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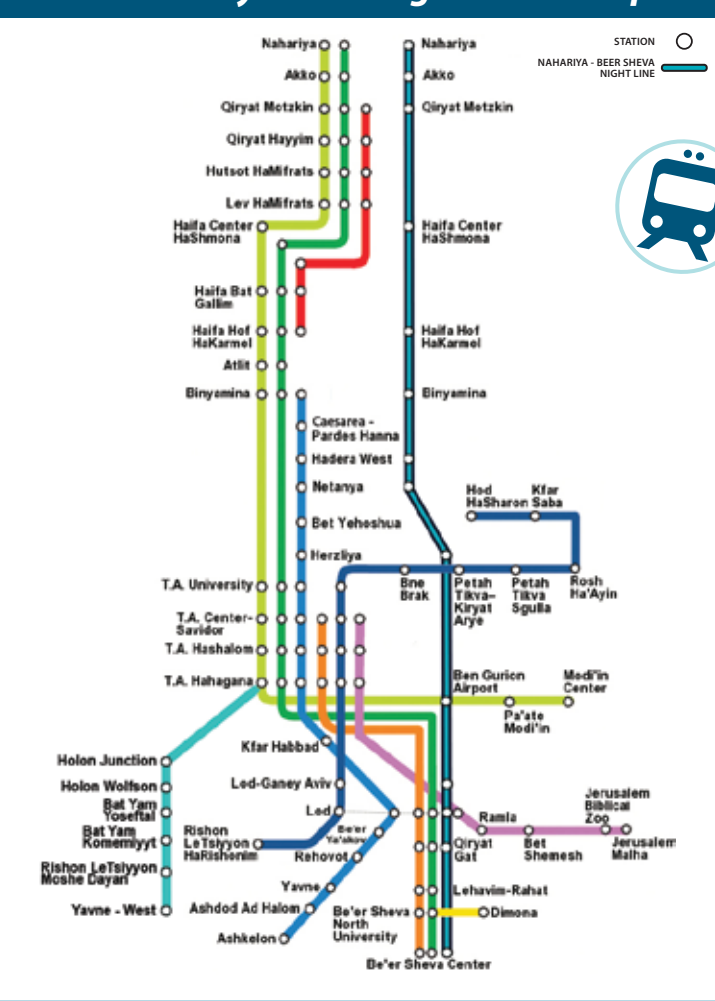
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Israel's Top 10 Nature Reserves & National Parks

- Heron National Park (Banias)** - A basalt canyon hiking trail leading to the largest waterfall in Israel.
- Yehudiya Forest Nature Reserve** - Come hike these magnificent trails that run along rivers, natural pools, and waterfalls.
- Zippori National Park** - A site offering impressive ruins and mosaics, including the stunning "Mona Lisa of the Galilee".
- Caesarea National Park** - Explore the 3500-seat theatre and other remains from the Roman Empire at this enchanting port city.
- Jerusalem Walls National Park** - Tour this amazing park and view Biblical Jerusalem from the city walls or go deep into the underground tunnels.
- Ein Gedi Nature Reserve** - This oasis located near the Dead Sea provides a stark contrast to the surrounding parched desert environment with its four beautiful springs.
- Masada National Park** - Overlooking the Dead Sea, this mountain fortress is one of the Jewish people's greatest symbols of courage and heroism.
- Avdat National Park** - Sitting on the ancient incense and spice route, this old Nabatean town represents how the harsh desert was settled for trade and agriculture.
- Ramon Park Complex** - The Ramon Crater ("Makhtesh") boasts a breathtaking view and the most spectacular geological site in the country.
- Coral Beach Nature Reserve** - Snag a fantastic glimpse into the natural world of the coral reef of Eilat Bay using only a mask and snorkel.

