



**Ministry of Tourism**  
Director General

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Dear Friends,

Headlines about the situation in Israel can be alarming, but the reality is that:  
Everyday life in Israel is normal.

Children go to kindergarten and school, local residents go to work and business continues as usual

Currently more than 100,000 foreign tourists are on holiday in Israel. Groups and individuals continue to arrive daily and they feel safe, enjoying the warm Mediterranean weather, tourism sites, museums, holy places, attractions, restaurants and night life- all open and operating as usual in Jerusalem, as in all areas of the country.

A wide range of international events are taking place at various locations in the coming days and weeks including the Jerusalem Open House Festival from October 22-24, Israel Museum Jerusalem 50<sup>th</sup> Year Celebrations, TUNE IN TEL AVIV- Israel's international live music industry conference and showcase, recognized as the most important industry event taking place in the Middle East from November 11-15; the Manofilm Festival of Contemporary Art in Jerusalem from October 15-22, where visitors are invited to visit galleries and exhibition venues around the city; Wheels of Love- an annual Bike Ride extending over five days in Jerusalem taking place from October 19-25, with over 700 riders from Israel and overseas; the Terra Sancta Organ Festival (Holy Land Organ Festival), an international music event and a cultural activity taking place in Tel Aviv-Yafo , Nazareth and Jerusalem , produced by the Custody of the Holy Land.

In addition, international conferences and exhibitions are going on in venues throughout the country as planned, in the field of health, medicine, graphics, just to mention a few.

The Ministry of Tourism is in contact with all relevant authorities to monitor the situation and ensure the safety of our visitors from abroad.

We look forward to welcoming you to Israel.

Sincerely,

Amir Halevi  
Director General