



## Dead to Red Bike Tour

### Day 1: Meeting in Arad, Bike Fitting & Short Tour of Arad

Transfer from Tel Aviv/ Jerusalem to Arad. Bike fitting and short tour of Arad. Discover a living example of sustainable desert life. Go over the program, safety and introductions over dinner.

**Meals:** Dinner | **Approximate Cycling Distance:** 5-10 Km | **Overnight:** Arad

### Day 2: Masada and the Dead Sea

Our ride will begin in Arad, a small town built in the 1950's as part of the movement to settle the desert. We will ride from here on a small road, the goes through the desert with its spectacular views. We will stop for lunch in a Bedouin tent and then continue to Masada. Once we arrive at the site, we will leave the bikes and walk up the ramp, built by the Romans on their way to the historic conquer of the mountain. Here at the top, we will see the remains of one the last villages to fight the Roman Empire, and one of Israel's most important landmarks. After the visit we will ride down by cable car and meet our bikes for a short ride along the shore of the Dead Sea to our hotel. Once we reach the Dead Sea we will have time to relax and float in the water of this unique sea at the lowest place on earth.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | **Approximate Cycling Distance:** 40 Km | **Overnight:** Dead Sea

### Day 3: The Peace Route

We will start the day with a short transfer, to avoid the Dead Sea Works plant and begin our ride in Hatzeva. We will be riding along one of the prettiest roads in Israel known as the "Peace Trail" along the Israeli Jordanian border. On the way we will ride in between t small fields and green houses, producing food for export in the desert. We will stop at one of the small villages on the way for lunch and a swim in their pool (depending on season) and then ride back via the red rock "Wadi" to Hatzeva for the night.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | **Approximate Cycling Distance:** 55 Km | **Overnight:** Hatzeva



## Day 4: The Scorpions Accent

Today will be quite a challenge, with two large climbs out of the valley to the plains of the central Negev region. We will be riding on a peaceful road, following an ancient Roman route through the Hatira Creator. The ride is beautiful, and the scenery is well worth the effort. We will stop for lunch in the Large Crater, and then continue to the town of Yerucham. From here there will be an optional transfer for those who wish to skip the last 20 Km leg. We will arrive at the Ben Gurion collage in Sde Boker, the burial place of Israel's first prime minister and a community living to fulfill his dream of the Negev. After a short walk on the cliffs looking over the Zin Valley we will drive to Mitzpe Ramon for the night. Optional visit to local café/bar on the cliff if time permits.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | **Approximate Cycling Distance:** 85Km | **Overnight:** Mitzpe Ramon

## Day 5: Ramon Crater

We will leave after breakfast and head down to the Crater crossing through this breathtaking part of the world. This unique geological phenomenon is credited to be one of the modern wonders of the world, an unbelievable valley full of colors and shapes, that will accompany you through your ride. We will ride south crossing over the Pharan Vadi and will arrive at Shitim for lunch. This small community, set in the middle of the desert is home to a desert Ashram that will host us for the night. We will have lunch in the ashram and relax at the small pool there during the hot hours of the day. Once the sun comes down we will enjoy a vegetarian feast around a campfire, under a canopy of stars and to the sound of the desert silence.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | **Approximate Cycling Distance:** 72 Km (more downhill than up) |

**Overnight:** Shitim B&B

## Day 6: "Hei Daroma" To Eilat.

The last stretch of the tour is long yet very rewarding. We will ride along the border with Egypt, looking into the Sinai Desert. This small road will take us from the Southern Negev to the Eilat Mountains. The road will climb up to the pass near Mt Shlomo and from there we will descent towards Eilat on the shores of the Red Sea. We will ride straight for the beach and celebrate arrival with a cold beer and a swim in the cool water. From here we will ride to the hotel and check in to our rooms. After relaxing, we will head to a local restaurant for a farewell dinner.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | **Approximate Cycling Distance:** 87 Km | **Overnight:** Eilat Hotel



## Day 7: The Red Sea

Enjoy the beaches of world famous resort of Eilat, on the coast of the Red Sea. In the early afternoon we will drive back to Tel Aviv/ Jerusalem.

**Meals: Breakfast** | **Approximate Cycling Distance:** 0 | **Overnight: Not included**

**For Agents:** Day 6 and Day 7 can be also done on road/gravel through Arava Region. Overnight: Kibbutz

## Itinerary Disclaimer

This itinerary is correct at the time of printing. However, please note that occasionally our itineraries are updated and changed in order to incorporate improvements stemming from past travelers' comments and our own research.