

# GENERAL BEHAVIOUR GUIDELINES

## Introduction

The KTC Israel Experience offers a unique opportunity to learn about the Jewish people's history and reflect on your role in it. This experience is meant to inspire and challenge you, and it's important that we all follow the rules to ensure that everyone stays safe and has the best experience possible. By signing the application, you're agreeing to comply with these rules throughout the trip.

The rules are in place to keep everyone safe, respect the environment, and ensure the trip is enriching for everyone. Disruptive behaviour can harm the experience for others, and we need to be responsible at all times. Following these rules is not optional—they're for your safety and the success of the program.

## 1. Security

- **Heightened Security in Israel:** Israel is a place with heightened security, and it's essential that you follow all security protocols strictly. Listen carefully to all directions given by the tour leaders, teachers, and security personnel at all times.
- **Stay with the Group:** Never separate from the group. Always stay with your assigned group and ensure that you are accounted for at all times.
- **Be Aware of Your Surroundings:** Be mindful of your surroundings, and do not touch any unattended objects, bags, or items. If you see something suspicious, report it immediately to a staff member.
- **Seriousness of Security:** The security situation in Israel requires your full attention and cooperation. Following these security rules is not just for your safety, but for the safety of everyone around you. Your vigilance is critical.

## 2. General Behaviour Expectations

- **Follow Instructions:** Always listen to and follow the instructions of the tour leaders and staff immediately, without argument. They are here to ensure your safety and the smooth running of the trip.



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- **Health & Safety:** Follow all health and safety guidelines. If something feels unsafe, speak up.
- **Respect for Others:** Treat everyone with respect. This includes being kind, considerate, and inclusive. Teasing, bullying, or belittling will not be tolerated.
- **Dress Code:** This is detailed in a separate policy but in summary students are required to dress modestly, in line with school policy. Boys must wear a kippah at all times and put on Tefillin each week day during Davening.
- **Leaving hotel:** Leaving the hotel any time without the group is not allowed. This includes early morning or late at night. Ignoring this rule will result in immediate suspension from the tour and you will be required to return home at your own expense.

## 3. Appropriate Behaviour in Public Places

- **Public Spaces:** Always behave appropriately in public places, including airports, hotels, and other public buildings. This means being mindful of noise levels, respecting others' personal space, and following local customs and rules.
- **Respect Others:** Your behaviour reflects on KTC and our community. Maintain a respectful and responsible attitude at all times, especially when in public settings.

## 4. Participation & Responsibility

- **Mandatory Participation:** All activities, including Davening and learning sessions, are required. Skipping activities is a breach of rules.
- **No Loud Music or Running:** Keep noise to a minimum, especially in shared spaces like hotels. Running in corridors is disruptive and unsafe.
- **Food Rules:** Follow the provided kashrut guidelines. Only eat food under the approved hechsherim.

## 5. Mobile Phones



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- **Mobile phone** usage is covered by a separate document you must agree to. The rules are in place to help you stay present and engaged in the experience.

## 6. Health & Medical

- **Report Illness or Injury:** If you feel sick or are injured, inform a leader immediately.
- **Medication:** If you take medication you must bring enough for the entire trip and take it daily in accordance with your doctors instructions.

## 7. Alcohol, Drugs, & Tattoos

- **Zero Tolerance for Alcohol: Under no circumstances will alcohol be tolerated.** This includes drinking, possessing, or being under the influence of alcohol at any time during the trip. It is illegal in Israel for minors to consume alcohol, and any student caught with alcohol, whether it's consumed or not, will face immediate consequences, including being sent home at their family's expense. There is **absolutely no tolerance** for alcohol consumption or possession, and any violation will result in serious disciplinary action, including immediate removal from the program.
- **Drugs & Vaping:** The same zero tolerance applies to drugs, vapes, or tobacco. No drugs, or vaping are allowed at any time, under any circumstances. There is **absolutely no tolerance** for drug or vape consumption or possession, and any violation will result in serious disciplinary action, including immediate removal from the program.
- **Tobacco:** The zero tolerance policy extends to all tobacco and nicotine products no matter how they are consumed. No smoking, no chewing and no oral tobacco pouches are allowed at any time. There is **absolutely no tolerance** for tobacco consumption or possession, and any violation will result in serious disciplinary action, including immediate removal from the program.
- **Prescription Medication:** If you need medication, it must be approved in writing by your parents and noted on your medical form.
- **Tattoos and Piercings:** You may not get any tattoos or piercings while on the trip.

## 8. Bullying, Harassment, and Respect



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- **Zero Tolerance for Bullying & Harassment:** There is absolutely no tolerance for bullying, harassment, or victimization. If you witness or experience this behaviour, report it immediately to a teacher or tour leader.
- **Respect for All:** This includes not using offensive language or anything that could intimidate or belittle someone.

## 9. Accommodation

- **Assigned Rooms:** You must sleep in your assigned room and cannot change rooms without permission from the tour leader or a teacher/chaperone.
- **Room Safety:** Keep your room locked at night and take responsibility for the cleanliness and order of your room. Rooms may be inspected without warning. You will be financially responsible for any damage or loss.
- **Respect for Privacy:** Be mindful of others' privacy and avoid disturbing others during rest periods or at night.
- **No Room Service:** Ordering room service is not permitted under any circumstances.
- **Outside Guests:** No visitors are permitted at the hotel without explicit prior permission from the chaperones. If permission is granted, friends or relatives may visit only in public areas of the hotel; visitors are strictly prohibited from guest rooms, accommodation floors, and hotel facilities. Overnight stays are not allowed under any circumstances. All visits must conclude by 10:00 pm (or earlier if directed by the chaperones).
- **Courtesy:** Students are guests of the hotel and share the space with other members of the public. Maintain a low noise level at all times—especially in corridors, lifts, and near room doors—by speaking quietly, keeping phones on silent, closing doors gently, and avoiding running or congregating in hallways. Be considerate when entering or leaving rooms, particularly in the early morning and late evening. Respect other guests and staff, keep passageways clear, and follow any directions from hotel personnel. Failure to uphold these standards may result in loss of privileges or other disciplinary action.

## 10. Social Media



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- **Think Before You Post:** You may not post anything on social media that is derogatory or disrespectful to others. You cannot post photos or share your live locations during the trip. Please wait until the end of the day before posting on social media. Ask permission of the other people in your photos before posting