. She had hoped to go because this would have been her final escorted group tour. Unfortunately, due to her current health, she has not yet been allowed to travel back to the States (she's still in the Philippines).

Santos Travel is under new ownership and management (run by myself and my sister, Nita Santos Blancaflor). As of October 25, our old address of *10 West Miami Avenue, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002* will close. It is currently under contract, finally allowing Mrs. Santos to eventually move in her youngest daughter (Mrs. Alma Santos Chavez). We still plan on supporting the Filipino-American community, much as we have done in the last 35+ years. It will be done just a little differently.

The new meeting place for this specific trip, will now be at: Sacred Heart Church, 103 4th St, Riverton, NJ 08077. This is where Fr. Robert Igancio is an assistant priest.

You will be escorted in his very capable hands, along with Edwin Garcia (both of whom did our tour to last year for Pope Francis' Year of Jubilee). In fact, that tour guide (Ms. Lia Sciarra), will also be assisting your group.

This letter can also be found on our website: <http://www.santostravelandtours.com/holy-lands-for-nov-05-15--2017-1.html>)

For now, please be aware of the following for the trip:

1) Wheelchair. Please let us know as soon as possible if we need to request one while departing (November 05) and/ or arriving (November 15) at the airport only.

2) Baggage allowance. You are allowed one (1) piece that cannot weigh more than 50 pounds (22.7 kilos). Santos Travel and Tours will not be held responsible for any charges incurred if you will have to remove items due to excess weight. Also ONE HAND CARRY. No balikbayan reasoning will be accepted.

3) Rate of Exchange. 1.00 (USD) = 3.52 (ILS, New Shekel)

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- 4) Traveling with foreign currency. Traveler feedback (per Wells Fargo) suggests taking U.S. dollar equivalent of \$50.00 to \$100.00 worth of foreign currency per person, per day, to meet incidental expenses. Take precaution while out exploring; only carry the amount of cash you feel comfortable with, and split amounts between you and a partner.
- 5) Replenishing your cash. Purchasing from an ATM is a good option. Keep in mind fees are usually associated with each transaction (generally fees from your home bank as well as the ATM's bank).
- 6) Credit/ debit cards. Many carry a foreign transaction fee, so it is important to know your card's fees before traveling. They are good for large transactions and generally provide a competitive rate, which makes them a good complement to cash.
- 7) Dynamic currency conversion (DCC). Be aware of services where merchants convert the transaction to USD (the rate of exchange is set at the point of sale rather than waiting for the card's billing cycle). The merchant sets the exchange rate, which may be higher than the rate set by the issuer of the credit card and could include hidden fees.
- 8) Weather forecast. Although the forecast can change, the average temperature you will be encountering will be Average high during the day is 21°C/11°C (71°/51.8°F) with an almost sunny day throughout your trip.
- 9) Mileage credit. El Al partners with American Airlines, please bring your American Airlines Card/ Mileage number.
- 10) Time Zone. They are 7 hours ahead of us (EST).
- 11) **Miscellaneous. Comfortable walking shoes, moderate to heavy jacket, mini flashlight, folding umbrella, 10-day prescription, toiletries, memory, charger, addresses for postcards. Sure, be stylish, but we emphasize comfort.**
- 12) Snacks. Bring your favorite (either to share or secretly keep to yourself...we won't tell).
- 13) PASSPORT. DON'T FORGET TO BRING IT! Must be valid at least until **May 05, 2018**.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call, write, email, or text us anytime (Alex @ 609.332.5856, or Karen @ 856-534-5635)

Thank you for your time and attention.

v/R,
Alexis Santos
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Co-Owner/ Co-Manager