General Information

Language

The official language of TIME 2018 is English.

Entry Visas

Holders of EU, USA and Canadian passports do not need an entry visa to Israel. For participants from other countries, we suggest you check with your travel agent or local Israeli embassy/consulate. The procedure may be lengthy and it is recommended to apply for a visa at least 3 months prior to the conference. All visitors to Israel must hold a passport that is valid for at least six months from the date they enter the country. Please contact the conference secretariat to obtain a letter of invitation to assist in applying for a visa. Additional information on visa requirements can be found on the website of the <u>Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs</u>.

Climate and Clothing

The weather in the Haifa in May is warm and pleasant. Average temperatures: 26°C – 17°C (79°F – 63°F). No rain. Casual dress is appropriate for all conference occasions. Comfortable walking shoes, sunglasses, hats, suntan lotion and swimsuits are recommended for tours and outdoors activities.

Electricity

The Israeli power supply is single phase 220 volts at 50 Hertz. Most power sockets in Israel have three pin holes, but many of them will work with double-pin European plugs. Visitors who want to use shavers, traveling irons and other small appliances may need both transformers and adaptor plugs.

Currency / Exchange

The currency unit in Israel is the New Israeli Shekel (NIS – "Shekel" in short). International credit cards are accepted for payment in most hotels, restaurants and shops. Exchange offices and ATM machines are easily available throughout the city and at Ben-Gurion International Airport. We recommend that you change some money at the airport for immediate needs.

Liability

Participants are advised to purchase comprehensive travel insurance coverage. The conference organizers and/or Diesenhaus-Unitours Incoming Tourism Ltd., shall not be liable for any loss or damage to property belonging to conference participants nor for personal injuries sustained during or as a result of the conference or during tours.

Shopping

Stores are generally open Sunday through Thursday 09:00-19:00 and Friday 09:00-14:00. Most shopping malls are open also on Saturday from one hour after sunset until 22:00. All Superpharm and Newpharm stores include a pharmacy.

Distances

Ben-Gurion International Airport – Haifa: 110 km / 70 miles Ben-Gurion International Airport – Jerusalem: 47 km / 29 miles Ben-Gurion International Airport – Tel-Aviv: 15 km / 9.5 miles

Haifa - Tel-Aviv: 95 km / 60 miles

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