
VI. YOUR BUSINESS TRIP TO ISRAEL

Planning Your Trip

No special visa is required for Canadian exporters entering Israel, although business visits of more than three months require a temporary residence visa, obtainable from the Ministry of the Interior in Israel.

It is highly recommended that business appointments and hotel reservations be made in advance. The Canadian Embassy in Tel Aviv can help in setting up appointments. Many international airlines have flights to Israel. El Al flies out of Montreal and Toronto and there are daily flights from other world centres such as New York, London, Paris, Rome, Frankfurt, Athens and Zurich.

When to Go to Israel

Business trips to Israel should not be scheduled during the High Holy days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Passover, usually in April, is a seven-day holiday with most business establishments working half days. Other holiday dates should be checked before scheduling a trip to Israel.

Internal Travel

Arika Inland Airways is the internal air service carrier with flights throughout Israel from as far north as Rosh Pinna to as far south as Eilat. Information on flights can be obtained from travel agents.

Passenger trains run between the three main city centres of Tel Aviv, Haifa and Jerusalem. Buses operate between all cities and most towns. Departures are frequent along the main inter-urban routes. Except for Haifa and East Jerusalem, public buses and trains stop operating from Friday evening to late Saturday afternoon in observance of the Sabbath.

Taxi (sherut) services usually carry seven passengers and operate between and within the main cities. A number of sherut companies will make advance inter-urban bookings. Metered taxis are available in most areas. Taxi fares are fixed by the government and are published on a tariff