



The Jericho Oasis Project

The Jericho Oasis Project (JOAP) is a Project conducted by Rome “La Sapienza” University, the Palestinian Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities - Department of Archaeology and Cultural Heritage (MOTA-DACH), funded by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs - Italian Development Cooperation (MAECI).

The main goal of the Project are: the rehabilitation and tourist valorization of the major archaeological sites in the Jericho Oasis; the connection between the cultural heritage of the Oasis and its natural resources; the sustainable development of the Oasis; promoting a positive spiral that qualifies, differentiates and increases an high quality tourism.

Thirteen sites were chosen because of their historical, cultural, naturalistic and religious importance to be part the JOAP. Three main thematic routes connecting ancient sites and panoramic places were identified: the Archaeological Itinerary, the Naturalistic Itinerary, and the Religious Itinerary.



Archaeological Itinerary 1: “The Jericho Oasis in the history” - Duration: 7 hours.

Archaeological Itinerary 2: “Short visit to the main sites” - Duration: 4 hours.

Archaeological Itinerary 3: “Jericho city of power” - Duration: 3 hours.



Naturalistic Itinerary : “Jericho’s water resources” - Duration: 3 ½ hours.

Trekking route 1: “Nature and spirituality” - Duration: 4 hours.

Trekking route 2: “Discovering Bedouin lifestyle” - Duration: minimum 2 hours.



Religious Itinerary : “The walk of pilgrims” - Duration: minimum 3 hours.

For more informations about the itineraries visit the page:

<http://www.lasapienzatojericho.it/JOAP/Itineraries.php>

Tourist Itineraries

Archaeological Itineraries



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ARCHEOLOGICAL ITINERARY 1

“THE JERICHO OASIS IN THE HISTORY”

Description: a complete picture of the archaeology of the Oasis through the most important steps of the history of Humankind as witnessed in Jericho

Duration: 7 hours

Sites:

1. Tell es-Sultan – Ancient Jericho (JOAP n. 1)
2. Tell el-Mafjar Chalcolithic Settlement (JOAP n. 2)
3. Tulul Abu el-'Alayiq – King Herod's Palace (JOAP n. 3)
4. Tell es-Samarat – Herod's Hippodrome (JOAP n. 4)
5. Tawaheen es-Sukkar – Mameluk Sugar Mills (JOAP n. 5)
6. Tell el-Hasan – Byzantine church (JOAP n. 7)
7. Tell Abu Hindi – Byzantine churches (JOAP n. 9)
8. Khirbet el-Mafjar – Caliph Hisham's Palace (JOAP n. 10)



ARCHEOLOGICAL ITINERARY 2

“SHORT VISIT TO THE MAIN SITES OF JOAP”

Description: a fully satisfactory tourist overview of the Oasis through the main archaeological sites of the JOAP, to conclude with the amazing panorama from the Mount of Temptation and his Monastery

Duration: 4 hours

Sites:

1. Tell es-Sultan – Ancient Jericho (JOAP n. 1)
2. Tulul Abu el-'Alayiq – King Herod's Palace (JOAP n. 3)
3. Khirbet el-Mafjar – Caliph Hisham's Palace (JOAP n. 10)
4. Jebel Quruntul – Mount of Temptation (JOAP n. 13)



ARCHEOLOGICAL ITINERARY 3

“JERICHO CITY OF POWER”

Description: discovery the places where the power was located during the history of the Oasis, through the visit of the two sites where the palaces of the Lords of the Bronze and Iron Age city and the Hasmonean Kings were uncovered

Duration: 3 hours

Sites:

1. Tell es-Sultan – Ancient Jericho (JOAP n. 1)
2. Tulul Abu el-'Alayiq – King Herod's Palace (JOAP n. 3)