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Although Eilat existed already in ancient times, the modern town dates back to 1949. It is Israel's premier winter sun resort and the heart of the Red Sea Riviera. Thrilling landscapes of red-tinted mountains, sheer blue skies and crystal clear waters give an exhilarating sense of adventure, pleasure and freedom, with a myriad of things to do and see.

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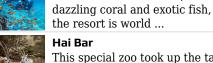
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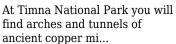


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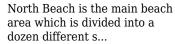


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## THE CITY



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Israel's access to the Red Sea is through the beautiful city of Eilat. The city on the south tip is a popular destination for tourists around the globe and offers a huge variety of cultural and sports activities. Surrounded by water in the south and desert in the north, Eilat has a unique location. At the coast you get great beaches, a small but beautiful harbor area and in good weather conditions you can see as far as Egypt, Jordan and Saudi Arabia.

## DO & SEE



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The warm and dry desert climate, the beautiful Red Sea and the amazing mountains, make Eliat the perfect holiday escape. The city offers amazing beaches and a great variety of attraction and activities to both youngsters and families, everything from cruising, diving to amusement park and hiking in the desert. Desert excursions and sea diving are major attractions

## in Eliat.

#### Sea Cruise



Schooners and other boats offer leisurely half-day cruises around the gulf including on-board lunch. This is a lovely tour that should

not be missed while you are visiting.

Photo: Protasov AN/Shutterstock.com Address: Eilat

### **Timna National Park**



At Timna National Park you will find arches and tunnels of ancient copper mines survive in this awesome desert park. Other sights include an

artificial lake, 50 m rock columns and Egyptian temple ruins.

Photo: Sergei25/Shutterstock.com Address: Arava Highway, Eilat Phone: +972 8 631 6756 Internet: www.parktimna.co.il Email: timna@timnapark.co.il More Info: 24 km north of Eilat

#### **Underwater Observatory**



The Underwater Observatory has big windows that look onto the underwater life outside Eilat's top attraction which is a part

of the Coral World marine reserve. There is also a fascinating museum, Oceanarium cinema and submarine dives.

Photo: Sergei25/Shutterstock.com

Address: Taba Road, Eilat Opening hours: Every day 9am - 4pm Phone: +972 8 636 4200 Internet: www.coralworld.co.il/en

### **Dolphin Reef**



Meet a dolphin face-to-face! This beautiful private beach lets you watch the dolphins in their own environment. It is simply

magical.

Photo: Shimon Bar/Shutterstock.com Address: Southern Beach, Eilat Phone: +972 8 6300 111 Internet: www.dolphinreef.co.il Email: info@dolphinreef.co.il

## **North Beach**



North Beach is the main beach area which is divided into a dozen different sections. Some are artificially improved and backed by a lively

promenade with extensive leisure facilities, including restaurants to suit all tastes.

Photo: Sergei25/Shutterstock.com Address: North Beach, Eilat

## **Coral Beach**



Coral Beach is a spectacular offshore 'park' with the world's most northerly coral reef. This is the main attraction on this

enjoyable pay-to-enter beach. You will find anything from cafés to snorkelling equipment for hire here. Photo: Elena Dijour/Shutterstock.com Address: Taba Road, Eilat Phone: +972 2 500 6261 Internet: www.parks.org.il

#### **Dekel Beach**



Located just north of the port, Dekel Beach is a quiet beach in daytime and a party beach at night. Bring a picnic and change of clothes, and

you can stay here the whole day and long into the night.

Photo: Sergei25/Shutterstock.com Address: Taba Road, Eilat

## Diving



With clear warm waters, dazzling coral and exotic fish, the resort is world famous for snorkelling and scuba. An instructor will accompany you all

the way if you wish. There are many dive clubs with varied rates. Main centre is Coral Beach.

Shulamit's Eilat Diving Adventures 34 HaTsaftsefa St, Eilat +972 54 475 8525 shulamit-diving@outlook.com www.shulamit-diving.com

Aqua-Sport Coral beach, Eilat +972 863 344 04 Info@aqua-sport.com www.aqua-sport.com

Photo: irisphoto1/Shutterstock.com Address: 34 HaTsaftsefa Street, Eilat Phone: +972 54 475 8525 Internet: www.shulamit-diving.com Email: shulamit-diving@outlook.com

#### Hai Bar



This special zoo took up the task to train animals for living in the wild. Ostrich, antelope, oryx and co are nurtured in a sanctuary until they are

fit enough to be released again. A visit is a fun experience for the whole family.

