Summer Pilgrimage Packing Tips for Israel

We all tend to take too much with us when we travel. This list is not of required items, but rather suggestions to help you think of everything as you pack!

Luggage
one suitcase only (standard airline requirement is a total of height, width and
depth not exceeding 62 inches and 50 lb. maximum weight- check with airlines
for further specifics)
small carry-on, but not roll-aboard suitcase size (Translation: you are limited
to only 1 suitcase. If everyone brings an additional full-size carry-on suitcase, we
will not be able to fit everything on the coach!) NO ROLL ABOARD STYLE
soft backpack or day bag, for daily use on the bus (can be packed in suitcase
from US to Israel or may serve as your carry-on)
secure document wallet for travel documents and money
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passport (must be valid 6 months past departure date)
medical insurance card
hotel list and emergency contacts (Travel agent will send this via email)
e-ticket confirmation (Travel agent will send this via email)
cash, credit cards (We will explain more about this to you later)
Clothing
Comfortable & Casual is your goal for packing
Laundry services available in Jerusalem or in hotels
Important Note: Some holy sites do not allow shorts (male or female) or
bare shoulders
comfortable walking shoes
jeans or khakis (probably 4-5) Note: shorter pants must be below the knee shirts (some should be long-sleeved)
light sweater or zip up hoodie (rooms are air-conditioned)
casual skirts (optional- no dressy clothes needed)
hat for sun protection
swimsuit (for women, please bring one-piece or tankini or cover with Tshirt)
flip flops or water shoes for beaches
sleepwear
undergarments and socks

Toiletries

washcloths (usually not provided at hotels) hair dryer/curling iron (be sure it is dual-voltage or you will need a converter)
sunscreen
basic personal toiletries
shampoo (hotels often only supply all-purpose liquid soap for body & hair)
Medical
prescription medication and copies of prescriptions (pack these in carry-on uggage) Note: It is recommended that prescriptions be in original bottlesover the counter medications, such as motion sickness remedy, antacids, etc_bandages
spare eyeglasses or contacts, and copy of eye prescription
Electronics
camera/film/memory card/transfer cords chargers (check to see if dual 110/220 voltage) or batteries adapter plugs (round 2-prong as for Europe) for dual voltage chargers, computers, phones, hair appliances, etc. cell phone with charger short extention cord alarm clock (hotels will give morning wake-up calls)
tems Mailed from Cavins Tours
Israel Study Manual (one per family) Magnificat Holy Land Companion (needed for masses and other devotions) Pilgrim's Guide to the Holy Sepulchre and Golgotha in Jerusalem
Other
Bible journal and writing supplies address book if you plan to send postcards detergent (put bottle in plastic bag) munchies-gum, lifesavers, etc. sunglasses
umbrella (foldup type, good to keep off the sun) wrist watch (important to be on time!)