

# FLIGHTS

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- Flights are the most *difficult* part of planning these group trips. Our travelers live in different places, wish to use different airports, wish to book different classes of seating, want to have total control or want it done for them, want the fastest flights or the cheapest flights, are experienced travelers or new, etc. We cannot meet everyone's needs so we ask you to book your own flight with guidance from us as to dates & times. Except for the group going to all 4 countries, we do not have enough people to book "group" flights with the airlines. The quotes I received for that group were very expensive and are not recommended. Flights overall are more expensive than pre-COVID as the demand is high. Our tour agent agrees the best approach for our travelers to enable you to get the flights you want is what I am proposing.
- You can book any flight you wish but you must arrive by the date/time stated and depart as stated in the following pages. If you cannot do so, please contact Debbie. If you want to book with others, please coordinate with them. *I can help and it's best if you do fly with others. If a group wants to get together and figure out the best flights, we can do that.* For Central CA travelers, we prefer to fly out of Fresno (FAT) but you may wish to check pricing from LAX or SFO. Getting there is on your own. The extra cost from FAT often offsets the time & travel cost to get to LAX or SFO. For the Cassell group flying from all over, group up or come in on your own as works best for you.
- Transfers from your arriving airport & departing hotel are included for one group only. If you are arriving or departing at a different time from the majority, there may be a transfer fee but minimize that as best we can. We can determine this once we know who has booked which flights. There are no extra transfer fees in Cairo so arrive any time on the stated day and you will be taken to your hotel, but we will try to all fly together.
- Tours leave the hotel about 8am (after breakfast) on the 1<sup>st</sup> scheduled tour day. If you arrive late at night, you may be tired on the 1<sup>st</sup> day, but you will adjust. Don't arrive before 2pm as you won't be able to check in to the hotel. We will be tracking flights so, if yours is late, we will still be there to get you at the airport (rare exceptions).



**Time differences from PST: Cairo, + 8 hours, Israel, Jordan & Greece + 9 hours**

**You will lose 1 day going and gain it back coming home to arrive on the same day you left.**

**The airline booking sites account for the time difference. The days stated are when you need to fly.**

***This may be basic for some of you but others are novice travelers so the guidelines will help.***

Review the following pages to find flight recommendations for the countries you are going to from FAT Fresno. (XXX) is the airport code. Those traveling from other cities can search online or contact me for suggestions but please use the date/time guidelines and your preferred airlines.

- Use Kayak.com, Google flights, AAA, or airline websites to search for the flights you need. **We recommend you book your flight directly through the airline website (not through Expedia or other indirect sellers) as it is easier to deal with flight changes & issues if booked direct.**
- United Airlines & British Airways are partner airlines are generally better for Israel & Greece flights. American & Lufthansa are partner airlines and are better for Egypt. They are not the only airlines that fly to these countries, but we recommend you book with larger airlines and not small regional ones. Do not book Egypt Air, RyannAir, Wizz, etc. Any airline can have a cancellation or change & probably will.
- You may need a multi-city flight if flying into and out of different countries. The flights I have shown on these pages are suggestions. You may wish (or need) to fly from different airports than Fresno so look at LAX, SFO, DFW, LAS, etc. for options & pricing. You can use one-way flights if you wish. I often do.
- Pricing is dynamic and changes all the time. What one person books today may not be the price tomorrow – it could be higher or lower. You can buy your flights any time. There is no “cheapest” time to buy. If I find a “deal”, I’ll let you know as I’m looking for my own flights too. We have time.
- If you want to earn mileage credit for these flights, set up that account or have your # handy when you book your flight. If you want to use miles to pay for your flights, you can do that too.
- Be sure to triple check your flights before you confirm, choose your seats & pay for upgraded if you wish (Economy seating is tight, economy plus is better, business & 1<sup>st</sup> class are much more \$\$\$), decline insurance unless you don’t or won’t have other travel insurance, pay for luggage if not included. Create a profile with the airline, add your contact info + your TSA Pre-Check/KTN # if you have one (Global Entry, CLEAR, & TSA Pre-Check only work in the USA; mobile passport is free and does too).
- Keep a copy of all emails you receive as well as your credit card statement with the charges. You will need them if you have an insurance claim.
- ***Email Debbie a copy of your full itinerary as soon as you have it. [devand@sbcglobal.net](mailto:devand@sbcglobal.net)***



