



# A VISITOR'S GUIDE TO ANCIENT HIPPOS

Above the Sea of Galilee

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from the Flowers Mausoleum and below an aerial view of Sussita Mountain

**Back Cover:** Michael Eisenberg holding a recently uncovered bronze mask of  
the god Pan (photo: Alexander Iermolin)

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