

HOTEL INTEL

ISRAEL’S LATEST GETAWAYS FLOURISH IN ANCIENT SITES



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History flourishes throughout Israel, and many of the country’s hotels reflect centuries of lore through astonishing architecture and gorgeous settings paired with exciting cuisine and luxurious hospitality.

“As we mark 75 years of statehood in 2023, our heritage is a living heritage,” said Gal Hana, Israel’s director of tourism for Canada. “This latest collection of hotels is a compelling blend of Israel’s innovative hospitality and fascinating multicultural cuisine.”

Here is a peek at new destinations at sites of Biblical renown, such as the Negev Desert, the Dead Sea, Galilee, the Golan Heights, Jerusalem, Safed, Haifa and more.

Golan Heights: Pereh Mountain Resort is an innovative boutique hotel on a vast private estate built around the ruins of early 1900s Bauhaus buildings. “Pereh,” which means “wild” in Hebrew, refers to the rugged beauty of the mountains, waterfalls and valleys of the Golan Heights region.

Rouge, Pereh’s restaurant, features an extensive wine cellar, strong on Israeli vintages, and the regionally inspired gastronomy of chef Rooe Dori.

The property is lush with orchards and gardens, and it has an intimate spa and an important art collection as well as an outdoor infinity pool with a hot tub.



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Visionary developer Leo Glaser worked with the Israel Conservation Authority to create splendid interiors with soaring ceilings and natural materials like centuries-old wooden floors and curved stone walls.

The Golan Heights is known for its archeology and more than 60 ancient synagogues dating to Roman and Byzantine periods. Pereh is near Yehudiya Forest Nature Reserve, which has exceptional hiking, hot-air balloon rides and jeep tours. The Shouting Hill is nearby, where Druze villagers on either side of the Israeli-Syrian border call out to each other. (Pereh Mountain Resort, Ramat HaGolan, pereh.co.il).

Negev Desert: Six Senses Shaharut, a true oasis in the Negev

Desert in southern Israel, is an ultra-luxe spa with 58 suites and villas built into a dramatic cliff overlooking a compelling desert landscape, once the home of the ancient Midianite tribe.

This exclusive property celebrates the rich history of the Negev with camel rides and Bedouin-style dining, and for adventure there’s off-site mountain hiking and biking, rappelling and off-road riding. (Six Senses Shaharut, Negev Desert, sixsenses.com).

Dead Sea: The Hod Dead Sea Hotel, another new, superb wellness escape, part of the Israel-based Herbert Samuel chain, has 205 contemporary rooms and villas at the southern tip of the Dead Sea. The Hod is waterfront, a handy location for restorative

dips, plus the spa has a Dead Sea pool and a sulphur pool, as well as complete treatments (Hod Dead Sea Hotel, Ein Bokek, herbertsamuel.com).

Jerusalem: The new Cassia Jerusalem, formerly the King Solomon Hotel, is making its mark in a hallowed city that is thousands of years old. Following a three-year renovation, Cassia has a trove of multimedia Israeli art and interesting local cuisine, including traditional Shabbat meals. Soon to open are a spa and rooftop pool. Cassia offers packages to must-see landmarks such as the Old City, the Tower of David, the Israel Museum, the Museum of Italian Jewish Art and the Rockefeller Museum. (Cassia Jerusalem, cassiahotels.com).

Safed: The Ruth Zefat (Safed) Hotel, a Dan Hotel, is a 21st-century boutique gem on the site of an 800-year-old Ottoman structure.

The hotel has a new Muza wine bar specializing in products from the Galilee and Golan regions, plus authentic dishes, desserts and cheeses.

Safed, at an elevation of more than 900 metres, is the highest community in Israel, and Ruth Zefat, atop a hill, overlooks the Galilean mountains. With a history dating to the Crusades and the Ottoman Empire, Safed is a centre for mystical Jewish Kabbalism. (Ruth Zefat, Safed, danhotels.com)

Haifa: Nestled at the foot of the breathtaking Baha’i Gardens in Haifa, the luxurious new Botanica Hotel Fattal Limited Edition is inspired by the foliage of the revered UNESCO site. Botanica is prized for its botanical art, spa, outdoor swimming pool and

IF YOU GO

Air Canada flies non-stop from Montreal (YUL-TLV, up to four times a week) and Toronto to Tel Aviv (YYZ-TLV, up to daily, depending on season). Signature Class has lie-flat seats.
Israel tourism: goisrael.com. Some hotels are kosher.

gastronomy. Botanica overlooks Haifa’s Louis Promenade and Wadi Nisnas, a Middle Eastern food market. (Botanica Hotel Fattal Limited Edition, Haifa, for ages 16 and over, fattal-hotels.com).

Acre (Akko): Not new, but an exquisite peek at history, the precious Efendi Hotel is at the northern tip of Haifa Bay, nestled in ancient cobblestone alleys. It’s a fusion of two Ottoman palaces rebuilt over eight years into a dazzling property with a spa and rooftop views of the Galilee Hills and the Mediterranean Sea. The wine cellar dates from the Crusades and dinner is at Uri Buri, also owned by Uri Jeremias, one of Israel’s most esteemed chefs and hoteliers.

