

HOTEL INTEL

ARCHITECT SAFDIE CAPTURES SOUL OF JERUSALEM

Mamilla Hotel offers guests an exceptional experience of elegance and history



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The Mamilla Hotel in Jerusalem is a soulful fusion of ancient and modern and an enchanting boutique getaway for any discerning traveller, with extra significance for Canadians. Mamilla was designed by renowned Israeli-Canadian architect Moshe Safdie, who also created Habitat 67, the influential residence in Montreal known around the world for its cube-upon-cube structure. Back in Israel, he also is the legend behind Ben Gurion Airport, as well as the revered Holocaust memorial, Yad Vashem. With 194 rooms and suites, Mamilla is a contemporary treasure with exquisite decor and the Akasha Wellbeing Center. There's authentic gastronomy at Happy Fish, and cocktails and wine tasting at the chic Mirror Bar. The Rooftop is an al fresco gourmet delight with breathtaking views of Jerusalem and a celeb guest list that includes the Black Eyed Peas, Jon Voight

and, most recently, pop culture phenom Christina Aguilera. **Old Jerusalem:** Staying here is partly a spiritual experience. Mamilla is near the Old City walls and the Jaffa Gate, which guard the heritage of many cultures. For an insider's look, the hotel offers the Mamilla Avenue Then and Now walking tour, in Hebrew on Saturdays. Guests also receive vouchers for the Israel Museum, home of the Dead Sea Scrolls, and admission to the Tower of David Museum where a sound-and-light show incorporates works portraying King David by the likes of Rembrandt, Caravaggio, Matisse, Chagall and Michelangelo. **Safdie's opus:** The Mamilla Hotel is part of the Alrov Mamilla Avenue development that spanned nearly 50 years from conception to realization. Designed by Safdie, it encompasses the affiliated David Citadel Hotel, the Mamilla Mall, plus offices, condos and a plaza that buzzes with concerts, folk dancing and family fun. In contrast, a short walk away is the Jaffa Gate, which opens to wondrous historic and holy sites dating back thousands of years. "The challenge of Mamilla was to design an intense mixed-use urban complex that would



The elegant Mamilla Hotel and the surrounding Alrov Mamilla Avenue development in Jerusalem were designed by Israeli-Canadian architect Moshe Safdie. MAMILLA HOTEL

be harmonious in scale and in substance with the architectural heritage of Jerusalem," Safdie said. "Can shopping streets, residences, hotels and parks, with all the contemporary requirements of parking and access, be designed to resonate with the Old City?" They can, and he did. **Hotel life:** Mamilla has been named among the top hotels in the Middle East by Condé Nast, partly for Safdie's sensitive synthesis of restored historic buildings with contemporary construction and style. The interiors by globe-trotting Italian designer Piero Lissoni are minimalist and airy, but textured with collectibles and rugs from the Byzantine and Ottoman Empires, as well as Middle Eastern traditions and the Crusades era. Mamilla's art collection spans 100 years, from vintage 20th-century photos of the Old City to new-age 21st-century works. Success is also in luxurious details like exclusive Bulgari

toiletries, evening turndown, spacious closets, floor-to-ceiling windows and Frette sheets (in some suites your initials are embroidered on your pillow-case). The deluxe bathrooms are encased in transparent glass that changes to opaque at the push of a button. Mamilla is so popular it is expanding with a new wing of 19 deluxe suites, expected for 2024. **Dining/drinking:** The Mediterranean restaurant Happy Fish has both indoor dining and a breezy terrace. Dishes include sea bream tartare, fish shawarma and desserts of lemon, chocolate and honey. Greek gusto rocks Tuesdays, with music, mezze and specialties like grilled peppers, moussaka and sea bass with Ouzo. Mamilla always has something sociable happening, somewhere: the lobby Espresso Bar is a meeting place until late-night; the Mirror Bar holds tastings of fine Israeli wines; and the Executive Lounge is available to guests of certain rooms. The Ballroom,

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, seasonal). Signature Class has lie-flat seats. Aeroplan members have free Bell texting on most flights. **Mamilla Hotel:** 888-866-5338, 972-2-548-2200, mamillahotel.com; 11 King Solomon St., Jerusalem, Israel. Accessible. Part of the Set Collection of independent hotels. Kosher. Restaurants are closed Fri.-Sat., and Sabbath meals are served. **Rates:** Four levels of rooms/suites from approximately \$850 CND, including Nespresso, Wi-Fi, indoor pool, Akasha Wellbeing Center, sundeck, Sat. walking tour. Offers until Sept. 27 (some blackout dates apply): Three-night stay gets 10-per-cent discount. Fourth night free in some suites. Until Dec. 23, Luxury Suite deal includes airport transfer, Executive Lounge, champagne, early/late check-in-out, if available. **Extra:** spa treatments, fitness classes. **Israel tourism:** goisrael.co.

which opens to a leafy outdoor courtyard, serves a delectable breakfast buffet. The Rooftop is a dramatic open-air space with 270-degree views of Jerusalem and an international menu of sirloin tataki, roast goose, seared sea bass, salmon sashimi, lamb chops, beef Rossini or mushroom risotto. **Wellness:** The Akasha Wellbeing Center in Mamilla Mall has a Zen-inspired indoor pool, men's and women's steam baths, a gym and a meditation room with guided videos. Akasha also offers yoga, meditation and body treatments such as the Celebration for Two and the Seven Chakra Experience.

