Dear Pilgrims to Israel,

Saving money by using air miles or booking your own flight is a great way to see Israel, but this option does involve some risk for those choosing to save a little money. Generally (about 80% of the time), everything works out fine for those who choose this option. However, the option has risks of flight cancellation, coordination, and delays packed into the more frugal plan. For those who have chosen this option, here are the risks and expectations of coordinating your own travel to Israel. Please be advised that you are responsible for:

* **Flight delays**-if your flight is delayed and the bus has left the airport, you are responsible to get to the hotel at your own expense (generally by cab). Cost can be high to the Sea of Galilee.
* **Flight cancellations**-if your initial flight is cancelled and you are rebooked on a later flight, you will need to coordinate with the itinerary and go to the hotel by cab once your flight arrives.
* **Lost days due to cancellation or delays**-trip insurance may cover any lost days and cab rides to the hotel. The Israel Adventure does not cover lost days due to flight cancellations or delays.
* **Lost luggage**-you will need to coordinate this with your airline once you arrive. Ask for the customer service representative from the airline to help you. An international calling plan may assist you in making calls. International calling plans are available through your local carrier.
* **Arrival time before the group**-make sure that you arrive before your group so as to be able to board the bus when it leaves. This will save you quite a bit of money. The bus is coordinated with the arrival time of the group. If the group is delayed, you will have to wait. In cases of long delays, secure your own hotel or get a cab ride to the hotel that is reserved for you. **The bus will not make a trip for one or two people.** This is a cost borne by the person securing their own ticket and a risk in so doing this option.
* **Transfers to and from the airport**-You can ride on the bus as long as the group does not have to wait for you either at the airport or at the hotel.
* **Trip insurance**-this is highly recommended for those booking their own flights.
* **All meals until the group meal plan begins**-should you arrive before the group, you are responsible for all meals before the group meal plan begins (often at the hotel at night).
* **Hotel for the last night**-hotel accommodations are not provided on the last night of the tour as most of the flights on the tour are booked in the early morning hours. A hotel on the last night will be at your own expense.