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Welcome to your next travel destination. A fusion of past and future, the ancient city of Jerusalem and the contemporary cultural hub of Tel Aviv complement each other to give Israel its unique personality. **Tel Aviv** – the non-stop city, the cultural capital, a culinary Mecca, a beach bliss, and **Jerusalem** – the Holy City bursting with history, sensational sites and rich culture. So, which do you choose? With the two cities less than an hour apart, you don't have to! Visit Tel Aviv and Jerusalem with our guides to the two cities. Book your flight now, it's only 4.5 hours away

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Tel Aviv beach
From Gordon beach to the Old City of Jaffa



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Jerusalem's Citadel
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THE FANTASTIC FOUR

The Old City of Jerusalem with its rich history and diverse culture is divided into four quarters: the Jewish Quarter, the Christian Quarter, the Muslim Quarter, and the Armenian Quarter. Here's a snapshot of the four areas that make up the Holy City:

1 Jewish Quarter

Navigate the narrow alleyways of this religious quarter, surrounding the Western Wall and Kotel tunnels.

2 Christian Quarter

Priests and pilgrims from around the globe walk the streets of this quarter, constructed around the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

3 Muslim Quarter

Busy streets, crowded corners and vivacious vendors – stop by the Arab Souq for a variety of products.

4 Armenian Quarter

The smallest of the four, this area is home to approximately 2,500 Armenians, an ancient community residing in the Old City for over two millennia.

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Morning Good morning sunshine

Head to Claro in the Sarona compound for an authentic Israeli breakfast.
→ 30 Rav David Eleazar St., Sarona 03 601 7777.

ON THE GO Pack a picnic from Sarona Market's food and wine stalls for later. You will not regret it.

Noon Culture fix

Walk over to the stunning Tel Aviv Museum of Art and tour comprehensive collections of modern, contemporary and Israeli art.
→ 27 Shaul HaMelech Blvd. 03 607 7020.

Lunch Picnic picks

Relax and recharge on your delectable finds from Sarona Market at one of Tel Aviv's magnificent beaches.

Afternoon Get active

Bike, boat and balloon at Park HaYarkon – the Hyde Park of Israel.
→ Park Hayarkon.

Sunset Coffee break

Sip a 'Café hafuch' like a local at Rothschild 12. Rumour has it, the Israeli coffee scene is one of the best in the world.
→ 12 Rothschild Blvd. 03 510 6430.



Kuli Alma
Kuli for cool
© Ben Palhov

Dinner Jaffa style

Take a stroll around Jaffa's Flea Market for the most hot and happening eateries. The atmosphere is trendy and authentic at the same time.
→ Jaffa Flea Market area.

Nightlife Drink and dance

HIP Duck into Kuli Alma's hipster haven.
→ 10 Mikveh Israel St. 03 656 5155.

COOL Sip a 'Gold Fashioned' at Imperial Craft Cocktail Bar.
→ 66 Hayarkon St. 073 264 9464.

HAPPENING Dance till dawn at the Breakfast Club.
→ 6 Rothschild Blvd. 03 510 0101.

LGBT Tel Aviv's top LGBT bar is Shpagat, BUT unlike most cities, Tel Aviv is 100% gay-friendly, so go anywhere you like – fun is guaranteed.
→ 43 Nachalat Binyamin St. 03 560 1758.

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Morning Start the day smiling

Refuel at Rooftop Mamilla restaurant with a high-class breakfast and an Old City view.
→ 11 Shlomo HaMelekh St. Mamilla Hotel 02 548 2230.

Noon Make a wish

Slip a personal note between the Kotel walls and hope your prayers are answered.
→ Old City, Jerusalem.

Lunch Grab-and-go

Take a walk down Nachalat Shiva – an artsy walkway lined with restaurants – and take your pick.

Afternoon Shuk strolling

Indulge in fine cheeses, premium meats, perfect pita breads, fresh vegetables and more goodies at Mahane Yehuda – Jerusalem's biggest and oldest market.
→ Mahane Yehuda St.

Late afternoon Culture fix

Marvel at the world's leading art and archaeological artifacts at the Israel Museum.
→ 11 Ruppin Rd. 02 670 8811.

Evening Light up the night

After sunset, come to the David Citadel for the Night Spectacular: a sound and light show projected onto its stone walls telling the story of Jerusalem.
→ David Citadel, Old City. 02 626 5333.



