

GALIL - TAVOR TOURISM

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The Lower Galilee is one of Israel's most beautiful regions, and has everything you need for a peaceful holiday and wonderful nature hikes. An abundance of mountains and cliffs, pastures and vineyards, streams and springs, all nestled between villages with a fascinating history, excellent inns and cozy B&Bs, fantastic restaurants and a host of activities for the entire family to enjoy. Best of all – everything is just a short car ride from central Israel.

This guide will show you the different sides of the Lower Galilee: trails for all skill levels, family attractions, dining and accommodation recommendations, and a sneak peek into the history and stories of the local villages. Read up and head out – the Lower Galilee awaits!

Map of the Lower Galilee





Amirim

Kfar Nahum National Park

The Beatitude Monastery

Tabgha

Sea of Galilee

Lavra Netofa

Ravid

Migdal

Arbel Nature Reserve

Kfar Zeitim

Arbel

Kfar Hittim

Tiberias

Horns of Hattin

Hamat Tiberias National Park

Ilaniya

Poria

Kinneret

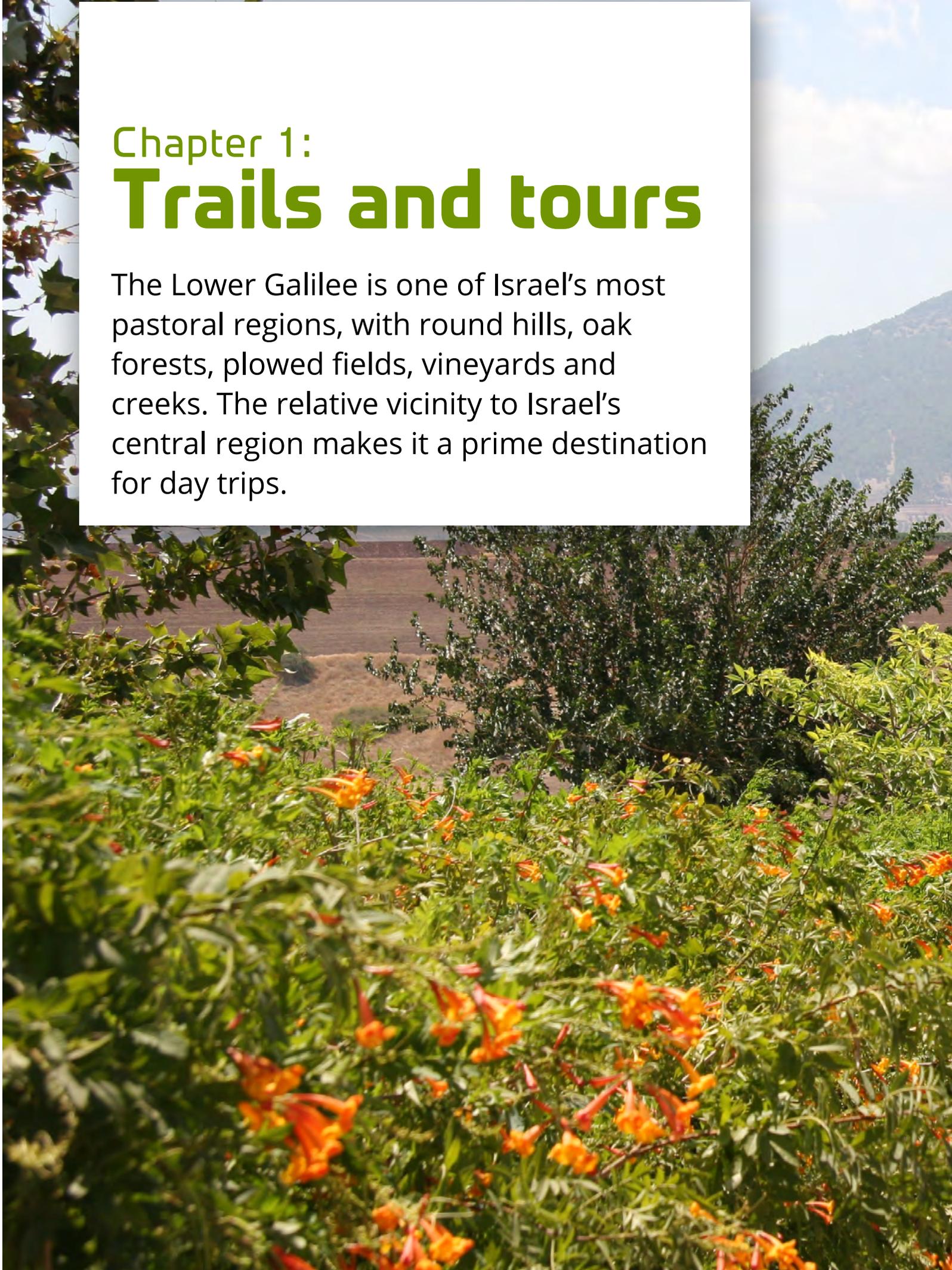
Kvutza Kinneret

Alumot

Yavne'el

Har Yavne'el

Tavor Mountain Reserve
Kfar Tavor
Mount Tabor

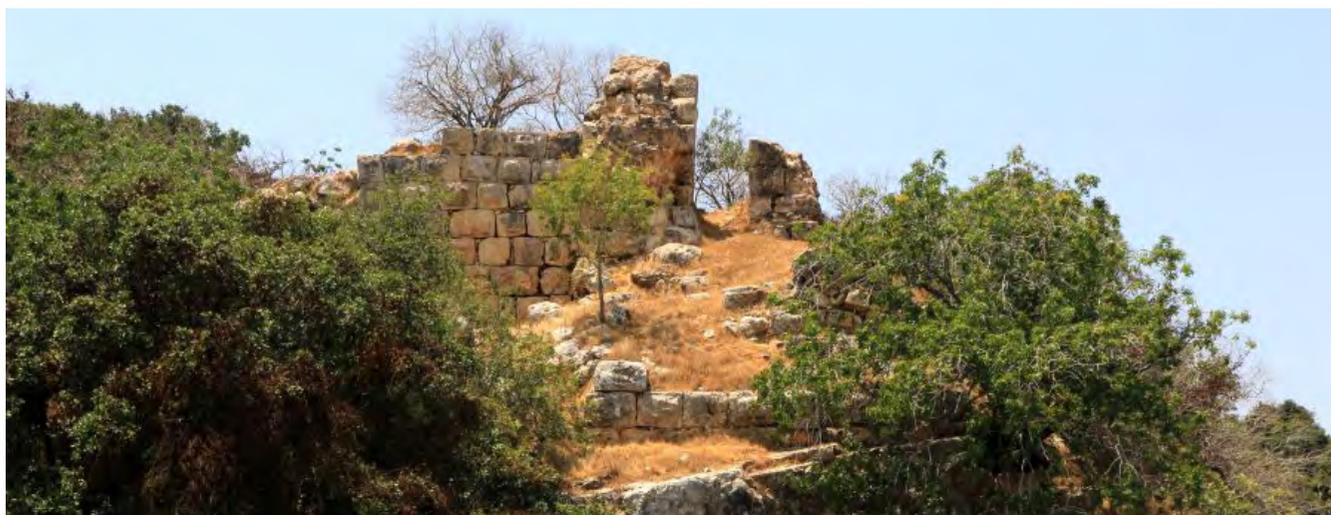
A scenic view of a valley with green hills and a large body of water, framed by a white text box. The foreground is filled with lush green foliage and numerous bright orange trumpet-shaped flowers. In the background, a wide valley opens up, showing a large body of water and distant hills under a clear sky.

Chapter 1:

Trails and tours

The Lower Galilee is one of Israel's most pastoral regions, with round hills, oak forests, plowed fields, vineyards and creeks. The relative vicinity to Israel's central region makes it a prime destination for day trips.





Family trail: Top of Mount Tabor

Start and finish: Parking lot outside the Church of Transfiguration

Trail length: 2km

Difficulty: Easy

Suitable for: Families

Getting there: Take route 65 from Afula towards Golani junction, and turn left at Tavor junction to route 7266 (follow the signs leading to Daburiyyah). At the main roundabout, turn right and follow the

signs to the mountaintop and monastery. After approximately five minutes, turn right onto a narrow, winding road leading to the mountaintop. Drive carefully! You will arrive at an unmarked intersection. Take the road on your right, pass through an ancient stone archway and continue straight to the church parking lot.

At only 562 meters high, Mount Tabor is one of the most beautiful and iconic mountains in Israel. It is known for its rounded peak, protruding above its surroundings and visible from afar. The climb to the top is far from easy and is best suited for experienced hikers. That said, hiking the summit (which is easily reached by car) is a fun

