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Baraka Destinations partners with local communities in secondary tourism sites and together designs and builds tourism experiences that showcase local cultures to curious travelers. With Baraka Destinations you will have the opportunity to get to know the hidden gems that most tourists would miss, get to connect with locals and enjoy a memorable and high-quality travel experience. We exist in a space between the demand and the supply, bridging the gap for local communities to access the travel market and for tourists to have unique off the beaten path experiences.

With the rise in demand from tourists on immersive experiences, our mission is to bring travelers and local communities to offer unique products, experiences and accommodation choices that tell the story of the people, the history of the place and showcase rich and authentic cultural experience.

We work with over 20 local businesses to provide exceptional touristic experiences as well as ensuring maximum local economy benefit by localizing our supply chains and offering delicious meals that are farm-to-table. We strive to deliver you high quality experiences, facilitating the process of booking and provide packaged itineraries to fit every traveler's preference.





BEIT AL BARAKA UMM QAIS

Beit Al Baraka translates to "house of blessings", sits in the heart of Umm Qais village. Guests will get a chance to experience real village life in this place overlooking views of the Ottoman village, the Golan Heights, and the Yarmouk Nature Reserve which can be seen from the roof garden.

Beit al Baraka offers 6 bedrooms, 5 of which are double rooms that can accommodate up to 2 people per room and 1 is a Family Room that can hold up to 4 people with an en-suite. An extra bed can be added to any room to accommodate an additional person. The house is divided over 3 main units:

- Top Floor Unit which has 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, a kitchen and main living room with dining area.
- Ground Floor Unit which has two bedrooms, 1 bathroom, a kitchen and small living area.
- Family Room on the ground floor is a spacious quad-room with its own private bathroom and can host up to four guests.

Beit Al Baraka is renowned for its delicious breakfast that is prepared by local women from the village coming every morning at sunrise to make dishes such as 'galayet bandora' and 'manaqish za'atar' with a spread of cheese, labaneh, homemade jams, baladi butter and many other delicious food items.









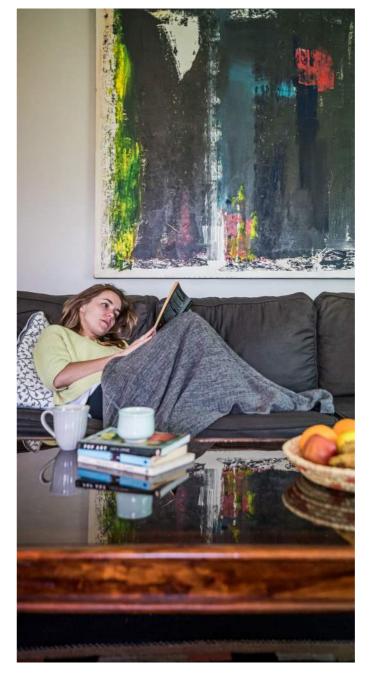














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BEIT AL FANNAN

PELLA

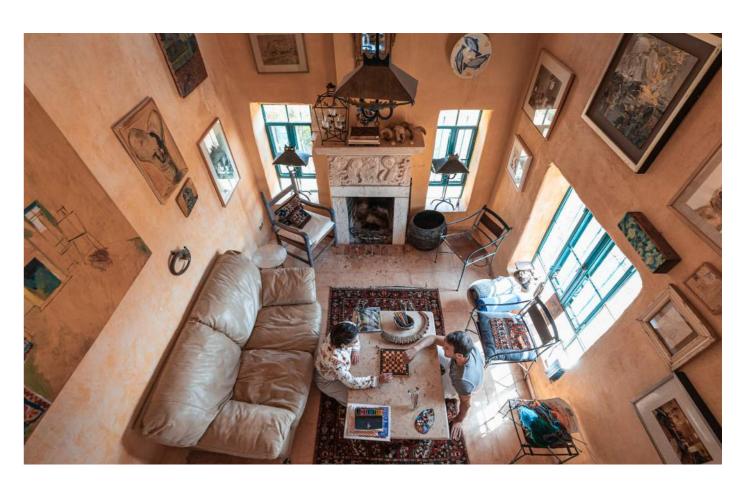
Beit Al Fannan, the house of the artist, lies in the heart of a mountain overlooking Pella's archaeological site and the Jordan valley. The house has 2 private units with their separate living space, bedrooms, bathrooms and kitchens; the Private Villa and the Private Apartment. They both reside in the same building and have separate entrances.

