

Holy Land



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EGYPT
(not to scale)

SAUDI ARABIA

Official Name: State of Israel

Capital: Jerusalem

Population: 5,215,000

Size: 7,850 sq. mi

Language: Hebrew, Arabic, English

Climate: Temperate, except in the desert

Economy: Agriculture, trade

Government: Parliamentary democracy

Currency: Shekel

Time Zone: 7 hrs. ahead of Eastern Standard Time

Electricity: 220 volts

What to buy: Shop for brass and copper items (including coffee sets), silver jewelry, diamonds, glass, artwork, leather coats, painted tiles, embroidery, religious items, antiques and bottled Dead Sea mud.

What to eat: While fast-food franchises are there in force, you'd be foolish to pass up the more traditional fast food: *falafel* (a sandwich of fried chick peas and herbs, served with salad in pita bread) is a treat, as is *shwarma* (also known as *doner kebab*, similar to gyros). Hummus (a blend of chick peas, sesame seed paste, lemon and olive oil) should also be tasted (best slurped up with warm bread). Desserts include *kenafeh*, baklava and other Middle Eastern treats. An Israeli breakfast is quite a feast, usually done buffet style. In Tiberias, dine on Galilee Sea St. Peter's fish, the only native Israeli fish.

