

Announcement: ETA-IL Updates



ETA (Electronic Travel Authorization):

The ETA system, adapted for tourists from visa-exempt countries, speeds up the online confirmation, thus simplifying the entry process.

As of **August 2024,** all travelers to Israel must have a valid visa or ETA-IL approval prior to departure.

1. ETA-IL acts as a system of authorizations for visitors from countries exempt from authorizations, streamlining the entry process.

2. Eligible visitors can stay up to 90 days upon receipt of approval through the ETA-IL system.

3. The approval remains valid for up to two years or until the passport expires, eliminating the need for repeated applications during this period.

4. In case of passport renewal or changes in personal information, a new travel permit is required.

5. The cost of ETA-IL is NIS 25, **waived** during the pilot phase.

6. For technical assistance, contact eta@piba.gov.il.

7. The pilot phase begins on **June 1, 2024**, with eligibility extended to **US and German citizens**. Other nationalities can apply from **July 1, 2024**, with mandatory approval required from **August 1, 2024**.

8. The purpose of the pilot phase is to activate the system and evaluate the application process before it becomes mandatory. During this period, participation is voluntary for interested visitors from the countries participating in the pilot.

For ETA-IL applications, visit: <u>https://israel-entry.piba.gov.il/</u>

Please note that the website will only be accessible from June 1, 2024.



Sincerely, Tourism Services and Product Development Department

