Haifa
The Queen of the North

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Welcome to Haifa

Renowned for being multi-cultural, Haifa is also, primarily, multi-faceted, as its topography might suggest. Israel’s third largest city simply has it all: tranquility and turmoil, hills and plains, industry and repose, not to mention its wide and long stretching beaches that don’t have neighborhoods looming at their perimeter.

With its rare rustic character undamaged by the constant urban renewal, and an unmatched diversity of options and populations, Haifa is indeed a place for all seasons, a place of love and acceptance and tolerance, where everyone is most welcome.
Within a short driving distance from Haifa’s diverse experience lie key Israeli attractions. To our east, walk in Jesus’ footsteps (Nazareth); to our south, stroll among Roman antiquities (Caesarea); to our north, ride the cable car from the top of a spectacular coastal cliff, down to grottos naturally formed by the sea (Rosh Hanikra).

**Main Sites in Israel – Distances**

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A City Dipped in Nature

Green forests, golden beaches, azure skylines, and red hot sunsets - Haifa’s natural assets are numerous, offering a vast choice of parks, reservations, promenades, picnic locations, observation points, and even a hanging bridge. No other place is better suited for either action or recreation, just choose.
Culture & Tourism

#1 Downtown
Helsinki’s thriving heart of bustling nightlife and daytime recreation.

#2 Football Stadium
The new Municipal Sami Ofer Stadium is a kicking winner!

#3 Food
A vast palette of foods and beverages to delight the palate.

#4 Festivals
Winter, spring, summer, or fall – there’s many a festival for one and all.

#5 Museum + Street Art
Japanese, modern art, naval and science museums, plus a whole neighborhood of street art.

#6 Shopping
Seven shopping malls and myriad shops of artists and artisans, brands and mavericks.
Take a deep breath, for you’re in for a real surprise... Haifa’s downtown was simply revolutionized in the past years and is now a real eye candy, a bustling, buzzing hub of art, academia and activity, full of tantalizing restaurants and intoxicating pubs. Feel the buzz!
Drink And Dine

Nowhere will you find a greater palette of foods and beverages to delight the palate. Traditional or avant-garde, vegan or carnivore, street food or a fancy restaurant, fish or falafel, a fine cognac or a pint of beer; it's all here.
Festivals

Haifa offers four seasons of merry festivity: autumn seasons cinephiles' life with the Haifa International Film Festival; winter sleds in the Holiday of Holidays, celebrating the convergence of Hanukkah, Christmas, and Ramadan; spring blossoms with the International Children's Theatre Festival; and summer turns on the heat with free live performances on the beach.
From the stunning Mediterranean coast to the tranquility of the Carmel forest, we offer a world of contrasts and possibilities within a small radius: a day on the beach, a trek through the woods, a cup of coffee at a café overlooking Haifa Bay, a visit to the lively markets in Hadar and downtown or the mellow—and often snowy—Druze villages on the mountain top, where one can taste locally grown fruits and vegetables exploding with flavor.
Museums & Street Art

If a museum of science and technology, a museum of Japanese art, a museum of modern art and a naval museum—to name but a few—are not enough, Haifa has a whole neighborhood dedicated to street art. Wadi Nisnas is chock full of statues, murals, installations, and myriad other aesthetic surprises.
Time for Nightlife
I ❤️ Shopping

With seven shopping malls within the city limits, one of them being the largest in the Middle East, and hundreds of shops of all kinds and sizes, if one is inclined to regularly flash one’s credit card, they will not find Haifa wanting.
Into the Wide Blue Yonder

The longest and widest strip of shore in Israel. Do not forget your sunscreen!
Hotels

Whatever your accommodation preferences are, they will be matched. With old-fashioned hotels and boutique hotels, fancy suites and warm cozy guest rooms, one only has to pick the place that will make them feel at home.
Body & Soul

Mother Nature was extremely kind with Haifa. Thus, Mount Carmel is home to the first Olympic mountain bike trail in Israel, a circular route of 5.7 kilometers, with 150 meters total accumulated height. Haifa is also one of the best locations for surfing and sailing, hosting events and competitions such as the 2013 470 World Championships. A new skate park was recently opened down by the beach, boasting 5,600 square meters of ramps, rails, boxes and half-pipe platforms. On top of all that there are the multi-purpose Roshima Arena, hosting international basketball championships, and the Municipal Sammy Ofer stadium, with a seating capacity of 30,000, seeing the local teams and hosting European plus and the national team’s international games.
HiTech Empire

Hadera, the film and the heroes’ headquarters, is home to 38 leading international and local high-tech companies, such as Google, eBay, Microsoft and Intel. There are also very few... A Life Sciences Park is currently being constructed at the southern gateway to Hadera.

HiTech’s goal in education is to create a scientific, technological, and a social environment for the next generation, with a vision of academic, high-tech, and high-impact research. The Technion, one of the world’s leading universities, is located at the Technion campus. The Technion, whose 526 faculty members include 2 Nobel Prize laureates, is among the top 100 universities in the world.
Coexistence

And yes, of course, Haifa is an international symbol of coexistence and pluralism, an oasis of sorts in an otherwise troubled region, a city where people of all faiths live side by side in peace and good neighborhood relations, be they Jewish, Muslim, Christian, Druze, Baha’i or whatever, Haifa embraces all!