

# ISRAEL 2018



**Thursday 11th October 21:45 Sammy Ofer Stadium, Haifa #ISRSCO**

## Israel vs Scotland

After a great start to the Nations League against Albania at Hampden Scotland now travel to Israel with a chance to stamp their authority all over Group C1. Israel lost their first match in Albania so it really is must win for them but they have a great opportunity to turn their fortunes around with 2 home matches in 4 days as they play Albania on Sunday 14th. After a difficult 2017 and 2018, their only win was against Liechtenstein, Israel have dropped to 94th in the FIFA rankings but that is a false position and it is likely to be a closely fought encounter.

The Nations League is a new and significant part of qualification for Euro 2020, the winners of the section will be guaranteed at least a play off and these matches will also determine seedings for the main qualification draw in December. Israel were accepted into UEFA in 1991 but have never qualified for a European Championship Finals. They did make the Mexico World Cup Finals in 1970 where they were eliminated in the first round with two creditable draws against Sweden and Italy after losing to Uruguay. They qualified out of the Asian Confederation where they competed until 1978. For the 1982 World Cup they were assigned to UEFA qualification where they were drawn against Scotland in group 6. These were the first ever meetings between the 2 countries with Scotland winning both matches to top the group and qualify for Spain whilst Israel finished bottom. For 1986 and 1990 Israel competed unsuccessfully in the Oceania qualifiers before moving permanently to UEFA. Scotland returned to Israel for a friendly in 1986 for a friendly and took their second 1-0 win in Tel Aviv, the team from that game are below. Alex McLeish and the 2018 squad would take that result in Haifa right now.

## Getting There

The main international airports are Ben Gurion near Tel Aviv and Haifa. They have main links with all the major cities in Israel that can be connected using Israel Railways or the Egged Bus service. The main port of Israel is in Haifa with 2 ferries per week to Lavrios in Greece and Limassol in Cyprus.

You don't need a visa to enter Israel as a tourist but your passport must be valid for 6 months from the date of entry. Visitors are granted entry for a period of up to 3 months and are given either an entry card or a stamp in their passport. Entry cards should be kept with passports as evidence of your legal entry into Israel and may be required at crossing points into the Occupied Palestinian Territories (OPTs). Entry to the OPTs is controlled by the Israeli authorities.

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office advise against all travel to Gaza, parts of the border with Lebanon (the 'Blue Line') east of Metula and east of Route 98 along the Syrian border.

**For Emergency in Israel, dial 100 for Police, 101 for Ambulance and 102 for the Fire Brigade.**

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Average Temperature in Haifa in October is 24°C  
Time zone IDT Israel Daylight Time BST + 2  
Currency New Shekel (ILS)

## Scotland record against Israel

25.02.1981 Tel Aviv	WCQ	Israel 0 Scotland 1
28.04.1981 Hampden	WCQ	Scotland 3 Israel 1
28.01.1986 Tel Aviv	F	Israel 0 Scotland 1



Scotland in Tel Aviv: (Left to Right) — Charlie NICHOLAS (Arsenal), Eamonn BANNON (Dundee United), Graeme SHARP (Everton), David NAREY (Dundee United), Richard GOUGH (Dundee United), Jim BETT (Aberdeen), Paul McSTAY (Celtic), Roy AITKEN (Celtic), Maurice MALPAS (Dundee United), Jim LEIGHTON (Aberdeen), Willie MILLER (Aberdeen).



# AT THE MATCH



## Stadium

The Sammy Ofer stadium is a 30,780 all seater stadium in Haifa and is the home of Maccabi Haifa and Hapoel Haifa. The construction was complete in 2014 when it became the second world class stadium after Ramat Gan in Tel Aviv. It shares the home of the national team with the Teddy Stadium in Jerusalem. Israel have played 6 international matches here winning 2 and losing 4.



## Ticket Pickup

The game is now 100% ticket pickup with collection points in Tel Aviv on Wednesday evening and during the day on Thursday. Then at the stadium from 6pm until Kick Off in the ticket booth between parking sections P3 and P4.

## At the Ground

The Scotland support will be located in South stand western section the normal visitors section and will enter at gate K. We have been allocated 2,759 tickets. Entry to the stadium is subject to security checks. Fans will be asked to pass through a body scanner and then searched by a steward and police. The stadium is covered by a CCTV system and fans will be monitored at all times.