adventure for the whole family. Start at the parking lot near the Franciscan Church of Transfiguration, and if time is on your side, pay a short visit to the magnificent church, one of the country's gems. To the left of the church is a small observation deck with a spectacular view of the region.

Follow the church driveway





toward the stone archway you had passed on your way in. You will reach a dirt path marked with black trail markers. This is the starting point for the circular route, which passes through a grove of oak, pistacia, pine and carob trees. In winter and spring, the grove is littered

with magnificent flowers. Stay on the trail and circle the summit while enjoying stunning views from every direction. Stop at the green trail markers, and take the left of the green-marked paths. Continue for about 500 meters until you circle back to the parking lot. ●

For experienced hikers: Arbel Cliff

Start and finish: Arbel National Park parking lot

Trail length: 4km

Difficulty: Difficult

Suitable for: Experienced hikers

Getting there: From

Golani junction, head towards Tiberias and turn left to route 7717, following the signs to Moshav Arbel. Shortly before the entrance to the settlement, turn left to the national park.

The trail leading to the Arbel Cliff is one of the most beautiful and challenging routes in Israel, not because of its length – only four kilometers long – but because of its steep descent and ascent. Start at the information station at Arbel National Park (paid entry) and head on the black-marked trail towards the Carob



Observatory. Named after the lone carob tree, the clifftop observatory offers wonderful views of the Sea of Galilee, the Golan Heights and Mount



Hermon. A red-marked path leads to the bottom of the cliff. Descent is via metal grips. Climb down carefully! Once you have reached the bottom, continue with the red-marked path at the foot of the cliff to the east. You will be able to see some of the prehistoric caves in which the insurgent Arbel dwellers barricaded themselves when they battled Herod's army. Continue along the trail

until you reach the steep stairs leading up to the cave fort. These are the ruins of a 17th-century fort, the walls of which are made of black basalt and white limestone. Coming back from the fortress, return to the path and follow the steep ascent back to the parking lot. This trail includes climbing via metal grips. Once you have climbed back up, follow the footpath to the parking lot. ●

Water trails: Tabor Stream

Start and finish: Unpaved parking lot near Kibbutz Gazit

Trail length: 8km

Difficulty: Medium

Suitable for: Experienced families

Getting there: Turn east from route 65 to route

7276, into Kibbutz Gazit.