Photo: Sergei25/Shutterstock.com Address: Yotvata Phone: +972 8 637 6018 More Info: 30 minutes north of Eilat (Route 90)

### Negev desert



Adventurers will find a thrill in hiking the Negev desert. You can visit the Mountain Nature Reserve, take a 4x4 journey or join a guided

tour. The unique landscape makes this trip a must do.

Photo: Oleg Lopatkin/Shutterstock.com Address: Negev, Israel

## **Red Sea Jazz Festival**



Once a year, Eilat turns into a music hub with lots of jazz. If you happen to be around at this time of the year, you should not miss this mega event.

Check their website for upcoming artists and shows.

Photo: Furtseff/Shutterstock.com Address: Eilat Opening hours: November Phone: +972 8 6340 253 Internet: www.redseajazz.co.il Email: rsjfbooking@gmail.com

### **Chamber Music Festival**



Summer, sun and music is celebrated at the annual Chamber Music Festival in Eilat. Come here to enjoy music with like-minded. Upcoming

artists are announced on their website.

Photo: Evgheni Lachi/Shutterstock.com Address: Eilat Phone: +972 8 633 0808 Internet: www.eilat-festival.co.il Email: info@eilatfest.com

#### Ice Park Mall



This unique shopping mall offers more than just great shops and fashion. In the middle of the glass building you can find a big ice rink. Bring your

skates and the whole family, a fun time is guaranteed.

Photo: Dr. Avishai Teicher/Wikimedia Commons(image cropped) Address: Kampen Street 8, Eilat Opening hours: Sun - Thu 9.30am - 11pm, Fri - Sat 9.30am -10pm Phone: +97286379552 Internet: www.icemalleilat.co.il

#### Rafsoda



This entertainment complex is situated just east of the Marina entrance and offers stunning views of the Gulf of Aqaba, the beach, Eilat

and the red mountains of Edom. At this giant, multi-story floating raft you will find restaurants, sundecks where you can relax, swimming pools, snorkelling facilities and much more.

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com Address: Rafsoda, Eilat Phone: +972 8 633 9199 More Info: East of the Marina, by the Hilton Hotel

## DINING



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With high quality restaurants along a seafront promenade, Eilat occupies a dramatic setting on the sandy north shore of the Gulf of Akaba and the sun-baked southern tip of the Negev Desert.

#### **Eddies Hideaway**



Eddies Hideaway is located off the beaten track, with a convivial atmosphere and huge menu of excellent. They serve creative Israeli and

Mediterranean cooking.

Photo: Alias Studiot Oy/Shutterstock.com Address: HaMasger Street 2, Eilat Phone: +972 8 637 1137

#### Papi Grill



El Gaucho serves beef and other dishes — done the Argentinian way. The flair, quality and a vivacious atmosphere match the Argentinian

flavours.

Photo: Slawomir Fajer/Shutterstock.com Address: 90 Ha'Arava Road, Eilat Opening hours: Daily 2pm-10pm Phone: +972 8 633 1549 Internet: www.papigrill.com

#### The Last Refuge



The Last Refuge is a well-known, cosy and popular fish restaurant. The interior has an appealing bare wood and fishing net décor with

waterside tables.

Photo: Joshua Resnick/Shutterstock.com Address: Almog Beach, Eilat Opening hours: Sat - Thu 12.30pm - 10.30pm, Sun 12.30pm -11pm Phone: +972 73 702 7301 More Info: Near Coral Beach

#### Ginger



This Asian restaurant is the ideal place for an extended dinner with some friends. Sushi, Tapas, Vietnamese as well as Chinese dishes

are found on the menu and the staff will help you with choosing the best wine for your meal.

Photo: Robert Przybysz/Shutterstock.com Address: Derekh Yotam 3, Eilat Opening hours: Sat - Thu 12pm - 11pm, Fri 12pm - 11.30pm Phone: +972 8 637 2517 Internet: www.gingereilat.com Email: ginger@bezeqint.net

### Pedro



This is the ideal place for meat lovers. Come here for quality steak, great wine and impeccable service. It is the kind of restaurant you will

recommend to your friends.