United



British Air



American



Lufthansa



Aegean



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If your departure flight is to:	You should depart on	You must arrive by		If your flight home is from:	You can depart after	If you are <b>not</b> doing the Greece add-on day, you can depart after	If you are doing the Greece add-on day, you can depart after
Egypt (CAI)*	June 3 (June 2 if going a day early)	June 4, 10pm-ish		Israel ** (TLV)	June 22, 10pm		
Israel** (TLV) June	June 11	June 12, 8pm					
Greece* * (ATH)	June 22	June 23, 6pm		Greece ** (ATH)		June 30, any time	July 1, any time
Israel (TLV) October	October 29	October 30, 8pm		Israel (TLV) October	November 9, 10pm		

Those going from Israel to Greece must also book this one-way flight on AegeanAir.com

10:00  
TLV  
Flight details

nonstop  
2h 10min

12:10  
ATH  
A3927

# FLIGHT SUGGESTIONS for those going to: EGYPT-JORDAN-ISRAEL-GREECE

- You do not have to book these flights – they are suggestions.
- You can depart from any airport on any reputable airline.
- Ensure connections between flights are at least 2 hours.

DEPART TO EGYPT	You should depart on	You must arrive by
Cairo (CAI)	June 3	June 4, 10pm-ish

DEPART ATHENS	If you are <b>not</b> doing the Greece add-on day, you can depart after	If you are doing the Greece add-on day, you can depart after
Greece (ATH)	June 30, any time	July 1, any time

## OUTBOUND/ TO EGYPT

We will meet to discuss after receiving the Turkish Air group option from AIT.

## RETURN FROM ATHENS



Flight 2 · Mon, Jul 1

- 1:00 PM · Athens International Airport "Eleftherios Venizelos" (ATH)  
Travel time: 11 hr
- 5:00 PM · Philadelphia International Airport (PHL)  
American · Economy · Boeing 787 · AA 759
- 2 hr 4 min layover · Philadelphia (PHL)
- 7:04 PM · Philadelphia International Airport (PHL)  
Travel time: 3 hr 41 min
- 9:45 PM · Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport (DFW)  
American · Economy · Airbus A321 · AA 2533  
Often delayed by 30+ min
- 40 min layover · Dallas (DFW)
- 10:25 PM · Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport (DFW)  
Travel time: 3 hr 21 min
- 11:46 PM · Fresno Yosemite International Airport (FAT)

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Cairo (CAI)	June 3	June 4, 10pm-ish


DEPART FROM ISRAEL	You can depart after
Israel (TLV)	June 22, 10pm or June 23 any time (we can book a hotel night June 22 if needed)

## OUTBOUND/ TO EGYPT

 Flight 1 · Mon, Jun 3

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 ○ 10:38 AM · Fresno Yosemite International Airport (FAT)  
Travel time: 3 hr 17 min


 ○ 3:55 PM · Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport (DFW)


American · Economy · Airbus A321 · AA 1729  
Ticket also sold by British Airways

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45 min layover · Dallas (DFW)

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 ○ 4:40 PM · Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport (DFW)  
Travel time: 9 hr 5 min · **Overnight** ▲


 ○ 7:45 AM\*1 · Heathrow Airport (LHR)


American · Economy · Boeing 777 · AA 20  
Ticket also sold by British Airways

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1 hr 40 min layover · London (LHR)


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 ○ 9:25 AM\*1 · Heathrow Airport (LHR)  
Travel time: 5 hr


 ○ 3:25 PM\*1 · Cairo International Airport (CAI)


