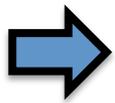


# Fun Facts About...

## Tel Aviv תל אביב



The 2nd largest city in Israel (after Jerusalem), Tel Aviv is the first all-Jewish city in modern times.



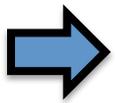
All of the Tel Aviv west side is one long beach, which is divided into beaches named according to the hotel or street nearby.



Tel Aviv is also known as “The White City” – named so on account of the bright colors of the building style: white, off-white, light yellow.



Though no Sears Tower or Empire State Building, the Azrieli Tower is the city’s tallest building, at 614 feet (the tallest in the country is Migdal Shaar Ayir in nearby Ramat Gan at 801 feet).



A less well-known museum is the Haganah Museum on Sderot Rothschild. It was set up in the apartment of the founder of the Haganah, Eliyahu Golomb.



Originally named Ahuzat Bayit, it was founded by 60 families in 1909 as a Jewish neighborhood near Jaffa.



In 1910, the name was changed to Tel Aviv, meaning “hill of spring.” The name was taken from Ezekiel 3:15, “...and I came to the exiles at Tel Aviv,” and from a reference in Herzl's novel Altneuland, in which he foresaw the future Jewish state as a socialist utopia.



Because Jerusalem was occupied by Jordan after Israel became an independent state in 1948, the temporary capital and home of the government offices was in Tel Aviv.



Several government offices remain there and Tel Aviv is still home to foreign diplomats from countries (including the U.S.) that don't recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital.