## Getting To the Ground

Sammy Ofer Stadium is located in the south of Haifa about 8 kilometres from downtown Haifa and Bat Galim. The stadium lies only a few hundred metres inland from the Mediterranean coast near Dado Beach.

The stadium lies right next to the Route 4 main road that connects downtown Haifa with its southern suburbs.

If using public transport, take a train to station Hof ha-Carmel, which lies an approximate 15-minute walk away from the stadium, and which has train connections to central Haifa as well as Tel-Aviv. Direct lines run from Ben-Gurion airport and 3 stations in Tel-Aviv (Ha'Hagana, Ha'Shalom and the Central Station/Arlozorov) to Haifa Hof-Ha' Carmel station. Haifa's main bus terminal lies next to the train station and thus also at walking distance from Sammy Ofer Stadium.

Shuttle buses run from Hof ha-Carmel station to the stadium on matchdays (lines 47, 49, 202, 221, 921).

Alternatively the metrobus line 1 goes from downtown Haifa in southern direction and to Haifa Mall a 5-minute walk to the stadium.





# NATIONS LEAGUE



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The Nations League is a new competition introduced by UEFA to rank European teams and to determine the draw seedings and qualifiers for the European Championships and the World Cup.

It started in September 2020 and will provide 4 of the qualifiers for Euro 2020 as well as determine the pots for the main qualification draw in December

As Scotland were ranked 27th in UEFA when the draw was made they are in League C and were drawn in Group C1 with Albania and Israel.

## NATIONS LEAGUE CHAMPIONS AND LEAGUE A

The top 12 nations in UEFA are in League A and were split into 4 groups of 3 teams

The 4 group winners will advance to the semi-finals of the Nations League

The winner of Group A3 (Portugal, Italy or Poland) will host the Nations League semi-finals and final

Semi-finals will be drawn in December 2018 and will take place on 5th and 6th June 2019

Losing semi-finalists will compete for 3rd/4th place on 9th June

The Final will be on 9th June with the winners becoming the first ever Nations League Champions

The Nations League winners are not guaranteed a place in Euro 2020 although they are guaranteed a play off if they fail to finish top 2 in qualification in 2019

A separate League A Play Off will take place in March 2020, likely to contain teams from League B and C

All League A teams are guaranteed a play off spot unless more than 4 of the top 12 teams fail to qualify

All 4 leagues will have play offs in March 2020 to decide the final 4 qualifiers for Euro 2020. The play offs will be 2 semi-finals and a final. No teams from a higher ranked league can compete in each league play off, e.g. the League B play off can have teams from League B, C and D but not League A. League C can have teams from C and D and League D will only have teams from League D. Ensuring one of the 16 lowest ranked teams will qualify for Euro 2020 from League D.



## SCOTLAND WIN GROUP C1

Scotland will be promoted to League B for the next Nations League competition

Scotland will be guaranteed a play off for Euro 2020 if they fail to finish top 2 in qualification in 2019

The 4 group winners in League C will be ranked 25 - 28 in UEFA rankings depending on the results against the top 3 in each group

Scotland will be in pot 3 for the Euro 2020 qualification draw in December

## SCOTLAND FINISH 2ND IN GROUP C1

Scotland will remain in League C for the next Nations League competition

The 4 second placed teams will be ranked 29 - 32 in UEFA rankings depending on the results against the top 3 in each group

Scotland will be in pot 3 for the Euro 2020 qualification draw in December if they are ranked 29 or 30 in UEFA

If Scotland are ranked 31 or 32 after the Nations League games they will be in pot 4 for Euro 2020 qualification

Scotland will have a chance of a play off for Euro 2020 but it could be in League A or B if they fail to finish top 2 in qualification

## SCOTLAND FINISH 3RD IN GROUP C1

The 4 third placed teams in League C will be ranked 33 - 36 in UEFA rankings depending on the results against the top 3 in each group

Scotland will be relegated to League D if they are ranked 36th in UEFA, i.e. the worst 3rd placed team

If Scotland are ranked 33-35 they will remain in League C for the next Nations League campaign

Scotland will have an outside (and unlikely) chance of a play off for Euro 2020 if they fail to finish top 2 in qualification and 5 or more teams from League C qualify

Scotland will be in pot 4 for the Euro 2020 qualification draw in December

Team	Pl	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
 Scotland	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	3
 Albania	2	1	0	1	1	2	-1	3
 Israel	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0





# WINNING WORDS

Hello/Bye (Peace)

How are you? (to a man)

How are you? (to a woman)

What's up? (What's happening?)

