

Into the forest – SUMMER SCHOOL 2019

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Transportation from the airport:

Ben Gurion Airport is Israel's major international gateway. It is located on the outskirts of the Tel Aviv metropolitan area, 115km from the workshop venue. A ride between Ben Gurion Airport and Haifa should last about an hour to an hour and a half. The following transportation options are available:

WARNING:

On Shabbat (between Friday afternoon – Saturday evening) there is no public transportation (no trains nor busses).

Train:

There is direct train service (costs NIS 35.5≈\$10) between Ben Gurion Airport and Haifa, with trains almost every hour all night long and, mostly, twice an hour during the day. Tickets are purchased at the **vendor** or the automatic machines at the entrance to the train station – 50 meters from the arrivals gate at the same building).

Your destination is Haifa Hof HaKarmel station, **which is the first stop in Haifa**. From there take a taxi to the Bay View hotel (The taxi should costs 60–100₪ ≈ \$15–\$30).

If you wish to come by bus, take bus line 133 or 132 or 3 (30min, costs NIS 5.9), tickets can be purchased from the driver, to the Bay View Hotel.

Please see this link for the train's time table:

<http://www.rail.co.il/EN/Pages/HomePage.aspx>

PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO ELECTRICITY WORKS, THERE ARE NO DIRECT TRAINS FROM THE AIRPORT TO HAIFA FROM FRIDAY AT 24:00 (BETWEEN THURSDAY AND FRIDAY) UNTIL SATURDAY NIGHT (21:27).

There will be shuttles from the airport to Tel Aviv Savidor Mercaz, and from there you can take a train to Haifa.

Please see the link below for more details about this:

<https://www.rail.co.il/en/pages/updates/t-change.aspx>

Taxi:

Amal taxi operates shared taxi service from Ben Gurion Airport to Haifa (costs NIS150 ≈ \$42). This transport serves up to 10 passengers per vehicle and will leave the airport upon filling the cabin, so you may experience some waiting time until departure. This service takes each passenger to her/his own destination, thus possibly prolonging the trip in Haifa itself. Alternatively, there are "individual" taxis from the airport (costs approximately NIS 450; on Shabbat—between Friday evening and Saturday evening—the price may be higher). Taxis operate continuously regardless of Shabbat.

Other details you may want to know:

Electricity: The electric current in Israel is 220 volts AC, single phase, 50 Hz. Most Israeli sockets are of the three-pronged variety (Type H) but should accept the Europlug and, in many cases, some other European two-pronged plugs (Types E and F) as well. Electric shavers, traveling irons and other small appliances may require adapters / transformers, which can be purchased in Israel.

Haifa, Israel's third largest city, is situated in a broad natural bay between the Mediterranean Sea and the Carmel mountain range. The city's terraced landscape offers a rich variety of breathtaking panoramas. The city has many museums and cultural centers as well as restored quarters, historic sites, and 17 km of beaches. Haifa's famous tourist attraction is the Bahá'í World Centre, with the golden Shrine of the Báb and the surrounding gardens, considered one of the wonders of the world. Haifa is a good starting point for visiting tourist attractions such as Acre (25km), Nazareth (40km), Sea of Galilee (60km) and Caesarea (40km). Jerusalem is only 150km away.

Currency: The currency used in Israel is the New Israeli Shekel (NIS). You cannot pay with any other currency in Israel.