British Airways · Economy · Airbus A321neo · BA 384  
Often delayed by 30+ min

## RETURN FROM ISRAEL

 Flight 2 · Sun, Jun 23

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 ○ 12:55 AM · Ben Gurion Airport (TLV)  
Travel time: 15 hr 5 min · **Overnight** ▲


 ○ 6:00 AM · San Francisco International Airport (SFO)


United · Economy · Boeing 777 · UA 955

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2 hr 48 min layover · San Francisco (SFO)

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 ○ 8:48 AM · San Francisco International Airport (SFO)  
Travel time: 1 hr 8 min

 ○ 9:56 AM · Fresno Yosemite International Airport (FAT)

United · Economy · Embraer 175 · UA 5662  
Plane and crew by Skywest DBA United Express

If you take a flight later on June 23, and want a hotel for the night of June 22, please let Debbie know.

# FLIGHT SUGGESTIONS for those going to: ISRAEL JUNE ONLY

- You do not have to book these flights – they are suggestions.
- You can depart from any airport on any reputable airline.
- Ensure connections between flights are at least 2 hours.

DEPART TO ISRAEL	You should depart on	You must arrive by
Israel (TLV)	June 11	June 12, 8pm

DEPART FROM ISRAEL	You can depart after
Israel (TLV)	June 22, 10pm or June 23 any time (we can book a hotel night June 22 if needed)

## OUTBOUND/ TO ISRAEL



### Flight 1 · Tue, Jun 11

○ 2:21PM · Fresno Yosemite International Airport (FAT)

Travel time: 51 min

○ 3:12PM · San Francisco International Airport (SFO)

United · Economy · Embraer 175 · UA 5974  
Plane and crew by Skywest DBA United Express

4 hr 48 min layover · San Francisco (SFO)

○ 8:00PM · San Francisco International Airport (SFO)

Travel time: 14 hr · Overnight ▲

○ 8:00PM\*1 · Ben Gurion Airport (TLV)

United · Economy · Boeing 777 · UA 954



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○ 12:55 AM · Ben Gurion Airport (TLV)

Travel time: 15 hr 5 min · Overnight ▲

○ 6:00 AM · San Francisco International Airport (SFO)

United · Economy · Boeing 777 · UA 955

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Plane and crew by Skywest DBA United Express

## RETURN FROM ISRAEL

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# FLIGHT SUGGESTIONS for those going to: ISRAEL JUNE & GREECE

- You do not have to book these flights – they are suggestions.
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- Ensure connections between flights are at least 2 hours.

DEPART TO ISRAEL	You should depart on	You must arrive by
Israel (TLV)	June 11	June 12, 8pm

DEPART GREECE (ATH)	If you are <b>not</b> doing the Greece add-on day, you can depart after	If you are doing the Greece add-on day, you can depart after
Greece (ATH)	June 30, any time	July 1, any time



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  - Travel time: 14 hr · Overnight ▲
- 8:00PM\*1 · Ben Gurion Airport (TLV)
  - United · Economy · Boeing 777 · UA 954

## OUTBOUND/ TO ISRAEL

## RETURN FROM GREECE

This suggestion is for those staying the extra day. You could take this flight a day before.



## Flight 2 · Mon, Jul 1

- 12:55 PM · Athens International Airport "Eleftherios Venizelos" (ATH)
  - Travel time: 2 hr 35 min
- 2:30 PM · Munich International Airport (MUC)
  - Lufthansa · Economy · Airbus A321 · LH 1751
  - Ticket also sold by United
  - Often delayed by 30+ min
- 55 min layover · Munich (MUC)
- 3:25 PM · Munich International Airport (MUC)
  - Travel time: 9 hr 50 min
- 6:15 PM · O'Hare International Airport (ORD)
  - Lufthansa · Economy · Airbus A350 · LH 434
  - Ticket also sold by United
  - Often delayed by 30+ min
- 1 hr 30 min layover · Chicago (ORD)
- 7:45 PM · O'Hare International Airport (ORD)
  - Travel time: 4 hr 42 min
- 10:27 PM · Fresno Yosemite International Airport (FAT)
  - United · Economy · Boeing 737 · UA 2364

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10:00  
TLV  
Flight details

nonstop  
2h 10min

12:10  
ATH  
A3927

# FLIGHT SUGGESTIONS for those going to: GREECE ONLY


- You do not have to book these flights – they are suggestions.
- You can depart from any airport on any reputable airline.
- Ensure connections between flights are at least 2 hours.


