

## The Glorious Street Foods of Israel

The sights, smells, and swirling colors of a Middle Eastern marketplace are hard to beat in terms of appeal and enchantment, but go ahead and add the “typical” foods of these markets, and it is a combination that really cannot compare to anything else.

This is the sort of experience you can anticipate when you travel through the different cities of Israel. From modern Tel Aviv to ancient Jerusalem, there is so much to see and do...and EAT! It is the street food of Israel that most never forget, and their memories can often be summed up in single words.

What words? Felafel...shawarma...Sabih...zatar...hot dogs...Jerusalem bagels...oh! the list just goes on and on. The big question is where to begin, and the answer is simple...start with the most popular “nosh” for that particular area.

For instance, we just mentioned Jerusalem bagels, and these are something sold all throughout this famous city, but particularly from old-fashioned carts surrounding the “old town”. It is here that you find the “Dome of the Rock,” the “Western Wall,” and the “Tower of David,” as well as the different “quarters” for the Muslims, Christians, Armenians, and Jews.

When visiting this particularly lovely locale, it is possible to climb to the top of the ancient walls and check out one of the most panoramic and historic views in modern times. There you can snack on a Jerusalem bagel, which is a soft and chewy baked bread dunked into the fantastic spice blend known as za’atar or zatar. This is a mixture that varies from location to location but which is the epitome of Middle Eastern scents and flavors.

We also suggest that you traverse Ibn Gvirol Street in Tel Aviv if you want to run your own taste test of the different falafel, salads, and snacks that personify Israel street food. You must also try one of the famous “hot dogs” that come from Israel street stalls too because these will always put the American term “the works” to shame. Instead of a few condiments, the Israeli “loaded” dog has salad, fries with ketchup, and two massive sausages!

Israel is an ancient and mysterious land from which the calls to prayer drift down from minarets, the scents of incense drift from church doors, the ancient Hebrew chants carry across the open spaces, and the smells of some of the most beguiling foods seem to fill the air!

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