What is your name? (to a man).

What is your name? (to a woman).

My name is \_\_\_\_\_.

Please/You're Welcome.

Thank you.

Yes.

No.

Excuse me. (getting attention)

Excuse me. (begging pardon)

Do you speak English? (to a man)

Do you speak English? (to a woman)

Help!

Good morning.

Good afternoon.

Good evening.

Good night.

I don't understand. (said by man)

I don't understand. (said by woman)

Where is the toilet?

A table for one person/two people, please.

שלום (shalom - shah-LOHM)

מה שלומך? (mah shlomkha? - mah shlom-KHAH)

מה שלומך? (mah shlomekh? - mah shloh-MEKH)

מה קורה? (mah koreh? - mah kor-EH)

מה שמך? (ma shimkha)

מה שמך? (ma shmekh)

שמי (shmi)

בבקשה (bevakashah - be-vah-kuh-SHAH)

תודה (todah - toh-DAH)

כן (ken)

לא (lo)

סליחה (Sliyah)

סליחה (Sliyah - slee-KHAH)

אתה מדבר אנגלית? (atah medaber anglit? - ah-TAH meh-dah-BEHR ahn-GLEET?)

את מדברת אנגלית? (at medaberet anglit? - aht meh-dah-BEH-ret ahn-GLEET?)

בוקר טוב (boker tov - BOH-ker TOHV)

צהריים טובים (tsohorayim tovim - tsoh-hoh-RAH-yeem toh-VEEM)

ערב טוב (erev tov - EH-rev TOHV)

לילה טוב (laylah tov - LIGH-lah TOHV)

אני לא מבין (ani lo mevin - ahni loh meh-VEEN)

אני לא מבין (ani lo mevinah - ahni loh meh-VEENA)

שרותים איפה? (eyfoh sherutim? - EY-foh sher-oo-TEEM)

בבקשה, שולחן לאחד/לשניים (b-vakasha shulhan l'ehad/ lishnayim b'vakaSHA, shulKHAN l'ekHAD/ lishnAIYM)

Hebrew and Arabic are the official languages of Israel. Hebrew is most commonly spoken and is subject of the winning words. Most locals will speak English very well.

## Common signs

OPEN - פתוח (patah - pah-TU-akh)

ENTRANCE - כניסה (knisah - k-nee-SAH)

PUSH - דחוף (dchof - d-KHOF)

TOILET - שרותים (sherutim - sher-oo-TEEM)

FORBIDDEN - אסור (asur - ah-SOOR)

CLOSED - סגור (sagur - sah-GUR)

EXIT - יציאה (yetsi'ah - yet-see-AH)

PULL - משוך (mshoh - m-SHOKH)

MEN - גברים (gvarim - g-va-REEM)

WOMEN - נשים (nashim - nah-SHEEM)

Police!

Help

Where is the train/bus to \_\_\_\_?

One ticket to \_\_\_\_, please.

How do I get to \_\_\_\_?

...the train station?

...the airport?

...the \_\_\_\_ hotel?

...the British consulate?

Where are there a lot of bars?

Can you show me on the map?

Taxi!

Take me to \_\_\_\_, please.

May I have a glass of \_\_\_\_?

...water

...beer

...red/white wine

It was a misunderstanding.

Where are you taking me?

SCOTLAND

משטרה (mish'tarah)

עזרה (ez'rah)

איפה הרכבת ל \_\_\_\_? / איפה האוטובוס ל \_\_\_\_? (eifoh harakevet le \_\_\_\_? / eifoh ha'otobus le \_\_\_\_? - Elfo harakevet le \_\_\_\_? / Elfo ha'otobus le \_\_\_\_?)

בבקשה, כרטיס אחד ל \_\_\_\_ (kartis ehad le \_\_\_\_, bevakashah - kartis ekHAD le \_\_\_\_, bevakasha)

איך אני מגיע/ה ל \_\_\_\_? (eikh ani magia['] / magi' ah le \_\_\_\_? - eikh ani maGi'a / magi' A(f) le \_\_\_\_?)

תחנת הרכבת (tahanat harakevet? - takhanAT harakevet)

שדה התעופה (sde hate'ufah? - sde hateuFA)

מלון (malon? - maLON?)

