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High above Israel's heartland, art and culture meld in the Galilee



Set a mere 90 minutes from the Tel Aviv, the lushly forested Carmel Mountains overlook some of the Israel's most beautiful shorelines. This is the Galilee – both an iconic sea and a scenic region filled with charming villages, elegant galleries, artisanal wineries and unexpected adventure.

Make your base at the [Elma Arts Complex Luxury Hotel](#) (from \$350) in the lower Galilee, close to the hilltop town of Zichron Ya'akov. With sweeping views of the Mediterranean, this former convalescent home underwent an architecturally sensitive 10-year renovation to emerge as an unexpected hub for art, culture and music.

The brainchild of 87- year-old owner Lily Elstein, the maze of gallery-style hallways and massive open spaces are filled with exhibitions of leading Israeli artists as well as Elstein's personal collection. Its 95 rooms are spacious and light-filled, while the food — by chef Gil Aviram — reflects the best of this bountiful and fertile region.



Elma's rich performance schedule features jazz, dance, classical music and comedy nights (beware — all in Hebrew) and are shown in some of the best acoustic halls in Israel. If you've had your fill of art, relax at the beautiful indoor/outdoor pool complex overlooking the sea. Or stop at the spa to enjoy the Turkish hammam or the signature spa treatment that combines stone massage with therapeutic musical instruments and refreshing jet shower. It's all set within a remarkably-preserved Bauhaus shell.

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