JORDAN'S BORDER CROSSINGS WITH THE WEST BANK AND ISRAEL

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ALLENBY BRIDGE TERMINAL (KING HUSSEIN BRIDGE)



For information concerning use of the terminal, please check the following links from the Terminal's Israeli website:

- ♣ Information for Visitors through the Terminal
- <u>↓ Useful Terminal Info</u>
- **About Allenby Border Terminal**



Hours of Operation

<u>West Bank side:</u> seven days a week, year-round, except Yom Kippur (when Israeli government facilities are closed) and the first day of Eid El-Adha (when Palestinian facilities are closed)

- For tourists and non-diplomats: Sunday through Thursday, 8:00am to 4:30pm (for humanitarian purposes <u>only</u>, the bridge is also open between 4:30pm and 8pm); Friday and Saturday, 8:00am to 3:00pm.
- Hours for diplomats: Sunday through Thursday 8:00am to 8:00pm; Friday and Saturday 8:00am to 2:30pm.

In all cases, individuals are advised to arrive at the terminal one hour before closing time.

<u>Jordanian side:</u> closed on the same days as above

- Hours for tourists and non-diplomats: Sunday through Thursday 8:00am to 2:30pm; Friday and Saturday 8:00am to 11:30pm.
- Hours for diplomats: Sunday through Thursday, 8am to 6pm; Friday and Saturday, 8am to 3pm.



Offices at the Terminal (West Bank side)

West Bank Side

- Website: Allenby Alenbi homepage
- Israeli Airports Authority: tel. 972-2-548-2600, fax. 972-2-994-3289
- Borders Control: tel. 972-2-940-7444, fax. 972-2- 994-7440. (Website: <u>Israel</u> Police Home Page)
- Ministry of Interior: tel. 972-2-940-9187 fax. 940-9207. Per the Terminal's website, this branch of the Interior issues single entry Transit Permits for residents of East Jerusalem.
- Customs Management: tel. 972-2-940-6555 fax. 972-2- 994-4359. Website: New Customs and income tax
- CHANGEPLACE (misc. financial services): tel. 972-2-940-9416
- Foreign Forces Liaison Unit: Coordination and liaison with the Jordanian side and responsibility for the transition of foreign forces between Israel and Jordan. Tel. 972-2-940-5475
- Ministry of Agriculture: Tel. 972-2-994-3492
- Liaison & Coordination Administration: 972-2-994-3375 fax. 972-2-994-3394
- PA Section (police, border control, etc.): 972-2-994-3358 / 3702 / 3483
- VIP Services: Israeli company "Qumran", tel. 972-2-994-3084, fax. 972-2-940-9041

Jordanian Side

- Border Commander Office: tel. 962-5-358-1030
- Customs Office: tel. 962-5-358-1512, fax. 962-5-358-1361
- <u>Jordanian Customs Department</u>
- Jordanian Ministry of Interior (in Arabic only)
- Jordan's Border Crossings
- Ministry of Tourism & Antiquities
- Jordan Embassy in the United States



Jordanian Visa Issues and Possible Travel Restrictions

Jordanian Visa Issues

- Single-nationality private Americans require visa in advance. The Jordanian Embassy issues visas at 14 Abba Hillel St., Ramat Gan, Israel, tel. 972-3-751-7722, fax. 972-3-751-7712. Email: jordanembassy@barak.net.il. A single-entry visa is NIS 88 and multiple-entries visa for 6 months is NIS 168. U.S. passport and one photo are required.
- Dual-nationality Palestinian/Americans: crossing times for U.S. citizen West Bankers and East Jerusalemites may vary. Palestinian ID holders face delays.
- Dual-nationality Israeli/Americans: Israeli passport holders cannot use Allenby Terminal unless they are part of an official delegation or have a special permit.
- All passengers departing for Jordan via the Allenby require an entry permit into Jordan stating specifically that transit is via Allenby Bridge Terminal.

• To check for a possible stop-order for departing the West Bank, check with the Israel Police National Headquarters in Jerusalem by faxing your documents to 972-2-589-8819 and then following up with a call to 972-2-542-9392, and with the Palestinian "Istiraha" in Jericho (police, customs, administration) by calling 972-2-994-3358, -3702 or -3483, or 972-2-232-3555.

West Bank Entry Requirements

For single-nationality American citizens, an Israeli visa is not required in advance; it will be granted upon entry.

<u>Palestinian Americans crossing Allenby/King Hussein:</u> Palestinian ID holders, Jerusalem ID holders and all others will be processed through two different terminals: one for tourists and Jerusalemites, and one for Palestinians only. *Holders of Palestinian IDs can only use this crossing, regardless of whether they hold U.S. passports.*

As of May 2005, Palestinian passport holders are no longer required by the Jordanian Government to present a Certificate of Non-Objection in order to enter Jordan. Rather, Palestinians will be required to sign a statement upon entry advising their return date to the Palestinian territories. NOTE: Restrictions imposed by the Israeli or Jordanian government change frequently and without advance warning.

