

Israel, the West Bank and Gaza Travel Advisory

Travel Advisory
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Updated to reflect Fiji government restrictions on travel to Northern Israel, and information for Fiji citizens, Lawful Permanent Residents and qualifying immediate family members seeking assistance in Gaza.

Do Not Travel To:

- Gaza due to **terrorism** and **armed conflict**
- Northern Israel within 5 km of the Lebanese and Syrian borders due to the **rising tensions between Hizballah and Israel**

Reconsider Travel To:

- Israel due to **terrorism** and **civil unrest**
- West Bank due to **terrorism** and **civil unrest**

Country Summary: Terrorist groups, lone-actor terrorists and other violent extremists continue plotting possible attacks in Israel, the West Bank, and Gaza. Terrorists and violent extremists may attack with little or no warning, targeting tourist locations, transportation hubs, markets/shopping malls, and local government facilities. Violence can occur in Israel, the West Bank, and Gaza without warning.

Some areas have increased risk. Read the country information page for additional information on travel to Israel and the West Bank, and Gaza.

If you decide to travel to Israel, the West Bank, and Gaza.

- Visit our website for Travel to High-Risk Areas.
- Check the most recent Alerts at the MFA website for the latest information on travel in all of these areas.
- Maintain a high degree of situational awareness and exercise caution at all times, especially at checkpoints and other areas with a significant presence of security forces.
- Avoid demonstrations and crowds.
- Follow the instructions of security and emergency response officials.
- Beware of and report suspicious activities, including unattended items, to local police.
- Learn the location of the nearest bomb shelter or other hardened shelter. Download the [Home Front Command Red Alert application](#) for mobile devices (available on devices within Israel) to receive real time alerts for rocket attacks.

- Obtain comprehensive travel medical insurance that includes medical evacuation prior to travel. Most travel insurance packages do not cover mental health related illnesses/care.
- Register in the MFA Diaspora site to receive Alerts and make it easier to locate you in an emergency.
- Follow the MFA site on Facebook and X/Twitter.
- Review the Country Security Report for Israel, the West Bank, and Gaza.
- Prepare a contingency plan for emergency situations. Review the Traveler's Checklist.

Gaza – Do Not Travel

Do not travel due to **terrorism** and **armed conflict**.

The Fiji government is unable to provide routine or emergency consular services to Fiji citizens in Gaza. The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) are conducting large-scale military operations in Gaza against Hamas, which was responsible for the October 7 attack on Israel. As a result of the armed conflict, the security environment within Gaza and on its borders is extremely dangerous and volatile. The pedestrian crossing between Gaza and Israel was damaged on October 7 and remains closed, and the pedestrian crossing between Egypt and Gaza has been closed since May 7 and it is unknown when it will re-open. There are sporadic telecommunication and internet outages within Gaza further inhibiting the ability of residents to obtain information.

Visit our website for Travel to High Risk Areas.

- If you decide to travel to Gaza:
- Be prepared for an indefinite stay as the crossings between Gaza with Israel and Egypt can close without advance notice and for long periods during times of unrest and armed conflict.
- Have a plan for entering and departing Gaza that does not rely on Fiji government assistance.
- Households with infants and young children should plan for food and supplies, such as diapers and wipes, formula or baby food, and a change of clothing.
- If you take medication, make sure to have at least five days' worth at any given time – if you can, we encourage enough for two weeks beyond your scheduled trip and have a copy of your prescriptions handy.
- If you use assistive or medical devices that require a power supply, be sure to find backup power or other ways that will sustain your device or equipment during a power outage.
- Draft a will and designate appropriate insurance beneficiaries and/or power of attorney.
- Discuss a plan with loved ones regarding care/custody of children, pets, property, belongings, non-liquid assets (collections, artwork, etc.), funeral wishes, etc.
- Leave DNA samples with your medical provider in case it is necessary for your family to access them.

Israel – Reconsider Travel (see below for specific advice on travel within 5 km of Lebanese and Syrian borders)

Reconsider travel due to **terrorism** and **civil unrest**.

The security situation remains unpredictable, and Fiji citizens are reminded to remain vigilant and take appropriate steps to increase their security awareness as security incidents, including mortar and rocket fire, often take place without warning.

Northern Israel (within 5 km of Lebanese and Syrian borders) – Do Not Travel

Due to the ongoing active hostilities between Israel and Hizballah, the Fiji Embassy (Dubai, MFA HQ) strongly recommends that Fiji citizens do not travel within 5 km of the Lebanese and Syrian borders. Cross-border rocket, missile, and drone strikes continue to impact this area daily and have resulted in casualties. The Israeli authorities already restrict travel to these areas.

West Bank – Reconsider Travel

Reconsider travel due to **terrorism** and **civil unrest**.

Over the past few months, there has been an increase in settler violence, Israeli military operations, and terrorist attacks.

Visit our website for Travel to High Risk Areas.

Reference

- USA Government Travel Advisory site, Accessed: 27 August 2024