- **The Private Villa** is a two-story house that has 3 terraces, one bedroom, kitchen and large living room. The Private Villa also has access to a cave showcasing a collection of Ammar Khammash's artwork that is available for sale.
- **The Private Apartment** is a cozy house that consists of one bedroom, bathroom, kitchenette, living room and small terrace.

Beit Al Fannan can host up to six people in total, with 3 people in the private villa and 3 people in the private apartment.

Guests staying overnight will have their breakfast included, which is prepared by the local host. The breakfast menu would include a spread of dairy products, hot and cold dishes, vegetables and other delicious condiments, all of which are local and seasonal.









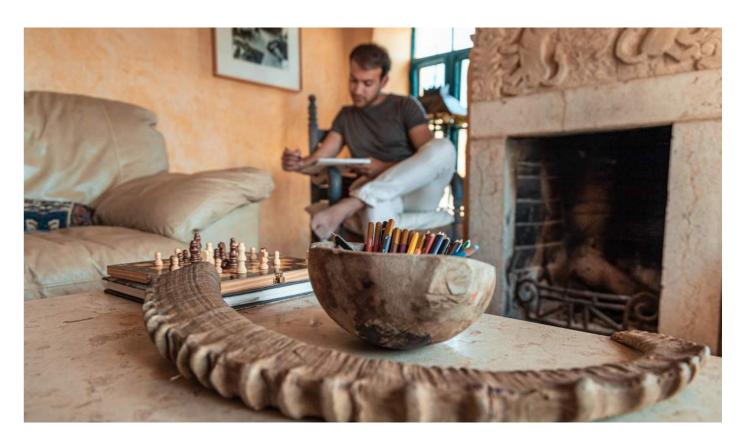












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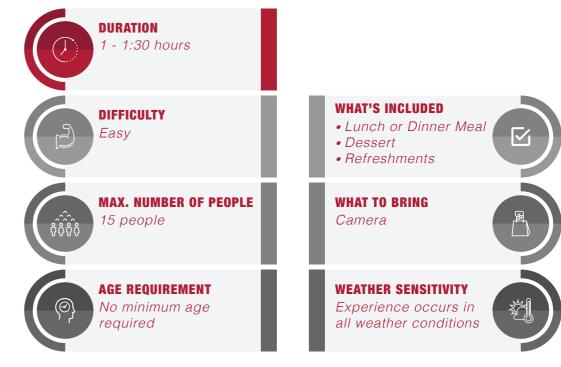




Guests can get to visit the home of a local chef for an authentic experience with great farm-totable dishes that represent Jordan and the northern region. The experience includes relaxing on Arabic cushions and share stories while they wait for the unique taste of northern Jordan. This food is all locally sourced and prepared fresh for the guests' arrival.

Meals can also be delivered to Beit Al Baraka. Guests need to inform Baraka 6 hours before the time of the meal.

Food products are also available for purchase. The full meal comes with appetizers, salads and meat or chicken dishes with flexibility for dietary preferences and restrictions.



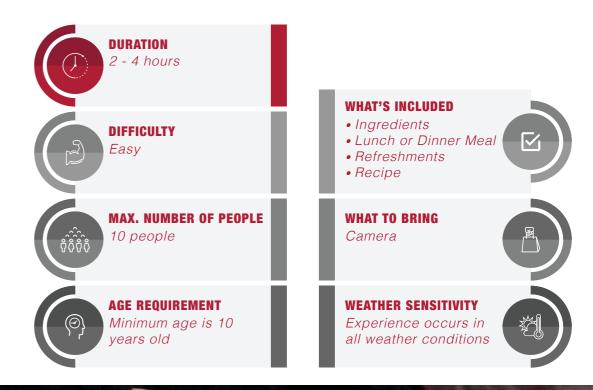




An experience for guests to delve into making traditional dishes of Umm Qais's cuisine that includes produce grown in surrounding areas because of its rich agricultural soil and copious rain. Guests can use this experience to dive straight into the tastes and techniques of authentic local cuisine. An experienced and talented local chef will teach the class, using her knowledge of the region to prepare meals with a rich history and an unforgettable taste.

