

Haifa, Northern District, Israel

Built on the slopes of Mount Carmel above a deep-blue bay, Haifa is Israel's most visually dramatic city — home to the world headquarters of the Baha'i Faith, a UNESCO-listed terraced garden, and one of the most walkable cruise terminals in the Eastern Mediterranean.

Pier (docked — no tender)

Typical call: 8-10 hrs

Israeli Shekel (ILS) — cards everywhere

Hebrew & Arabic; English widely spoken

Shabbat: trains stop Fri sunset–Sat sunset

MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Docked at Haifa Port Cruise Terminal — no tender

Best For: Baha'i Gardens, Crusader history in Acre, Galilean day trips

Walk to German Colony: 10–15 min flat walk along Ben Gurion Blvd

Don't Miss: Free guided descent of the 19-terrace Baha'i Gardens

Getting around: **Taxi** ✓ ₪25–40 (~\$8–11) · **Rideshare** ✓ Gett

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Baha'i Gardens — Free Guided Descent** — Nineteen perfectly manicured terraces cascade down Mount Carmel to the golden-domed Shrine of the Báb — a UNESCO World Heritage site and global...
- Acre (Akko) — Crusader City Day Trip** — A UNESCO World Heritage walled city just 25 minutes by train.
- Nazareth — Galilee Biblical Sites** — About twenty-five miles southeast, Nazareth is the childhood home of Jesus and Israel's largest Arab city.
- German Colony & Wadi Nisnas Walk** — Walk straight out of the port to the German Colony's restored 19th-century Templar stone houses, now lined with cafes and restaurants.
- Carmel Center & Louis Promenade** — Take the Carmelit funicular from Paris Square to the Carmel Center at the top of the mountain, then walk the Louis Promenade for panoramic views of...

BEST WALKS

- Port to German Colony & Baha'i Lower Gate** 1.5 km | ~20 min | Flat — Walk from the cruise terminal along Ben Gurion Boulevard through the heart of the German Colony — a straight, shaded street of restored stone houses with cafes and...
- Wadi Nisnas Market Loop** 1 km loop | ~30 min | Flat — From the German Colony, dip into Wadi Nisnas — Haifa's Christian-Arab quarter known for its open-air market, street murals, and legendary street food.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		71°	58°	5d
Jun		80°	70°	2d
Aug		86°	76°	1d
Sep		84°	75°	1d
Oct		81°	70°	5d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:10AM–7:09PM · Jun 5:31AM–7:49PM · Aug 6:03AM–7:24PM · Sep 6:23AM–6:46PM · Oct 6:44AM–6:06PM

