

SSI's GLOBAL SECURITY WORKSHOP IN ISRAEL

FAQ

Please read the following carefully and feel free to call us if we have not answered your question here. Our phone number is 866-573-3999 Ext 101.

General: What differentiates this trip from the other groups taking people to Israel?

Security Solutions International, SSI, is proud to announce that our CEO and Global Counter Terrorism Operations Director, Sol Bradman, is taking over our Training in Israel Mission, with a brand new program, locations and experts. This seminar, based on SSI's experience as the leader in International Training, reflects the know-how of Israel and other countries. The seminar combines an intensive hands-on look at subjects such as aviation Security, Transportation Security, University/School Security with expert lectures and introduction to the thinking of many Internationally recognized experts in Homeland Security. This was researched by SSI. A number of programs copied our past SSI program with no success: we are the only company that has taken 15 missions in the last few years, far exceeding any other group - profit or non-profit.

In addition, we do not provide a dog and pony show, nor is this politically based or nationalistically determined to benefit Israel. The only beneficiaries are you, the participant, coming back with better know-how and therefore enabling you to better protect our nation.

Also, as far as we know, this is the only program to have been approved for funding by the DHS.

1. How do I finance this trip?

SSI's Global Security Workshop in Israel has been approved by the Department of Homeland Security. However, getting funds from Homeland Security is more difficult than it looks. First, a private company cannot help you get these funds. You have to go through your State Administrative Agent and through your local Homeland Security liaison.

Other sources of funding have been through JTTF, UASI and even second dollar funds and Police Training budgets. A few people have had local churches or synagogues sponsor them. Where there is a will, there is a way and if you are determined to come, you can find some financing for a very worthwhile Homeland Security experience.

If you are in the Private sector, there are no grants and you or your company must pay for the trip.

2. What is the price and what does it include?

The price of the training is currently \$4400. This includes everything from Newark, New Jersey to Israel and back. There are no hidden costs. The trip includes airfares, full transportation in Israel, hotels, three meals a day - all top quality restaurants - and a shared room in the hotel as well as all the training. The only money you will need is for souvenir and gift shopping or personal entertainment.

There is an optional tour that is the only extra charge. Currently this is \$85.00 (subject to change). On Friday, the tour sets out and this is a special full day program but you are not required to join this.

You are responsible for transportation from your hometown to Newark and back after the trip.

3. Who is this for - Can I go?

The study missions are designed to give security professionals and First Responders a hands-on look at how Israel has minimized attacks against its people effectively. This is intended for serious professionals or advanced students of Homeland Security policy and practices. In order to be approved, you should be attached to an agency, hold a job in the private security sector or be enrolled in a Post Graduate Homeland Security study program. If you do not fit the above description, please call our office and discuss this with the Global CT Operations Director.

4. Can I get education credits for my participation in an Israel Mission?

Saint Leo University provides college credits for this course. For more information regarding Saint Leo's Criminal Justice program and the cost of enrollment, please call us. There are academic requirements that you must fulfill in addition to taking the course.

5. Do I need a Visa and when should I get my passport?

You do not need a Visa to visit Israel. You only need a valid passport. Passports should be applied for a minimum of two months before departure at the latest. However, if you need to get one sooner, the State Department has a program that allows you to expedite the process and receive a passport in a much shorter time period but does require additional fees. Also, you should note any recent requirements from the State Department. For example, you are now required to have a valid passport that **cannot expire less than 6 months after your return to the US**. Please visit the website of the US Department of State for more current information.

6. How do I guarantee myself a place?

The sooner you send in your application, the better for you. Sending in your application does not require immediate payment or oblige to undertake the trip. However, when we reach 30 participants, we consider the trip Sold Out. The participants that can attend are those that get their application first. Since there is no financial commitment, we recommend that you submit the completed application as soon as possible.

7. Do I pay Sales Tax?

If you are not a Florida resident, you must only pay the listed price - there is no sales tax. Florida residents should contact the SSI office for more information.

8. What do we do?

This is a hands-on Global Best Practices training trip. Daily visits – sometimes up to 4 per day – are conducted with the people actually responsible for the Mall, Government building, School etc. We have extremely high-level briefings from some of Israel's top security advisors. Around these visits there are site visits with the Israel Police, lectures from agency representatives such as the Shin Bet and more.

9. Where do we stay?

We will notify you by e-mail of the exact hotel you are staying, the kind of clothes you'll need to bring for the particular season, when to buy your inter city tickets and more. Please read all

emails from SSI carefully after you have registered for the trip.

10. What is the breakdown of costs for the trip?

The costs of the trip breakdown as follows:

Hotel, food, and transportation, based on double occupancy: \$700

Airfare to Israel: \$1300

Study program: \$2400.00 (lectures, visits, study materials, etc...) - This is an estimate. For an official cost statement, please call.

11. What agencies have been represented on Israel Missions?

Please visit our web site to see our client list or call the SSI offices for further information. We post real testimonials on the website from some of the more than 200 people that have gone with us.

12. Can I speak to someone that has attended?

Many of our participants express a desire to speak to interested candidates about their experiences. We will gladly supply you with the names of these past participants. Please call our offices for references.

13. Who do we meet when we are in Israel?

SSI is very well respected with the major security services (police, Israel Security Agency and corporate security directors) and gains access that is truly amazing. Briefings on the security of any given facility are always held with the people responsible.

14. Can I take my weapon?

No, you are not allowed to carry any weapons, especially when flying, entering the country and of course when visiting secure facilities. However, the trip is always accompanied by an armed PSD professional.

15. Is it safe?

Israel is an extremely safe country. In 2006, there were only three incidents of terror. Additionally, crime rates are much lower than in the West. The biggest surprise that people have is how safe Israel is. All our groups, men and women alike, feel very safe going out at night and visiting the country.

16. Can I get a refund for the cost of my trip?

The refund policy is as follows:

1. Your money can be refunded up to 45 days before departure. A \$200.00 fee for processing will be deducted from the amount to cover expenses related to processing your registration. The balance will be refunded. There are NO REFUNDS after the 45 day mark before the trip. SSI strongly suggests you obtain travel insurance. (See next question)

17. Should I get travel insurance and how much does it cost?

SSI provides a minimal policy which covers emergency evacuation. However, we suggest you obtain travelers and health insurance from Access America. This insurance can help, under certain circumstances, to obtain some of the trip costs back if you should cancel for one of the reasons covered under the policy.

18. When should I buy my tickets to Newark?

NOT UNTIL WE ADVISE YOU IN WRITING TO DO SO. This is usually about 6 weeks before departure, leaving you plenty of time to get your reservations.

19. Are there any hidden fees or costs?

There are absolutely no hidden costs or other charges for this training.

20. Will I be doing physical/tactical training?

No. This is a Homeland Security trip and not tactical training. However, we do offer Krav Maga sessions to demo this Israeli martial art and we invite your participation in this session though it is not obligatory.

Any other questions you may have please feel free to contact us.