



## 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>

## Naturalistic Itineraries



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### NATURALISTIC ITINERARY

#### “JERICO’S WATER RESOURCES”

**Description:** a walk into the flourishing nature of Jericho to discover the primary resource of the Oasis: water. Wild flora and fauna, survived along the banks of wadiat, as well as peasants and shepherds way of life preserved through centuries, can be experimented on this path

**Duration:** 3½ hours

#### Sites:

1. ‘Ain es-Sultan (JOAP n. 12)
2. ‘Ain el-Auja; (JOAP n. 12)
3. ‘Ain Duq (JOAP n. 12)
4. Aqueduct and pool of Khirbet el-Mafjar (JOAP n. 11)



### TREKKING ROUTE 1

#### “NATURE AND SPIRITUALITY”

**Description:** a trekking route which starts from one of the spring of the Oasis with the most beautiful landscape and continues with an ascent to the monastery through the mountain path which offers a wonderful panorama over the whole Oasis

**Duration:** 4 hours

#### Sites:

1. ‘Ain el-Auja; (JOAP n. 12)
2. Jebel Quruntul - Mount of Temptation (JOAP n. 13)



### TREKKING ROUTE 2

#### “DISCOVERING BEDOUIN LIFESTYLE”

**Description:** a trekking walk along Wadi Qelt with the canals driving water to the Oasis and a beautiful sight over the Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea, including a stop by a Bedouin tent for dining, drinking Arabic coffee, and wearing real Bedouin clothes

**Duration:** 3 hours

#### Sites:

1. Wadi Qelt