Cooking classes are led by several different local women from the village, this experience is perfect for guests looking to interact with local communities first-hand.

The full meal comes with meat or chicken with flexibility for dietary preferences and restrictions.







An experience for guests to stroll through the Beekeeping site with Yousef, the beekeeper. Yousef will introduce the guests to the queendom of bees and invite guests to look into the hives. Guests will visit the beekeeping site, hear an informational presentation, and interact with the hives themselves in a full beekeeping suit. Yousef also offers guests honey that changes taste depending on the time of year.



WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Beekeeping suitSoft Drink
- Honey tasting



WHAT TO BRING

- Water bottle
- Sneakers/closed shoes
- Identification Document (ID)



WEATHER SENSITIVITY

Experience is cancelled in rain







An ancient tradition spanning generations of weaving with banana leaves, palm leaves and straw. You will sit with local artisans, discover and possibly gain a knack for the intricate skills needed to weave a simple design. You will leave with the coaster that you have made and you get the chance to buy from a wide selection of locally-made baskets.





DIFFICULTY





AGE REQUIREMENT

Minimum age is 6 years old

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Weaving tools & material
- Coaster weaved by guests
- Refreshments



WHAT TO BRING

- Camera
- Water Bottle





Experience occurs in all weather conditions







There are hundreds of wild plants that are essential to the area's ecological diversity and of high medicinal value. One of which is, wild Za'atar (Origanum syriacum L) that has long been part of ancient civilizations food culture. Planting Za'atar in Umm Qais is of high conservation value, as the species in Jordan has been evaluated as nationally threatened due to intensive collection and destruction of its natural habitats caused by urbanization and cultural expansion.

Spend an hour with Wijdan, the owner of a home-based greenhouse, called Beit Al Ward, and learn how to make seed bombs of propagated wild Za'tar seeds. The final product can then be taken on your hiking or cycling experience to be dispersed into nature. The seed bombs will grow into plants naturally once it rains. You can also take the seed bombs back to your home to plant it there. This activity is highly recommended for travelers interested in ecological conservation and families. Beit Al Ward also has a greenhouse with numerous of plants available for purchase.



WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Experience tools
- Seed bomb made by guests
- Refreshments



WHAT TO BRING

- Camera
- Be ready to get your hands dirty



WEATHER SENSITIVITY







Stone Masonry, an ancient Roman art, used for centuries for different art works and documentation purposes. Today, stone masonry with Roman tools has faded away in many cultures but remains one that requires high precision and technique.

The stone masonry experience includes a guided lesson for you to mason your own piece of stone and learn about that beautiful form of art.









WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Experience toolsStone masoned by
- guests
 Refreshments