Cross the kibbutz and exit from the back gate to a dirt road. Follow it for approximately 800 meters and turn right to a red-marked dirt road. This is the starting point.





Tabor stream, which originates at the mountains of Nazareth and flows southeast down to the Jordan River, is one of the country's slices of heaven – particularly in late winter and early spring, when the stream is flowing heavily alongside blooming purple lupines. The trail is

of moderate difficulty, and suitable for experienced families; the trail ends in a steep ascent.

The trail begins with a steep 2.5 km descent down a dirt path culminating at the channel. Turn left and begin walking up the creek following the blue trail markers. Enjoy the shady



ash, prairie and plum trees, and if you visit during winter and springtime, you will be treated to the blooming anemones, asphodels, poppies and buttercups, and the star of the show - the mountain lupine, which drapes the banks of the creek in blue and purple beauty. The

highlight of the route is the basalt canyon, a narrow, 1.5km-long crevice with basalt walls. In winter, the water flows through the canyon, forming waterfalls and small pools. Bathing is not advised, but you can dip your feet. Walking the canyon involves easy climbing via metal grips.

After exiting the canyon, continue along the channel. Nearby Tel Rechesh can be spotted ahead, an impressive mound dating to the Early Bronze Age. From here, continue north until you reach a fork in the road. Turn left onto the blue-marked path. After a steep ascent you will reach an observation point named after Oren Lifshitz, a

member of Kibbutz Gazit who was killed in the Second Lebanon War. This is a great place to rest after the strenuous hike, offering spectacular views of the creek, Mount Tabor and the Belvoir Fortress. From there, continue on the blue path until its marking changes to black, then keep onward on the red path until you return to the starting point. ●





Bicycle route: Beit Keshet Single Track

Start and finish: Entrance to Beit Keshet Scenic Trail, some 300 meters before the Kibbutz gate.

Trail length: 22km

Difficulty: Medium

Suitable for: Experienced bikers

Getting there: From Route

no. 65, between Kfar Tavor and Golani junction, turn off towards Kibbutz Beit Keshet. After about 1,200 meters, follow the signs to Beit Keshet Scenic Trail and park in the parking lot on your right.



The Beit Keshet trail was the first KKL single track cycle path in northern Israel, and for good reason. It is a beautiful, challenging track with incredible scenery – whether it be oak forests, pine groves, or the open fields and orchards around the round peak of Mount Tabor. Twelve of the route's 22 kilometers are single tracks, with a cumulative elevation gain

of 500 meters; ascents are of moderate difficulty. It is a counter-clockwise route, marked by illustrated raindrops surrounding a cyclist – the narrow end of the drop indicates the direction of riding. The track starts with a moderate climb of about 1.5km, until you reach the single track. The ascent continues, but the effort pays off once you see

vistas and blooming fields below. After about 4.2km, cross the scenic trail and enter the forest section. The ride continues through open terrain. At the end of the climb you can stop and take in the majestic views of the area. From here you will ride about 1km on a double track, then turn left and continue on the scenic single track. The final portion of the single track is a challenging rocky ascent, culminating in a 3km double which eventually merges with the scenic trail.

On the scenic trail, turn left and continue to ride for 300 meters until you reach Mount Tabor lookout. This is the perfect place to rest and take in the views. Once you're ready, continue

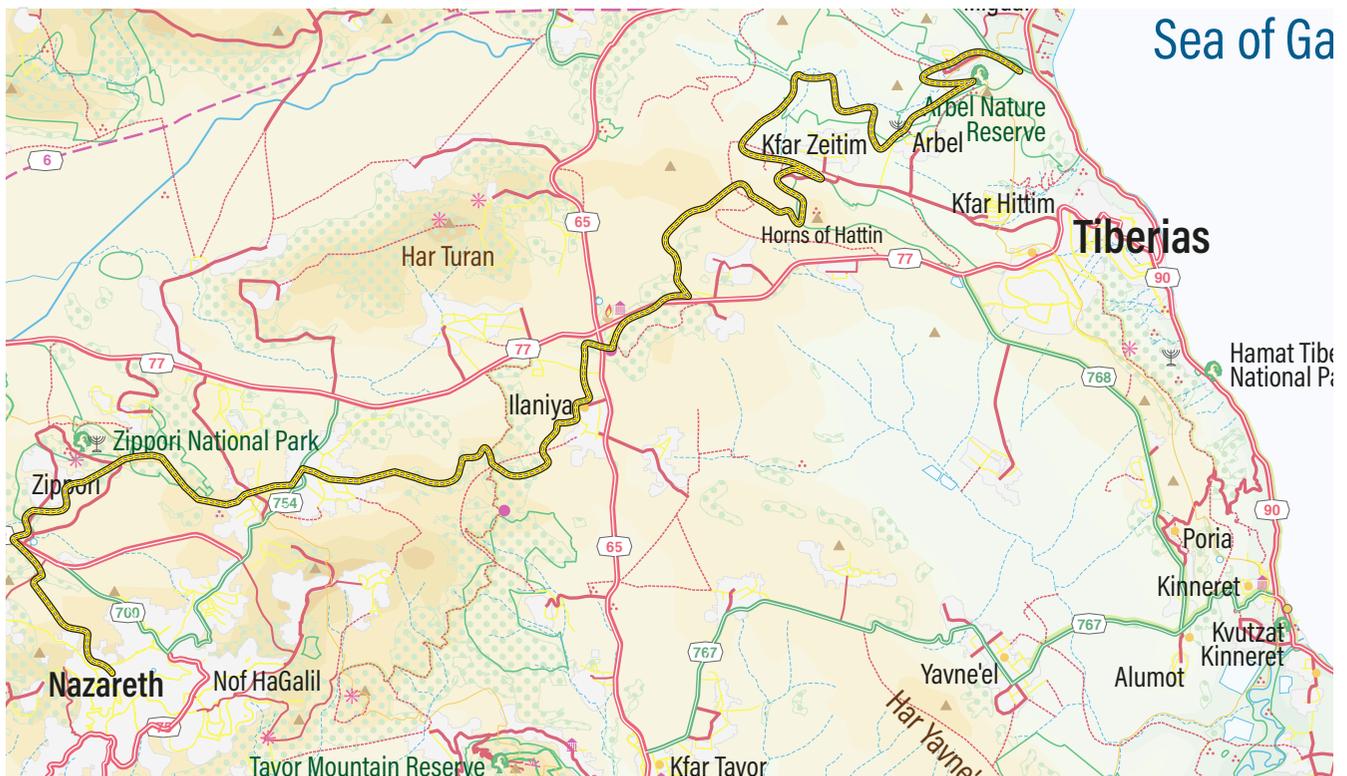
with the single track that turns right, leading to a challenging descent through rocky terrain. The descent culminates in a double track leading to Dvora Creek channel, then turn left for another uphill single. Breathe deep: it is a slow, 1km ascent that ends with a fun, rewarding downhill ride. You will come to a wide road where you will turn left and then right, keeping with the single track for another 900 meters of whirlwind descent until reaching a rocky path. Turn left on the path, then right to continue the single – a real treat for experienced riders: steep descents, endless inclines, rocks and dense vegetation. At the end of the single you will reach

