

Restaurants and Coffee Houses in Jerusalem

The area around the Old City (in Western Jerusalem)

Lavan at the Cinematheque

http://www.rest.co.il/_uploads/lavan%20basinemathek/290813/page.html

One of the most pleasant cafes in the city is located in the Cinematheque Complex. The outside patio has a view of the Old City walls. The cuisine is good and the prices reasonable.

The First Station Complex

The old train station complex, one of the city's historic landmarks, located just across the street from the Cinematheque complex. The complex offers an assortment of culinary experiences: "Adom" - a restaurant specializing on excellent meats and fresh sea food, "Kitchen Station" - offering special dishes from around the Mediterranean.

<http://www.firststation.co.il/en/>

http://www.firststation.co.il/en/category/restaurant_in_jerusalem

Mamilla Avenue Compound

A new shopping mall located just outside the walls of the old city, across the street from Jaffa Gate. An outdoor promenade of upper-scale shops and rooftop restaurants with panoramic views of the Old City.

<http://www.alrovmamilla.com/en>

For the Rooftop restaurant (reasonable prices but not cheap) see:

<http://www.mamillahotel.com/rooftop>

Open only after 18:00 (the mall is open all day long)

Te'enim

12 Emile Botta St.

Is known to offer delicious vegan and vegetarian fare.

<http://www.teenim.rest-e.co.il>

Paradiso

Keren HaYesod 36. Phone: (057) 9438320

An attractive, comfortable and uncluttered cafe-restaurant with a relaxed atmosphere and a friendly crowd that comes either for coffee and pastries, a sandwich or for full meals. A surprisingly good wine list and very pleasant service. Nothing complex or innovative here but a good choice for a casual meal at reasonable prices. No reservation necessary.

<http://www.2eat.co.il/eng/cafe-paradiso/menu.aspx?pid=6098>

Authentic Jerusalem (Blue-Collar) Food and Humus

Pinati, Ta'ami

Ta'ami: Near the top of Shamai Street

Pinati: King George St. 13

Open only for lunch, you are seated with others at one of the small tables and the protocol is to leave as soon as you finish. Humus is the first course (humus with meat can be a main), shakshuka (fried eggs with tomato sauce), Musaka (eggplant with meat), a wonderful meatball in tomato sauce served with rice and beans.

Mifgash Hatzot or Hatzot steaks

Agripas street near the Machne Yehuda market. Specializing in authentic home cuisine and grilled meats.

Humus places in the old city

Locals frequent **Abu Shukri** for truly delicious Arabic humus. It is located down the Via Dolorosa Street. If Abu Shukri's is too busy and you are starving, you might want to try **Lina's** up the Via Dolorosa street. Again, open only for lunch, it isn't too fancy but the humus is great.

Machne Yehuda Market

Authentic Middle Eastern Bazar with vegetables, fruits, spices and also buzzing night life of small bars, up-scale restaurants, cafes, pasta bars. Excellent on Thursday evening if you want something unusual (Accessible by the light train)

<http://www.machne.co.il/en/>

For one of Jerusalem's best restaurants try Mahneyuda (reservation required, not cheap, great Israeli food, young atmosphere-oriental music); or the little sister Yudaleh (opposite, much cheaper, even more crowded).

<http://www.machneyuda.co.il/en> Bet Ya'acov 10, 02-5333442

City Center (around Jaffa-King George streets) (Accessible through the light train)

Chakra

King George 41, 02-6252733, www.chakra-rest.com/AboutEng.aspx (Israeli - Jerusalemite food; great cuisine, generous portions; expensive; try the Chakra Cafe above for a simpler, cheaper but still very good meal).

Mona

Shmuel Hanagid 12 in a picturesque old stone building in the Jerusalem Artists' House, 02-6222283, <http://www.monas.co.il/en.html> (Mediterranean inspired restaurant & Bar; great food , very expensive)

Barood

<http://www.rol.co.il/sites/barood.html>

Yaffo (Jaffa) 31 (in the Feingold Court). Phone: (02) 625-9081

Traditional Sepharadic food, full meals, light dining and a bar with a nice atmosphere. Homemade olives, marinated green almonds, and the sweet-onion house bread, pastilikos (meat and pine-nuts muffin), prasa (leek patties with yogurt) and more. Traditional desserts as well. Barood's other face is its well-stocked bar, with homemade Vodka and hundreds of Schnapps from Eastern Europe. Sometimes they have live Jazz music. Reasonable prices.

Sakura

<http://www.sakura.co.il/> Yaffo (Jaffa) 31 (in the Feingold Court). Phone: (02) 523-5464.

A Sushi bar and Japanese restaurant- by far the best in Jerusalem. The food served in this unpretentious restaurant is genuinely Japanese in its flavors and style. A bit on the expensive side with respect to other Sushi places, but worth it.

Cielo

18 Ben Sira st.

Italian classic restaurant, not cheap-apart from the business lunch, very good food.

<http://www.cielo.rest-e.co.il/>

Link

Hamaalot 3, 02-6253446 <http://www.2eat.co.il/link/> (restaurant-bar& bistro)

Talbiye

Off the Jerusalem theatre; Wine-bar with good food, French style, very reasonable prices.

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