

Luxurious Vista at Hilton Tel Aviv ‘a little house on a hill’



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The deluxe Hilton Tel Aviv and The Vista at Hilton Tel Aviv, the even more premium boutique hotel within a hotel, are two entities in one hospitality phenomenon.

The scintillating world capital of Tel Aviv is home to many prominent hotels, but the Hilton is in a class by itself. It's so comprehensive that it is almost a small kingdom with its own everything, including family features and unique gastronomy.

The Hilton rules a hilltop location surrounded by the peacefulness of HaYarkon (Independence) Park with views of the city's defining features — the Mediterranean Sea and the skyline of Israel's largest city.

"I think of it as a little house on a hill," said general manager Ronnie Fortis. "But one with a uniquely distinguished past and a dynamic, influential place today."

The Hilton accommodates leisure and business travellers, and the nearly 60-year guest register features luminaries as varied as Elie Wiesel, former Montreal concert maestro Zubin Mehta, Barbra Streisand, Elton John and Lionel Messi.

The Hilton's executive chef, Rafik Jabarin, and pastry chef Idan Hadad oversee a vast culinary kingdom — the Lobby Restaurant & Bar, which is a lively, international meeting place open 24/7, plus Café Med, the Pool Bar and a mighty banquet department with a capacity of up to 1,500 business delegates



The landmark Hilton Tel Aviv and its hotel within a hotel, The Vista at Hilton Tel Aviv, share a singular location between the Mediterranean Sea and HaYarkon Park. *AYA BEN-EZRI/HILTON TEL AVIV*

or partygoers. At the remarkable and exotic restaurant Darya, chef Hilel Tavakuli blends Persian, Libyan, Asian and Israeli flavours for what he calls Silk Road cuisine.

Hilton scene: The Hilton is a favourite among Canadians for its classic five-star amenities — a saltwater mega-pool fringed with palms, a children's pool and the Sheva Thai Spa & Fitness Center, all supporting a total of 393 modernized rooms and suites with stunning sea views and balconies (or Juliet balconies).

You can splurge on a \$100,000 diamond necklace at the H. Stern boutique, invest in avant-garde Israeli art for \$1,000-\$10,000 at the hotel's Eden Gallery, scoop up a \$100 beach dress at Knafoim or send a sunflower for \$10 from Ayushka, the florist. The Hilton is a prestigious and popular venue for celebrations, so the hair salon and the Sheva Thai Spa & Fitness Center are busy.

Family tips: Many rooms have

bathrooms, an increasing rarity, and children have free lodging (younger than 18), free breakfast (five and younger), and a kids playground (seasonal) with Lego and PlayStation.

It sounds like a lot, but The Vista at Hilton Tel Aviv Hilton has more.

The Vista: This exclusive hotel is a what-can-we-do-for-you kind of place. The Vista's premium rooms and suites, on floors 11 to 17 of the Hilton building, boast fresh, contemporary decor and superior 100 per cent cotton, 400 thread count sheets. Touchpads control lights and drapes and some of the loftier accommodations have essential, aromatic bath oils.

The Vista Lounge is the biggest advantage. It's like a private club with penthouse views, dedicated check-in-and-out and concierge desks. The buffet transitions throughout the day from breakfast to midday bites, afternoon tea and a light supper, plus cocktails and Israeli wines.

The Vista Lounge permits children; however, the 12th-floor executive lounge, open to executive room and Vista guests, is smaller, quieter and is open to ages 16 and older.

Silk Road cuisine: Darya chef Tavakuli creates what he calls Silk Road cuisine, a fascinating fusion of the Far East and the Mediterranean. An alum of Le Gavroche, the first Michelin-starred restaurant in London, he later made big splashes at two Tel Aviv standouts, Animar and Pastel.

Heightened by captivating sunset views over the Mediterranean, the Darya experience is complex and unique. It's also kosher, but you wouldn't know it except that it is closed on Fridays and Saturdays (daryatlv.com).

