



Outline for the entrance of vaccinated groups of tourists

The following is the basic outline for the resumption of tourism to Israel, based on the agreements between the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Tourism, and the Population and Immigration Authority:

When?

- Starting May 23, 2021, a limited number of groups will be able to enter in a trial stage.
- Starting mid-June, all groups will be able to enter
- Starting in July, all vaccinated tourists will be able to enter

Which vaccinations are accepted?

- At this point, all vaccinations recognized by the FDA (US) or EMA (EU) are recognized by Israel.
- Vaccinations are verified through two possible tracks:
 - Bilateral agreements giving countries the tools to verify a passenger's status before departure. Israel signed a first such agreement with Bahrain, and conversations are ongoing with many countries to advance more agreements on this issue.
 - For those from a country without a bilateral agreement, serological tests will be conducted to verify the existence of antibodies in the passengers' system. The tests will be rapidly conducted at Ben Gurion Airport, with minimal waiting time for an answer.

What does a group mean? What will it need to do?

- Groups will be organized by licensed Israeli companies and operators.
- Groups can number between 5 and 30 people, so long as all are of the same nationality.
- Every group will have set itinerary, and will have to adhere to all COVID-related regulations in place during its visit.
- Each group will have a designated tour guide and bus driver, both of whom are vaccinated.

How will groups register?

- Group organizers will have to register the group at the Ministry of Tourism, at least 10 days prior to the planned trip.
- The Ministry of Tourism will confirm the organizer meets all the requirements, has filled relevant forms and provided the needed documents, and then pass the information on to the Immigration Authorities who will clear the passports for entry.