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Who We Are:
Owned and managed by Alternative Business Solutions, a Ramallah based Marketing & Communications Company, visitpalestine.ps is Palestine’s premier online destination travel guide. The site which was launched in 2008 provides visitor and potential visitors (foreign and locals) with a platform to learn about and plan their trips to Palestine. VisitPalestine is growing rapidly with thousands of users already connected with us via our RSS feed, social media channels, and the website. Designed and maintained by locals, the site brings you the most up-to-date information on travel to Palestine.

Our Mission:
To proactively promote Palestine as a viable and independent destination that is rich in religious, historical, cultural and natural treasures. To provide visitors and potential visitors (foreign and locals) with a comprehensive online travel guide to help them plan and book their trips to and within Palestine. To engage with potential visitors along every step of their experience (trip planning, actual experience, post departure) through an intricate range of interconnected products and services. To support and promote the local tourism industry (directly and indirectly) through promoting Palestine as well as all the tourism service providers.

Who We Target:
VisitPalestine attracts the interests of a wide and diverse range of valued audiences:
Thousands of people from all over the world who are interested in or planning a trip to Palestine
Locals and Expatriate living and working in Palestine
Local Tourism stakeholders (hotels, tour operators, guides, etc.)
International travel agencies and tour operators selling the Holy Land as a tourism destination
Travel journalist and media
Palestine’s Diaspora community (especially in South America)

Visit Palestine Team.
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INTRODUCTION

Jericho is a green oasis in the Jordan Valley some 30 Km east of Jerusalem, 7 km west of the River Jordan, 10 km north of the Dead Sea It lies some 260 meters below sea level making it the lowest town on earth.

The town of Jericho is the oldest continuously inhabited town in the world dating back some 10,000 years. Jericho and its surrounding areas are filled with religious, archaeological, and natural treasures. Just outside Jericho, the adventurous and eco-loving travelers can enjoy a hike in Wadi Quilt and visit the Church of St. George.

Inside Jericho, visitors can tour the ancient remains of Hisham Palace and Tel Esultan (ancient Jericho). Overlooking Jericho is the Mount of Temptation. Take the cable car ride to the summit and enjoy the beautiful panorama of Jericho and the desert from the serenity on the mount. Don’t forget, the Dead Sea is just a few Km away where you also enjoy a dip in the saltiest body of the Water in the World.
NABI MUSA

Situated on one of the oldest roads along the Jerusalem and Jordan Valley. This is the site where according to Muslim tradition Moses is buried. The Tomb of Nabi Musa (the Prophet Moses) has been a site of annual pilgrimage since the time of Salah al-Din. The first structure was built in 1269 by the Mamluk. In 1470, it was enlarged and then renovated again in 1820 by the Turks. You can see a beautiful and serene mosque, with a white domed roof and glazed Mihrab.

MONASTERY OF ST. GEORGE

Stretching from the suburbs of Jerusalem to Jericho and the Jordan Valley, the path of the Wadi Qelt is an amazing experience for hikers and nature lovers. Besides being a breathtaking hike, you can also travel by car or bus through the narrow Wadi Qelt road and visit the beautiful Monastery of St. George in Kiosiba. Clinging to the slide of the Wadi Qelt and overlooking the spring, this beautiful and serene Greek Orthodox Monastery was transformed by John of Thebes from a small oratory to the monastery of today in 480 CE. It is also believed that the Monastery was damaged during the Persian invasion and restored by the Crusaders back by the 12th century with several new traditions being introduced. The present structure of today was restored by the Greek Orthodox Church back in 1878-1901. Finally, the large bell tower, was added by Timothy back in 1952.
**Hisham Palace**

Also known as Khirbet el Mafjar, Hisham Palace is one of the main archeological sites in Jericho. Built in the 8th century during the Umayyad period as a hunting lodge or spring winter resort, it’s name is associated with the Umayyad caliph El –Hisham Ibn Abd El Malek. The site is located some 2km north of Jericho. The uncovered excavations show the remains of the a magnificent winter palace that was destroyed by an earthquake in 747 AD shortly after construction. The site contains royal buildings, a mosque, water fountains and spectacular mosaic floors.