You might start with an Israeli aperitif with elderflower, ginger or cinnamon, along with sweet and spicy Chinese pickles or Iranian black garlic with golpar (an herb) and tamarind, followed by starters of yellowtail tuna with

IF YOU GO

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 (aircanada.com). Hilton Tel Aviv: hilton.com/en/hotels/tlvhitw-hilton-tel-aviv; The Vista At Hilton Tel Aviv: hilton.com/en/hotels/tlvvihi-the-vista-at-hilton-tel-aviv/; 972 3-520 2222, 800-548-8690; 205 HaYarkon St., Tel Aviv, Jaffa, Israel. Hilton Honors Program. Kosher. Accessible.

Prices (approximate): Hilton starts at \$770 Canadian; The Vista at Hilton Tel Aviv at \$980. All include breakfast (except Hilton Honors visits on points), pools, kids club (seasonal), spa facilities, evening turndown. Direct bookings through Hilton.com have discounts.

Tourism: Tel Aviv: visit.tel-aviv.gov.il. Israel: info.goisrael.com.

spicy pepper salsa, trout confit with seeds and nuts or crispy Asado (beef) salad with lemon grass.

Main courses change and often are variations on grilled duck, roast fish, kofte, lamb short ribs, prime rib with marrow, trout with curry or seared tuna with chili.

