

## [Flights](#)

### **Group Flight**

The tour begins in Denver and ends in Los Angeles. There will be group flights that will depart from one of the New York area airports and return to one of the New York area airports. Exact departure and arrival times will be sent to you in advance. Achva will cover any luggage charge for your first bag that is maximum 50 pounds. If you live in the New York/New Jersey area and, for any reason, you wish to fly yourself to Denver and home from Los Angeles, you **MUST NOTIFY US** in writing before 90 days prior to departure. After that point, we may or may not be able to provide any kind of flight credit for not using the group flight.

### **Participants from outside the NY/NJ area**

If you live relatively far from New York/New Jersey, you probably want to purchase your own ticket directly to Denver and fly directly home from Los Angeles on your choice of Airline. Call the Achva office before buying a ticket to find out the best times to arrive and depart. An Achva staff member will meet you upon arrival in Denver and bring you to the group. Similarly, a staff member will bring you to your departing flight out of Los Angeles. Those using the direct flight option will receive a substantial discount off our posted price commensurate with our savings for not purchasing you a ticket. Call for details on that if you do not live close to the New York/New Jersey area.

If you live relatively close to New York and wish to fly in to meet the group flight, please arrive at least 5 hours ahead of departure. This will allow plenty of time for possible delays and transfer time. You may wish to have relatives or friends meet you and bring you to the group departure or we can arrange for an Achva representative to meet you at the baggage area upon arrival in New York. Either way you choose to get there, please be sure to keep the Achva office informed of your travel plans well in advance of the trip.

## [Luggage Information \(Extremely Important\)](#)

You will bring the following with you:

- 1 light-weight sturdy suitcase - Maximum Size: 60 linear inches. (Linear measurement equals: width plus height plus depth of the outside (L+W+H) of a closed suitcase not including wheels.)
- 1 small, preferably soft overnight bag for one or two day trips. Must fit in the overhead bin
- 1 backpack supplied to you by Achva. You will carry this around with you when travelling.

In addition to the size restrictions, there are weight restrictions. There is a maximum weight limit of 50 pounds for your main suitcase. You may pack your overnight bag separately with up to 20 pounds in addition to your main 50 pound suitcase. Your main suitcase is checked onto the plane. Your overnight bag is carried onto the plane with you. No participant should bring more than a total of 70 pounds of baggage (not including your Achva backpack) with them on this trip.

Be sure to paste an identification marker inside your luggage and attach one tag to each piece of baggage. Use stickers or colored tape on the outside to make it quickly identifiable. Remember that you will have to carry around your own suitcase and it will have to take a lot of wear and tear over the course of the summer.

### **Personal Property Insurance**

Achva does NOT cover loss, damage or theft to baggage or personal belongings. Check your family's homeowner's insurance policy to see if you are covered for these types of losses. You may also wish to purchase travel accident insurance for your luggage. We recommend that you do not bring anything expensive on this trip including luggage, jewelry, clothing, or electronics.

Participants are strongly urged to know the location of their backpacks and suitcases at all times. Please do not leave them lying around unattended in public places. Achva cannot bear responsibility for baggage or personal effects lost, stolen or damaged during the trip.

## [Additional Information](#)

### **Trip Accommodations**

Accommodations are generally in hotels, with some occasional motels, and lodges. Usually, there are three boys to a room, two beds and one cot or roll-away. There are generally four girls per room, with two girls sharing a queen-size bed. Participants are not permitted to charge items or services to their room.

### **Spending Money**

You will want some spending money for drinks, snacks, gifts, souvenirs and other discretionary items. While Achva provides three meals a day plus snacks and admissions to all activities, there are always extras that kids wish to add on and understandably so. This amount will vary greatly depending on your spending habits. We recommend bringing an ATM card with access to funds, which allows parents to add more cash to the account as needed. If you would like a staff member to hold cash for you, we can accommodate but we do not assume any responsibility for lost or stolen cash or credit cards under any circumstances

### **Free Time**

You will have limited time to visit relatives/family friends in most cities to which we travel. With prior written permission from parents and clearance by the Head Counselor, you may arrange for a family friend or relative to pick you up for a visit and return you to the group. Be aware, however, that the group leaders may, at their discretion, change the scheduled time for an activity and you would need to adjust accordingly.

### **Travel Time**

Generally, there is some bus travel virtually every day. Aside from Shabbat, we are out and about having fun every day. You will be traveling on a coach bus equipped with air-conditioning; a lavatory (for emergencies); TV screens for watching selected and screened movies/tv shows during long stretches of highway. Achva reserves the right to monitor any content, such as games, DVDs, or streaming services such as Netflix, which you watch during the trip even on your private device.