**Tel Es Sultan**

About 2 km northwest of Jericho, lies Tell es-Sultan or Tel Jericho. Excavation on the site have revealed layers of cities and human habitation dating back to around 9600 – 7700 BC around 10,000 years earning Jericho the name “the Oldest continuously inhabited city in the World”. The elaborate defenses include a seven meter high Neolithic Tower. It pre-dates the Canaanite sites, of which there are no remains. Very near by lies the large spring of ancient Jericho also known as “Ein es-Sultan” or “Elisha’s Well”. The story of the spring is also identified with the story of Elisha purifying Jericho’s water supply by adding salt (King 2:19-22).

**Monastery of Temptation**

Another one of Jericho beautiful sites is the Greek Orthodox Monastery on Mount of Temptation also known as Jabel Quruntul dates back to the 12th century. The Greek Orthodox Monastery lies about 350 meters above Jericho, perched on a rocky ledge northwest of the town. Originally, the Crusaders built two churches on the site. One was in a cave half way up the cliff and the second one on the summit. The Monastery of today dates back to 1874-1904. There are two ways to get to the monastery. Either take a cable ride up to the Monastery or climb up the bare, rocky slopes of Jabel Quruntul to the Monastery which takes only 15-30 minutes.

Opening Hours: The monastery is open from Monday - Friday from 08.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. and from 3.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m. and from 08.00 - 2.00 p.m. on Saturdays. The cable car is open daily from 8.30 a.m. - 8.30 p.m.

**Qumran**

Located some 20 km south of Jericho is Qumran, the site where the famous Dead Sea Scroll were discovered by a Bedouin shepherd named Mohammad Al Deeb in 1947. The scrolls were hidden in clay jars inside the cliffs high above the Dead Sea. Among the findings were books of an unknown religious community identified as the Essenes. Writing of the scrolls covered a period of some 300 years. It is believed that the site of Qumran was actually occupied during the Greco Roman period (around 150BC-68AD). In 68AD, the settlement came to an sudden end when it was destroyed by Roman legion.
DEAD SEA

The Dead Sea known in Arabic as Al Bahr Al – Mayyeit is a salt lake bordering Jordan to the east and Israel and the Palestine to the west. It lies some 423 meters below sea level, the lowest elevation on the Earth’s surface. The Dead Sea is 377 m (1,237 ft) deep and has a 33.7% salinity making it one of the world’s saltiest bodies of water. The Dead Sea has attracted millions of visitors from around the Mediterranean basin for thousands of years. It was one of the world’s first health resorts (for Herod the Great), and it has been the supplier of a wide variety of products, from balms for Egyptian mumification to potash for fertilizers.

Tel: +972 2 232 2522
Opening Hours: All year long 8.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.

SUGAR MILLS – TAWAHEEN ES-SUKKAR

Recent historical and archeological records show that the sugar industry was one of the main economic activities in the Jordan Valley as far back as the medieval period. Located in the lower foothills of Mount Quruntal (Temptation) in the Jordan Valley is the Tawaheen Es-Sukkar site which features a relatively well preserved industrial installation for manufacturing sugar. The site of is composed of three components: the water system, the refinery and the agricultural land. The remains of the industrial installations of sugar production consist of a water aqueduct, a courtyard, press, mill house, refinery, furnace, kitchen and a storage house.

Jericho, Tel Es-Sultan Tel: +972 2 252 1503
Jericho, El Sheb’s Spring Tel: +972 2 232 2537
Opening Hours: Tel: Es-Sultan: All year long 8.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m. En es-Sultan: 24 hours

DEIR QURUNTAL & THE MONASTERY OF TEMPTATION

Founded by St. Gerasimus in 455AD, this Greek Orthodox Monastery is one of the oldest in Palestine. The history of the Monastery is also closely linked to other Christian narratives. Mary, Joseph, and the infant Jesus were believed to have found refuge in a cave here during their flight from Herod. An underground chapel was build on the spot where tradition has it the Holy Family spent the night.

