Hisham's Palace

Hisham's Palace , also known as Khirbat al-Mafjar, is an important early Islamic archaeological site in the Palestinian city of Jericho, in the West Bank. Built by the Umayyad dynasty in the first half of the 8th century, it is one of the so-called Umayyad desert castles. It is located 3 km north of Jericho's city center, in an area governed by the Palestinian National Authority (PNA).

Spreading over 60 hectares (150 acres), the site consists of three main parts: a palace, an ornate bath complex, and an agricultural estate. Also associated with the site is a large park or agricultural enclosure (ḥayr) which extends east of the palace. The entire complex - palace, baths, and farm - was connected by an elaborate water system to nearby springs.

Unique Selling Proposition

The palace, bath complex, and external mosque are enclosed by a retaining wall. The southern gate was known from Baramki's excavations, but the recent discovery of a northern gate in alignment indicates that the development of Hisham's Palace was conceived of as a complete unit to be constructed at once.

Sites & Attractions: Type

- Museums, Cultural Centers & Exhibitions
  - Archaeological Museum
- Famous Landmarks
  - Building

Target Group

- Free Independent Travelers (FITs)
  - Families
    - Foreign Families
    - Local Families
- Organized Groups
  - Muslim Groups
  - Secular Groups
    - Fact Finding

Denomination with high relevance

Other

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Address

Khirbet al-Mafjar
Jericho
PS-JRH
Palestinian Territories

31.882001,35.459879
View in Google Maps

Closed on

Eid al-Adha , Eid al-Fitr , Independence Day , Islamic New Year , New Year's Day

Best time of day to visit

AM

Best Time of Year to Visit

Weather Consideration

Avoid on rainy days

Dress Code

Closed toed shoes

Entry Limitation

Male and Female

Summer Times

Sunday: 8:00-15:00
Monday: 8:00-15:00
Tuesday: 8:00-15:00
Wednesday: 8:00-15:00
Thursday: 8:00-15:00
Friday: 8:00-15:00
Saturday: 8:00-15:00

Winter Times

Sunday: 8:00-16:00
Monday: 8:00-16:00
Tuesday: 8:00-16:00
Wednesday: 8:00-16:00
Thursday: 8:00-16:00
Friday: 8:00-16:00
Saturday: 8:00-16:00

Spring , Summer , Winter

Estimated time of visit

1-2 hours

Booking On Site

Yes

Booking Online

Yes

Booking via Phone

Yes

Advance booking required

No

Agent Voucher Accepted

No

Fee: Adults

ILS10.00Per person

Free For

Free (locals only)

Fee: Children

ILS5.00Per person

Fee: Seniors and Disabled

ILS5.00Per person

Fee: Special Group Rate

Yes

Bathrooms

Free , Group suitable , Handicap

Handicap bathroom

Yes

Food outlet

Concessionary , Restaurant

Parking

Paid Private Parking , Public / Street parking

Stairs

Yes

Wheelchair Friendly

Yes

Wheelchair Access Level

Partially accessible

Stroller Friendly

No

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