

124 Facts You Didn't Know About Israel

Israel is a small country with a rich history and a vibrant culture. It is a land of ancient ruins, modern cities, and diverse landscapes. Here are 124 facts about Israel that you may not know:



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History

- Israel is one of the oldest countries in the world, with a history dating back to the biblical patriarchs.
- The name "Israel" comes from the Hebrew word "Yisrael", which means "wrestled with God".
- The Israelites were a nomadic people who settled in Canaan (the land of Israel) around 1200 BC.
- King David established the United Kingdom of Israel in 1010 BC.
- The kingdom was divided into two kingdoms after the death of Solomon, with Israel in the north and Judah in the south.

- The northern kingdom of Israel was conquered by the Assyrians in 722 BC.
- The southern kingdom of Judah was conquered by the Babylonians in 586 BC.
- The Jews were exiled to Babylon for 70 years.
- The Jews returned to their homeland after the Persian Empire conquered Babylon.
- The Second Temple was built in Jerusalem in 516 BC.
- The Second Temple was destroyed by the Romans in 70 AD.
- The Jews were exiled from their homeland again and dispersed throughout the world.
- The Zionist movement to establish a Jewish state in Israel began in the late 19th century.
- The State of Israel was declared in 1948.

Geography

- Israel is located in the Middle East, on the eastern shore of the Mediterranean Sea.
- Israel is bordered by Lebanon to the north, Syria to the northeast, Jordan to the east, and Egypt and Gaza to the southwest.
- Israel is a relatively small country, with an area of 20,770 square kilometers.
- Israel is a diverse country, with a range of landscapes including mountains, deserts, forests, and beaches.

- The Jordan River flows through Israel.
- The Dead Sea, the lowest point on Earth, is located in Israel.
- The highest point in Israel is Mount Hermon, which is 2,814 meters high.

People

- Israel has a population of over 9 million people.
- The majority of Israelis are Jewish (75%).
- Israel is also home to a significant Arab minority (20%).
- Israel is a multi-ethnic and multi-cultural country, with people from all over the world.
- Israelis are known for their hospitality and warmth.
- Israelis are also known for their sense of humor.
- Israel has a high standard of living.
- Israelis are well-educated and have a high literacy rate.

Culture

- Israel has a rich and vibrant culture.
- Israel is a center of Jewish culture.
- Israel is also a center of Arab culture.
- Israel has a thriving arts and entertainment scene.
- Israel is home to many museums, theaters, and galleries.

- Israel has a diverse culinary scene, with influences from all over the world.
- Israelis love to dance and party.
- Israel has a strong sense of community.

Innovation

- Israel is a leader in innovation.
- Israel has the highest number of startups per capita in the world.
- Israel is home to many high-tech companies.
- Israel has developed many innovative technologies, including drip irrigation, the Iron Dome missile defense system, and the Waze navigation app.
- Israel is a leader in renewable energy.
- Israel is a leader in medical research.

Archaeology

- Israel is a land of ancient ruins.
- Israel is home to many archaeological sites.
- Some of the most famous archaeological sites in Israel include the Dead Sea Scrolls, the ruins of Masada, and the Old City of Jerusalem.
- Israel is a major center for archaeological research.
- Archaeological discoveries in Israel have shed light on the history of the region.

More Facts

- The official languages of Israel are Hebrew and Arabic.
- The currency of Israel is the Israeli shekel.
- Israel is a member of the United Nations.
- Israel is a democracy.
- The President of Israel is Isaac Herzog.
- The Prime Minister of Israel is Naftali Bennett.
- Israel is a popular tourist destination.

These are just a few of the many fascinating facts about Israel. This country has a long and rich history, a vibrant culture, and a bright future.



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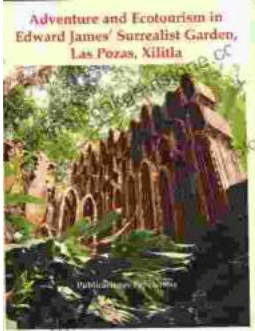
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