

# The Negev



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In still camel-filled frontier land, the vast desert and red hills emerge from the clear waters of the Red Sea. Join us on a journey through the vast southern desert, including ancient trade routes and grounds of ancient battles. Here the dream of making the desert bloom inspired the first prime minister, David Ben-Gurion, born in **Sde Boker**. Negev means “wiped,” as in what you do with your pita to hummus. Wipe away!

Darom means south in Israel: If you want to go that way, shout: “Hey, Daroma!” From vibrant **Eilat** to the desert serenity of **Makhtesh Ramon**, from the Solomonic mines of **Timna** to the oasis of **Avdat** springs. Sure, it looks barren, but wonders lie hidden, as in a well. If we can make it here, we can make it anywhere.