

## Places to visit in Tel Aviv

### Tel Aviv – North

#### **The Yitzhak Rabin Center**



**The Yitzhak Rabin Center** is the national institute established by the Knesset in 1997 that advances the legacy of the late Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, a path-breaking, visionary leader whose life was cut short in a devastating assassination. The Center presents Yitzhak Rabin's remarkable life and tragic death, pivotal elements of the history of Israel, whose impact must not be ignored or forgotten lest risk the recurrence of such shattering events. The Center's mission is to ensure that the vital lessons from this story are actively remembered and used to shape an Israeli society and leadership dedicated to open dialogue, democratic value, Zionism and social cohesion. The Center promotes activities and programs that inspire cultured, engaged and civil exchanges among the different sectors that make up the complex mosaic of Israeli society.

**The Israeli Museum at the Yitzhak Rabin Center** is the first and only museum in Israel to explore the development of the State of Israel as a young democracy.

Built in a downward spiral, the Museum presents two parallel stories: the history of the State and Israeli society, and the biography of Yitzhak Rabin.

The Museum's content was determined by an academic team headed by Israeli historian, Professor Anita Shapira.

We recommend allocating from an hour and thirty minutes to two hours for a visit.

The Museum experience utilizes audio devices that allow visitors to tour the Museum at their own pace. They are available in Hebrew, English and Arabic.

Guided tours are offered for groups in Hebrew and in English.

### **Address:**

The entrance to the museum is accessed at 8 Chaim Levanon Street in Tel Aviv, situated between the Eretz Israel Museum and the Palmach Museum.

### **Regular Days and Hours of Operation**

Sunday	9:00am – 5:00pm
Monday	9:00am – 5:00pm
Tuesday	9:00am - 7:00pm
Wednesday	9:00am - 5:00pm
Thursday	9:00am – 7:00pm
Friday	9:00am – 2:00pm
Saturday	CLOSED

To schedule a visit, please call the Museum at 03-745-3358 or contact the reservation desk directly information below

Tel: 03-745-3313 or 03-745-3319

**(972-3-745... when dialing from abroad)**

Fax: 03-745-3341

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## **The Eretz Israel museum**



The Eretz Israel Museum in Tel Aviv is a stunning space spread across a beautiful campus in the Ramat Aviv district of the city, overlooking the center of Tel Aviv. The Eretz Israel Museum has a large array of displays relating to archaeology, Judaica, ethnography, history, culture and arts and crafts, each housed in one of the numerous pavilions that are spread across this archaeological site.

### **Address**

2 Haim Levanon Street, Ramat Aviv, Tel Aviv  
Tel: 972-3-6415244

### **Opening hours**

Sunday: Closed

Monday, Wednesday: 10 am - 4 pm

Tuesday, Thursday: 10 am - 8 pm (the ethnography and folklore display is open until 4 pm)

Friday: 10 am - 2 p.m

Saturday: 10 am - 4 pm

## HaYarkon Park



HaYarkon Park is set on the outskirts of Tel Aviv. Beautifully tranquil, HaYarkon Park (Ganei Yehoshua) is to Tel Aviv what Central Park is to New York. HaYarkon Park is the green lung of Tel Aviv and straddles the Yarkon River in the north of the city. Aside from the sheer beauty and tranquility of the neatly groomed lawns abutting the calm river, the Park also has some interesting features:

In the eastern part of HaYarkon Park lie the Rock Garden and the Tropical Garden. The Rock Garden in HaYarkon Park is one of the largest of its kind in the world (10 acres). Showcasing Israel's geological diversity with poetic descriptions of the rocks that are displayed there, the rock garden also features over six acres of cacti, 3,500 species of plants, and some fantastic views across the HaYarkon Park lake.

The five-acre Tropical Garden in HaYarkon Park is home to a rain forest-like microclimate with a tiny lake, home to swans, fish, and beautiful orchids and vines.

HaYarkon Park also features a bike-rental center. Biking in HaYarkon Park is easy because of the flat, accessible trails, and is a great way to see the park.



## Culture Square



At the end of Rothschild Boulevard are three of the city's most important cultural institutions: The Habima National Theatre, recently renovated and expanded; the historic Mann Auditorium, home of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra; and the Helena Rubinstein Pavilion, which houses contemporary art exhibitions and is open for free to the public.

Connecting all three is the new Culture Square, designed by the artist Dani Karavan.

## The Carmel Market ( Shuk HaCarmel)



This is the city's biggest marketplace and a fascinating place to visit. It is essentially a long and narrow alley with colorful stalls lining its sides, from where vendors proudly present their goods.

Here you can find almost anything imaginable for the lowest prices in the city, from different kinds of bread and pastries, to tasty olives, dried fruits, exotic spices, and fresh produce. Shuk HaCarmel stretches between the corner of King George and Allenby Streets and the Carmelit Bus Station.