DEPART TO GREECE	You should depart on	You must arrive by
Greece (ATH)	June 22	June 23, 6pm

DEPART GREECE	If you are <b>not</b> doing the Greece add-on day, you can depart after	If you are doing the Greece add-on day, you can depart after
Greece (ATH)	June 30, any time	July 1, any time


## OUTBOUND/ TO GREECE


**Flight 1 · Sat, Jun 22** 828 kg C  
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 11:00AM · Fresno Yosemite International Airport (FAT)  
Travel time: 1 hr 2 min


 12:02PM · San Francisco International Airport (SFO)  
United · Economy · Embraer 175 · UA 5336  
Plane and crew by Skywest for United Express for United Airlines · Ticket also sold by Lufthansa


1 hr 33 min layover · San Francisco (SFO)

 1:35 PM · San Francisco International Airport (SFO)  
Travel time: 11 hr 10 min · **Overnight** ▲

 9:45AM\*1 · Munich International Airport (MUC)  
United · Economy · Boeing 777 · UA 194  
Ticket also sold by Lufthansa


1 hr 30 min layover · Munich (MUC)


 11:15AM\*1 · Munich International Airport (MUC)  
Travel time: 2 hr 30 min

 2:45PM\*1 · Athens International Airport "Eleftherios Venizelos" (ATH)  
Aegean · Economy · Airbus A321neo · A3 803  
Ticket also sold by Lufthansa


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 12:55 PM · Athens International Airport "Eleftherios Venizelos" (ATH)  
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 2:30 PM · Munich International Airport (MUC)  
Lufthansa · Economy · Airbus A321 · LH 1751  
Ticket also sold by United  
**Often delayed by 30+ min**


55 min layover · Munich (MUC)

 3:25 PM · Munich International Airport (MUC)  
Travel time: 9 hr 50 min

 6:15 PM · O'Hare International Airport (ORD)  
Lufthansa · Economy · Airbus A350 · LH 434  
Ticket also sold by United  
**Often delayed by 30+ min**

1 hr 30 min layover · Chicago (ORD)

 7:45 PM · O'Hare International Airport (ORD)  
Travel time: 4 hr 42 min

 10:27 PM · Fresno Yosemite International Airport (FAT)  
United · Economy · Boeing 737 · UA 2364

This suggestion is for those staying the extra day. You could take this flight a day before.



## FLIGHT SUGGESTIONS for those going to: ISRAEL OCTOBER ONLY

- You do not have to book these flights – they are suggestions.
- You can depart from any airport on any reputable airline.
- Ensure connections between flights are at least 2 hours.

DEPART TO ISRAEL	You should depart on	You must arrive by
Israel (TLV)	October 29	October 30, 8pm

DEPART FROM ISRAEL	You can depart after
Israel (TLV)	November 9, 10pm or November 10 any time (we can book a hotel night November 9 if needed)

### OUTBOUND/ TO ISRAEL

### RETURN FROM ISRAEL

Flights will not be available to view until mid-December. We will send the suggested flights to you then. Since almost everyone will be from Central California, we will likely suggest this itinerary:  
United: Fresno (afternoon) to San Francisco to Tel Aviv (arrive 8pm)  
United: Tel Aviv (1am) to San Francisco to Fresno (arrive noon)  
I will request a GROUP FLIGHT quote as soon as it opens up but we may have to book individually.