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## Israel Biking TRAIL - Biking package

### Day 1: Mitzpe Ramon – Beerot

Starting point: Mitzpe Ramon

Finish point: Be'erot night camp

Accommodation: Be'erot Night camp

Length: 38 km

Difficulty: Moderate

Total climb: 234 m

Total descent: 625 m

#### **Route Description:**

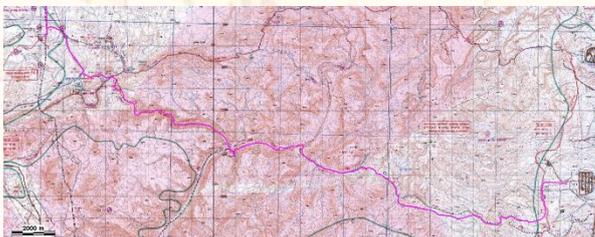
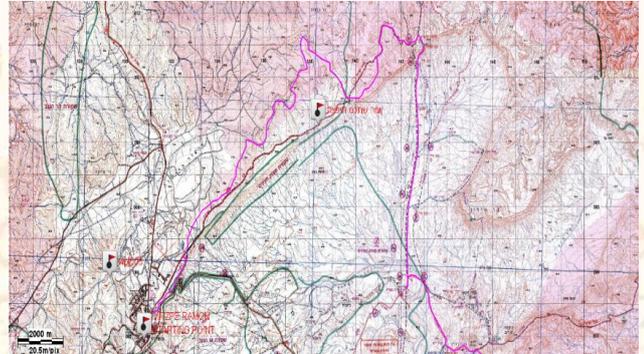
The ride begins at Mitzpe Ramon.

Riding along the northern cliff of the Ramon Crater (Machtesh Ramon) to the sculpture garden.

The view into the Ramon Crater is spectacular, Mount Ardon is in its full splendor, the ancient volcanoes and valley Makhmal are exposed at the foot of the crater.

After about twenty kilometers of riding in a fast single stream and a few climbs, you can go up to the observation point from the ancient Metzad Mahmal - which is part of the ancient Spice Route.

Later in the day, we will descend through Ma'aleh Noah to the Bikaa Valley and from there, on the basis of the oil axis, to Beerot night camp for overnight stay.



### Day 2: spice route

Starting point: Beerot night camp

Finish point: Tsofar

Accommodation: Moshav Tzofar

Length: 35 km

Difficulty: Moderate

Total climbing: 452 m

Total descent: 566 m

### Route Description:

Exit from Beerot night camp towards the Spice Route in the Nikrot stream towards east. This is a spectacular segment for bikers (it is possible to visit Ein Saharonim and Metsad Saharonim, which are next to Beerot night camp).



Descending to Maale Dlakim and entering the Nikrot stream, one of the main streams in the Negev.

The ride along the stream is one of the most spectacular sections along the route. Riding this segment along the cliffs of the stream, above the stream up to the Metzad Nikrot and Bor Nikrot: A restored water cistern from the time of the Nabatean period. Later in the day, we will cross the Negev across it, at the foot of Mount Yahav, and the climb to the spectacular observation point from Horbat Katsura, to the Nabatean Moa.

### Day 3 – Maayanot Road

Starting point: Moshav Tsofar

Finish point: Moshav Faran

Accommodation: Moshav Faran

Length: 40 km

Difficulty: Moderate

Total climbing: 280 m

Total descent: 191 m

#### Description:

Exit from Moshav Zofar back to the ancient Moa and from there riding to the Maayanot axis up to the settlement of Tzukim.

From there we will enter a spectacular desert single, "cliffs single," which leads to Barak stream, and later on the axis of Maayanot until Moshav Faran.



### Day 4 – Faran – Yahel



Start point: Moshav Faran

Finish point: Kibbutz Yahel

Accommodation: Kibbutz Yahel

Length: 43 km

Difficulty: Easy

Total climbing: 225 m

Total descent: 90 m

**Route Description:**

Exit from Moshav Faran and crossing the Arava road in an underground passage for an agricultural vehicle. Riding to Petra Memorial Eshet Reservoir, riding along the border with Jordan in the landscape of the Arava beyond the foot of the Arandel hill up to Yahel.

**Day 5 – Yahel – Shcharut**

Start point: Yahel

Finish point: Shcharut

Accommodation: Shcharut

Length: 48 km

Difficulty: Difficult

Total climbing: 600 m

Total descent: 290 m

**Route Description:**

The path starts at Yahel, with a short warm-up ride before the spectacular climb of Maaleh Ketura - for strong bikers only ... Some riders will have to walk for some part of this short climb.

After two days of riding in the Arava, we climb up again the mountains overlooking the Arava.

Later in the day, we are expected an amazing experience of riding in sand dunes – the Ksuy sand area.

The bike path was built into the unique dunes of Ksuy dunes,



where we climb the dunes  
and descend from them, also by riding. It's an amazing experience.  
At the end of the day, we arrive at one of the isolated settlements  
in Israel - Shaharut.



## Day 6 – Shaharut - Timna

Starting point: shaharut

Finish point: Timna

Accommodation: Timna Park

Length: 55 km

Difficulty: Difficult

Total climbing: 770 m

Total descent: 1,075 m

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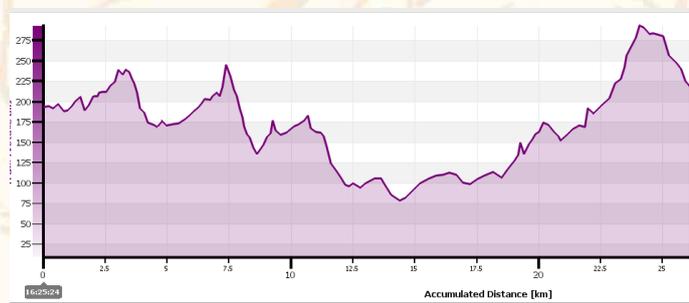
We Begin at Maale Shaharut and ride on the single track on the Israel hiking Trail up to the Zugan creek. Crossing the river there are ancient agricultural Terraces, leading to the Ovda Valley. From there, south to Malchan stream, to the Malchan well, and to the Metek well: these wells were used by The Bedouin in the area. Today, in the Malchan well there is a well built of concrete, and a neat night camp (there is a possibility to finish the route there. From Malchan stream and later on Metek River, riding towards Mount Berech and a long descent way through Maale Sayarim to Timna Park .

The route is long and hard so this day we'll start riding as early as possible.



## Day 7 – Timna - Eilat

Start point: Timna



Finish point: Eilat

Length: 40 km

Difficulty: Moderate

**Route Description:**

The day starts riding in Timna Park .

Depart south to the Nimra stream

through Raham stream to the path leading to the old Beer Ora and the National Sculpture Garden. From there

Continue to rise moderately to Amudey Amram.

From there, south to Netafim Stream and to Mount Shachmon Park. The end of the Israel Biking Trail is by gliding along the Shahmon park until the red sea.

**The Package includes:**

- Accommodation arrangements throughout the route
- Breakfast and dinner in the accommodation
- A rider's meal for the day of riding
- Transporting equipment (which is not used for riding) between the different accommodation areas
- Possibility to add a guide that will ride with the group all along
- Possibility to add an escort vehicle throughout the route, which will also offer minor repairs
- Optional package that includes a guide and a vehicle accompanies the entire route.