## **Nachlat Binyamin – The Artist Market**



Every Tuesday and Friday, vendors display their merchandise on small tables along the paved part of Nachlat Binyamin St. Here you can find jewelry, ceramics, special toys, lampshades, and Judaica among a vast and varied selection of handmade goods. Performance artists, fortunetellers and clowns wander around the market providing entertainment.

### **Address:**

10 Nachlat Benyamin St.

### **Opening hours:**

The market is generally open every Tuesday from 10:00 am to 18:00 pm, and Friday from 10:00 am to 17:00 pm. It is a wonderful place to purchase unique arts and crafts and special gifts from Israel.



## **Sarona**



Sarona is a newly renovated complex in the heart of Tel Aviv. Originally a German Templar Colony, the site sits at the heart of what is a new central business district of the city. Offices and apartments surround this beautifully landscaped complex, in which 33 original Templar buildings dating up to more than 140 years have been painstakingly restored, and today house boutique stores, artist galleries, quaint cafes, and some of the city's hottest restaurants and bars. Opened in early 2014, Sarona has quickly gained a reputation as one of Tel Aviv's most popular spots.

### **Address**

In between Kaplan and HaArba Streets.

## **The New Tel Aviv Museum of Art**

The Tel Aviv Museum of Art is Israel's largest art museum, with a large collection of permanent exhibits as well as temporary exhibits. The Museum opened in 1932, before even the state of Israel was established, and a new wing opened in 2011. The museum shows the works of both Israeli and international artists including impressionism and post-impressionism.

Permanently on display include the works of Cezanne, Chagall, Dali, Monet, Henri Moore, Auguste Rodin, Archipenko, Picasso,



Klimt, and Kadinsky. If you want to go to just one traditional art museum when in Israel, make it this one!

The new Herta and Paul Amir Building at the Tel Aviv Museum of Art opened in November 2011, and is itself a visual and architectural masterpiece. Designed by Preston Scott Cohen, the new building was described by *The New York Times* as “an elongated Rubik’s Cube doused with bleach” and features a façade comprising 465 flat, interlocking, precast concrete panels of different shapes and sizes. Inside are five floors of art over 19,000 square meters, three above ground and two below, linked by an 87-foot atrium – a lightwell which floods the art and gallery spaces in light.



A ticket to the museum also includes entry to the Helena Rubenstein Pavilion, a space which showcases the cutting edge of the Israeli contemporary art scene. Its exhibitions include political and social messages expressed through art in a building of architectural interest.

The Tel Aviv Museum of Art also shows alternative foreign films in its cinema and concerts in the auditorium.

**Address:**

27 King Shaul Boulevard  
Helena Rubenstein Pavilion: 6 Tarsat Street

**Opening hours:**

Sun: Closed  
Mon: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Tue: 10:00 am - 10:00 pm  
Wed: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Thurs: 10:00 am - 10:00 pm  
Fri: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Sat: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm



## Tel Aviv – West

### **Tel Aviv Beach**



The Tel Aviv beach stretches for miles along the whole western edge of the city. Yes, that's one long Mediterranean beach! In the summer months especially, but also throughout the spring and fall, and even on the occasional winter day, the Tel Aviv beach comes to life with tourists and locals alike taking advantage of the sun-quenched sand, warm waters, and watersport opportunities. Each of Tel Aviv's beaches has a different character, filled with different people looking each for a different beach experience.

## **Tel Aviv Port (HaNamal)**

The Port in northwest Tel Aviv was originally built in 1938. It is home to some of the city's trendiest bars, nightclubs, restaurants and coffee shops. The port is spread along 14,000 square meters of wooden deck, a structure inspired by Tel Aviv's sand dunes. The wide wooden promenade attracts thousands of people seeking to combine food, shopping and entertainment with beautiful sunsets and salty sea breezes. When the sun goes down, the bustle only increases as the port transforms into one of the liveliest and busiest areas of nightlife in the city.



## Neve Tzedek and the Tachana (Historic Train Station)



Several decades before the founding of Tel Aviv, Neve Tzedek was built as one of the first neighborhoods outside of Jaffa. Its beautifully restored houses and streets preserve the romance of the late 19th century. A walking tour of Neve Tzedek is a must for romantics, history lovers and fans of small, winding alleys.

On the southern edge of Neve Tzedek is the **Tachana** – the historic Jaffa train station. Built in 1892, the station connected Jaffa Port and Jerusalem, enabling pilgrims a short (6 hour) journey to the Holy City. Today, following extensive preservation and restoration, the Tachana's beautiful compound has been converted to a cultural and shopping center open 7 days a week. One of the historic train cars has been converted to include a special 3D show that unveils the history of rail travel in the region.

Also in Neve Tzedek is **The Nahum Gutman Museum** on 21 Rokach Street. The museum is dedicated to the painter and illustrator who immortalized the early Tel Aviv and Jaffa landscapes in his colorful paintings.





