

[PADIS code 0012]

Arabic: قصر هشام / مزارع هشام

Site location: Lat. +31 ° 52' 36.95" N; Long. 35 ° 28' 8.85" E.

Site extension: 65 dunams.

State of preservation: preserved (archaeological park).

Disturbance: quarrying activities.

Occupational periods: [Early Islamic](#) , [Middle Islamic](#) .

Plates: I, III, XLVII-LXVII.

Early Islamic Period

Site typology: palace.

Public architecture: palace (Hisham's Palace) with bath complex, mosque, fenced garden and caravanserai; water channels and reservoir; post-earthquake occupation (the site was partially reused during the Abbasid and Ayyubid Periods).

Material culture: statues, reliefs, stucco decorations, mosaics, *ostraka*, inscriptions, coins, pottery.

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Middle Islamic Period

Site typology: palace.

Public architecture: palace (Salah edh-Din's refurbish).

Material culture: pottery.

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