SYCAMORE TREE

The Sycamore tree is over 2000 years old and is located at the Al-Jummzez Square in the City Center. Tradition has it that this is the tree Zacchaeus climbed when Jesus was passing through the town. “Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. Now a man named Zacchaeus was there; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to get a look at Jesus, but being a short man he could not see over the crowd. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, because Jesus was going to pass that way” (Luke 19:1-4)
Museums, Theatres & Cultural Centres

The Jericho Mosaic Center

Established in 2000 as part of the “Requalification and Valorisation of the Tourist and Archaeological Resources of Qasr Hisham” project, the main objective of the Centre was to train specialised personnel in all aspects of mosaic production, with particular attention to ancient mosaics conservation. The Mosaic Centre is not only a handcraft laboratory, which produce and sell new mosaics in Palestine and abroad, but also a cultural promotion and training centre. The Centre also provides special tours for groups and individuals. The Tours focuses on areas in which the Mosaic Centre-Jericho has been working since several years, such as Jericho, Sabastiya and Jerusalem
A: Quds Street, Jericho  Tel: +972 2  232 8342

Jericho Culture & Art Centre

Established in 1991 following extensive refurbishment of the old Rivoli Cinema, the Jericho Culture and Art Centre was gutted by a devastating fire in 1992. Since then it has been completely rebuilt. The Centre’s goals are: to enhance the cultural, educational and artistic life of the ancient city of Jericho in particular and in Palestine in general; to develop the educational and cultural abilities of Palestinian children and to shape their talents; to create opportunities for people of different groups and ages to practice their hobbies and to experience and participate in cultural activities; and to strengthen brotherly relations and build bridges of understanding and friendship between peoples, especially in the fields of art and culture. The Centre currently comprises a 700-seat auditorium and spacious foyer which host a regular programme of music, dance and theatre activities, including the annual Jericho International Music Festival and an annual Children’s Summer Camp.
Ein A-Sultan Street, Jericho  Tel / Fax: +972 2  2321047

The Jericho Cable Car

A must see attraction is Jericho’s famous Cable Car ride which takes visitors to the top of the Mount of Temptation and its caves. The complex not only houses the first Cable car in Palestine, it was in the Guinness Book of World Records as the longest cable car under sea level. A ride in the cable car enables you to get a bird eyes view of Ancient Jericho and Tell As-Sultan. A restaurant, coffee shop and souvenir shops are located at the top and at the foot of the complex.
Opening Hours: Sun – Sat 08:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. (Ramadan t il 8:00 p.m.)
Tel: +972 2  232 1986

The Jordan Valley Trail

The trail starts at Duma, a Palestinian village south east of Nablus viewing the Jordan Valley. First, you can walk in the village and meet the village lifestyle that has not changed in the past few hundred years. The journey continues on a hilly trail following a dramatic route across desert terrain inhabit only by shepherds. The steep and rocky trail descends below sea level to the Al Auja Spring, one of the largest water sources in the Jordan Valley. Desert terrain gives way to orange groves as the journey continues to Jericho, “the oldest city on Earth”. Along the way, a steep climb (or optional cable car ascent) leads to the Mount of Temptation, with its Orthodox Monastery clinging to the rocky cliffs.
It is recommended that you do the trail with a guided tour.
You can extend the trail by Length of the trail: 25 Kms
**Palestinian Equestrian Club / Horse Riding**

The first of its kind in Palestine and founded in 1997 under the patronage of the H.E. the late President Yasser Arafat, the Equestrians Club is dedicated to teaching people of all ages and from all walks of life the principles and skills of good horsemanship. The Club is part of a large recreational complex that includes a botanical garden, a youth hostel, playing fields. In 2008, and under the patronage of Princess Haya Bint Al-Hussein, President of the International Equestrian Club, launched a Therapeutic Riding for the Disabled Program.

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**The Spanish Garden Park**

Located near the town center is the Spanish Garden which was officially opened in 1999. The development of the site was funded by the Spanish Government and was established over 30 dunums of land. The site is a beautiful public garden ideal of late-night picnics. The site become alive in the evenings after sunset with local families, small children and teenagers enjoying some nice Arabic music, coffee, and the famous nargileh.

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Jericho Resort Village
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Jerusalem Hotel
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Sami Youth Hostel
Tel: +970(2) 232 4220

Telephérique & Sultan Tourist Center
Tel: +970(2) 232 1350

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Tel: +970(2) 274 3981

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TAHAN
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### Useful Words

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