Camera

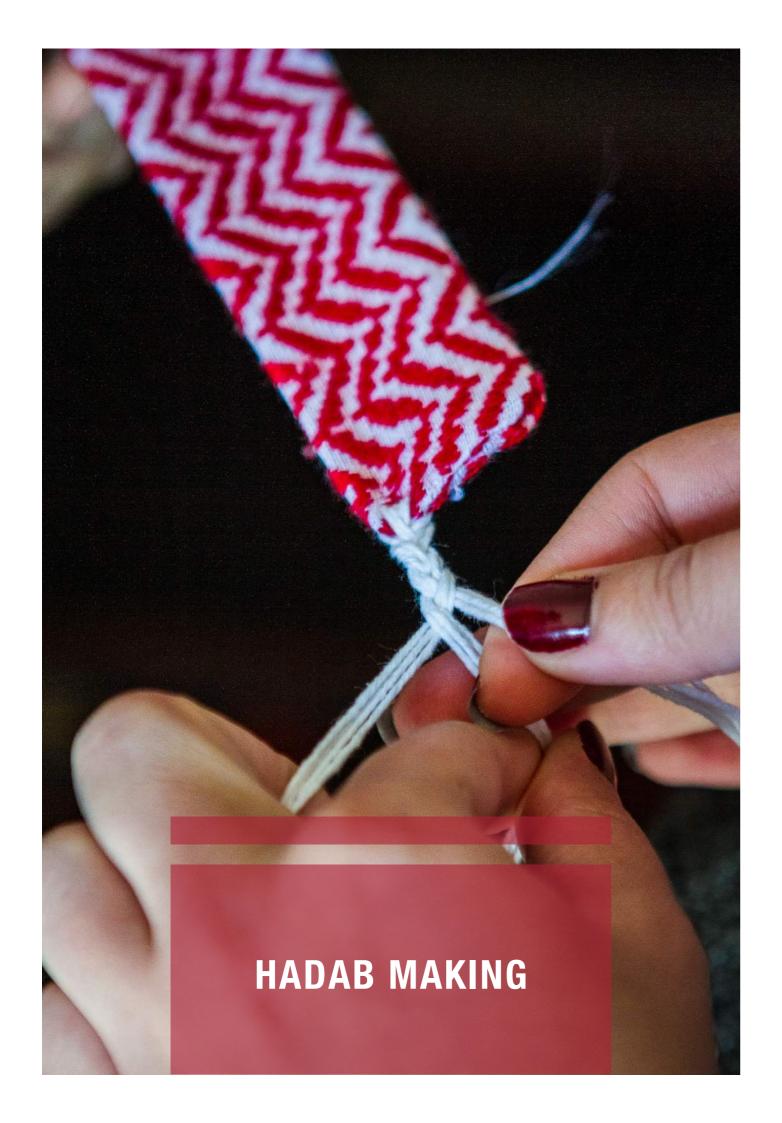


WEATHER SENSITIVITY

Experience occurs in all weathers







Tahdeeb is the process of tasseling the sides of the Keffiyeh, the traditional Jordanian headdress, and it's a traditional craft that is nowadays maintained by older women only. Take yourself to learn and experience how Hadab is done on a sample bookmark that you take home with you.





DIFFICULTY Intermediate





WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Experience toolsBookmark made by
- guests • Refreshments





Camera

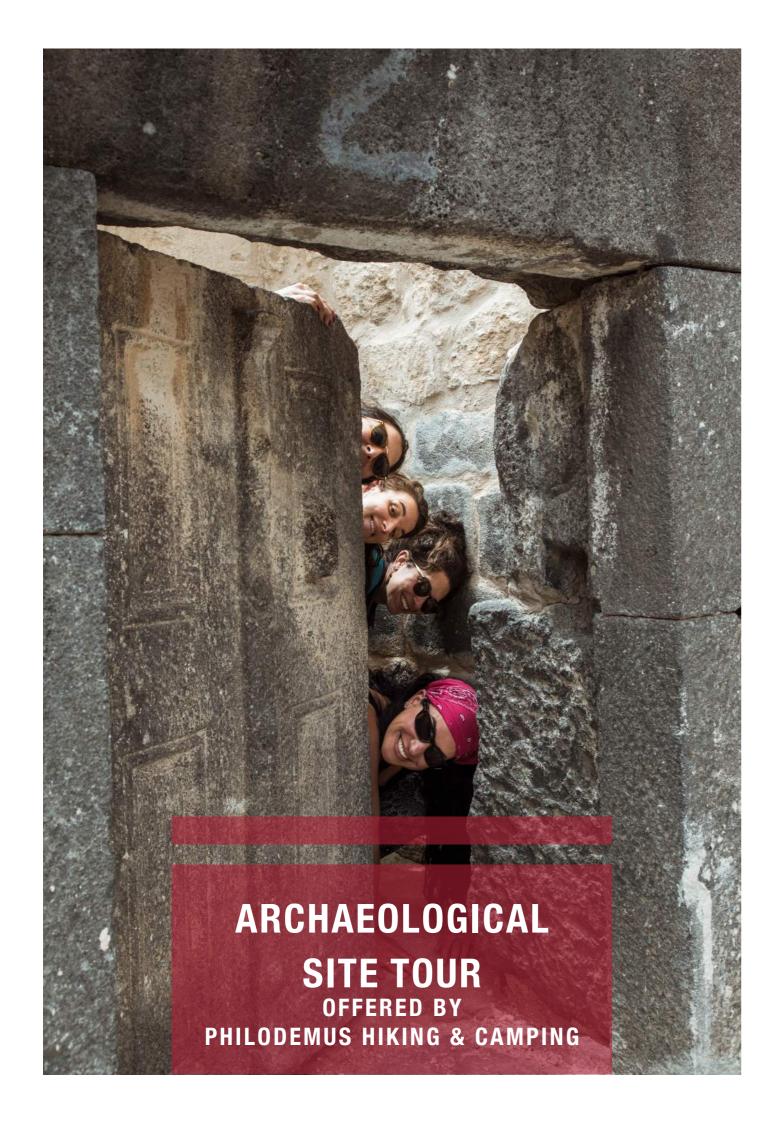


WEATHER SENSITIVITY

Experience occurs in all weather conditions







The ancient city of Gadara is one of the Roman Decapolis Cities, and Gadara stands special as it boasts a spectacular view of the Sea of Galilee, the Golan Heights and the Yarmouk Valley. You can travel back in time by booking a site tour with a local guide with extensive knowledge about the hidden gems of the ancient city.