The culinary craze

Although the country is young, **Tel Aviv has already been awarded one of the best culinary destinations in the world**, storming onto the international culinary scene with top chefs and restaurants. Not far behind, Jerusalem has jumped on the gastronomic bandwagon, giving a modern twist to traditional Middle Eastern fare. Time Out has wined and dined in search of the best restaurants in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem to get you the inside scoop. We recommend booking now – these places fill up fast!

From grab-and-go to fine dining, get the best of Israel's cuisine

Mashya Restaurant
A gastronomic adventure
© Anatoly Michaelo

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- 1 Satya**
With a keen eye for detail, this romantic getaway spearheaded by chef Ilan Garusi, serves up Mediterranean masterpieces that focus on fresh seasonal ingredients, top seafood and desserts to match.
→ 36 Keren HaYesod St. 02 650 6808.
- 2 Anna**
Anna makes its mark on Israel's culinary scene with an excellent dairy and fish menu. Handmade pizzas and pastas, fresh fish and the finest herbs and spices all come together for a memorable dinner.
→ Ticho House, 10 Harav Agan St. 02 543 4144.
- 3 Mona**
Situated in the old stone Artists' House, this vibrant restaurant is further enlivened by its select menu where unusual combinations are fun and flavourful.
→ 12 Shmuel HaNagid St. 02 622 2283.
- 4 Machneyuda**
This is your opportunity to dine at the restaurant that was the inspiration for two of the most-talked about restaurants in London – The Palomar and The Barbary. Both are known for bringing an energetic Mediterranean cuisine to 'The Big Smoke'.
→ 10 Beit Yaakov St. 02 533 3442.

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- 1 Mashya**
Embark on a gastronomic adventure at one of the most raved-about restaurants in the city. Spearheaded by chef Yossi Shitrit, Mashya is the place to enjoy cutting edge modern cuisine with a Moroccan touch.
→ 5 Mendeli St. 03 750 0999.
- 2 HaBasta**
Locals know this is the place to try innovative, well-executed food where anything you taste will hit the spot. Creative dishes and an incredible wine list make HaBasta a unique dining experience.
→ 4 Hashomer St. 03 516 9234.
- 3 Taizu**
It's no surprise that Taizu earned the title of 'Time Out's Best Restaurant' two years in a row. Chef Yuval Ben Neriah's restaurant is one of the best in town and pastry chef Ana Shapiro's desserts are in a league of their own.
→ 23 Derech Menachem Begin St. 03 522 5005.
- 4 Port Said**
With a massive vinyl collection and a food menu created under the supervision of iconic chef Eyal Shani, you'll understand why no visit to Tel Aviv is complete without an evening at this hipster spot. Featuring one of a kind Israeli dishes, there is always a new menu addition to savour.
→ 5 Har Sinai St. 03 620 7436

Street food

When it comes to street food, Israel has mastered the art of the 'grab-and-go'. Jaffa – Tel Aviv's southern sister and the old port town – is a goldmine for authentic Middle Eastern fare, Jerusalem's joints hit the homemade spot and Tel Aviv's street food is a mix of moments – where friends catch up, menus are scribbled on kraft paper and waiters shout your name into the chaos. Time Out's got the lowdown on some of the best street food in the Mediterranean

Abu Hassan (Ali Karavan)

JAFFA
Arguably the best houmous in the city, don't miss Abu Hassan, the go-to place for a plate of creamy chickpea goodness.
→ 1 HaDolfin St. 03 682 0387.

Manou Bashouk

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A humble Lebanese restaurant in the middle of the market whose homemade kosher take-away wins over the masses.
→ 29 Etz Haim St. 02 622 8675.

Hakosem

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Heavenly houmous, melt-off-the-spit shawarma and sizzling schnitzel, with a buffet of salads to match – Hakosem has mastered the art of classic street-style cuisine.
→ 1 Shlomo Ha-Melekh St. 03 525 2033.

Leon & Sons Bourekas

JAFFA
One bite of the Bulgarian bourekas pouring out of this tri-generational Jaffa establishment will send you to puff pastry paradise.
→ 17 Olei Zion St. 03 683 3123

Miznon

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Celebrity chef Eyal Shani is redefining the pita. With its happening atmosphere and options like minute steak, shakshuka, and kebab, Miznon is the Mecca of Israeli street food.
→ 23 Ibn Gabirol St. 03 716 8977.

