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See the Sights

Right about now, Israel starts shedding its “winter” status and so begins spring, anew. *Time Out Israel* traveled the country in search of that perfect getaway for all types of travelers looking to experience Israeli nature in all its glory

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Ein Gedi Hotel

Imagine being in the middle of the isolated Judean desert, surrounded by vast sands, prodigious rose-colored mountains and a never-ending stretch of muted bluish grey sea. This is the base of the Ein Gedi Hotel, an oasis of calm amidst an even calmer backdrop. Masada, the Dead Sea, the Ein Gedi nature reserve and various other outdoor attractions are all within minutes away, but this singular resort is basically all you need. A sprawling complex outfitted with family-friendly offerings like tennis and mini-golf, Ein Gedi Hotel is as relaxing as it is action-packed – simply depending on how little or much entertainment you seek. From mid-morning yoga classes to moonlit walking tours through the desert and live musical acts, the program is varied and thoughtful; giving visitors from all over the world (and Israelis from all over the country) an authentic taste of Israeli hospitality and adventure. If that weren't enough, the on-site, newly branded Synergy Spa is a day-long love affair with bliss. Take a buoyant dip in the in-door Dead Sea pool, then sweat off the salt in the authentic Turkish Hammam. Choose from a myriad of spa treatments including sesame oil Ayurvedic massages, refreshing date wraps, a soothing Frankincense milk bath, reflexology, couple's massages, unbeatable facials with products by locally-made Christina Cosmetics and even nutrition and body detox sessions.

Extra Perks ▶

Accommodations include half-board – meaning breakfast and lunch are included, and the cafeteria-style buffet is not your typical lackluster fare. Expect so many options your eyes and stomach will have trouble finding a compromise. Home-cooked platters are packed with popular favorites like stuffed artichokes, moussaka and couscous. Breakfast brings hearty rounds of shakshuka, jachnun, croissants and more.

Surrounding Area ▶

Literally at the meeting points of Masada, the Dead Sea, and the Ein Gedi Nature Reserve, the resort also houses a lush botanical garden with trails and informational tours. Accommodations also include a one-day pass to a private beach site leading to the Dead Sea (with a complimentary shuttle service at various hours). Visitors can soak in thermo-mineral sulphur pools and showers, pack on the natural mud and float around in the famed Dead Sea. Various rotating walking tours and hikes are scheduled in the area, with weekly information provided at the reception desk. (FYI, you may just get lucky and spot a family of ibex roaming around the premises!)

Directions ▶

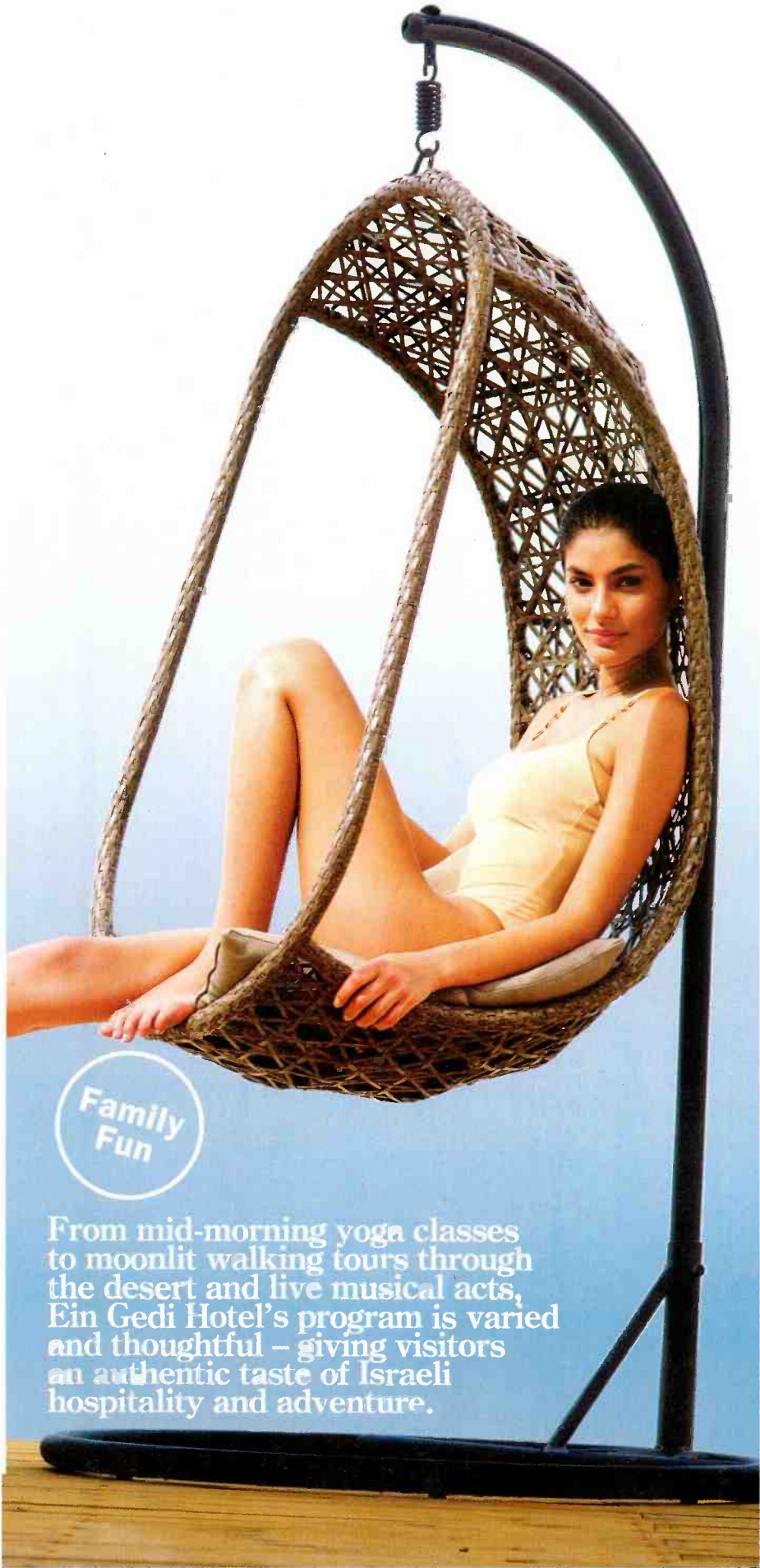
From Tel Aviv: Head to the Dead Sea via Jerusalem. Drive 40 km on Rte 90 and go south until Kibbutz Ein Gedi. From the south: Head to the Dead Sea via Arad. Drive 35 km north on Rte 90. The hotel is located in kibbutz Ein Gedi.

Pricing ▶

Weekdays NIS 1,146 per night. Weekends NIS 1,270 per night

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Family Fun

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