TV TIMES TONIGHT - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1												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	6:30 Découverte (N)	Le gros laboratoire	Tout le monde en parle (N)				:20 Le téléjournal (N)	:50 Sports express		
3 CBS	282	21	21	87	60 Minutes (N)		Yellowstone (N)		Yellowstone (N)		Big Brother (N)			
5 NBC	280	23	18	84	Football Night in America (N)		:15 NFL Football Kansas City Chiefs at New York Jets (N)							
6 CBC	206	13	13	6	Heartland (N) (SP)		The Great Canadian Baking Show (N) (SP)	SkyMed (N) (SP)			The National (N)			
8 CJOH	229	-	-	10	4:25 NFL Football (N)	NFL on CTV Live (N)	Football Night (N) / :15 NFL Football Kansas City Chiefs at New York Jets (N)							
9 MATV	-	9	9	9	Cuisine	Kanamouche	FAR La ruelle aux	LaP'tite/ FAR 2022	Ma première place des arts		En toute intimité	Jazz@vue		
10 TVA	115	7	7	4	6:30 Chanteurs	Révolution (N)			Martin Matte en direct		TVA Nouvelles (N)	Denis Côté: suivre		
12 CTV	70	11	11	7	4:25 NFL Football (N)	NFL on CTV Live (N)	Football Night (N) / :15 NFL Football Kansas City Chiefs at New York Jets (N)							
17 TQC	138	8	8	3	Deux hommes en or		c Inch'Allah ('12, Dra) Sabrina Ouazani, Evelynne Brochu.				Pour une fois			
22 ABC	281	22	22	86	America's Funniest Home Videos (N) (SP)		c ★★ Jungle Cruise ('21, Adv) Emily Blunt, Dwayne Johnson. (P)					Fun Videos		
33 PBS	-	57	-	88	Midsomer Murders		Professor T (N)	Unforgotten on Masterpiece (N)			Van der Valk on Masterpiece (N)			
35 Noovo	114	5	5	5	6:30 Occupation Double Andalousie (N)		Occupation Double Andalousie (N)	c ★ Le garçon d'à côté ('15, Act) Ryan Guzman, Jennifer Lopez.						
44 FOX	283	46	36	85	4:25 NFL Football (N)	The OT (N)	The Simpsons (SP)	Krapopolis (N)	Bob's Burgers (SP)	Family Guy (N) (SP)	FOX44 News at 10	What Matters		
46 GBL	234	3	3	8	60 Minutes (N)		Yellowstone (N)	Yellowstone (N)			Big Brother (N)			
57 PBS	-	24	40	89	Death in Paradise		Professor T (N)	Unforgotten on Masterpiece (N)			Van der Valk on Masterpiece (N)			
62 CITY	207	14	14	14	Black Community	Black Community	The Simpsons (SP)	Krapopolis (N)	Bob's Burgers (SP)	Family Guy (N) (SP)	Hudson & Rex			
A&E	615	39	-	90	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48			
AMC	293	-	-	209	c ★★ Halloween H20: 20 Years Later ('98, Hor) Adam Arkin, Jamie Lee Curtis.				The Walking Dead: Daryl Dixon (N)		:10 Ride With Norman Reedus (N)			
APTN	23	10	58	16	6:00 C We Are Still Here ('22)		Coming Home (N)				c Rhymes for Young Ghouls ('13)			
CBCNN	502	48	48	18	The Fifth Estate		CBC News Network (N)		The National		The National			
CD	129	20	20	36	Évincés: les aînés contre-attaquent		Douanes sous	Douanes sous	Démasqués	Sur ta rue	Les pires erreurs d'ingénierie			
CNN	500	36	27	81	CNN Newsroom With Jim Acosta (N)		CNN Newsroom With Jim Acosta (N)		José Andrés & Family in Spain (N)		Stanley Tucci: Searching for Italy			
CRVM1	300	-	-	211	6:10 C ★★★ No Time to Die ('21, Act) Rami Malek, Daniel Craig.				Starstruck (N) (SP)	Starstruck (N)	Billions (N)			
CTVDR	30	34	-	92	Chicago Fire		Almost Paradise (N)		c Aurora Teagarden Mysteries: Something New ('23) Evan Roderick, Skyler Samuels.					
CTVSc	90	32	-	101	c ★★★ Iron Man ('08, Act) Terrence Howard, Robert Downey Jr..				:45 C ★★ Iron Man 2 ('10) Gwyneth Paltrow, Robert Downey Jr..					
CV	135	44	35	44	Deux soeurs: 1000 livres		Dre Boutons		Les bébés miracles		Souper parfait	Souper parfait		
DISC	636	37	37	102	Highway Thru Hell		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced			
FAM	556	-	-	64	c A Monster in Paris ('11, Ani) Voices of Catherine O'Hara, Adam Goldberg.				Crime Scene Kitchen		Degrassi	Degrassi		
HB01	306	-	-	215	Movie	Black Art: In the Absence of Light			The Ringleader: The Case of the Bling Ring (N)		:40 Love & Death			