If one family member has a Palestinian passport or Palestinian ID number and the others have other kinds of travel document, then the entire family must cross via Allenby/King Hussein Terminal. Bearers of foreign passports (non-Palestinians) must obtain Jordanian visas prior to crossing.

The Palestinian Section for Palestinian Americans and Legal Permanent Residents is open daily, for arrivals and departures from 8:00am to 3:00pm except on Yom Kippur and Eid Al-Adha. In addition, please refer to the State Department's Consular Information Sheet regarding Palestinian Americans traveling to the area: Israel, the West Bank and Gaza.



D Crossing methods

<u>West Bank side:</u> Private travelers may use shuttle bus only. Diplomatic vehicles require a special permit from the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

<u>Jordanian side:</u> No private vehicles are allowed. Travelers use special buses only.



Exit Tax

<u>West Bank side:</u> \$29 payable in Israeli or foreign currency, travelers checks and most credit cards at the "Change Place" branch where a commission is charged. The exit tax can also be pre-paid at a postal bank without a commission. For an updated amount

and to find out whether you are exempt from payment, call the Allenby Terminal directly or check its website under <u>Rates</u>.

<u>Jordanian side:</u> 5 Jordanian dinars. Permits are issued immediately for those interested in crossing back to Jordan via the bridge.

YITZCHAK RABIN/ARAVA CROSSING (aka WADI AL-ARABA) Near Eilat/Aqaba



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- Useful Terminal Information
- ♣ About Rabin/Arava Border Terminal



Hours of Operation

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<u>Jordanian side:</u> Sunday through Thursday, 6:30am – 9:00pm, Friday and Saturday, 8:00am to 8:00pm.



Offices at the Terminal

Israeli Side

- Website: Yitzhak Rabin-Arava border crossing homepage
- Israeli Airports Authority: tel. 972-8-630-0555 fax. 972-8-633-6844
- Israeli Border Control: tel. 972-8-633-6753; Israel Police (Website: <u>Israel Police</u> Home Page)
- Customs: tel. 972-8-630-0400, fax. 972-8-630-0411 (Website: <u>New Customs and income tax</u>)
- CHANGEPLACE (misc. financial services): tel. 972-8-637-7897
- Foreign Corps Liaison Unit: 972-8-630-2425
- Ministry of Agriculture: tel. 972-8-633-7407
- Memsi Israel Automobile Club (website in Hebrew only): tel. 972-8-637-7897

Jordanian Side

- Border Commander's Office: tel. 962-3-201-6851
- Customs Office: tel. 962-3-201-9721 or 962-3-2411
- <u>Jordanian Customs Department</u>
- <u>Jordanian Ministry of Interior</u> (in Arabic only)
- Jordan's Border Crossings
- Ministry of Tourism & Antiquities
- Jordan Embassy in the United States



Visa Issues

Jordanian Visas

- A single-entry three-month Jordanian visa is issued on the spot at the Jordanian Terminal for 88 NIS. Six-month multiple-entry visas can be issued only by the Jordanian Embassy for 168 NIS. The embassy is located at 14 Abba Hillel Street, Ramat Gan, tel. 972-3-751-7722, fax. 972-3-751-7712. Email: jordanembassy@barak.net.il. Please note that Palestinian-Americans cannot use this crossing to enter Jordan.
- To check for a possible stop-order for departing the West Bank, check with the Israel Police National Headquarters in Jerusalem by faxing your documents to 972-2-589-8819 and then following up with a call to 972-2-542-9392.

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Crossing Methods

Israeli Side

- Bv a POV
- Shuttle buses
- Tourist transportation
- On foot

Jordanian Side

- By foreign private and diplomatic vehicles registered in Jordan
- By tourist transportation
- On foot



Exit Tax

<u>Israeli side</u>: An Israeli exit tax is \$15 payable in Israeli, foreign currency, travelers checks and most credit cards at the "Change Place" branch. A commission is also charged. This tax can also be pre-paid at a postal bank branch without a commission. For updated fees and to find out whether you are exempt from payment, call the terminal directly or check its website at <u>Rates and Passage Fees</u>.

Jordanian side: 5 Jordanian dinars

JORDAN RIVER/NAHAR HA-YARDEN CROSSING (aka SHEIKH HUSSEIN CROSSING)



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- Website: <u>Jordan River Nehar Yarden border crossing homepage</u>
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- Israeli Border Control: tel. 972-4-648-1103; Israel Police (Website: <u>Israel Police</u> Home Page)
- Customs: tel. 972-4-648-0018; fax 972-4-648-0020 (Website: <u>New Customs and income tax</u>)
- CHANGEPLACE (misc. financial services): tel. 972-4-606-0368
- Foreign Corps Liaison Unit: fax: 972-4-648-0064
- Ministry of Agriculture: fax: 972-4-648-0363
- Memsi Israel Automobile Club (website in Hebrew only): tel: 972-4-606-8705.

Jordanian Side

- Border Commander's Office: tel. 962-2-655-0523 or -0524
- Customs Office: tel. 962-2-655-0690
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