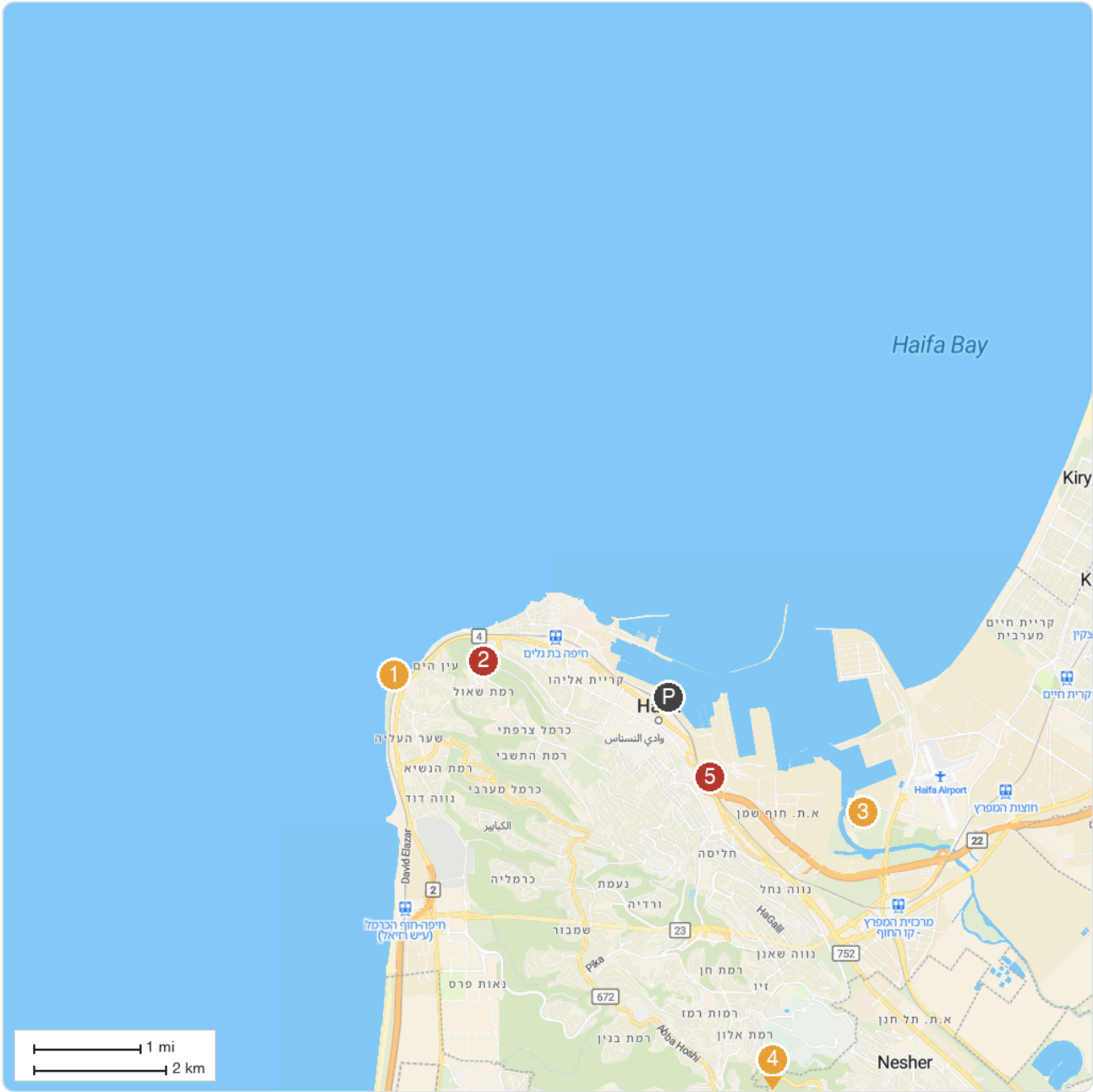
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Shabbat shuts down transport: From Friday sunset to Saturday sunset, trains, most buses, and the Carmelit stop. If docking on Saturday, use taxis or a ship excursion — they run all day.
- Baha'i Gardens dress code is strict: Shoulders and knees must be covered — no shorts or sleeveless shirts. Pack a scarf or light layer. Gardens close on Baha'i holy days and in rain.
- Cards accepted almost everywhere: Israeli Shekels (ILS) are the currency but Visa/Mastercard tap-to-pay works even at falafel stands. No need to exchange cash before the ship.
- Acre is the easiest DIY day trip in Israel: Direct train from Haifa Center HaShmona (next to the terminal) takes 25–30 min and runs frequently. No tour needed — just walk out of Akko station to the Old City.
- Baha'i Gardens guided tours: The only way to walk the full 19 terraces is on a free official guided tour. Check that day's schedule at ganbahai.org.il — no advance booking for individuals. Tours typically run mid-morning.
- Eat in Wadi Nisnas, not the tourist strip: The German Colony is lovely but pricey. Walk 5 minutes into Wadi Nisnas for the real food — falafel, sabich, and freshly made hummus at a fraction of the price.

Haifa, Northern 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.



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| 1 Tel Shikmona | Ancient archaeological mound revealing layers of past civilizations. | 2 Stella Maris Monastery | Carmelite monastery on Mount Carmel with stunning views. |
| 3 Kishon River Authority | Environmental body managing the Kishon River's rehabilitation and park. | 4 Hai-Bar Nature Reserve | Wildlife reserve reintroducing endangered animals to the Carmel region. |
| 5 The Israel Railway Museum | Museum showcasing Israel's railway history and historic locomotives. | P Cruise port / terminal | |