Miznon



Hakosem



Dr. Shakshuka



Mifgash Haosher

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Mifgash Haosher follows the rising vegan trend in Israel with two featured dishes – salad and falafel. The crispy -on-the-outside, soft-on-the-inside falafel is served with an insanely fresh salad and topped with tahini. If you are looking for an authentic, classic Israeli meal, Mifgash Haosher is the real deal.
→ 105 King George St. 054 428 9765.

Houmous Ben Sira

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Jerusalem's authentic street food hotspot for heaps of hearty houmous with all the trimmings. A must-visit for chickpea lovers.
→ 3 Ben Sira St. 02 625 3893.

Captain Curry

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You claim Great Britain's curry is the best? Sarona Market's top curry joint injects its dishes with aromatic spices, bold flavours and portion sizes fit for the Queen.
→ 3 Kalman Magen St. 03 609 5960.

Dr. Shakshuka

JAFFA
Just what the doctor ordered: succulent tomato sauce mixed with grilled vegetables and topped with runny eggs – all served in one sizzling skillet. This dish is no yolk!
→ 3 Beit Eshel St. 03 567 2526.

Ishtabach

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Mahane Yehuda's tiny Kurdish hole-in-the-wall serves up their signature 'shamburak' – pastry filled with different meats or vegetables.
→ 1 Hashikmah St. 02 623 2997.

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MARKET MANIA

Best markets in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv

1 Jaffa Flea Market

The top shopping spot for colourful kilim rugs, authentic Middle Eastern antiques and a range of eateries and local designer boutiques.

2 Arab Souq

Get lost in the labyrinth of spice, clothes and jewellery stalls in this Arab market located in the Christian and Muslim Quarters of the Old City.

3 Mahane Yehuda

Fine cheeses, bourekas, Druze pita and an assortment of outrageous rugelach line the stalls of Jerusalem's biggest and oldest market.

4 Carmel Market (Shuk HaCarmel)

This central Tel Aviv market is known for its fresh veggies and produce, souvenirs, plus a plethora of delicious meals cooked from ingredients on-site.



AND ONE FOR THE FOODIES

5 Sarona Market

Like San Francisco's Ferry Plaza and Barcelona's Boqueria, the Sarona market in Tel Aviv is an 8,700-square-meter market that houses dozens of speciality food shops from all around the world.

Culture & creativity



WeWork Communal working space in Tel Aviv

Start-up Nation

Bet you didn't know WAZE – that incredible GPS app kicking google map's behind – was conceived in Tel Aviv? Well, while in North America, techies assemble in Silicon Valley to speak geek, in the Middle East, Tel Aviv is the leading capital of innovation. Awarded the title of 'Best Smart City in the World' in the Smart City Expo World Congress in Barcelona in 2014 and earning the twenty-first-century title, 'Start-up Nation', the White City is THE place to interface. Plus, every year in the fall, Tel Aviv is flooded with techies from all walks of life for the annual DLD innovation festival. Bring your ideas to the non-stop city and take a stab at independent success. Who knows? Maybe you'll be the next economic miracle! **For inspiration, here are the five star start-ups you didn't know were invented by Israelis**



Waze
The world's largest community-based traffic and navigation app, with real-time traffic updates from other Waze users.
→ waze.com



Mobileye
Mobileye's technology keeps passengers safe, reduces the risks of traffic accidents and has the potential to enable autonomous driving.
→ mobileye.com



Fiverr
Primarily for freelancers, fiverr is a global online marketplace offering tasks and services at a start cost of \$5 per job performed.
→ fiverr.com



Wix
A cloud-based web development platform that allows anyone and everyone to create their own website.
→ wix.com



WeWork
An American company started and run by Israelis that provides shared workspaces and services for entrepreneurs and start-ups.
→ wework.com

Festival frenzy

Tel Aviv White Night Summer

Tel Aviv's cultural establishments stay open all night and other activities and attractions take place until the wee hours. A night you'll never forget – or, depending on how you spend it, one you'll never remember.
→ www.visit-tel-aviv.com