HGTV	83	29	-	97	Ugliest House	Ugliest House	Ugliest House	Ugliest House	Ugliest House in America (N) (SF)		Good Bones (N)			
HIST	84	47	-	107	6:00 True Story Part Two		Beyond Skinwalker Thomas Miller Ranch		The Secret of Skinwalker Ranch (N)		Beyond Skinwalker Bradshaw Ranch Pt. 2			
MAX	142	48	32	32	6:00 C Le pacte des copines ('22)		c ★★ La blonde de mon père ('98, Dra) Susan Sarandon, Julia Roberts.				Cinéma			
MUCH	570	35	-	112	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	American Dad!	American Dad!		
OWN	526	-	-	94	The Oprah Winfrey Show		The Oprah Winfrey Show		Love & Marriage: Huntsville (N)		Put a Ring on It (N)			
PEACH	294	-	-	218	Fight to Survive		The Chosen (N)		Funniest Animals		Atlanta News First Sunday at 10pm (N)			
RDI	126	19	19	19	6:30 Enquête (N)	Le national (N)	La semaine verte (N)		Le téléjournal (N)		Les coulisses du pouvoir		Le national (N)	
RDS	123	33	33	25	4:00 Football NFL (N)	Blitz: avant-match	Football NFL Chiefs de Kansas City c. Jets de New York (N)							
SC	73	205	205	205	Movie	c Deadly Mom Retreat ('21, Thril) Christina Cox, Lara Amersey.		Clean Sweep (N)			c Snakehead ('21) Jade Wu, Shuya Chang.			
SE	180	-	-	201	6:10 C À l'ombre des filles ('21) Agnès Jaoui.		c ★★ Whitney Houston: I Wanna Dance With Somebody ('22, Dra) Stanley Tucci, Naomi Ackie.				:25 C ★★★ Elvis ('22)			
SHOW	616	40	-	105	NCIS: Hawai'i		NCIS: Hawai'i		NCIS: Hawai'i		c ★★★ Bumblebee ('18) Hailee Steinfeld.			
SLICE	27	-	-	99	6:30 C ★ Identity Thief ('13, Com) Melissa McCarthy, Jason Bateman.				The Real Housewives of New York City (N)		Ghosts	Ghosts		
SNI	418	-	-	184	Poker Everything in its Wright Place - Pt 1		Poker Week 5: Everything in Its Wright Place		Plays of the Month	Plays Week	Blue Jays in 30	Blue Jays in 30		
SNE	406	38	38	179	Blue Jays in 30 Best of the Season						Sportsnet Central (N)			
STARZ1	304	55	-	216	5:50 C ★★★ King Kong ('05, Adv) Jack Black, Naomi Watts.				Power Book IV: Force		Shining Vale	Shining Vale		
TCM	292	-	-	219	5:15 C ★★★ Lolita ('62) James Mason.		c ★★★ Carousel ('56, Mus) Shirley Jones, Gordon MacRae.				:15 C ★★ On Moonlight Bay ('51) Doris Day.			
TLC	521	27	39	91	6:00 90 Day Fiancé: Before the 90 Days		90 Day Fiancé: Before the 90 Days (N)				Sister Wives (N)			
TLN	700	-	-	250	Cook Like an Italian	Gino's Italian	Searching-Chef	Searching-Chef	c Dogman ('18, Thril) Edoardo Gero, Marcello Fonte.					
TOONE	85	49	-	57	c Scooby-Doo! WrestleMania Mystery ('14) Matthew Lillard.		:45 Transylvania	Batman: Animated	Superman: The		My Adventures with	Young Justice		
TOONF	87	45	34	53	Teen/ :15 Teen	Teen/ :45 Teen	American Dad	Family Guy	Les Simpson	La ligue des	c Batman: Soul of the Dragon ('21)			
TSN2	401	-	-	187	Top 50 Def	Top 50 Goals	MLS Soccer Real Salt Lake at Los Angeles FC (N)				SC	Breaking D		
TSN5	404	28	28	190	Football Night in America (N)		:20 NFL Football Kansas City Chiefs at New York Jets (N)							
TV5	145	15	15	29	c ★★ La maison du bonheur ('06, Com) Michèle Laroque, Dany Boon.			Boutiques	Manger le monde		:55 Quelle époque! (N)			
TVAS	193	-	-	23	6:30 Lutte WWE: Raw	Baseball MLB Rays de Tampa Bay c. Blue Jays de Toronto						Red Bull Cliff Diving		
TVO	22	-	-	71	Striking Balance	:55 Ontario	Treasures	:50 Ontario Hubs	The Life-Sized City	:55 Ontario	Charlotte's Castle			
VISN	65	-	-	159	Jim Cantelon Today	Ankerberg	David Jeremiah	Amazing Facts	Prop. Conn	Word for Today (N)	Joel Osteen	Peter Youngren		
WGN	295	-	-	222	Paid Programming	Larry Potash	Big Bang		Last Man Standing		WGN Weekend News at Nine (N)			
WSBK	296	-	-	223	The King of Queens	Patriots Fifth Quarter (N)		The King of Queens	SEAL Team		Seinfeld	Seinfeld		
YTV	25	-	-	65	6:00 C How to Train Your Dragon: Hidden...		c ★★ How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World ('19) Jay Baruchel.				Junior Chef Showdown			