Photo: vsl/Shutterstock.com Address: 14 Ye'elim Street, Eilat Opening hours: Sun - Thu 4.30pm - 11pm, Fri 6pm - 11pm, Sat 2pm - 11pm Phone: +972 8 637 9504 Internet: www.pedro.co.il Email: info@pedro.co.il

## **Rak Dagim**



Known as one of the best fish restaurants in the area, Rak Dagim's menu leaves nothing to be desired. Fresh shrimps, delicious salt- and

freshwater fish as well as seafood can be found on their menu. Come here for a night to remember.

Photo: Visionsi/Shutterstock.com Address: Tarshish 7, Eilat Opening hours: Sat - Thu 2pm - 10.30pm, Fri 4pm - 10.30pm Phone: +972 8 633 7450

#### **Barbis Diner**



Craving pub food? Then drop in Barbis Diner for savoury hamburgers, salads and fries. The serving are generous and the prizes reasonable.

Photo: Ratov Maxim/Shutterstock.com Address: Tarshish 19, Eilat Opening hours: Every day 12pm - 1am Phone: +972 8 634 2404 Internet: www.barbis.co.il

### Little Brazil



This Brazilian restaurant offers you just the best meat and vegetables. Come here for quality steaks or meaty sharing plates. A special service

is provided by the "Pasador" who walks from table to table to cut slices of meant in front of your eyes.

Photo: bucks134/Shutterstock.com Address: 3 Eilot Street, Eilat Opening hours: Every day 12.30pm - 11pm Phone: +972 8 637 2018 Internet: www.littlebrazil.co.il Email: brazil.eilat@gmail.com

#### **Bar Beach**



Lunch in the sun or dinner under a starlit sky can be enjoyed at this beachbar. Feel the sand between your toes and relax with a delicious

cocktail while waiting for your meal. Try the calamari and scampi - they are heavenly.

Photo: gowithstock/Shutterstock.com Address: Hof Almog, Eilat Opening hours: Every day 8am - 8pm Phone: +972 8 632 3286

### Pago Pago



Pago Pago floats in the lagoon with a South Seas theme. They offer an international menu with over 300 drinks to choose from. Needless to say

that you will be here for a while.

Photo: Torsak Thammachote/Shutterstock.com Address: Eilat Marina, Eilat Opening hours: Every day 12.30pm - 11pm Phone: +972 8 637 2526 Internet: www.pagopagorest.com More Info: Beside Crown Plazza Hotel

## CAFES



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The small town centre, with a central boulevard leading to the sea, has malls and budget eateries. The main hotel and entertainment district is North Beach, with an attractive waterside promenade running from the town centre to a marina and lagoons, linking most of the tourist amenities.

#### Aroma



Aroma is a chain of coffee shops that can be found all over Israel. Their signature blend, the Aroma Israel blend contains beans from

Zimbabwe, Brazil and Malawi. This café provides free WiFi and tasty snacks.

Photo: Lovely Bird/Shutterstock.com Address: Neviot Beach, Eilat Opening hours: Daily 6am-12am Internet: www.aroma.co.il

### Café café



Café café gives you the option to sip a cup of coffee or sit down for a regular fine dining experience. On their menu you will find kosher

dairy and a wide array of light dishes such as salad, pasta and sandwiches.

Photo: SITTISAK YODNUY/Shutterstock.com Address: Sderot HaTmarim, Eilat Phone: +972 8 634 4790 More Info: Near The Shalom Mall

## **Dolphin Reef Restaurant**



Sit on tree stumps or in cushioned booths and shaded tables at this lush beach café and enjoy a cup of coffee, a light snack or lunch with

music.

Photo: Gekko Gallery/Shutterstock.com Address: Southern Beach, Eilat Opening hours: Daily 9am-5pm Phone: +972 8 630 0111 Internet: www.dolphinreef.co.il

### U Coral Beach Club



Relax at the beach café before or after a dive, also an excellent place to grab lunch. The beach club offers a wide array of activities in addition to

tasty food and swift service.

Photo: Maksim Toome/Shutterstock.com Address: Taba Road, Eilat Phone: +972 8 635 0000

#### Mall Hayam



Mall Hayam is the town's main indoor mall and located where the town centre reaches the North Beach. Next to numerous fashion stores it has many

options and comfortable places for a coffee or a snack.