another rocky path. Turn left and ride until you reach the starting point.

Note: The trail crosses the scenic route in several places. Make sure you come to a full stop and ensure that the road is clear before crossing. Riding after rainfall is inadvisable, due to the muddy trail.

Jesus Trail

The Jesus Trail is stretching over 65 kilometers and passes through various stations in the life of Jesus Christ, all the way from Nazareth to Capernaum. Maintained by volunteers and marked with white-orange-white stripes, the trail passes through the majestic scenery of the Lower Galilee, revealing it



in all of its beauty. Follow the path of Jesus' ministry and visit such places as Nazareth, Cana, the Arbel valley and cliffs, the Sea of Galilee, Migdal and Capernaum. Best divided into four or five segments, it is a beautiful trail, full of history, spirituality and unparalleled views.

Nahal HaShiv'a

Nahal HaShiv'a is located north of Mout Tabor, on the eastern slopes of the Nazareth ridge. It is a lovely rehabilitated nature

reserve. Approximately 2km long, the trail is great for hikers, cyclers and vehicles of all types. The rehabilitated stream runs alongside an oak forest and a eucalyptus grove, and is particularly beautiful in the winter, when its waters rush wildly to merge with Tabour stream. Nahal HaShiv'a can be reached via route 65 from Kfar Tavor towards Kaduri School, route 65 from Gazit-Shibli Junction, or from the Beit Keshet Scenic Route. ●

Other Lower Galilee trails:

Arbel creek, Tur'an cliff, Mizpe Netofa and Yaaranim Fortress, Lauder Milk observatory (Beit Rimon), Shvil HaChamisha spring (Shadmot Dvora), Karnei Hittin and Nabi Shua'yb, Ein Sharona.

Chapter 2:

Things to do: sites and attractions

Visitor centers, historic sites and family activities are only a few of the attractions the Lower Galilee has to offer. See the complete list at the end of this chapter.





דבורת התבור



Ben-Zvi Hut

Visit the residence of Israel's second Prime Minister, Yitzhak Ben-Zvi, and his wife, Rachel Yanait, where countless debates and meetings of the state's leaders took place. Now a commemorative site for the Ben-Zvi family, the hut invites visitors to see the original furniture and modest lifestyle of the couple, and watch a moving film about the couple and their son, Eli, who was killed in 1948 while defending Kibbutz

Beit Keshet.
Reservations required.

**Where? Kibbutz Beit
Keshet, 04-6767122**



Dvorat Hatavor

Operated by beekeepers Yigal and Malka Ben Ze'ev, Dvorat Hatavor visitor center has been offering tours on bees, honey and silk for the whole family for 26 years. Visit the honey extraction processing site and hear all about how bees make honey, and their

importance to nature. Join a beekeeper at the bee observation where you can see the bees in action, and learn about silk production at Israel's only silk farm. There are plenty of activities for kids, including beeswax candle making and more. Also on site – honey product shop. Tours take place three times a day, Sun—Thu, Saturdays and holidays, at 10:00, 12:00 and 14:00; Fridays and holiday eves, 10:00 and 12:00.

**Where? Shadmot Dvora,
04-6769598**

Derech HaEtz

An adventure park offering numerous hands-on attractions, with emphasis on trees and nature. You will find a winding wood-

paneled maze, a carpentry workshop, wood art making and a relief of the country, with explanations about the typical fauna for each region. Also



on site: putt-putt golf, mini-bowling, pedal go-karts, and more. For an additional fee, you can ride golf carts round the village, in the open fields and through the orchards. An organized camping site is also available.

**Where? Shadmot Dvora,
04-6620606**



Golani Memorial and Museum

A memorial site for the IDF's Golani brigade, complete with a museum that illustrates its legacy. The memorial site is situated in a forested area and is comprised of structures, models and a memorial hall. On display at the Golani museum are various weapons, maps of battle grounds, journals and reconstructed

outposts, as well as a short video and an audiovisual presentation.

