

St. Anne's Basilica & pool of Bethesda

Located just 60 meters inside Lions Gate in the Muslim Quarter of the Old City, is a wooden doorway that leads into the tranquil garden compound housing the Crusader Era Church of Saint Anne and the Pools of Bethesda archaeological site. The compound is owned by the French government and is administered by the Catholic order of the White Fathers, named for the white robes they wear. Believed to be the birthplace of the Virgin Mary as well as the site of one of Jesus's miracles, it is an important pilgrimage site for Christian visitors. The Church of Saint Anne is believed to be built on the spot where Anne and Joachim, the parents of Mary mother of Jesus lived and where the Virgin Mary was born. The Church was built in 1130CE by the Crusaders on the ruins of a 5th century Byzantine Basilica. After the conquest of Salah Ad-Din in 1187CE, the church was converted into a Madrasa - Islamic religious school, and still bears an inscription in Arabic at its entrance noting this change. During the Ottoman period the structure was abandoned and fell into disrepair, until 1856, when it was gifted to Napoleon III by Ottoman Sultan Abdulmecid I in recognition of their support during the Crimean War. France carried out extensive restoration efforts to restore the Crusader church. Today it is open to visitors, who can descend a staircase into the crypt which is believed to have been the home of Anne and Joachim and the birthplace of Mary. One of the most notable features of the Church is its extraordinary acoustics, perfectly suited to Gregorian chants. Visitors are welcome sing within the Church, as long as the songs are religious (of any religion), and many can be heard doing so throughout the day. Just steps away, within the same compound, is the Pools of Bethesda archaeological site that can be visited for a fee. During excavations in the 1900s, two large water reservoirs were uncovered, dating back to the First and Second Temple Periods as well as the remnants of Roman bath houses and a Roman temple dedicated to Asclepius, the medicine god. The site also holds significance to Christian pilgrims because it is believed that it was in these pools that Jesus healed the paralytic. Commemorating this miracle and because of its proximity to the birthplace of Mary, the Byzantine Basilica of Saint Mary of the Probatric was built over the pools. Although it was damaged in 614CE by the

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الطائفة ذات الصلة العالية

Benedictine
Brothers
, Catholic -
Armenian
, Catholic - Greek
, Catholic - Roman , Coptic
, Mennonite , Mormon
, Orthodox -
Armenian
, Orthodox - Assyrian
, Orthodox - Ethiopian
, Orthodox - Greek
, Orthodox - Russian
, Protestant - Anglican
, Protestant - Baptist
, Protestant - Methodist
, Protestant - Pentecost
, Protestant -Lutheran
, Salesian
Brothers , Zion sisters

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العنوان

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الأراضي الفلسطينية

مغلق يوم

Church closes noon times between 1200-1400 . No visits on Palm Sunday. Closed mornings of 8 Sep. And 8 Dec.

أفضل وقت في اليوم للزيارة

AM

أفضل وقت في السنة للزيارة

Year round

الوقت المقدر للزيارة

1-2 hours

اعتبارات الطقس

Recommend on sunny days

اللباس الواجب ارتداؤه

Modest Clothes , Trousers Allowed For Female Visitors

أوقات الصيف

الأحد: 17:00-8:00
الاثنين: 18:00-8:00
الثلاثاء: 18:00-8:00
الأربعاء: 18:00-8:00
الخميس: 18:00-8:00
الجمعة: 18:00-8:00
السبت: 18:00-8:00

أوقات الشتاء

الأحد: 17:00-8:00
الاثنين: 17:00-8:00-1200
الثلاثاء: 17:00-8:00
الأربعاء: 1400-1200
الخميس: 17:00-8:00
الجمعة: 17:00-8:00
السبت: 17:00-8:00

الحجز في الموقع

نعم

الحجز عبر الإنترنت

لا

الحجز عبر الهاتف

لا

الحجز المسبق مطلوب

لا

مجانًا لهؤلاء الأشخاص

Free for everyone

حمامات

Free

حمام لذوي الاحتياجات الخاصة

لا

وقوف السيارات

No parking available

دراج

لا

ملائم للكراسي المتحركة

نعم

ملائم لعربة الأطفال

نعم