

# OIE Information & Travel Cheat Sheet



## Country:

Israel (IL)

### Sex & Dating

- Israel's law protects gender equality
- Dating culture is moderately free but often segregated based on religion
  - Nightlife is prominent in larger cities
- Gender discrimination has been reported within ultra-orthodox communities

### Alcohol & Drugs

- Legal age to buy/consume alcohol: 18
  - Alcohol is banned in Islamic communities and may not be found outside major cities
- Cannabis (marijuana) is permitted for specified medical or recreational use up to 15 grams

### LGBTQIA+ Culture

- IL is a democratic, liberal country with laws in place to protect from discrimination
- LGBTQIA+ rights are embraced and same-sex unions are recognized.
  - Prominent LGBTQ+ scenes in Tel Aviv, voted most LGBT-friendly city in world
- Resources
  - Rainbow SIG
  - Diversity Abroad
  - OutRight Action International

### Cultural Customs and Norms

- Population: 9 million
- Currency: New Shekel
- Official Language: Hebrew
  - Arabic has special government status
  - More reserved communication style
- Judaism is big part of culture
  - Religious topics are often contentious, particularly regarding relations with Palestine, West Bank, Golan Heights

## Resources

**100** Police/ **101** Ambulance/ **102** Fire brigade

**+972** Country Code

- [DU's Travel Assistance](#)
  - Phone: +1 443-569-8601 / Website: [dutravelassistanceprovider](#)
  - Please use DU credentials to sign in
- Student Support Program (My SSP): 24/7 Mental Health Support
- U.S. Department of State Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP): [travel.state.gov](#)



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