



# Tel Aviv-Jaffa (Yafo)

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## Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Miznon (p128)
- ➔ Orna and Ella (p129)
- ➔ Catit (p131)
- ➔ Bindella Osteria & Bar (p131)
- ➔ Ali Caravan (p135)

## Best Places to Stay

- ➔ Shenkin Hotel (p125)
- ➔ Hotel Montefiore (p125)
- ➔ Mendeli Street Hotel (p127)
- ➔ Old Jaffa Khan (p127)
- ➔ Beachfront Hotel (p127)

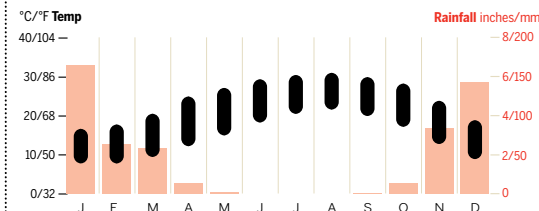
## Why Go?

Israel's second-largest city – modern, vibrant and cosmopolitan – is one of the country's greatest assets, a sun-bronzed strip of coastline where coffee and culinary innovation are the local obsessions, where residents speak every language under the sun, and where life is lived outdoors and to the fullest.

The Unesco-listed Bauhaus-era buildings that give the place its popular title of 'White City' are a major draw, as is the historic port of Jaffa (Yafo), which has a fascinating Arab heritage. But the city's real attraction is the local lifestyle. Visitors tend to get into the Tel Aviv swing of things straight away, flitting between contemporary art galleries and chic cafes one day, artisan boutiques and blissfully balmy beaches the next. A few days here is fun, but a week can be a revelation – don't miss it.

## When to Go

### Tel Aviv



**Mar–May** Hot-pink bougainvillea flowers, and locals reclaim the outdoor tables at cafes.

**Jun–mid-Sep** Visitors party during Tel Aviv Pride (June) and recover at the beach.

**Dec–early Mar** Though cold and occasionally wet, the city is blessed with winter sun.



## Tel Aviv Highlights

- 1 Joining swimmers, sun-lovers and scenesters on the golden sands of Tel Aviv's world-famous **beaches** (p121).
- 2 Investigating the bohemian bars and boutiques in Jaffa's historic **Flea Market** (p118).
- 3 Contemplating impressionist masterpieces and contemporary artworks at the **Tel Aviv Museum of Art** (p110).
- 4 Checking out stylish cafes and Unesco-listed Bauhaus buildings on and around **Rothschild Boulevard** (p108).
- 5 Bar-hopping in the hipster hang-out of **Florentin** (p136).
- 6 Enjoying exciting modern Israeli cuisine at a restaurant run by a local **celebrity chef** (p131).
- 7 Walking, jogging or cycling through the green expanse of **Park HaYarkon** (p121).