



Dead Sea Highway

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Why Go?

Sometimes you've got to get down low to find the real highlights. The Dead Sea is the example par excellence – to be found quite literally at the lowest point on earth. Taking a dip takes on a new meaning here, as the intensely salty water keeps you so buoyant you'll be bobbing about like a cork rather than gracefully swimming a few strokes. Dead Sea mud famously doubles as a skincare product, but you can take things to a more luxurious level at one of the many high-end spas that line the coast here.

The region is more than just brine and therapeutic massages, however. Stretch your legs by hiking in the beautiful nature reserve of Wadi Mujib, and sleep in a candlelit eco-resort, or get to know the local Bedouins by joining a pioneering community-tourism project.

When to Go

- ➔ Blisteringly hot and humid from May to October, and chilly from December to January, the best time to enjoy the Dead Sea pleasure domes is around February and November – perfect for sunny swims and balmy dining al fresco. Catering to the peak tourist season at this time, resorts offer live entertainment.
- ➔ Those looking for adventure should aim for spring: the Dead Sea Ultra Marathon brings physical activity to a seashore more famous for sunning than running, and hikes along water-bound Wadi Mujib are free from the danger of flash flooding.



Dead Sea Highway Highlights

- 1 Descend to the depths for a bob in the **Dead Sea** (p109), the lowest land elevation on earth, before scaling the heights with a cocktail at a lavish spa resort.
- 2 Relax mind and body at a famous **Dead Sea spa** (p116), applying mud used for cosmetic purposes since the time of Herod.
- 3 Place the Dead Sea in historical and geographical context at the informative **Dead Sea Panoramic Complex** (p115).
- 4 Wallow in hot springs at **Hammamat Ma'in** (p116), one of the region's thermal oases.
- 5 Drive from high ground to low ground towards the **Dead Sea Highway** (p114) for the best views in Jordan.
- 6 Splash through the canyon pools of **Mujib Biosphere Reserve** (p117), keeping an eye open for ibex.
- 7 Get a taste of traditional village life at the **Zikra Initiative** (p109) community-tourism project.