Fascinating Acre dates to the Bronze Age and is one of the world’s oldest communities. A Baha’i holy city, it is home to many cultures. (Efendi Hotel, Acre, efendi-hotel.co.il).

TV TIMES TONIGHT - SATURDAY, MAY 6												MOVIES	SPORTS	TALK
	B	W	E	V	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30		
2 SRC	10	4	4	2	Les enfants de la télé		Pour emporter (N)		Enquêtes à Morecambe (N)		Le téléjournal (N)	Doc humanité (N)		
3 CBS	282	21	21	87	Entertainment Tonight (N)		NCIS		48 Hours		48 Hours			
5 NBC	280	23	18	84	2:30 Ky. Derby	USFL Football Memphis Showboats vs. Michigan Panthers (N)								
6 CBC	206	13	13	6	NHL Hockey Second Round: Teams TBA (N)						Track and Field Diamond League: Qatar			
8 CJOH	229	-	-	10	W5		A Beautiful Place to Die: A Martha's Vineyard Mystery ('20) Jesse Metcalfe.					A Cut Above (N)		
9 MATV	-	9	9	9	Mon île, mon	Ma ville, mon style	Vue sur le fleuve	À l'heure du	Fierté d'ici	Paroles d'auteurs	Autour des mots	Justes milieux		
10 TVA	115	7	7	4	6:30 ** Tomb Raider ('18, Avent) Dominic West, Alicia Vikander.		:50 *** John Wick: chapitre 2 ('17, Act) Common, Keanu Reeves.							
12 CTV	70	11	11	7	W5		A Beautiful Place to Die: A Martha's Vineyard Mystery ('20) Jesse Metcalfe.					A Cut Above (N)		
17 TQc	138	8	8	3	6:00 Les enquêtes de Morse (N)		L'air d'aller	Toute une soirée	*** Destin de femmes ('09, Dra) Annette Bening, Naomi Watts.					
22 ABC	281	22	22	86	Extra (N)		NBA Countdown (N)	NBA Basketball Golden State Warriors at Los Angeles Lakers (N)						
33 PBS	-	57	-	88	Still Open All Hours		My Hero	Sister Boniface Mysteries		Death in Paradise		The Seaside Hotel		
35 Noovo	114	5	5	5	6:30 ** Les robots ('04, Sci-Fi) Bridget Moynahan, Will Smith. (P)		* La femme de mon meilleur ennemi ('21) Samuel L. Jackson, Ryan Reynolds. (P)							
44 FOX	283	46	36	85	MLB Baseball Boston Red Sox at Philadelphia Phillies (N)						FOX44 News at 10	Big Bang		
48 GBL	234	3	3	8	The New Reality (N)	Border Security	Family Law		Nurses		Private Eyes			
57 PBS	-	24	40	89	Mountain Lake	New York Now	Midsomer Murders		Agatha Christie's Poirot		Silent Witness			
62 CITY	207	14	14	14	Canada's Got Talent					Hudson & Rex	Hudson & Rex			
A&E	615	39	-	90	6:00 The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48			
AMC	293	-	-	209	6:00 ** Beverly Hills Cop II ('87) (P)		** Major League ('89, Com) Charlie Sheen, Tom Berenger.					** Caddyshack		
APTN	23	10	58	16	Yukon Harvest	Merchants-Wild	Nations at War	Bears' Lair	** The Next Three Days ('10, Thril) Elizabeth Banks, Russell Crowe.					
CBCNN	502	48	48	18	CBC News Special: The Coronation of King Charles III - Highlights			CBC News Network		Marketplace	The Nature of Things The New Human			
CD	129	20	20	36	Parker: sa ruée vers l'or		Les rivaux de la WWE John Cena c. Edge (N)		Les rivaux Rey Mysterio c. Eddie Guerrero		Une nuit au musée: le secret du tom...			
CNN	500	36	27	81	CNN Newsroom With Jim Acosta (N)		CNN Special Program		CNN Special Program		CNN Special Program			
CRVM1	300	-	-	211	6:30 *** King Richard ('21, Dra) Aunjanue Ellis, Will Smith.			** Amsterdam ('22, Dra) Margot Robbie, Christian Bale. (P)						
CTVDR	30	34	-	92	Bones		Bones		Bones		Bones			
CTVSc	90	32	-	101	*** Captain America: The Winter Soldier ('14, Act) Scarlett Johansson, Chris Evans.						*** Captain America: Civil War ('16)			
CV	135	44	35	44	Le Jour J: aux	Minilogis	Hollywood rénove avec les frères Scott		Porteuses de vie	La drag en moi	17 ans et maman 2			
DISC	636	37	37	102	CSI: NY		CSI: NY		CSI: New York		CSI: NY			
FAM	556	-	-	64	Hero Mode ('21, Com) Mira Sorvino, Chris Carpenter. (P)			** Ender's Game ('13, Sci-Fi) Asa Butterfield, Harrison Ford.						
HBO1	306	-	-	215	5:55 I Am Pryor	Black Art: In the Absence of Light			Love & Death		Barry	Slash/Back ('22)		