**Where? Golani junction,
04-6767215**

The Letterpress

The only traditional letterpress in Israel where you can experience printing using printing presses more than 100 years old. Workshops are available for families and groups, and teach ancient

printing techniques. Participants create and take home notebooks, cardstock, writing boards and more.

Where? 5 Hagefen St., Kfar Kisch, 052-4081177, 054-9373793

The Marzipan Museum

Marzipan lovers would not want to miss this

museum at Mount Tabor. Marzipan workshops for the whole family take place on weekends and holidays. Visitors can also purchase delicious marzipan and other health products, some of which are almond-based, at the Shaked Hatavor outlet on site.

Where? Kakal Ave., Kfar Tavor, 04-6772111



Cheers: recommended wineries



Netofa Winery

A kosher winery specializing in elegant wines made from grape varieties grown at Kibbutz Ein Dor in the Lower Galilee, including Syrah, Mourvèdre and Chenin Blanc. The wine room offers guided wine tastings, meals and workshops. Reservations required for tastings during the week; no reservation required on Fridays.

**Where? Mizpe Netofa,
04-6786454**

Tabor Winery

An industry veteran, Tabor Winery is known for its prestigious wines, made from varieties including Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Shiraz, Gewurtzraminer and



more. Try some samples at the winery's visitor center, accompanied by professional information and delightful cheeses.

**Where? Kakal Ave., Kfar
Tabor, 04-6760444**

Sites and attractions, wineries, workshops and tourguides			
Business name	Description	Location	Phone
Kal Vachomer	Furniture workshop	Ilaniya	052-3217379
Zohar Tours	Tours	Ilaniya	050-6241655
Esther Shmueli Stephman	Tourguide	Ilaniya	050-7498683
Ben Zvi Hut	Home of the second Prime Minister of the State of Israel	Beit Keshet	04-6767122
Yoga and Dance	Yoga and body rehabilitation workshops	Beit Keshet	052-5269993
Health from Nature	Chinese emdicine therapy	Beit Keshet	052-8710966
Galilean Chinese Medicine	Acupuncture, Tui Na and therapeutic touch	Beit Keshet	052-5563955
Noam HaAretz Tourist and educational initiatives	Tours	Beit Rimon	054-9938399 050-5471754
Ron Shachrur - private taxi	Tours	Givat Avni	052-6560224
Min HaStam - group workshops	Handcrafted Tora books, mezuzahs, scrolls and unique Judaica	Hazorim	052-3052617
Ruthi Giovanni - body treatments and oil massage	Shiatsu and Thai massage	Kfar Zeitim	052-2827140

Sites and attractions, wineries, workshops and tourguides			
Business name	Description	Location	Phone
The Letterpress	Antique printing press	Kfar Kisch	052-4081177
Galilean Safari	4X4 safari truck adventure	Kfar Kisch	052-6974440
Circassian Heritage Center	Visitor center showcasing the history of the Circassian people	Kfar Kama	04-6888082 website
Marzipan Museum	Marzipan workshops for the whole family	Kfar Tavor	04-6772111
Tabor Winery	Winery tour and tasting	Kfar Tavor	04-6760444
Netofa Winery	Wine workshops, tastings and hospitality	Mizpe Netofa	04-6786454
Golani Memorial and Museum	Golani Division memorial site and museum	Golani junction	04-6767215
Kibbutz Lavi Equine Farm	Horseback riding	Kibbutz Lavi	058-4598448
Ceramidi	Ceramics workshops	Sde Ilan	050-3231083
Tamar Weissman	Tourguide	Sde Ilan	054-2317606
Derech HaEtz	Adventure park for the whole family	Shadmot Dvora	04-6620606
Dvorat Hatavor	Bee farming and honemaking visitor center	Shadmot Dvora	04-6769598

Sites and attractions, wineries, workshops and tourguides			
Business name	Description	Location	Phone
Yarok BaShvil	Electric vehicle tours for families and groups	Shadmot Dvora	050-4443474
Man and Jewel Musuem	A personal journey into the artistic development of man and jewelry	Shadmot Dvora	050-8484940
Galilean Cycling	Bicycle tours for families and couples	Shadmot Dvora	058-4598448
Yoga Time	Meditation and destressing workshops	Shadmot Dvora	054-3344437
Inbalim	Rustic home design gallery	Shadmot Dvora	054-8170677 ;050-3044490
Ofer Drori	Guided tours in Israel and abroad	Shadmot Dvora	052-8312744
Tal Assaf	Tourguide	Sarona	050-7300901
Tali Hemo	Heartfelt touch	Sarona	052-3706629

Chapter 3: **Eating out**

Stopping for food? The Lower Galilee has an abundance of options, from chef restaurants to picturesque cafes and excellent pizzerias. Here are just a few recommendations, the complete list is at the end of the chapter.







Sirin

A rustic chef restaurant at Kfar Kisch, at the foot of Mount Tabor. Inspired by Parisian cuisine, Sirin serves French dishes made from locally sourced ingredients. You can enjoy such classics as onion soup and beef stroganoff, alongside unconventional breakfasts and a kids' menu. Not kosher.

**Where? Kfar Kisch,
053-9428631**

[website](#)

Al Mokhtar

This grill restaurant has been around for years, and attracts visitors traveling Israel's northern region. The rich menu includes a variety of salads and appetizers, grilled meats, fish and other home-style dishes straight from the stove. Large portions at affordable prices.

