



TOURIST SITES ON KIBBUTZ EIN-SHEMER:

Kibbutz Ein Shemer was founded in 1927 by young members of HaShomer HaTzair (Young Guard) from Poland. They were later joined by groups from Egypt and elsewhere, as well as generations of sons and grandsons of the original pioneers. Today the kibbutz has about 600 inhabitants – members, children and residents – who live according to the basic tenets of shared means of production and profit, mutual cooperation and responsibility, equality and community life. The kibbutz has several agricultural branches (field crops, avocado groves, cowsheds and chicken coops) and two industrial plants (Ein Shemer Rubber Industries and Miniplast) and is a partner in a nearby commercial center. It also conducts extensive tourist activity. The kibbutz children study in the elementary and high school adjacent to the kibbutz. The kibbutz is located in the coastal plain, is part of the Meriashe Regional Council, and is about a 40-minute drive from Tel-Aviv. It can be reached via Route 6 (Barkai Interchange) or the coastal road (Caesarea Interchange).



The Old Courtyard Museum – an experience-filled reconstruction of the early days of kibbutz settlement. It offers a variety of activities, among them a visit to the museum (up to 300 visitors at a time), a 12-minute movie about the kibbutz (available in five languages) and a guided tour with costumed actors who tell about the early settlement using authentic props and utensils (30-minute tour). The courtyard of the original kibbutz contains a water tower, farm animals, a bakery, grain silos, a stone house from the early days, a shack where the first pioneers lived, restored agricultural tools and more (30-minute tour).

Tractor-pulled wagon ride (up to 43 people per load) tour the modern-day kibbutz, including the laundry, living quarters, fields, cowshed, dining room, industrial plants and children's houses.

Reconstructed bakery – baking rolls in an authentic brick oven; option of a snack or meal based on rolls baked by the visitors. Meals with an historic flavor are served in the courtyard, with community singing accompanied by an accordion.

The agricultural area – The Train Park:

The Oak Train – ride on the reconstructed Turkish train (about 50 minutes) through the fields of the kibbutz and hear stories of how the ancient oak forests were chopped down by the Turks.

Michael Hangar – a museum of tractors and other authentic agricultural equipment alongside an impressive gallery of photographs of early cultivation of the Land of Israel (about 30 minutes).

Shuali Workshop – a workshop for reconstruction and preservation of tractors and other agricultural equipment. Stories of how equipment from the early days of agriculture in the Land of Israel was located and preserved (about 20 minutes).

Oil Press and Flour Mill – food processing from the beginning of the 20th century. The story of how the equipment was rescued from destruction, and a demonstration of its mechanical operation (about 30 minutes; a longer activity can be held).

Cowshed – a variety of tours of the cowshed, ranging from calf-petting to an extensive tour with an emphasis on environmental issues (10-40 minutes).

Blacksmith's workshop – a variety of tours of the forge, ranging from a short visit to the gallery of iron pieces and artworks, to demonstration of creating a small item, to participation in a workshop to experience a blacksmith's work (30 minutes – 3 hours).

Ecological Greenhouse – a visit to a unique greenhouse that conducts both agricultural and educational activities. Activities can be arranged, from a short acquaintance to workshops on topics of environment, art, sustainability and more (30 minutes – 3 hours).

Other sites and options:

Yoga Place – yoga workshops and teacher training sessions

Elimelech House – an original kibbutz building containing a large wall relief by the renowned sculptor Nathan Rappaport

Laments – a memorial statue for the two kibbutz members who fell as soldiers in the Six-Day War

Heftzeh-Chen – unique clothing and jewelry shop

Kol-Bo – grocery store for kibbutz members and visitors (with automatic teller machine)

Dining room – available for up to 600 guests for meals and special occasions

Conference hall – for lectures and study days

Train Park – a park for hire for events, conferences and outdoor fun days

Meals – Breakfast at a private buffet * Lunch together with kibbutz members * Lunch at a private buffet



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