www.parks.org.il

Israel Railway - Passenger Lines Map



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Bus Company	Area	Major Locations
Egged 03-6948888 www.egged.co.il	Countrywide	Interurban and inner city - Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa, Eilat, Golan Heights, Galilee, Dead Sea, Negev
Dan 03-6394444 www.dan.co.il	Center	Greater Tel Aviv metropolitan area & suburbs
Superbus 08-9205005 www.superbus.co.il	Center	Greater Jerusalem - Tel Aviv, Ramla, Lod
Kavim 03-6066055 www.kavim-t.co.il	Center North	Tel-Aviv, Petach Tikva, Afula, Izrael Valley, Nazareth, Beit Shean
Rama-Golan *3254 www.golanbus.co.il	North	Kazrin, South Golan Heights
Nateev Express 1-599-559-559 www.nateevexpress.com	North	Nazareth, Haifa, Netanya, Hadera, Ma'alot, Karmiel, Safed, Nahariya
Metropoline *5900 www.metropoline.com	South	Beer Sheva Interurban - Tel Aviv, Sde Boker, Mitzpe Ramon, Dimona

Combined search on www.bus.co.il

Best Israel Hiking Trails

- Israel National Trail (INT)**
 The 920-kilometer, border-to-border adventure is an amazing way for visitors to see Israel without having to stare through dusty bus windows. Beginning at Israel's northern border, the INT traverses forests, mountain ranges, urban areas, and deserts before ending at the country's southernmost point on the Red Sea. You can enjoy hiking the INT for a few days or take a greater challenge and hike the whole trail.
www.israelnationaltrail.com
- Jesus Trail**
 A 60-kilometer trail from Nazareth to Capernaum in the Galilee region. The trail highlights sites from the life of Jesus, as well as diverse communities and stunning landscapes. A great 4 day adventure for Christian pilgrims or anybody interested in nature and history.
www.jesustrail.com
- Golan Trail**
 A 120-kilometer trail stretching along the beautiful Golan Heights, from the ski resort on Mount Hermon to Tautiq Spring by the Sea of Galilee. The trail passes through flowing streams, volcanic hills, and various local communities. Hiking the entire trail takes approximately 5-7 days.
www.golantrail.com
- Sea of Galilee Circle**
 A 60 kilometer trail surrounding the Kinneret (Sea of Galilee). You can either walk or bike the trail, enjoy the lovely beaches and visit some of the pilgrimage sites.

Fellow travelers, ILH welcomes you to Israel!

What would you choose: A wild weekend in a city that never sleeps or a hike to a desert oasis? Chilling out on the beach or diving in a magnificent coral reef? In Israel we say, "Why do you have to choose?" We have it all, and much more!

ILH is Israel's only independent hostel group, gathering the finest hostels in the country at fair and affordable prices for backpackers, couples and families. We set the standard for hostel accommodation in Israel and check each hostel before it becomes a member. As fellow travelers, our mission is to support independent travelers and make your trip to Israel an exceptional experience.

In this 7th edition of the ILH Hostel Guide, you'll find over 30 hostels situated in prime locations throughout Israel, from Eilat in the south to the Golan Heights in the north. Each ILH hostel has its own ambience and character, cultivated by creative and hospitable innkeepers. Whether it's a village guesthouse, kibbutz country cabin, or a desert lodge, all of our hostels offer **more than a bed to sleep in!**

They are wonderful places to meet other travelers, enjoy a warm atmosphere, and get the most up-to-date travel tips. The hosts will be happy to book your next ILH hostel for free, allowing you to relax and leave your worries behind.

There are many busy holiday periods in Israel so we advise you to book your hostel in advance. Check the ILH website www.hostels-israel.com for availability and book your bed/room quickly and securely.

Shalom and "Derech Tzlecha" – Bon Voyage!



