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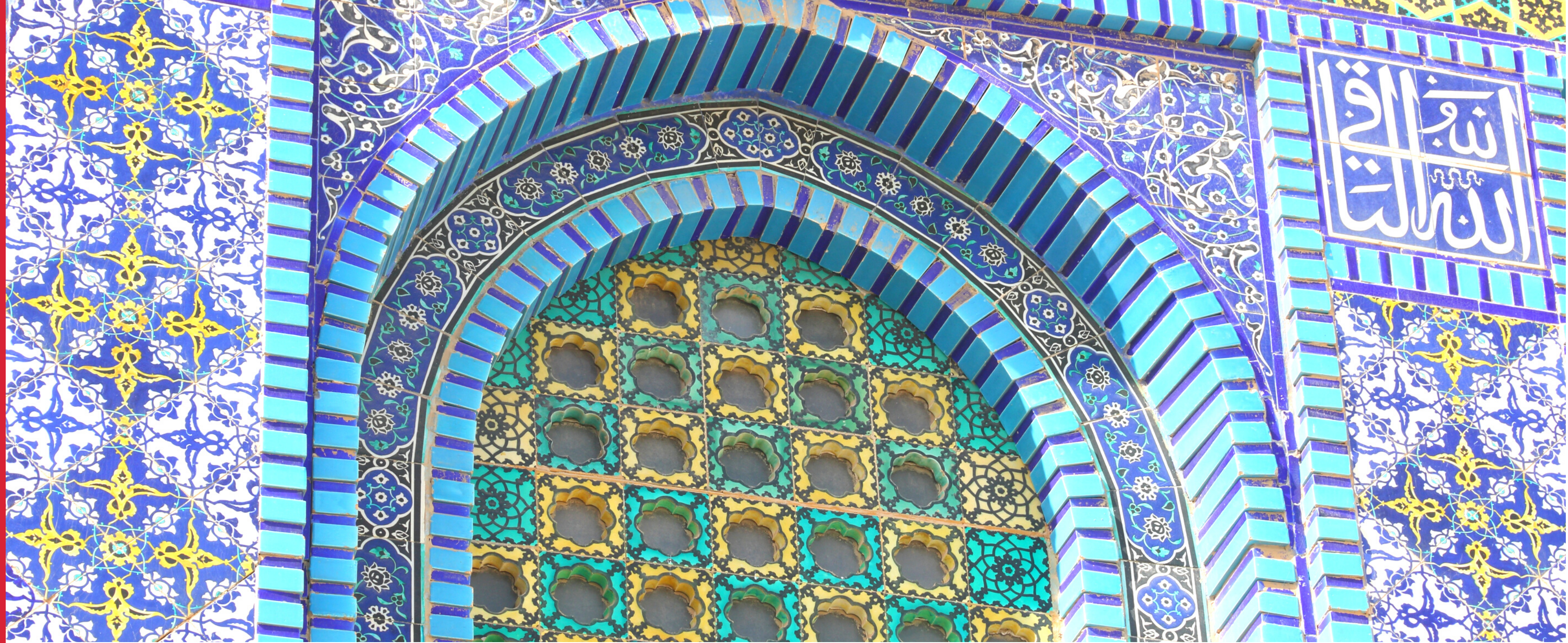
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ISRAEL

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HISTORY



Much of what we know about Israel's early history can be traced back to the Hebrew Bible. Israel's origins can be traced back to Abraham who is widely considered to be the father of both Judaism and Islam.

Religion is the main cornerstone of Israel's history, and the country is filled with religious sites that are considered sacred by Christians, Muslims, and Jews. Since biblical times, the country has had a complex history characterized by periods of peace and conflict, most recently with Palestine. While there is still some debate over the official borders, the country and national leaders are continually working towards a better future.





MONEY



The Israeli national currency is the new Israeli Shekel, which is commonly referred to as the shekel.

CREDIT CARDS

Nearly all merchants in Israel accept Visa and MasterCard, and the vast majority accept American Express.

Discover Card is not as widely accepted in Israel.

ATMs

ATMs are widely available within the cities of Israel. You will also find ATMs at major transportation locations such as airports, bus, and train stop. As well there are typically ATM kiosks located outside of the banks.



HELPFUL INFO

CLIMATE

Israel has a Mediterranean climate with long, hot, rainless summers and relatively short, cool, rainy winters.

ELECTRICITY

In Israel, the standard voltage is 230 V and the frequency is 50 Hz. Travelers from North America should expect to bring a converter and adapter for any appliances you are bringing from home.



TECHNOLOGY & COMMUNICATION

Israel's telecommunication network is considered to be one of the most sophisticated in the world. For travelers coming to the country, you can either pick up a prepaid SIM card in the airport, or you can hop on and off of wifi. No matter where you travel, you should not have issues finding a cell signal.

INFRASTRUCTURE & TRANSPORTATION

Transportation in Israel is mainly based on buses and private vehicles. Since the country is roughly the size of New Jersey, it won't take you long to get from one destination to the next.



IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

There is no single emergency number in Israel. For police dial 104: ambulance dial 122; fire dial 115.

LANGUAGE

Arabic and Hebrew are the official languages of Israel, although English is widely spoken and understood.



LGBTQ TRAVEL

As a beacon of acceptance for the LGBTQ community in the Middle East, Tel Aviv is very welcoming to our community. The annual Tel Aviv Pride is one of the biggest in the world with the country fully supporting all members of our community. There are still pockets of homophobia in the country, so remember to travel in a group and be vigilant of what's happening around you.

RELIGION

About 81% of Israeli adults are Jewish. The remainder are mostly ethnically Arab and religiously Muslim. Christians are considered to be a minority.



GETTING THERE

Most major airlines offer direct flights to Israel, with the country's largest airport being in Tel Aviv. From there, you can take a connecting flight within the country or hire a car to take you to your final destination.

DRIVING

While you can rent a car in Israel, you might not need to, depending on where you want to go. Most major cities have reliable public transportation that can get you just about anywhere you want to go.

THE
EXPERIENCE

CULTURE

Israel is the birthplace of the Jewish culture. Today, the country's modern culture encompasses the foundations of many Jewish cultural characteristics, including philosophy, literature, poetry, art, mythology, folklore, mysticism, and festivals.



BUCKET LIST

Eat Hummus in the Machane Yehuda Market

Walkthrough the streets of Jerusalem

Visit Dome of the Rock

Swim in the Mediterranean Sea

Visit the lowest point on earth (The Dead Sea)



FAMILY TRAVEL HIGHLIGHTS

See the sunset from the top of Masada

Tour the Bahá'í Gardens

Visit the Western Wall

Tour the Dome of the Rock

Float in the Dead Sea



TOURISM AUTHORITY

Ministry of Tourism

Bank Israel St 5, Jerusalem, Israel

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FOODS TO TRY

Falafel

Hummus

Shawarma

Shakshuka

Burka



DRINKS TO TRY

Tubi 60

Arak

Shoko b'sakit

Sachlav

Limonana

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View of Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives

The fortress at Masada at sunset

The Bahá'í Gardens

The Dead Sea

Bauhaus architecture in Tel Aviv



SOUVENIRS To BUY

Israeli Wine

Dead Sea products

Israeli Olive Oil

Olive Wood Carvings

Handmade Jewelry



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