**Where? Golani junction,
04-6769249**

Cafederazia

A charming café at the heart of Kfar Tavor, featuring locally-sourced ingredients. The menu offers breakfasts, salads, pastas, sandwiches, hamburgers and vegan dishes. You can also stop by for coffee and dessert. In the evenings, the café is transformed into a quaint bar, serving wine, beer and cocktails.

Where? 32 Hameyasdim St., Kfar Tavor, 04-6766233
[website](#)



Kiano

A pleasant restaurant located at Hamaayan Park in Kfar Tavor. You can find light snacks such as edamame, onion rings and seasoned



fries, as well as salads, sandwiches, focaccias, pizzas and excellent, juicy hamburgers. When the kids have used up all of their patience, they can enjoy the playground and run around on the lawns while the parents enjoy a delicious meal in peace. At night, Kiano becomes



a lively bar with music, beer on tap, live music and screenings of sporting events.

Where? Park Hamaayan, Kfar Tavor, 050-6942842
[website](#)

La Tavor

An unusual pairing – Italian kitchen meets

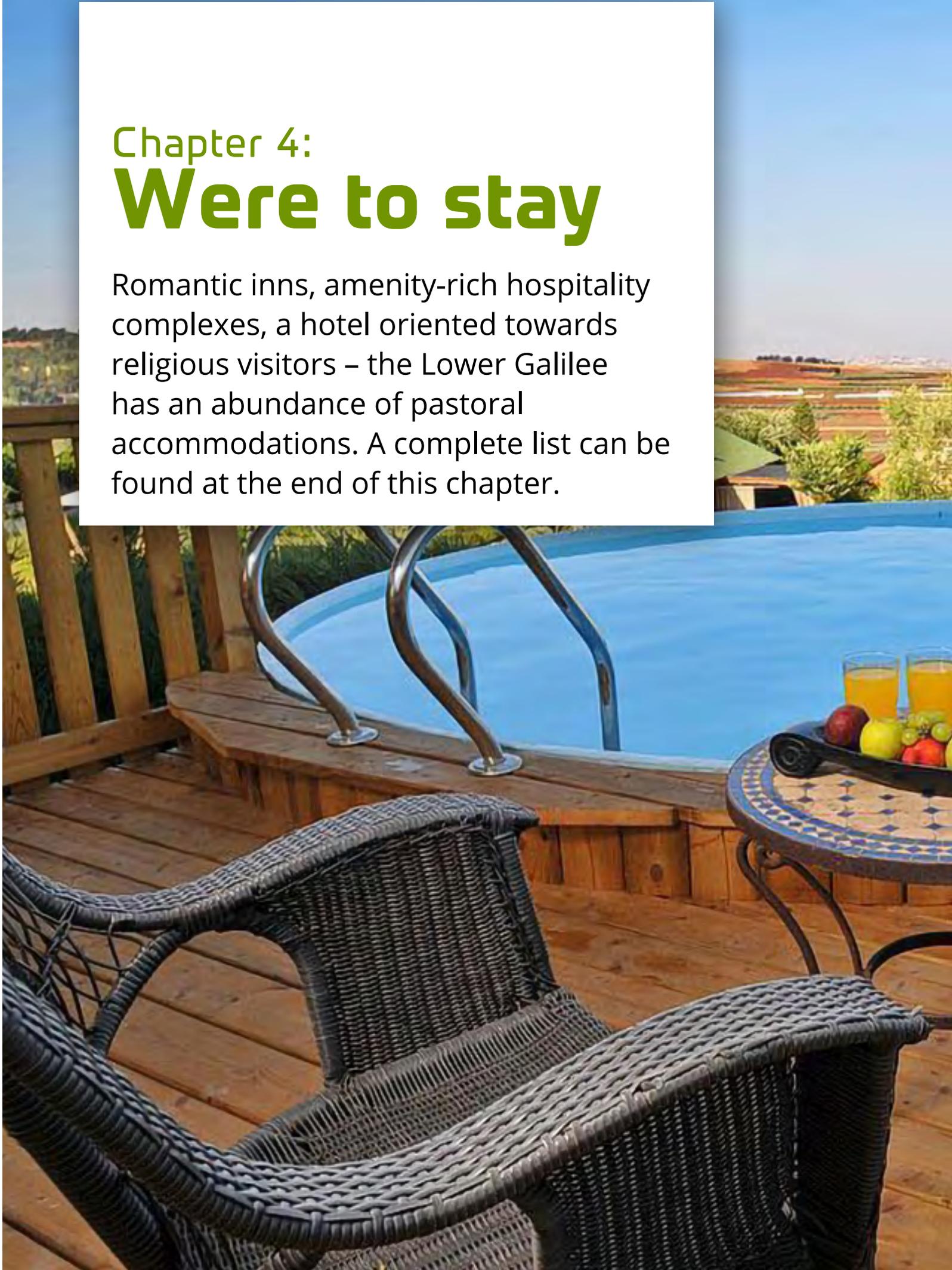
Circassian cuisine. The menu offers homemade pizza and pastas alongside traditional Circassian pastries and dishes. The Circassian breakfast, with local cheeses and freshly baked bread, is not to be missed.

