

WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO GO TO ISRAEL?

Israel experiences a typical Mediterranean climate - mostly warm and clear with long, hot summers and cool, rainy winters. However, the timing of your visit to Israel can greatly affect the overall quality of your trip. Different seasons present varying costs, weather, and number of daylight hours available to sightsee. *See the chart on the following page.*

Prices are more affordable during Israel's low season, December through the beginning of March. The fall High Holy Days, Passover, and the months of July and August are high season - hence elevated hotel and airfare costs, and larger crowds to contend with.

The most pleasant months to visit Israel overall are October, November, April, and May; temperatures are pleasantly mild throughout the country. Better weather and longer days allow a greater number and diversity of sites to experience and/or a less-hurried trip. Outdoor water sports (such as kayaking down the Jordan River) are viable options in the longer, warmer days.

March is also popular because it's somewhat more affordable and not quite as crowded, with a bonus of experiencing Israel's vibrant spring flowers and lush green hillsides. However, March does have shorter days and typically a fair amount of rainfall. June, September, and December are doable as well, but June and September are on the hot side and December is starting to get cold with increased rainfall. January and February can be dismal with increased wind storms and rainfall, shorter days, and cold weather. However, if you are a diehard surfer, these are the months for you! The winter months of November through March tend to be the coldest - with snow in the Golan Heights and occasionally in Jerusalem. July and August tend to be uncomfortably hot for the more "mature" travelers.

Bottom line, when are you free to travel and what factors are important to *you*?

ISRAEL WEATHER — MONTHLY AVERAGES

and DAYLIGHT HOURS

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
TEL AVIV High /Low	64/49	64/50	67/53	73/58	77/63	82/69	85/73	86/75	85/73	81/66	74/58	67/52
TEL AVIV # of Rainy Days	12.8	10.0	8.5	3.1	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	3.2	7.5	10.9
TIBERIAS High/Low	63/47	65/47	71/50	81/56	89/62	94/68	97/72	97/73	94/70	87/65	75/56	66/50
TIBERIAS # of Rainy Days	13.7	11.8	9.7	5.1	1.9	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.3	3.7	6.7	12.2
JERUSALEM High/Low	53/44	55/44	60/47	71/55	78/60	82/64	84/67	85/67	83/66	77/62	66/54	57/47
JERUSALEM # of Rainy Days	12.9	11.7	9.6	4.4	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	3.6	7.3	10.9
MASADA/EILAT High/Low	69/49	72/51	78/57	88/64	96/71	102/76	104/79	104/79	99/76	91/70	81/60	72/52
MASADA/EILAT # of Rainy Days	2.1	1.8	1.6	0.9	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.7	0.8	1.9
DAYLIGHT HOURS	10	11	12	13	13.5	14	14	13	12.5	11.5	10.5	10
SUNRISE	6:40	6:21	5:46	6:07	5:38	5:29	5:41	6:01	6:21	6:42	6:08	6:33
SUNSET (15 TH)	4:54	5:22	5:46	7:08	7:30	7:47	7:46	7:22	6:43	6:04	4:36	4:33