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ProTravel details and information about Ramallah

Currency in the Palestinian Occupied Territories is the Israeli Shekel (ILS) and Jordanian Dinar (JOD).

Dialing Code Country/ Ramallah: + 972 – 2

The following websites provide information on cultural heritage of Ramallah and the West Bank in English:

<http://www.visit-palestine.com/>

<http://www.riwaq.org/arch/arch.html>

<http://pace.ps/>

A good map can be found here:

[Ramallah-Map](#) (PDF)

Travel to Ramallah:

You have two major choices via *Israel* and via *Jordan*.

Travel via Israel

Fly to Ben Gurion International Airport (TLV) near Tel Aviv. Service taxis (shared taxis, "servees") are a good means to make the transfer from the airport to Ramallah.

The main checkpoint from Israel (via Jerusalem) is Qalandia near Ramallah. At checkpoints you will be dealing with IDF (Israel Defense Forces) soldiers. Delays may occur at checkpoints unexpectedly, especially if there has been recent violence or political events. Sometimes it may be quicker to walk through a checkpoint on foot and then take a taxi to the Best Eastern Hotel in Ramallah.

Visa: passport holders of the following countries do not require a tourist visa for travel to Israel: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, and the United States of America. Passport holders of these countries can enter the West Bank via its checkpoints from Israel. No special permits are needed to enter the West Bank. Having an Israeli stamp in your passport may stop you from entering Algeria, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Libya, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Sudan, UAE, and Yemen.

Travel via Jordan:

Fly to Queen Alia International Airport (AMM) near Amman. Go from the airport to the Abdali bus station where the buses for King Hussein bridge leave. Take a bus (or taxi) to the King Hussein (formerly Allenby) bridge. This entry point is open from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. from Sunday until Thursday, and until 2:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Once across the bridge, there is an Israeli passport check before you arrive at the immigration terminal on the West Bank. After being checked in by Israeli guards, you can catch a shared taxi to Ramallah. Many service taxis drive only between two checkpoints, so you may need to change a couple of times when traveling through the West Bank to Ramallah.

Visa:

Visas are NOT available at the King Hussein/Allenby bridge. Ask the Jordanian authorities to stamp your entry and exit ON A SEPARATE SHEET of paper. Specifically ask the Israeli authorities to put entry and exit stamps on a separate piece of paper, NOT in your passport. Otherwise, you will have problems getting into Syria, Lebanon or any other Arab country that has not signed a peace treaty with Israel.