

# The Israel Tour Company

## Security Concerns for Israel September 1, 2015

The US State Department is not discouraging travel to Israel at this time. When the US State Department has a heightened concern about American travel to any foreign area, the language used is to “defer travel.” This was the wording used in the US Travel Warning in place for Israel from October 2000-January 2005. Prior to that date and since 2005, the level of warning has been downgraded to being “mindful of security factors,” as noted below. You can observe the “defer travel” wording that is currently associated with the Gaza area in the excerpt below. Tour groups under the auspices of The Israel Tour Company are never in or near the region of Gaza or areas where trouble is anticipated.

*The warning for Israel that currently exists is on a par with the worldwide warning now in place for Americans traveling anywhere in the world since 9/11.* These US travel advisories are posted primarily for individuals traveling in any region abroad who desire to be informed of the security conditions and may not have access to reliable security information on their own. This is in contrast to any individual who may travel with a tour group and through a reputable travel company

ITC groups are always traveling under the care of an Israeli land operator, guide, and driver who are well-versed and up-to-the minute in terms of security conditions and factors. ITC groups do not travel in or near high-risk areas. ITC group movements are in keeping with the US State Department warning not to use any public transportation, i.e. buses, or congregate in high-density situations.

In the event that the travel warning was elevated or airlines schedules interrupted, ITC will advise group leaders on possible options for delaying or postponing the tour. The current conflagration is not expected to be long-lived.

## Travel Warning

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### **ISRAEL, THE WEST BANK AND GAZA**

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This Travel Warning updates information on the general security environment in Israel, the West Bank, and the Gaza Strip, and reminds American citizens of threats to themselves and to U.S. interests in those locations. The Department of State urges U.S. citizens to remain mindful of security factors when planning travel to Israel. In addition, the Department of State urges U.S. citizens to defer travel to the West Bank and to avoid all travel to the Gaza Strip. This warning supersedes the Travel Warning issued March 19, 2008.