Photo: Rawpixel.com/Shutterstock.com Address: Hapalmah No. 1, Eilat Opening hours: Sun-Wed 9:30m-11pm, Thu 9:30am-12am, Fri 9:30m-5:30pm, Sat 11:30am-12am Phone: +972 8 634 0006 Internet: www.mallhayam.co.il

## **BARS & NIGHTLIFE**



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After dark, North Beach promenade and the lagoon throngs with people. There is little drinking – the emphasis is on food, atmosphere and quality entertainment. Large hotels have plush lounge bars offering folklore shows, glitzy cabaret or live music. Many have discos, but for grittier late-night venues with a young crowd, try the beach bars and New Tourist Center in town.

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Photo: Dmitri Ma/Shutterstock.com Address: Eilat Marina Phone: +972 8 637 2526 Internet: www.pagopagorest.com More Info: Beside Crown Plazza Hotel

#### **Beach Parties**



In high summer – peak season for Israeli visitors – late-night dance parties are organised on the Taba Rd beaches, especially Dekel. Meet

### other party animals in town.

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com Address: Dekel Beach, Eilat Internet: www.dekelbeach.com

### **Kibbutz Eilot**



Kibbutz Eilot is only available as an organised group excursion. Enjoy a light-hearted evening of entertainment in a desert kibbutz just out of town.

Photo: k45025 Draw K/Shutterstock.com Address: Kibbutz Eilot Holiday Village, Eilat Phone: +972 1 700 703 710 Internet: www.eilot.co.il

#### Messi BAR



Djs, live-acts, cocktails you name it, this bar has got it all. Drop by at Messi to enjoy a long night out and meet some new people. The

international crowd and the rock music will make this spot your favourite in Eilat nightlife!

Photo: Robert Przybysz/Shutterstock.com Address: Agur Street, Eilat Opening hours: Tue - Sat 9pm - 3.30am, Sun 9pm - 12am

## Paddy's Irish Pub



The friendly staff and the laid-back atmosphere of this rustic pub make it a favourite of locals. Come here for dark beer, strong whiskey and great

burgers and keep an eye on their weekly programme. They even have pool tables if you are up for a game. Paddy's Irish pub is always

### worth a visit.

Photo: Kucher Serhii/Shutterstock.com Address: Derekh Yotam 1, Eilat Opening hours: Every day 1pm - 2am Phone: +972 8 637 0921 Internet: www.paddys.co.il

#### Mike's Place



Music, sports and party people can be found at Mike's Place in Eilat. Don't miss out on great live bands and football screenings within and

bring your friends to spend a great night on the town.

Photo: Vlasov Volodymyr/Shutterstock.com Address: HaMayim Street, Eilat Opening hours: Every day 12pm - 3am Phone: +972 8 864 9550

## **Dolphin Reef**



Dolphin Reef welcomes you to barefoot chic and laid-back fun at a thatched beach bar with dancing by the water. This is the perfect place

to just enjoy the presence.

Photo: oneinchpunch/Shutterstock.com Address: Dolphin Beach Taba Road, Eilat Internet: www.dolphinreef.co.il

## SHOPPING



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Along the North Beach promenade, stalls offer cheap fashions and hippy-style crafts, beachwear and souvenirs. Note that no VAT or sales tax (normally 18 per cent) is charged in Eilat.

For better quality items, with genuine brand names, head to the eastern end of the promenade beyond the north lagoon.

## Ha Yam Mall



Ha Yam Mall is the town's main indoor mall and located where the town centre reaches the North Beach. Next to numerous fashion stores it has many

options and comfortable places for a coffee or a snack.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com Address: Hapalmah No. 1, Eilat Phone: +972 8 634 0006 Internet: www.mallhayam.co.il

#### **North Beach**



The area around North Beach offers a wide variety of stores including bookstores, children's wear and fashion boutiques. Also familiar

international brands and designers, for lower prices can be found. Look out for Israeli names such as the imaginative, romantic clothes and jewellery of Michal Negrin.

Photo: Sergei25/Shutterstock.com Address: North Beach, Eilat

## **BIG Eilat**



Get a new outfit, buy some beachwear or look for gifts in this well-equipped shopping center. Fashion stores, supermarket as well as

book shops offer a great choice of shopping opportunities. What are you waiting for?