### **Address**

Shimon Rokah St 21, Tel  
Aviv Jaffa  
Phone: +972-3-5161970  
Fax: +972-3-5161981

### **Opening Hours**

Monday - Thursday: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Friday: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Saturday: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm.  
Sunday: Closed

Neve Tzedek is also home to the **Suzanne Dellal Centre**, a bustling dance and theater complex that features one of the city's most beautiful piazzas.

### **Address**

5 Yehieli St, Tel Aviv

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Office +972-3-5105657  
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Mail: [info@sdcc.org.il](mailto:info@sdcc.org.il)

### **Opening hours:**

Sun –Thurs: 9:00 am - 9:00 pm  
Friday and holiday eves: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm  
Open two hours before every performance.  
Doors open 15 minutes before the performance.

## Public Transportation

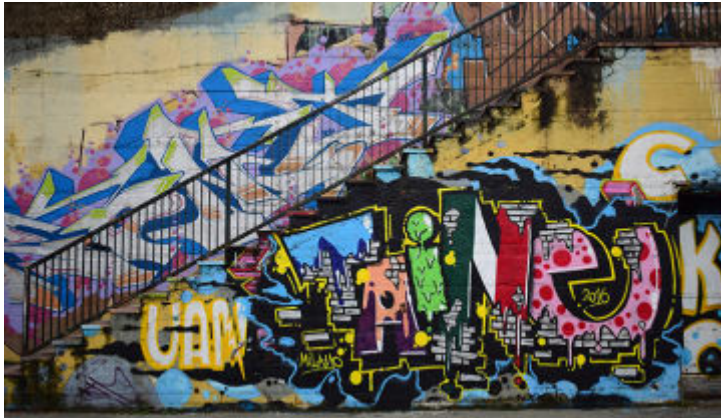
Dan lines at Carmelit Station: # 3, 21, 24, 28, 47,48, 61, 62, 63, 66, 72, 82, 149, 247

To Eilat Street: # 44, 46

To Kaufman Street: #8, 10, 25



## **Florentin**



Florentin, in south Tel Aviv, is called Tel Aviv's Soho by many. Florentin is an old neighborhood which has not yet seen the same large-scale gentrification as the likes of the nearby neighborhood Neve Tzedek. Florentin has a very mixed population, traditionally characterized by poverty and transience, although it is now increasingly youthful and yuppie. It is a neighborhood undergoing change, moving away from the margins of poverty and on its way to becoming a center for arty and alternative culture.

The lifestyle in Florentin is very different to much of the Tel Aviv seen by tourists. It is still, to a certain extent, an industrial zone and garment district where traders buy and sell clothing, where artisans build furniture, and businesses from across Israel venture to purchase unique goods. The Levinsky market is lined with tiny stores selling specialist Turkish, Greek and Romanian products as well as kosher meats, cheeses, spices and dried fruits. Foreign workers from Asia and Africa congregate every morning on Rehov Chelnov, hoping to be picked up for a day's construction work. Florentin serves as a margin between Tel Aviv and Jaffa. And it is this fact that provides an explanation of the contrasts in this neighborhood – Arabs and Jews, modern and old, this neighborhood is a little unsure of what it is, but is amazing at being what it is all the same!

At night, Florentin comes to life, transforming from a place of hard work to gritty leisure. Bars, restaurants, and smart shops have opened in the neighborhoods streets, whilst nightclubs and live music venues have opened in the abandoned warehouses and basements found across the area.



## Jaffa (Yafo)

### **Old Jaffa**

Thousands of years of history come together in Jaffa, one of the world's oldest cities and the birthplace of Tel Aviv. Old Jaffa, with its Old Port, markets, restaurants and unique atmosphere, is a top destination for visitors of the city. Enjoy shopping at the flea market, tasting legendary humus, or browsing through galleries and museums.

Today, local fisherman still use the harbor, and the main hangars of the port have been restored and include art galleries, cafés, restaurants, various shops, and the “NaLaga’at Center” – a unique artistic complex operated by the deaf and blind community.



## **Ilana Goor Museum**



The Museum building stands on a hill in Old Jaffa and constitutes an architectural pearl, a work of art in itself, with a unique view of the Mediterranean Sea.

### **Address:**

Mazal Dagim. 4, Old Jaffa

Tel: 03-6837676

### **Opening Hours:**

Sunday to Friday: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Saturdays: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

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## Flea Market (Shuk HaPishpeshim) BUY TICKETS



Jaffa's flea market offers clothing and second hand shoes, Antique and vintage furniture, and home accessories. Inside the market you will also find trendy cafes, hummus restaurants and bars. In addition, the Amiad Center inside the market is used for exhibitions, fairs and shows.

**Address:**  
Oley Zion Street, Jaffa