

**23rd enlarged meeting of the Bureau of the
Euro-Mediterranean Regional and Local Assembly
(ARLEM)**

**30 June 2019
Ramallah**

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Ramallah is a city located 16 km north of Jerusalem. The city has a population of about 70,000 but this number doubles during the day when it reaches about 150,000. Ramallah has an area of 21 km². The city hosts most of the Palestinian Authority headquarters and ministries, most international NGOs and diplomatic missions. In the beginning of the 21st century, Ramallah has become the leading centre of economic and political activity in the Palestinian territories. It is generally considered the most affluent and cultural, as well as the most liberal, of all Palestinian cities, and is home to a number of popular Palestinian activists, poets, artists, and musicians. It has a lively town centre, museums, art galleries, theatres, parks, a booming restaurant scene, and a bustling nightlife. Ramallah is a fast-growing cosmopolitan town. The main economic activities in Ramallah are tourism, real estate investment and employment in national and international organisations.

Getting there

Please contact your ministry of foreign affairs or the local embassy of Israel as early as possible to check entry regulations, visa requirements and any requirements pertaining to the validity of your passport. The access to the occupied Palestinian territories is controlled by the Israeli authorities.

The Israeli border authorities may print out a blue entry slip at your arrival. Please keep this slip until your departure.

Meeting venue

The enlarged meeting of the Bureau of ARLEM will be held at the following address:

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Ramallah Recreational Complex
Nadeem Al Zaru Hall
2, Jacques Chirac Street
Ramallah

Phone: +970 2 2945555 ext: 810
Web: www.ramallah.ps

Arrival

Ben Gurion airport (IATA code: TLV) is the closest to Ramallah. More information on the airport: <http://www.iaa.gov.il/en-US/airports/bengurion/Pages/default.aspx>

Otherwise, the Queen Alia airport in Amman (Jordan) could also be used (IATA code: AMM): <http://www.qaiairport.com/en>.

European Union delegations will assist in the facilitation of entry for participants. It is important to note, however, that this facilitation does not guarantee entry. Please fill out the required information in the electronic form before the deadline (please see below: "Registration form").

Transfer from/to the airport

An airport shuttle will be provided by the Municipality of Ramallah between Ben Gurion Airport (TLV) respectively Jericho Rest (for those arriving through Amman – Allenby Bridge) and the recommended hotel on the 29th June.¹

One group transportation will be provided by the European Committee of the Regions on 2 July (for Ben Gurion Airport only).

More information on the transfer shall be communicated at due time. Participants who wish to use this service are invited to indicate the time and number of flights in the electronic registration form.

We strongly recommend that participants use the transfers provided by the Municipality of Ramallah and the European Committee of the Regions.

Participants who would wish to stay on at their own after the end of ARLEM events to visit Jerusalem can contact the following recommended travel operators or Visit Palestine <http://visitpalestine.ps/>:

¹ To travel from Queen Alia airport in Amman, you can take a taxi from the airport to Al-Sheik Hussain Bridge – Allenby (approximately cost 30 USD). After crossing the bridge, you can use public transportation from the bordering Palestinian city of Jericho to Ramallah (approximately cost 15 USD) or take a taxi directly from Allenby bridge to Ramallah (approximately cost 120 USD). Ramallah municipality is committed to arrange your travel from the Palestinian side of the bridge (Jericho Rest) to Ramallah.

- Tawfiq Abdallah
Phone number: +972 (0) 545 539 967
- Rami Munayer
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Officially, events end as per the agenda and the ARLEM secretariat is not involved in the organisation of any personal touristic activity thereafter.

Please note that no transfer will be offered directly from/to the Queen Alia Airport (please see the footnote in previous page).

Hotel recommended by the organisers

- **Millennium Hotel**
Emil Habib Street, Almsyoun
Ramallah
Phone number: +970 (2) 229 85 888
Website: <https://www.millenniumhotels.com/en/ramallah/millennium-palestine-ramallah/>

Reservations:

Email: reservations.mhra@millenniumhotels.com

Price:

- Double room, breakfast included (one person): 110 USD (approximately 98 EUR)
- Double room, breakfast included (two persons): 130 USD (approximately 116 EUR)

Please note that 16% VAT is applied for local citizens. Foreigners in regular situation are exempt from the VAT.

In order to get the special rate of the recommended hotel, please indicate in your booking request that your reservation is linked to your participation in the 23rd meeting of the Bureau of ARLEM.

We remind you that neither the ARLEM secretariat nor the Municipality of Ramallah can make reservations or be held responsible for them.

Members are free to book another hotel of their choice, yet we strongly recommend that participants book the hotel recommended by the Municipality of Ramallah.

Safety and security

Please contact your ministry of foreign affairs to know the most recent information on safety and security in the area.

National emergency numbers

- Police: 100
- Firefighters: 101
- Medical assistance: 102

Communications

For international calls to Palestinian Authority, please dial +970

Time zone

Time GMT + 2

Electricity

The standard voltage is 230 V and the standard frequency is 50 Hz. Most power sockets have three pin holes, but many of them will work with double-pin European plugs.

Weather conditions

Summer is dry and mild in Ramallah. In June, the average temperature ranges between 16 and 29° C.

Foreign exchange and banks

The currencies in use in the Palestinian Authority are the Israeli new shekel, the Jordanian dinar and the American dollar.

Registration form

Please register to the 23rd meeting of the Bureau of ARLEM using this link
<https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/23rdARLEMBureau>

Registration deadline: 26th May 2019

Contact information

If you have any questions, please contact the ARLEM secretariat:

- E-mail: arlem-secretariat@cor.europa.eu
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