TV TIMES TONIGHT - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16											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	En direct de l'univers (N) (DS)		Comptine mortelle (N) (P)		Miss Scarlet, détective privée (N) (DS)		Le téléjournal (N)	Doc humanité (N)	
3 CBS	282	21	21	87	Channel 3 News (N)	InvestigateTV (N) (SP)	NCIS		48 Hours (N) (SP)		48 Hours (N)		
5 NBC	280	23	18	84	Big Ten Countdown	College Football Syracuse at Purdue (N)							
6 CBC	206	13	13	6	The Nature of Things War for the Woods		Short Film Face Off (N)		Disappearance at Clifton Hill ('19, Dra)	Hannah Gross, Tuppence Middleton.			
8 CJOH	229	-	-	10	Big Bang	Big Bang	2023 CCMA Awards (N)				The Amazing Race Canada		
9 MATV	-	9	9	9	Le Sommet	Ma ville, mon style	Vue sur le fleuve	À l'heure du	Fierté d'ici	Paroles d'auteurs	Justes milieux	Côté cour côté	
10 TVA	115	7	7	4	6:30 ** Monde Jurassique: le royaume déchu ('18)	Bryce Dallas Howard, Chris Pratt.			** Mortal Kombat ('21, Act)	Jessica McNamee, Lewis Tan. (P)			
12 CTV	70	11	11	7	Big Bang	Big Bang	2023 CCMA Awards (N)				The Amazing Race Canada		
17 TQc	138	8	8	3	6:00 Les enquêtes de Morse (N)		Pour une fois (N)		Belle et Bum (N)		:05 *** Le professionnel ('94)		
22 ABC	281	22	22	86	Football Studio (N)	College Football Pittsburgh at West Virginia (N)							
33 PBS	-	57	-	88	My Hero	Upstart Crow	Father Brown		Doc Martin		Luna & Sophie		
33 Noovo	114	5	5	5	6:30 ** Batman v Superman: l'aube de la justice ('16, Act)	Henry Cavill, Ben Affleck. (P)			:45 ** Jack Ryan: Recrue dans l'ombre ('14)	Chris Pine.			
44 FOX	283	46	36	85	4:00 College Football	BMW	College Football TCU at Houston (N)						
46 GBL	234	3	3	8	Border Security	Border Security	Renovation Resort (N)		48 Hours (N) (SP)		48 Hours (N)		
57 PBS	-	24	40	89	Mountain Lake	New York Now	Midsomer Murders		Agatha Christie's Poirot		Professor T		
62 CITY	207	14	14	14	Hudson & Rex		What We Do for Love ('23, Rom)	Jake Epstein, Tamara Almeida. (P)			Hudson & Rex		
A&E	615	39	-	90	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		Hip Hop Treasures (N)		
AMC	293	-	-	209	5:15 ** Con Air	:45 *** The Rock ('96, Act)	Nicolas Cage, Sean Connery.				:45 Ghost Rider		
APTN	23	10	58	16	Yukon Harvest	Merchants-Wild	Nation Untamed	Back to Roots		** Robin Hood ('10, Adv)	Cate Blanchett, Russell Crowe.		
CBCNN	502	48	48	18	The Fifth Estate		The Nature of Things		CBC News Live (N)	Marketplace	The Nature of Things		
CD	129	20	20	36	Tout sauf la maison	L'histoire extraord	Biographies WWE Kurt Angle (N)				** L'homme de l'année ('06) (P)		
CNN	500	36	27	81	CNN Newsroom With Jim Acosta (N)		Little Richard: I Am Everything ('23, Dra)				How It Really Happened Prince, The End		
CRVM1	300	-	-	211	:20 *** Belfast ('21, Dra)	Judi Dench, Caitriona Balfe.			*** Tár ('22, Dra)	Noémie Merlant, Cate Blanchett. (P)			
CTVDR	30	34	-	92	Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.		
CTVSc	90	32	-	101	6:00 *** Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban ('04)	Daniel Radcliffe.			*** Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire ('05, Fan)	Rupert Grint, Daniel Radcliffe.			
CV	135	44	35	44	Hollywood rénove avec les frères Scott		Mariage à l'aveugle		D'inventable à	Katherine est	17 ans et maman 2		
DISC	636	37	37	102	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		
FAM	556	-	-	64	** Alex Rider: Operation Stormbreaker ('06, Act)	Ewan McGregor, Alex Pettyfer.			Ruby and the Well		Degrassi	Degrassi	
HBO1	306	-	-	215	:10 David Byrne's American Utopia ('20, Mus)				Warrior		Rap Sh!t	:35 Winning Time	
HGTV	83	29	-	97	Property Brothers: Forever Home		Ugliest House	Ugliest House	Love It or List It		Love It or List It		