Comments & Suggestions

ILH wants to hear from you! If you have enjoyed a particular hostel, get in touch so we can commend them. If your experience did not meet your expectations, let us know so we can improve for future travelers. Your opinion is important to us!
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Useful Information

Facilities & Services:

- Our hostels typically provide the following:
 - Guest kitchen
 - Dormitory beds and private rooms
 - Common area - living room, garden, etc.
 - Internet access
 - Hot showers
 - Linens and bedding
 - English-speaking hosts
 - Storage rooms

Online Booking:

- Confirmed online booking is available for all hostels at www.hostels-israel.com

Other Booking Options:

- *Email phone reservations are made directly with each hostel.
- *Free call and 5% discount to book your next to book your next ILH Hostel - ask your host.
- *As many hostels are located in rural areas, it is recommended to call before you arrive.
- *Some hostels require a deposit or credit card details in order to guarantee your booking.
- *We strongly advise you to book your hostel in advance.

For detailed information on each hostel, please see the full list on the reverse side of the map.

Children:

- Children are welcome in most of our hostels. It is advisable to book a family room before arrival.

Groups:

- Groups will usually qualify for a discount. Contact the hostel directly for further details.

Contact Us:

- For information on trip planning, hostel guide feedback, or any other query, contact the ILH office. Please do not hesitate to contact us.

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National Holidays & Events:

- 2013:
 - March 24 – Palm Sunday
 - March 25-26 – Passover*
 - March 31 – Easter Sunday
 - March 31 / April 1 – Iru Hag*
 - April 7-8 – Holocaust Memorial Day
 - April 14-15 – Israel Memorial Day (Yom Hazikaron)
 - April 16 – Independence Day
 - April 28 – Lag Bomer
 - May 14-15 – Shavuot*
 - July 5 – Beginning of Ramadan
 - August 8 – Eid-ul-Fitr
 - September 4-5 – Rosh Hashanah* (Jewish New Year)
 - September 13-14 – Yom Kippur**
 - September 18-19 – Sukkot*
 - September 25-26 – Simchat Torah*
 - October 15 – Eid-ul-Adha
 - November 28 – December 5 – Hanukkah
 - December 24-25 – Christmas
- 2014:
 - January 16 – Tu B'Shvat
 - March 16-17 – Purim

*No public transportation. Two-day holidays begin on the afternoon of the first day (Erev Chag) and end on the evening of the second day. During this time public transportation stops running. Tail services operate all year long, including holidays.

**No Public Transportation, including tail services.

Emergency:

- Police - 100
- Ambulance service - 101
- Fire department - 102

Transportation:

- Ben Gurion International Airport - 03-9755555
- www.ilh.il.com/Bus/Bus/en-US/Airports/BenGurion

Buses & Railway:

- See information next to Israel map. Public buses and trains do not operate during Shabbat (Friday afternoon until Saturday evening).

Dialing Codes:

- *Calling to Israel - 972 + local area code (minus zero) + subscriber number
- *Calling from Israel - 00 (or other provider's number) + required number

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Driving Time (hr:min)

5:00	5:00	4:30	2:30	3:50	3:00	Eilat
3:00	2:15	1:30	1:30	1:30		Beer Sheva
2:30	2:00	1:00	1:15			Jerusalem
2:30	2:45	2:00				Dead Sea
2:00	1:10					Tel Aviv
1:20						Haifa
						Tiberias