רשות הקונסוליה (konsuliyah habritit? - HaKonsULia ha BRitit?)

איפה יש הרבה ברים (eifoh yesh harbeh barim? - Elfo yesh harBE BARim)

אפשר להראות לי במפה (efshar lehar'ot li bamapah? - efSHAR leharOT li bamaPA)

מונית (monit! - moNIT!)

קח אותי ל \_\_\_\_ (qah oti le \_\_\_\_, bevakashah - kakh oTI le \_\_\_\_, bevakasha)

אפשר קוס (Efshar qos)

מים (Mayim)

בירה (Birah)

יין אדום / יין לבן (Yain adom / Yain lavan)

היה אי-הבנה (haya ee-havana)

לאתם אותי (Le'an atem lohim otee)

קוטלנד (s'kot'lan'd)



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# HAIFA

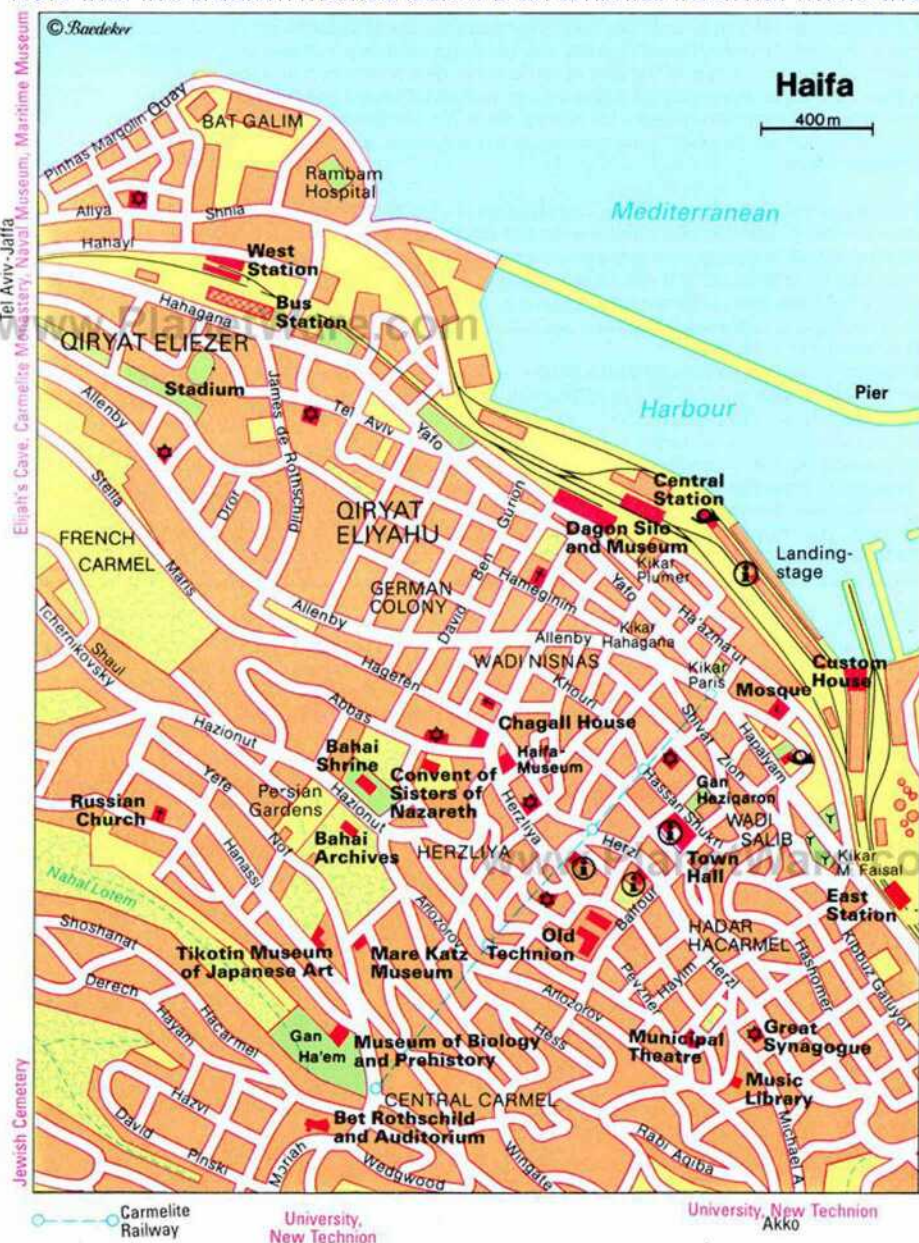


Built on the slopes of Mount Carmel Haifa is the third largest city in Israel, 56 miles north of Tel Aviv on the Mediterranean Sea it is also the main port of the country. It is well known for its pure and beautiful beaches and it attracts many tourists. Carmel National Park is the biggest park in the country and Elijah's Cave, Baha'i Gardens (pictured below) and Stella Maris Monastery are some of the main points of interest.

As it is a main tourist area there are plenty of hotels and a great choice of restaurants, bars and nightclubs to keep the Tartan Army entertained. Burger Place is considered the best restaurant of national cuisine, while the most visited nightclub is Fever.