HGTV	83	29	-	97	Property Brothers: Forever Home		Home Town		Love It or List It Vancouver		Love It or List It Vancouver			
HIST	84	47	-	107	NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles		S.W.A.T.		S.W.A.T.			
MAX	142	48	32	32	6:00 Triptyque ('13) Frederike Bedard.		*** Amis modernes ('11, Rom) Mila Kunis, Justin Timberlake.					:15 *** Célibataires ('92)		
MUCH	570	35	-	112	6:45 * Big Mommas: Like Father, Like Son ('11) Martin Lawrence.			The Simpsons		The Simpsons	The Simpsons	The Simpsons		
OWN	526	-	-	94	The Oprah Winfrey Show		Love & Marriage: DC		Ready to Love		The Oprah Winfrey Show			
PEACH	294	-	-	218	Big Bang	Big Bang	Atlanta Eats		Atlanta News First Saturday at 9pm (N)		Atlanta News First Saturday at 10pm (N)			
RDI	126	19	19	19	6:30 Découverte (N)	Le national (N)	Les grands reportages		Le téléjournal (N)	Pas une de plus	Le téléjournal (N)	Le national (N)		
RDS	123	33	33	25	Avant-match (N)		Soccer MLS Orlando c. CF Montréal (N)		25 ans d'émotions		Sports 30 (N)			
SC	73	205	205	205	5:30 Fear of Rain	Tehranto ('22, Rom) Sammy Azero, Mo Zeighami.			Residents of Arcadia ('22) Nick Preston, Kamantha Naidoo.		Ashgrove ('22)			
SE	180	-	-	201	:10 Un jour pour mourir ('22, Act) Kevin Dillon, Bruce Willis.	*** Amis modernes ('11, Rom) Mila Kunis, Justin Timberlake.						:15 *** Célibataires ('92)		
SHOW	616	40	-	105	6:30 ** Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows ('11) Jude Law, Robert Downey Jr..			** Total Recall ('12, Sci-Fi) Kate Beckinsale, Colin Farrell.						
SLICE	27	-	-	99	6:30 ** Blue Crush ('02, Dra) Matt Davis, Kate Bosworth.			** Live by Night ('16, Thril) Zoe Saldaña, Ben Affleck.						
SNI	418	-	-	184	6:30 MLB Baseball Toronto Blue Jays at Pittsburgh Pirates (N)						Sportsnet Central	Grand Slam of Curling		
SNE	406	38	38	179	5:00 Playoffs	Hockey Central (N)	Stanley Cup Playoffs (N)					Sportsnet Central		
STARZ1	304	55	-	216	:05 ** Couples Retreat ('09, Com) Jason Bateman, Vince Vaughn.			The Honeymoon ('22) Asim Chaudhry, Pico Alexander. (P)					:40 Bridesmaids	
TCM	292	-	-	219	5:30 The Treasure of the Sierra Madre	*** Hoosiers ('86, Dra) Barbara Hershey, Gene Hackman.						:15 *** Knute Rockne, All American		
TLC	521	27	39	91	Return to Amish		Return to Amish		Return to Amish		You, Me & My Ex			
TLN	700	-	-	250	Cook Like an Italian	Mexican	David Rocco's	Italian Food Safari	* Grown Ups 2 ('13, Com) Kevin James, Adam Sandler.					
TOONE	85	49	-	57	*** The Croods: A New Age ('20, Ani)			Batman: Animated		Superman: The	Justice League	Young Justice		
TOONF	87	45	34	53	Teen/:15 Teen	Teen/:45 Teen	American Dad	Family Guy	Les Simpson	Archer	American Dad	Family Guy		
TSN2	401	-	-	187	CFL Games	CFL Plays Year	UFC 288: Sterling vs. Cejudo - Prelims (N)			Top 50 Goals			Top 40 Finishes	
TSN5	404	28	28	190	SC	Top 50 Def	NBA Countdown (N)	NBA Basketball Golden State Warriors at Los Angeles Lakers (N)						
TV5	145	15	15	29	Sam (N)		Un flirt et une danse (N)					:05 Alain Delon		
TVAS	193	-	-	23	Hockey LNH 2e ronde: équipes à communiquer (N)						Avant-match LNH	Hockey LNH		
TVO	22	-	-	71	Patrick Arjee's Wild	:50 TVO Arts	A Tribute To Her Majesty the Queen			The Royals Who Rescued the Monarchy		Monarchy		
VISN	65	-	-	159	6:00 Endeavour		Sardari		Aikam		Journey of Healing	Waqt 4 U		
WGN	295	-	-	222	Paid Programming	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends		WGN Weekend News at Nine (N)			
WSBK	296	-	-	223	Big Bang	Big Bang	* Blind Date ('87, Com) Bruce Willis, Kim Basinger.					CBS News Boston Now on TV38 (N)		
YTV	25	-	-	65	6:00 *** Shrek ('01, Ani)			*** Shrek ('01, Ani)			The Hardy Boys			
B – Bell TV; W – Vidéotron West Montréal; E – Vidéotron East Montréal; V – Vidéotron Illico														