

Question #1: Would you please verify for me what the government per diem is in Jerusalem. The GSA website does not list Jerusalem specifically and I have quoted the per diem for Tel Aviv at \$365.00. I have a property telling me that the per diem is \$260.00 for Jerusalem. I have copied and pasted the table from the GSA website. Please advise.

Answer #1: Jerusalem is listed as a Country. Per Diem rates for Jerusalem as of March 1, 2014 are as follows:

| Country Name | Post Name | Season Begin | Season End | Maximum Lodging Rate | M & IE Rate | Maximum Per Diem Rate | Footnote | Effective Date |
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| JERUSALEM | Jerusalem | 01/01 | 12/31 | 360 | 128 | 488 | View | 03/01/2013 |

Question #2: Hotels are inquiring as to the notification period for rooming lists you give for your room requests, i.e. approximately 1 week, 1 month etc. before the rooms are needed. Can you give me an idea as to how far in advance you request sleeping rooms?

Answer #2: Official USG delegations visit the State of Israel based on schedules and needs that are not directly or fully controlled by the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv. Many official USG delegations arrive with a week to two-weeks of advance notice, while others travel within days of providing notice. This matrix applies to Cabinet-level delegations as well.

Question #3: Do you have an indication as to how many visits per year the hotels can anticipate?

Answer #3: It is not possible to determine or confirm how many official USG delegations visit per year. Official USG delegations visit the State of Israel based on schedules and needs that are not directly or fully controlled by the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv.

Question #4: From previous experience we have worked with the US embassy on the Per diem rate allocated for the city of Jerusalem . The per diem is annually updated . How is the next update, which usually I think takes place during May ,will affect the figures which I will submit in this solicitation ? Will rates be updated accordingly or the figure I have put in the form will remain as is for the 12 months period ?

Answer #4: See Section 4 of the solicitation (Evaluation Factors). The U.S. Embassy acknowledges that per diem rates are fluid and may increase or decrease at any given time and for any given period of time.

Questions #5: Do we need to itemize all the products in our hotel (furnitures , chandeliers etc ...) and their country of origin ?

Answer #5: No

Questions #6: Is this solicitation applies to new hotels only or all potential hotels in israel ?

Answer #6: This solicitation applies to all hoteling options in Jerusalem.