Whilst not confirmed ATAC have been advised that there will be a beach party near the Sammy Ofer Stadium on match day, with lots of fun events and refreshments available. Watch out on the ATAC Social media for details.

Note that the Stadium marked below is an athletics track not where the game is, see the other page for getting there.



The GreenHouse Sports Bar in the Castra Shopping Centre (Flieman Street) is where the Maccabi Haifa fans hang out before games and is a 10 minute walk to the stadium. There are plenty fast food options in the mall as well.

The Haifa information from this guide has come from the internet rather than personal experience but here are a few bars that look interesting:

Libira Brewpub, The Lower City  
Experience Haifa's first brewpub, in Port Street has 5 varieties of thoughtfully brewed unfiltered craft beers.

After Dark, The Lower City  
After dark pub, with its 24 beers on tap and wide menu featuring house smoked meats, fish and other specials

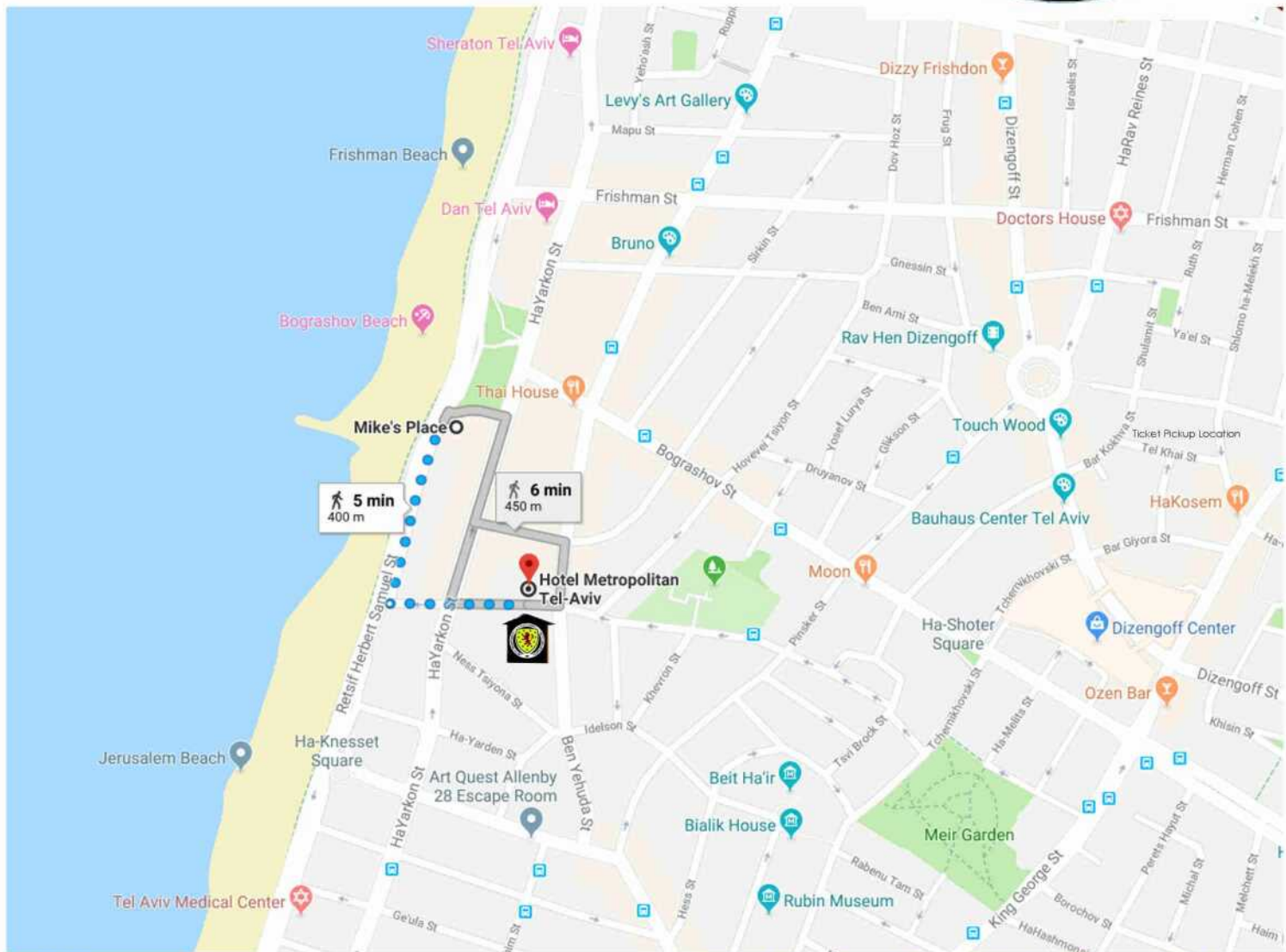
The Duke, Hadar-Carmel  
Apparently this is not your typical Irish pub, The Duke has plenty of beer flowing on tap, including a rotating selection of local Israeli craft beers and stylish cocktails.

