

Transportation

From the airport to Haifa Hof-HaKarmel

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.

Train:

Between Sunday-Thursday there is a direct train service (costs 35.5 NIS) between Ben Gurion Airport and Haifa. There are trains almost every hour and, usually, twice an hour during the day.

Due to public transportation adherence to Shabbat observance, there are no trains on Friday and Saturday.

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.

Train's timetable: <http://www.rail.co.il/EN/Pages/HomePage.aspx>

Bus:

There is a nightline bus 905 (Cost 34 NIS) from Terminal 3 start at 22:30 and the last one is at 3:30.

Your destination is Haifa Hof HaKarmel station, which is the first stop in Haifa

From the train station to the Hotel \ guest house

Taxi:

From the train station in Haifa, take a taxi to the Dan Panorama Hotel \ Technion Guest House (The taxi should cost 60-100 NIS).

Bus:

If you wish to come by bus, there is a central bus station adjacent to the train station.

1. To the Dan Panorama Hotel take bus line 133 or 132 or 3 (every 30 min, costs 5.9 NIS),
2. To the Technion take bus line 1 or 11 or 17 (costs 5.9 NIS). Line 1 is the fastest and takes approximately 30 minutes. The other 2 lines take up to an hour.

Busses' timetable: <http://mslworld.egged.co.il/?language=en#/linenumber/1/0/0-0/>

Cable car:

An additional way to reach the Technion is to take a cable car (Cost 5.9 NIS) from **Hutsot HaMifrats station** directly to the Technion. The cable car operates Sunday-Thursday between 6:00-0:00, Friday 6:00-17:30 and Saturday 20:30-00:00. **Hutsot HaMifrats station** is the 4th stop in Haifa. The cable car is located near the station and the first station is at the Technion.

From the airport (directly) to the hotel**Service Taxi from the Airport to Haifa:**

1. Service taxis (Sherut) to Haifa and the surrounding regions depart from the service post in Ben-Gurion airport, Level G, next to Gates 01-03. There are signs directing to the post.

The service operates 24 hours a day. Telephone: 04-8662324 and costs between 77-120 NIS.

2. A private taxi can also be found in Level G next to gate 03 or can be ordered in advance. Telephone:04-8222222. The ride costs about 670 NIS.

Transportation during the conference

Transportation will be arranged every day during the conference from the hotel to the Technion and back.

Further information

Rav-Kav

Bus fare is only accepted through a card called a Rav-Kav, HopOn App or Moovit App. Note that bus drivers no longer have cash with them at all, so it is impossible to buy tickets from them.

Rav-Kav is an electronic ticket used on public transport in Israel. It can be loaded using cash or credit card. The Rav-Kav can be used with both bus and train transportation in Israel. The Rav-Kav card is much more convenient as it means travelers do not need to worry about carrying cash.

Rav-Kavs have two categories, including a personalized card and an anonymous card. For travelers, an anonymous card is advisable, there are several designated locations in which you can buy a Rav-Kav (costs 5 NIS) including all train stations, the Central Bus Station, and the arrival hall of Ben Gurion Airport.

Money can then be loaded onto the Rav-Kav at the same train and bus station locations where the card is purchased. Additionally, there are several places throughout the city where Rav-Kavs can be loaded. Super Pharm, Good Pharm, and other convenience stores and kiosks can all load Rav-kavs. You can also load the Rav-Kav on your phone with the Rav-Kav Online app.

Credit cards & currency exchange:

1. Most banks, including those at the airport and on campus, will exchange major currencies, such as USD and Euro, for Israeli Shekels (NIS).
2. All major credit cards are accepted in Israel.
3. Israeli Shekels can also be obtained at most Automatic Teller Machines (ATMs), including at the airport and on campus.