Where? 6 Lechi St., Kfar Tavor, 04-6053330

Restaurants, cafes and pizzerias		
Business name	Location	Phone
Sirin	Kfar Kisch	04-6760976
Al Mokhtar	Golani junction (Menta gas station)	04-6769249
Bakery	Sarona	052-8686834
Pizza Pazaz	Kaduri (Dor Alon gas station)	073-7519900
Shimi's place - restaurant	Kidmat Hagalil industrial park	052-5330570
Monk roadside food and experience	Masad - Arbel Observatory	055-6886700
Cafe Cafe	Golani junction	04-6221668
McDonald's	Golani junction	052-9440007
Cafederazia	32 HaMeyasdim St., Kfar Tavor	04-6766233
La Tabor	6 Lechi St., Kfar Tavor	04-6053330
Kiano resto-bar	Park Hamaayan, Kfar Tavor	050-6942842
Cafe Greg	2 Bazelet, Kfar Tavor	04-6480018
Aldo ice cream	2 Bazelet, Kfar Tavor	04-6942565
Vontage 66 - restaurant	Kfar Tavor	050-4777607
Har Tavor grill restaurant	Kfar Kama (Sonol gas station)	073-7598942
Anatolia authentic restaurant	Kfar Kama	054-4698522
Hani pizza	Kfar Kama	04-6766948

Chapter 4: **Were to stay**

Romantic inns, amenity-rich hospitality complexes, a hotel oriented towards religious visitors – the Lower Galilee has an abundance of pastoral accommodations. A complete list can be found at the end of this chapter.







Bilha's Provence

A luxury bed and breakfast comprised of two lofty wooden cabins for couples or a family with up to four children. Each cabin has a submerged hot tub, fireplace, large windows and a balcony with a view, in addition to a private garden. The complex also offers a shared garden with outdoor seating, and a pool overlooking the olive groves.

Where? Sde Ilan
050-5996228

Segera

A luxury complex in Ilaniya, offering three lofty wooden cabins, a mini-villa for up to 10 guests, and a large villa for up to 15 guests. All accommodations have all of the amenities. The villas have a fully equipped



kitchen, dining room and a hot tub. The pleasant lawn overlooking the Galilean vista has shady trees, hammocks, outdoor seating and a playground for kids. Guests are welcome to use the pool



(heated during the winter) and a pool table, and enjoy a rich breakfast.

Where? Ilaniya
052-2595055, [website](#)

Nof Einsof

Two white wooden cabins overlooking the expanses of Mount Tabor and lush fields. The meticulously decorated cabins are for couples only, and include luxury



furniture, a fireplace, spacious bathroom and a fully equipped kitchen, including an espresso machine. The private wooden deck has a heated pool and a hot tub with breathtaking views.

Where? Kfar Kisch
050-8917447

Muskat

A high-end holiday farmstead with a family

suite and three romantic wooden cabins, each with a private garden. The cabins have hot tubs and a balcony overlooking the pastoral scenery; the suite has a living room, two bedrooms, a spacious balcony and a dining room. The complex has a giant pool and a horse farm from which you can set off on riding trips in

the area.

**Where? Shadmot Dvora
054-8030318**

Bar BaKfar

A hospitality complex offering six cabins, some for families and others for couples. All cabins have a Jacuzzi on the balcony or in the yard. The complex also has a large villa fit for families or several



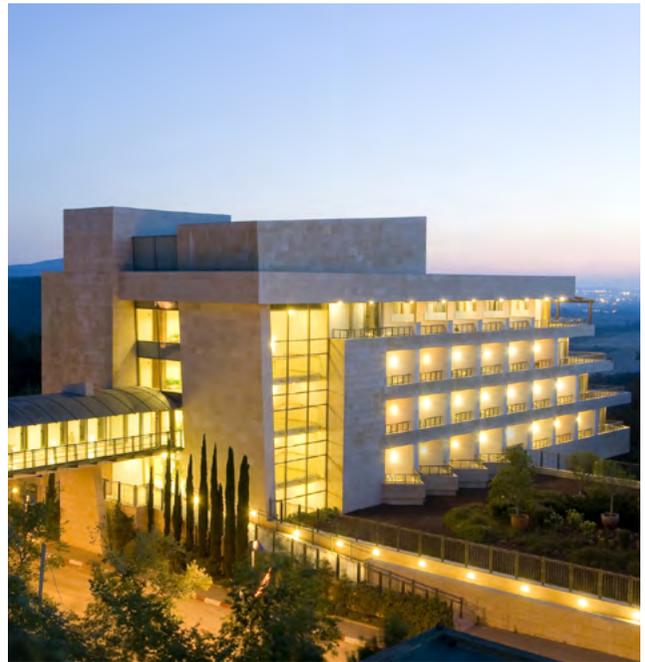
couples, with four units and a shared living room, fully equipped kitchen and a dining room. The lawn is decked with outdoor seating and hammocks, a BBQ grill, pizza oven, trampoline and a ping-pong table. Also on site: a boutique winery and a large swimming pool overlooking Mount Tabor and the private vineyard. Guests are treated to a hearty breakfast.

Where? Sarona

052-2262754, [website](#)

Hotel Lavi

Hotel Lavi caters to the Jewish religious public. Surrounded by pastoral views, the hotel offers a variety of rooms, including rooms with balconies, garden views and suites.



On site is a synagogue, a kosher (mehadrin) restaurant, heated and covered pool, a toddler pool, dry sauna, gym, a tennis court and a playground for children. The hotel is an excellent starting point for trips in the area. Bicycle rentals also available.