Photo: Antonio Guillem/Shutterstock.com Address: Ha-Satat Street 20, Eilat Phone: +972 73 260 0450 Internet: www.bigcenters.co.il

#### Le Boulevard



Several North Beach hotels have their own small high-quality malls with a good selection of stylish shops, notably the trendy Le Boulevard mall

beneath the Royal Garden Hotel.

Photo: hurricanehank/Shutterstock.com Address: North Shore, Eilat Phone: +972 8 638 6628 Internet: www.isrotel.com/isrotel-royal-garden

#### **Ice Park Mall**



This unique shopping mall offers more than just a great shops and fashion. In the middle of the glass building you can find a big ice rink. Bring

your skates and the whole family, a fun time is guaranteed.

Photo: Dr. Avishai Teicher/Wikimedia Commons(image cropped) Address: Kampen St 8, Eilat Opening hours: Sat - Tue 9.30am - 11pm, Wed & Thu 9.30am - 12am, Fri 9.30am - 10pm Phone: +972 8 637 9552 Internet: www.icemalleilat.co.il

## **TOURIST INFORMATION**



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#### **Best Time To Visit**



The best time to visit Eilat are the months of September and October, as the weather is amazing, with pleasant outdoor and water

temperatures. The months with the lowest chance of rain however, are June, July, and then August.

## Passport/Visa



To visit Israel you need a passport valid for at least six months from the date of entry. If you hold an Israeli passport, you will be required to present it

upon arrival.

Many countries have a Visa Waiver Program with Israel, which allows their citizens to visit Israel without a pre-arranged visa. Citizens of Australia, Canada, the EU, and the USA do not need a visa for touristic stays up to 90 days. Citizens of other countries can check if they need a visa at www.mfa.gov.il/MFA/ConsularServices/ Documents/VisaRequirements-Tourists.pdf Because of diplomatic issues, you might not be able to travel to some Arab or predominantly Muslim countries if your passport shows an Israeli visa or stamp. To solve this problem, your visa will be stamped on a separate entry card when you arrive in Israel.

Remember to bring your passport with you on trips to Palestinian territories: it will probably be required at checkpoints and border crossings.

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#### Airport



Eilat's second international airport is Ovda or Uvda (code:VDA), 60 km (37 miles) north. Driving time to town is about 50

minutes. Most passengers arrive on tour operator packages that include bus transfer, so it is often difficult to pick up a taxi at the airport. There are car hire desks at the airport. Public bus 392 runs into town every hour.

Photo: Juan Garces Phone: +972 8 634 0152 Internet: www.iaa.gov.il

## **Public Transport**



Eilat town centre is small and easy to get around on foot. Local buses serving the hotel area (no 1) and Taba Road (no 15), run every 30 minutes,

07.00-19.00 daily except Saturday, stopping about 15.00 Friday.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Taxi



Numerous privately owned metered taxis wait at hotels and attractions and can also be hailed in the street. Rates are 25% higher at night and on

Shabbat.

Photo: ArrivalGuides Address: Eilat Internet: www.eilattaxi.co.il

#### Post



Stamps are sold at hotels and street kiosks. The main post office is located on:

Photo: Andy Fuchs Address: Sderot HaTmarim, Eilat Phone: +972 8 637 2348 More Info: Red Canyon Shopping Center

### Pharmacy



A pharmacy can be fond at the BIG Eilat Shopping center. A list on the door of all pharmacies shows which pharmacy is on night duty.

Photo: Gemma Garner Address: Ha-Satat Street 20, Eilat Phone: +972 77 888 1120

#### Electricity



Photo: Stirling Tschan

Telephone

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Country code: +972 Area code: 08

Photo: Jardson Almeida

**Population** 52,299 (2019)

#### Currency

Shekel or New Israeli Shekel (NIS). 1NIS = 100 agorot. Prices are often given in \$US.

#### **Opening hours**

Normal hours are Sunday-Thursday 09.00-19.00, and Friday 09.00-14.00. From Friday evening to Saturday evening is Shabbat, when Jewish-owned business would normally be closed. However, many Eilat stores and restaurants remain open.

#### Newspapers

Jerusalem Post (daily), Ha'aretz (daily) and Jerusalem Report (monthly) are in English. Ha'Ir Eilat is a popular local magazine in Hebrew.



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## Emergency numbers

Police: 100 Medical emergency: 101 Fire: 102

## Tourist information

8 Beit Hagesher +972 8 630 9111 Sunday-Thursday 08.30-17.00, Fridays 08.00-13.00

