

Welcome to Tai Kai Israel 2012

For those of you who have never been to Israel, here is a short summary of Israel and its focal tourist locations.

Israel, land of the Bible and the historic homeland of the Jewish people, is situated in the Middle East, along the eastern coastline of the Mediterranean Sea, and forms part of a land bridge linking three continents: Asia, Africa and Europe. In this land, the Jewish people began to develop its distinctive religion and culture some 4,000 years ago, and here it has preserved an unbroken physical presence, for centuries as a sovereign state, at other times under foreign domination.

The total area of the State of Israel is 8,522.04 sq. miles (22,072 sq.km.), of which 8,356.40 sq. miles (21,643 sq. km.) is land area. Long and narrow in shape, the country is about 290 miles (470 km.) in length from north to south and some 85 miles (135 km.) across at its widest point between the Dead Sea and the Mediterranean coast. Israel is bordered by Lebanon in the north, Syria to the northeast, Jordan to the east, Egypt to the southwest and the Mediterranean Sea to the west.

Although small in size, Israel encompasses the varied topographical features and climates of a continent. In the north, the forested highlands of Galilee merge with fertile green valleys; sand dunes and farmland mark the coastal plain bordering the Mediterranean shoreline; the rocky peaks of the Samarian and Judean mountain ranges in the center of the country descend sharply to the semitropical Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea, the lowest place on earth. Mountainous deserts, stretching southward through the Negev and Arava, end at the Gulf of Eilat, the northernmost tip of the Red Sea.

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Map of Israel



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Jerusalem - as one of the oldest cities in the world – it has so much culture, religious significance and beauty – you will almost feel like you are part of a biblical story.

The city is roughly divided into the old and the new city. Naturally most of the popular sites are located at the old city among those: the Western Wall and the Church of the Holy Sepulcher.



The old city of Jerusalem

Tel-Aviv is one of the happiest cities in the world. The awesome beaches, modern design and fast pace makes it a great Mediterranean city which will pretty much keep you busy 24/7.



Tel Aviv beaches

[The Galilee](#) and other northern attractions including the Sea of Galilee and Nazareth. This area of the land has it all - breathtaking views, religious and historical sites of great significance and plenty of fun activities. If you are like me and enjoy great food and fantastic wine the Galilee area will not disappoint you.



A church in Capernaum on the shoreline of the Sea of Galilee

[The Dead Sea](#) is a unique natural phenomenon unlike anything else! It is the lowest place on the planet. The mineral concentration in the water is so extreme that there is no life in this sea. Those minerals that come in the form of salt and mud are very beneficial to the skin and generally to your health, and many people arrive from all over the world to bath in this magical sea. It is actually *very* easy to float on the water. In the Dead Sea area you can also find a few sites of historical & archeological importance.



[Eilat](#) on the red sea can be best described as the Israeli Riviera. It has plenty of sun year round, terrific beaches and the best resorts in Israel. It is also considered one of the best places in the world for scuba diving and windsurfing. But there is so much more to see and do when you visit the country.



[Rosh Hanikra](#) - The gleaming white cliffs of Rosh Hanikra and the beautiful stretch of beach below are a magnificent sight to behold. But the real excitement begins when you board the cable-car for your two-minute ride down the 210-foot cliff.



10 places to go and visit while in Israel (apart from the Tai Kai):

1. Western Wall and the Temple Mount in Jerusalem
2. The Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem
3. The Dead Sea (and Masada).
4. Tel-Aviv beaches.
5. The Baha'i gardens in Haifa
6. Caesarea – an ancient roman town.
7. Sea of Galilee
8. Nazareth – where Jesus lived.
9. Eilat – our own Riviera.
10. Rosh Hanikra

Having fun in Tel Aviv:

The nightlife scene in Tel Aviv is famous across the globe. Looking for the best places in Tel Aviv to club, dance, drink, binge or cruise? Here's a selection of the best nightlife spots in Tel Aviv, the city that never sleeps.

I would recommend looking at the site www.visit-tlv.com as it has a lot to offer, and is easy to navigate in.

More websites that can help you explore Tel Aviv:

- <http://www.telaviv4fun.com/>
- http://www.telavivguide.net/Tel_Aviv_Nightlife/

Other websites on Israel:

- Israel official website: http://goisrael.com/Tourism_Eng/Pages/home.aspx
- Issta – info on Israel: <http://www.issta.com/>
- <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Israel>

Hotels

You can use www.booking.com to search for other hotels in Tel Aviv area.

A list of hotels in Tel Aviv: <http://www.visit-tlv.com/?CategoryID=286>

Transportation:

Taxis in Tel Aviv provide good and efficient service. Sometimes the drivers might try to get an extra buck out of you (no one said it's easy being a tourist), but mostly you can enjoy an easy ride and responsible driving.

A private taxi is obviously the most convenient option for getting around, but also the most expensive. There are hundreds of private taxis zooming by on most of Tel Aviv's streets. The taxis operate 24 hours 7 days a week.

An average taxi ride in the city of Tel Aviv is around NIS 20-30 (about \$4-5). It is recommended that you ask the driver to turn on the meter. The driver will probably quote you a price, but 90% of the times it will be higher than using the meter.

Usually it's quite easy to catch a taxi off the street and there are taxi stations in the main areas which are even more convenient. If you would like to order a taxi you will be charged an extra sum of about NIS 4 (\$1).

Try these taxi companies:

- Castel (03) 699-3322
- Gordon (03) 527-2999
- Shekem (03) 527-0404

Traveling in Israel:

If you would like to visit more of Israel, here are some options:

1) Travel guides:

<http://tour-guides.co.il/index.php>

2) Travel Agencies:

<http://www.bookingisrael.com>

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