Hostels 2013

	Hostel Name	Location	No of Beds	Contact Us	Dorms ILS pp	Private ILS pr	Guest Kitchen	Light Breakfast Incl.	Meals Available	Linens & Towels	Laundry Facilities	Luggage Storage	Credit Card	Car Parking	Free Pickup	Camping Site	Hiking Area	Swimming Pool	Bicycle Hire	Internet	Wifi
Golan & Upper Galilee	1 Genghis Khan in the Golan	Givat Yoav	46	052-3715687 sarazafiri@gmail.com	100	450-590															
	2 Safed Inn	Safed Hagadol Hashlishi St.	47	04-6971007 rikil@safedinn.com	100	350-550															
	3 Sea of Galilee Guest House	Almagor	28	04-6930063 seaofofgalileegh@gmail.com	100	450-550															
	4 Kibbutz Inbar Country Lodging	Kibbutz Inbar	54	04-6987302 inbar@inbar.co.il	100	310-450															
Sea of Galilee	5 Tiberias Hostel	Tiberias Rabbin square	120	04-6792611 m11111@012.net.il	85-95	300-400															
	6 Aviv Hotel & Hostel	Tiberias 66 Ha'Galil St.	90	04-6720007 avivhotel@walla.com	70	250-350															
	7 Fauzi Azar Inn	Nazareth Old city	50	04-6020469 info@fauziazarinn.com	90-100	350-500															
	8 Samira Guest House	Nazareth Old city	16	077-5517275 samira@samira.co.il	75	270-300															
Haifa & North Coast	9 Ein Harod Kibbutz Lodge	Kibbutz Ein Harod Ihud	120	04-6486083 office@ein-harod.co.il	100	420															
	10 Cilil Guest House in the Galilee	Cilil Western Galilee	10	054-4757283 cililguesthouse@gmail.com	90	250															
	11 Galilee Bedouin Camplodge	Hilf Tabash	35	052-6941188 galilee.bedouin@gmail.com	70	240															
	12 Port Inn	Haifa 34 Jaffa (Yafo) Rd.	65	04-8524401 info@portinn.net	90	340-410															
Tel Aviv - Jaffa	13 Chef Hostel Montefiori	Tel Aviv 19 Montefiori St.	54	052-2895145 chefhostel@gmail.com	80-100	300-470															
	14 Florentine Hostel	Tel Aviv 10 Elifelet St.	55	052-5219093 florentinehostel@gmail.com	55-77	190-250															
	15 Gordon Inn	Tel Aviv 17 Gordon St.	70	03-5238239 gordoninn@gmail.com	90-100	240-480															
	16 Hayarkon 48	Tel Aviv 48 Hayarkon St.	100	03-5168989 info@hayarkon48.com	90-100	330-385															
Jerusalem	17 Old Jaffa Hostel	Jaffa 13 Amiad St.	70	03-6822370 ojhostel@shani.net	80	250-350															
	18 Taurus 9*	Jaffa 9 Shor Alley	38	053-5229060 info@taurus9.com	81-99	290															
	19 Allenby #2 Jerusalem	Jerusalem 2 Allenby Sq.	25	052-2578493 nmr@013net.net	90-100	230-340															
	20 Abraham Hostel Jerusalem	Jerusalem 67 Haneyim St.	260	02-6502200 reservations@abrahamhostels.com	82-100	270-400															
Dead Sea	21 The Jerusalem Hostel	Jerusalem 44 Jaffa (Yafo) Rd.	70	02-6236102 reservation@jerusalem-hostel.com	80	250-280															
	22 Jericho Inn	Vered Jericho	18	052-8600969 oron10@zahav.net.il	100	350-400															
	23 Desert Vision Hostel	Arad 9 Hasadan St.	24	054-4396824 desertvisionhostel@gmail.com	85	240															
	24 Shkedi's Camplodge**	Neot Hakikar	100	052-2317371 shkedi.camplodge@gmail.com	90	300															
Negev	25 Negev Camel Ranch	Mamshit	60	08-6552829 kurnob@gmail.com	100	224															
	26 Desert Routes Inn (Shvilim)	Hatzeva	60	052-3665927 b_oz@arava.co.il	95-100	350-400															
	27 Efroni Guest House	Kibbutz Sde Boker	21	050-7579340 efroniguesthouse@gmail.com	95	250															
	28 Silent Arrow - 'Desert Lodge'	Mitzpe Ramon	50	052-6611561 hetzbasheket@gmail.com	80	240															
Eilat	29 The Green Backpackers	Mitzpe Ramon 10 Nahal Sirpad	20	08-6532319 greenbmr@gmail.com	75-90	255-285															
	30 Arava Hostel	Eilat 106 Ha'alomig St.	90	08-6374687 harava@bezeqint.net	60-80	180-450															
	31 Corinne Hostel	Eilat 127/1 Retamim St.	70	08-6371472 corinne_bz@yahoo.com	50-90	150-300															

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