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 Grossesse en péril ('17)		Le Bang Bang Club ('10, Dra)	Taylor Kitsch, Ryan Phillippe.		:15 ** L'aigle de la 9e légion ('11)			
MUCH	570	35	-	112	6:45 ** Tag ('18, Com)	Jon Hamm, Ed Helms.			The Simpsons	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	
OWN	526	-	-	94	The Oprah Winfrey Show		The Oprah Winfrey Show		Ready to Love (N)		Love & Marriage: Huntsville		
PEACH	294	-	-	218	Atlanta Eats		Great Chocolate Showdown (N)		Masters of Illusion	Masters of Illusion	Atlanta News First Saturday at 10pm (N)		
RDI	126	19	19	19	6:30 Découverte (N)	Le national (N)	G. reportages Amour et différence (N)		Le téléjournal (N)	La facture (N)	Le téléjournal (N)	Le national (N)	
RDS	123	33	33	25	Avant-match soccer	Soccer MLS Fire de Chicago c. CF Montréal (N)			Sports 30 (N)	Sports 30 (N)	Contre toutes		
SC	73	205	205	205	:20 Off the Rails ('21, Com.-Dra)	Judi Dench, Kelly Preston.			Soft & Quiet ('22, Hor)	Stefanie Estes, Jon Beavers. (P)	:35 Antebellum		
SE	180	-	-	201	6:20 *** Tár ('22, Dra)	Noémie Merlant, Cate Blanchett. (P)			Crépuscule pour un tueur ('23)	Éric Bruneau. (P)	Cinéma		
SHOW	616	40	-	105	6:30 ** Green Lantern ('11, Act)	Blake Lively, Ryan Reynolds.			*** Superman Returns ('06, Adv)	Kate Bosworth, Brandon Routh.			
SLICE	27	-	-	99	6:30 ** Blue Crush ('02, Dra)	Matthew Davis, Kate Bosworth.			** We're the Millers ('13, Com)	Jason Sudeikis, Jennifer Aniston.			
SN1	418	-	-	184	MLB Baseball Boston Red Sox at Toronto Blue Jays						Blue Jays in 30	Blue Jays in 30	
SNE	406	38	38	179	6:00 MLB Baseball Texas Rangers at Cleveland Guardians (N)			Sportsnet Central	MLB Baseball Los Angeles Dodgers at Seattle Mariners (N)				
STARZ1	304	55	-	216	*** Charlie and the Chocolate Factory ('05, Child)	Freddie Highmore, Johnny Depp.		★ Fool's Paradise ('23, Com)	Ray Liotta, Charlie Day. (P)	:40 The Hangover			
TCM	292	-	-	219	6:30 ** The Shooting ('67)		*** Man in the Wilderness ('71, Adv)	John Huston, Richard Harris.			*** Jeremiah Johnson ('72)		
TLC	521	27	39	91	Dr. Pimple Popper		Sister Wives		Sister Wives		Sister Wives		
TLN	700	-	-	250	Cook Like an Italian	Mexican	Dolce Homemade	David Rocco's	*** Cliffhanger ('93, Act)	John Lithgow, Sylvester Stallone.			
TOONE	85	49	-	57	Teen Titans Go! & DC Super Hero Girls: Mayhem in the Mu...	:45 Transylvania			Batman: Animated	Superman: The	My Adventures with	Superman: The	
TOONF	87	45	34	53	Teen/:15 Teen	Teen/:45 Teen	American Dad	Family Guy	Les Simpson	La ligue des	Archer	American Dad	
TSN2	401	-	-	187	Coll. Football (N)	College Football Pittsburgh at West Virginia (N)							
TSN5	404	28	28	190	Bob McKenz	SC	UFC Fight Night: Grasso vs. Shevchenko 2 - Prelims (N)				UFC Fight Night (N)		
TV5	145	15	15	29	Lycée Toulouse Lautrec (N)		Taratata 100 pour cent live (N)					Basique/:50 Basique	
TVAS	193	-	-	23	Baseball MLB Phillies de Philadelphie c. Cardinals de St-Louis (N)						Coupe Davis 2023 Canada contre Chili		
TVO	22	-	-	71	Toughest Job (N)	:55 Ontario Hubs	World's Most	Ontario/ Short Doc	The Dakota Entrapment Tapes		:35 Millennial		
VISN	65	-	-	159	6:00 Endeavour		Sardari		Aikam		Journey of Healing	Waqt 4 U	
WGN	295	-	-	222	Paid Programming	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	WGN Weekend News at Nine (N)		
WSBK	296	-	-	223	6:00 College Football West Florida at Florida A&M (N)				Star Trek Day 2023		Big Bang	Big Bang	
YTV	25	-	-	65	6:00 ** The Angry Birds Movie ('16)		*** Stuart Little 2 ('02, Child)	Hugh Laurie, Geena Davis.			The Hardy Boys		
B – Bell TV; W – Vidéotron West Montréal; E – Vidéotron East Montréal; V – Vidéotron Illico													