Tel Aviv/Jerusalem Pride Week Summer

Tel Aviv's and Jerusalem's annual Pride Weeks celebrate the many colours and cultures of Israel's vibrant LGBT community, through events, parties and show-stopping parades.
→ visit-tel-aviv.com
→ itraveljerusalem.com

Red Sea Jazz Festival Summer & Winter

A bi-annual, decade-old jazz festival in open-air arenas in Eilat hosts the best talent in Israeli and international jazz music.
→ en.redseajazz.co.il

Fresh Paint Contemporary Art Fair Spring

Emerging artists selected by a panel of international curators, gallery owners, art critics and collectors, display and sell their work around Tel Aviv.
→ freshpaint.co.il

Midburn Spring

Israel's answer to the cult favourite Burning Man festival in Nevada; thousands take part in a survivalist-themed week of communal creativity, art and radical self-expression.
→ midburn.org

The Israel Festival Spring

A multidisciplinary festival in Jerusalem presents stage art, theatre performances, contemporary dance and classical music, featuring foremost international and Israeli artists.
→ israel-festival.org

Light in Jerusalem Festival Spring

Marvel at the Old City of Jerusalem as its iconic buildings are illuminated by a dramatic and artistic family-oriented light show.
→ www.lights-in-jerusalem.com

Open House Spring / Autumn

Open House invites you to explore the city in a series of unconventional tours, including showings of stand-out apartments, skyscrapers and studios.
→ www.batim-il.org



Eilat
The perfect getaway
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Escape to the sun

Wonder why everyone is flocking to Eilat this winter? From wild watersports to living luxury to tax-free prices, Eilat pleases every type of traveller

With a quaint airport increasing its international flights by the second, Eilat – the Red Sea's Riviera – is the ultimate winter sun destination and a perfect escape from those rainy days. Eilat offers laidback beaches, soothing spas, non-stop activities both in and out of the crystal clear waters, world-class shows, hot and happening nightlife, chef restaurants and even two ice centers. And everything is tax-free, so shop 'til you drop. Sunny and warm year round, Eilat is where you want to be this winter. Book your direct flight now, you'll thank us later. And just to get you started, here are some must-visit spots while relaxing in this southern heaven:

Water activity: Coral Beach Underwater Observatory – A myriad of activities connected to a spectacular underwater universe, incorporating underwater observatories, a nature museum and forty fish tanks.
→ Eilat-Taba Hwy. 08 636 4200.

Water activity: Dolphin Reef – Snorkel, dive and swim with the dolphins of the Red Sea at this awe-inspiring ecological site.
→ Southern Beach. 08 630 0111.

Beach: Mosh's beach – With a relaxed vibe, multiple restaurants and the finest beach service, all visitors should head to Mosh's beach when looking for some R&R.
→ Mosh's beach. 052 737 5566.

Nightlife: Crazy Elephant – With a fantastic sound system and a tropical vacation vibe, get ready to get into the groove and find your inner party animal.
→ 8 Hamasger St. 054 204 2428.

Shopping: Mall HaYam – Due to Eilat's status as a free trade area, 100 brand stores offer you shoes, clothes and jewellery at discounted prices.
→ 1 Ha-Palmakh St. 08 634 0006.

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5 FUN FACTS EVERY LONDONER SHOULD KNOW ABOUT ISRAEL

1 Rain, rain, go away

The rumours are true. Israel is the perfect escape from the cold UK weather. While London is 'blessed' with four seasons in a day, Israel barely experiences four seasons in a year. So pack your bathing costumes and ditch the wellies.

2 It isn't personal

While British hospitality is a worldwide phenomenon, Israelis play by different rules. Don't get thrown off with their tone or straightforward approach. They aren't being rude, they're just upfront.

3 Wining and vining

While the UK is famous for their whisky, ale and cider, Israel's wine scene is ever-growing. Every year, vineyards are popping up left and right, from North to South, gracing the country with fine wines.

4 Here's a tip

Tipping is the most location-dependent custom when abroad. While the British bill often includes a service charge, a 10-15 percent tip on all food and drink is customary in Israel. Tipping your taxi driver, however, is not.

5 Do I need a visa?

Visitors are granted leave to enter for a period of up to three months. Give it three days though of beautiful beaches, stunning attractions and an incredible cultural scene, and you'll never want to leave.