Borekas Turki M'Izmir, The Lower City  
Located in the Turkish Market area of the Downtown, and just steps away from many of the area's bars and pubs, it is a satisfying way to soak up the alcohol once the party has ended at this late night eatery.





# TA IN TEL AVIV



## Ticket Pickup

**DUE TO DELAYS WITH THE ISRAELI FA THIS MATCH IS 100% TICKET PICKUP**



Hotel Metropolitan  
Trumpdor St 11, Tel Aviv

Wednesday, 10th October: 7pm - 10pm  
Thursday, 11th October: 11am - 3pm

The Metropolitan Hotel is close to Mike's Place in central Tel Aviv, there is also ticket pickup available at the Sammy Ofer stadium 6pm until kick off on match day. You will require your membership card to collect your ticket. On this occasion the lead-booker can pick up tickets on behalf of the whole booking.

**DAVY BUS** from Tel Aviv straight to the ground leaves from Mike's Place between 5.45 and 6.20pm. It will return straight after the game. Note seats on the bus had to be purchased in advance.

## Mike's Place Sports Bar, 90 Herbert Samuel, Tel Aviv

The pub at the heart of many TA activities in Israel is Mike's Place situated next to the beach near the American Embassy. It will host the **Nicht Afore Party** where Ted Christopher and Tam Coyle will be up to their usual shennanigans on Wednesday 10th October from 9pm - 4am. Then on match day the **Tartan Army Sunshine Appeal Presentation** will take place about 11am. The Sunshine Appeal are donating to LAHAV a charity set up to help premature babies in Israel. They will use the donation to provide medical service for babies in need for those that are not covered by governmental insurance and also help provide equipment for the premature nurseries.



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# TEL AVIV

Tel Aviv is Israel's second largest city, and is located on the country's Mediterranean coastline. Named "The Mediterranean Capital of Cool" by the New York Times, Tel Aviv is a city with a savvy attitude and cultural astuteness, "the city which never sleeps", a center for nightlife, cuisine, culture, and liberalism Tel Aviv is regarded as one of the hottest nightlife spots in Europe & the middle east, where bars stay open til dawn, and the nightclubs really start to pick up.

The beachfront in Tel Aviv has a number of bars and restaurants popular with tourists. Popular sports bars include Mikes Place on Retsif Herbert Samuel Street, the main beach front promenade, and Molly Blooms Irish bar on HaYarkon Street. For the more authentic Tel Aviv nightlife be sure to check out some of the bars on Rothschild Boulevard, Allenby Street and Ben Yehuda Street, where some of Tel Aviv's hottest clubs can be found.



The old port of Jaffa is amazing place to see, its south Tel Aviv and a nice walk along the beach promenade to get there. When facing the beach/sea its on your left hand side, very easy to sea. Its an easy 20/30 minute walk from Tel Aviv and is much cheaper for food. Further south on the Bat Yam promenade the Kilt offers a wide variety of draft beers and more than 50 different types of malt and blended whiskey from different parts of Ireland and Scotland.

