

# Makhtesh Ramon



## An Awe-Inspiring Crater and a Painted Desert Masterpiece

Hike or bike along the rim of this awe-inspiring crater for amazing vistas. Take the obligatory camel-ride, but don't smell their breath. Or the breath of the camel-jockey. A stargazer's paradise at night, the sky is clear and dry. The resulting flatland created a vital desert crossing used by Nabateans and their many successors for camel-carrying trade routes for centuries. The town of Mitzpeh Ramon is the largest crater of its kind in the world, formed by erosion—not by meteors or volcanic activity.