

# Eilat



## Where Red Mountains meets Blue Sea

If its sea is like crystal-blue persuasion, why do they call it red? Eilat is Israel's southernmost city, famed for its coral reefs, year-round sunshine, all against a backdrop of rugged mountains on all sides, with views to Egypt and Jordan. Swim, snorkel, or simply soak in the Red Sea scenes.

In 1949, with the raising of the Ink Flag, having proved itself a vital port for the emerging nation in wartime, Eilat was annexed to Israel. The resort city is home to Israel's only coral reef, a marine biodiversity hotspot. This is not just a place for a *beten-gav* vacation? More recently, visitors were treated to fireworks as Houthi missiles were downed.