

Eilat, Southern District, Israel

At the crossroads of four countries, Eilat delivers a collision of stark desert peaks and a jewel-clear Red Sea teeming with neon-hued tropical fish — all in a duty-free zone that never sleeps.

 Pier (direct dock)

 Typical call: 8-10 hrs

 Israeli New Shekel (ILS)

 Hebrew / English widely spoken

 Year-round sunshine

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — ships dock directly at the commercial port, no tender required

Best For: Snorkeling, reef diving, Dolphin Reef, duty-free shopping, Petra day trip

Walk to center: ~2.5 km to North Beach promenade; shuttle or taxi recommended in summer heat

Don't Miss: Coral Beach Nature Reserve — Israel's best snorkeling, ~9 km south of port (taxi or bus)

Getting around:  Taxi  25–40 ILS to city center

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Coral Beach Nature Reserve Snorkel** — About 9 km south of the cruise port (taxi or Egged bus line 15). getting wet.
- Dolphin Reef** — A resident pod of bottlenose dolphins roams a protected lagoon.
- Coral World Underwater Observatory** — Descend 12 metres below the sea in a glass observatory tower to watch natural reef life without
- Timna Park Desert Geology** — 25 km north of Eilat, some of the world's oldest copper mines sit beneath towering red sandstone formations.
- Petra Day Trip (Jordan)** — The rose-red Nabataean city is a once-in-a-lifetime sight.

BEST WALKS

- Pier to Dekel Beach** 1 km · ~15 min · Flat — A short, mostly flat walk north along the shore from the cruise pier to Dekel Beach, the closest swimming spot to the port.
- North Beach Promenade Stroll** 2.5 km from pier · Flat · Take taxi or shuttle one way — The main pedestrian esplanade runs along the Gulf of Aqaba waterfront past hotels, restaurants, and shops.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		87°	64°	0d
Jun		99°	75°	0d
Aug		102°	79°	0d
Sep		98°	75°	0d
Oct		90°	69°	0d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 6:14AM–7:06PM · Jun 5:40AM–7:41PM · Aug 6:08AM–7:20PM · Sep 6:25AM–6:45PM · Oct 6:41AM–6:09PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Build in extra re-boarding time. Israeli port security is thorough — queues can form. Be back at the pier at least 45-60 minutes before all-aboard.
- Hydrate constantly. Eilat's desert heat is no joke. Carry water everywhere, even in winter. Summer temperatures regularly hit 40°C+ (104°F).
- Pack water shoes. Most Eilat beaches are pebbly rather than sandy. Water shoes make entry into the Red Sea far more comfortable.
- Duty-free shopping. Eilat is a VAT-free zone — electronics, cosmetics, and clothing are 17% cheaper than elsewhere in Israel. Great for last-minute buys.
- Petra is tempting but risky solo. The border crossing can cause multi-hour delays. Only go to Petra on a ship-sponsored excursion that guarantees a late departure if you're stuck.
- Check current itinerary status. Red Sea security concerns have led many cruise lines to modify or cancel Israeli port calls since late 2023. Confirm your call is on before planning excursions.

Eilat, Southern District, Israel — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



1 Gai Avud A scenic hiking trail through Eilat's unique desert wadis.

3 Nightmare Horror Maze An indoor, interactive horror maze for thrill-seekers.

5 Musical Fountain Eilat A captivating fountain show with music and lights.

7 Dekel Beach A popular, family-friendly beach with calm waters and facilities.

P Cruise port / terminal

2 שמורת טבע חוף האלמוגים Eilat's protected coral reef for snorkeling and diving.

4 Sharif Hussein bin Ali Mosque A prominent mosque and religious site in Eilat.

6 Hananya Beach - חוף חנניה - ספורט ימי ושיט A lively beach offering various water sports and sailing.

8 Eilat Ornithological Park A unique park for observing migratory birds and nature.