Where? Kibbutz Lavi

077-9775501, [website](#)

Inns, bed and breakfasts and hospitality complexes			
Location	Business name	contact person	Phone
Ilaniya			
	Hemdatiya	Atalyah	054-5331033
	Segera	Noga	052-2595055
	Four Seasons at the Galilee	Etti	054-7399828
	Sunrise at the Village	Bracha	054-3137772
	Deep Green-ecological experience	Hadar	054-2558791
Arbel			
	Arbel Vacation Rentals	Benny/ Carmel	050-5281911, 04-6793355
	Shavit Bed and Breakfast	Sarah/Israel	04-6794919
	Amir Rooms to Let	Amir	050-7898500
	Arbel Bed and Breakfast	Doron	052-2823046
	Arebelit BaKfar	Yossi	054-6794325
	Switzerland in Arbel	Ze'ev	052-2817027
	At the Foothills of the Arbel	Anat	052-6230643
	Beyond silence	Irit	054-4231644
Beit Keshet			
	Sweet Home	Liat	052-5269993
	Beit Keshet Hospitality	Anat	052-8710966

Inns, bed and breakfasts and hospitality complexes			
Location	Business name	contact person	Phone
	A Home Away from Home	Gal	052-4544672
Givat Avni			
	Villa on the Hill	Gabi	050-5125555
Hazor'im			
	Atnachta	Avi	052-2032009
	Anima	Yehuda	052-3052617
	Bait Bamoshav	Bonita	0546270166
Kfar Zeitim			
	Milk and Honey Suites	Ronit	052-3493546
	Nof Hatzuk Cabins	Bat El	050-6382687
	Alat HaKineret Villa	Shimon	052-2153500
	Aviv BaKfar	Aviva/Rafi	053-2344936
	Bait BaKfar	Ofra	04-6732380
Kfar Hittim			
	Ahava Bed and Breakfast	Elizabeth	050-2737555
	Margo'a Bakfar	Ilana	050-4586645
Kfar Kisch			
	Dror Batavor	Orly	050-4078006
	Nof Einsof	Tami	050-8917447
	Noah BaTavor	Nochi/ Shulamit	052-2837397

Inns, bed and breakfasts and hospitality complexes			
Location	Business name	contact person	Phone
	Mount Tavor View Villa - Alei Eshel - Kfar Kisch Experience	Yossi	052-8255355
	Beraleh	Guy/Yael	050-8555119
	Bait BeKisch	Sarah	050-5441972
Lavi			
	Lavi Hotel		073-7598822
Masad			
	Tzofei HaTzuk	Miri	052-4402792
	Malkat HaNof	Malka/Ovad	052-6446031
	Two Lovers	Inbal	054-9192212
	Yaari Bed and Breakfast	Shira	054-6540778
	Bustan Shulamit Villas	Shulamit	04-6784518
	Kinneret View Villa	Nelly/Chaim	054-5226917
	Hostel Indigo	Kobi	052-2610533
Mitzpe			
	Neve BaKfar	Pnina	052-3253271
Mitzpe Netofa			
	Nof Eretz Hagalil	Yehudit	052-5257197
	Atmosphere and View Beit Sapir	Rachel	050-7483558
	BeTzel HaBustan	Sigal	050-8567889

Inns, bed and breakfasts and hospitality complexes

Location	Business name	contact person	Phone
	Roga Bagalil	Malachi	052-5802569
Sde Ilan			
	Bilha's Provence	Bilha	050-5996228
	Vilanit - Pninit	Pninit	050-7341551
	Shir LaKinneret	Yaniv	054-7534888
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Chapter 5:

Nabi Shuayb and Karnei Hittin

A visit to Karnei Hittin and Nabi Shuayb is a combination of beautiful vistas and memories of a bitter battle between Muslims and crusaders. Once a year, in July, the historic event comes to life.



Karnei Hittin, a dormant volcano and the stage for a famous 12th century battle, is a wonderful combination of nature and history. Its

Heights and the Galilee. Visitors come here for the beautiful nature, but also for the rich history.

On July 4, 1187, the army of the Crusader States of



name comes from the two horn-like peaks (Keren means horn in Hebrew), and from its top sprawls a beautiful panorama: the Sea of Galilee, the Gilad Mountains, the Golan

the Levant met with the Muslim armies of Saladin in an epic battle. It was no ordinary battle: it was the apex of a longstanding conflict between the Muslim and the Crusaders,

and the beginning of the end for the Crusader States.

Saladin had been seeking an opportunity to destroy the crusader kingdom, and latched on to the hostility of French nobleman Raynald of Châtillon as a reason to start a war. The crusaders advanced from Zippori

toward Tiberias, but were ambushed by Muslim archers and cavaliers and eventually came to a halt at the foothills of Karnei Hittin. Lacking water and suffering from the intense heat, the crusaders soon found themselves in a dire state. Despite their valour, the majority of the crusader army was



defeated. Nearly all crusader towns in Israel surrendered shortly after. The Regnum Hierosolymitanum group for history reenactment holds a historic recreation of the battle every summer. Dozens of participants take part in the historic recreation of the crusader period, and preparations include

lessons in fencing, archery period dancing and more. At the event, the reenactors don helmets and suites of armor, bear swords, lances and bows, and some even ride horses.

But there is more to Karnei Hittin than scenery and historic tales of war. Nearby is the Druze site, Nabi Shu'ayb, the





alleged resting place of the prophet Shu'ayb, traditionally identified as Jethro. The Druze people believe that the prophet came to spend his final days in a cave near Karnei Hittin. His followers buried him and erected a monument. Legend has it that on the night before the battle of Karnei Hittin,

Saladin dreamed of an angel who promised him victory in battle if he rode his westward. The angel added that the place in which Saladin stopped would be the burial ground of Nabi Shu'ayb. According to Jewish tradition, it is the burial site of the biblical scholar Elisha Ben Abuyah. ●



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