Florentin and Neve Tzedek are also great areas to visit with really nice cafes. Azrieli Mall and Sarona are the best 2 shopping malls Ben Yehuda Street near Molly Blooms has plenty of 7-11 type places for buying any essentials or a carry out.

# JERUSALEM

Jerusalem is one of the oldest cities in the world, considered to be holy to three major religions - Judaism, Christianity and Islam. The old city of Jerusalem will blow you away, even if you are not religious, it's an amazing spectacle. Going to the old City in Jerusalem is like stepping back in time. It is home to many sites of seminal religious importance, among them the Temple Mount with its Western Wall, Dome of the Rock and al-Aqsa Mosque, and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Outside the Old City stands the Garden Tomb

From the Tel Aviv central bus station, the 405 bus runs directly to Jerusalem every 15 minutes and takes 58 minutes. You arrive at the Jerusalem central bus station and from there, you can catch a taxi or simply catch another bus #1 or #3, the run every 10/15 minutes to the Old City. At the central bus station, you can ask anyone for assistance, people are extremely friendly here and most speak English.

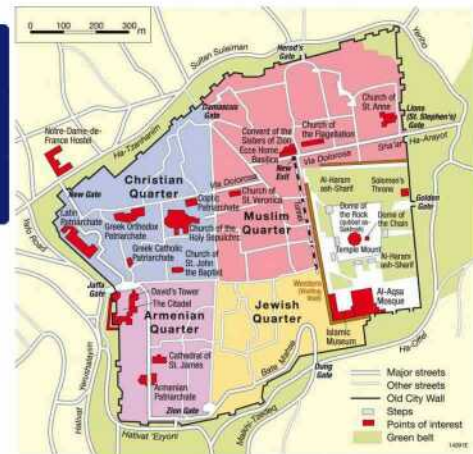
In Jerusalem it is recommended to dress modestly and many places may refuse entry if not dressed appropriately..

Machneyuda on Beit Ya'akov Street is the recomended restaurant although Ishtabach (Ha-Shikma Street) may be better on the purse strings. Machane Yehuda market and nearby streets are known for bars and cafes with live music.

Downtown, the Nahalat Shiv'a are, particularly Yosef Fivlin Street and Yo'el Mosha Salomon Street, has cozy cocktail bars and pubs. The southeastern Talpiot industrial zone is known for music clubs

## Bethlehem

Whilst Bethlehem is only a few miles south of Jerusalem it is in the Occupied Palestinian Territories





# INFORMATION



The UK Government website has a page specifically for travel advice for the game.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uefa-nations-league-travel-advice-israel-v-scotland>

You can also subscribe to travel advice updates so you are notified by email if anything changes.

Your European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) is not valid in Israel so travel insurance is essential even if you are only going for one night – it could save you a lot of money if you get into difficulties.

Ben Gurion airport is about one hour to Haifa and 15 minutes to Tel Aviv. Train from Ben Gurion Airport to Central Tel Aviv is 13.50 Shekels (about £3) and is fast and reliable – generally every ½ hour in peak times and every 1hr in off peak times – Not Fri evening till Sat evening.

If you are using a lot of public transport then a Rav Kav Card (like an Oyster Card) is the best option – they can be bought at the Airport and loaded with Shekels.

Access to public areas (shopping malls, trains, restaurants etc.) is subject to security checks.

Don't change money at the airport – it's generally a rip off especially air side.

Wi Fi is generally freely available and the locals will provide the password if it's not on the menu or on the wall somewhere

In Israel the power sockets are of type H although this may vary in some areas.

There are plenty of ATM's everywhere and most will charge a fee for withdrawal over and above what your bank might charge you.

The diagram to the right is the Israel Railway network

## Shabbat

Many businesses, bars and restaurants will close on Shabbat which is from sundown on Friday until nightfall on Saturday. This also includes public transportation so be aware on the day after match day. It will differ from place to place but expect virtually everything to be shut down in religious areas like Jerusalem. Avoid driving in Ultras-orthodox Jewish areas during Shabbat.

## Thanks

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This is a big game for Scotland and important that the team builds on the win over Albania. Have a great time.

## ATAC Committee