WHAT'S INCLUDED

- English Speaking Guide
- Binoculars



WHAT TO BRING• Backpack

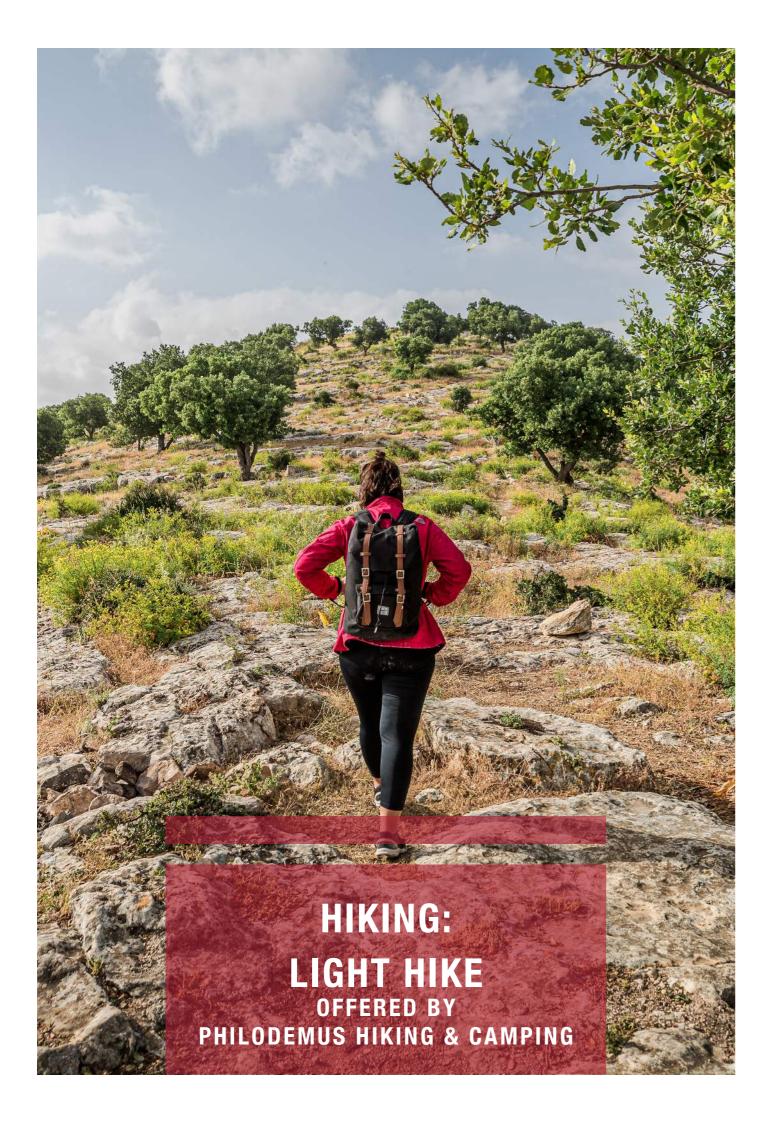
- Snacks
- Sun protection
- Water



WEATHER SENSITIVITY







A chance for you to hike over the rolling hills of Umm Qais and get to connect with nature and learn about the history of the place. The 'painted picture' landscapes of Umm Qais and diversity of its flora and fauna makes hiking an exceptional experience.

Light Hike: This hike is a great introduction to the history, environment, and culture of Umm Qais, it's also perfect for families with young children. There are several family-friendly routes through the Umm Qais area, and our 1-2-hour hikes provide the perfect window of opportunity to see the area in a minimal amount of time.



WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Experienced local guideFirst aid equipment
- Water bottle
- Walking sticks
- Binoculars
- Tea
- Transportation back to Beit Al Baraka

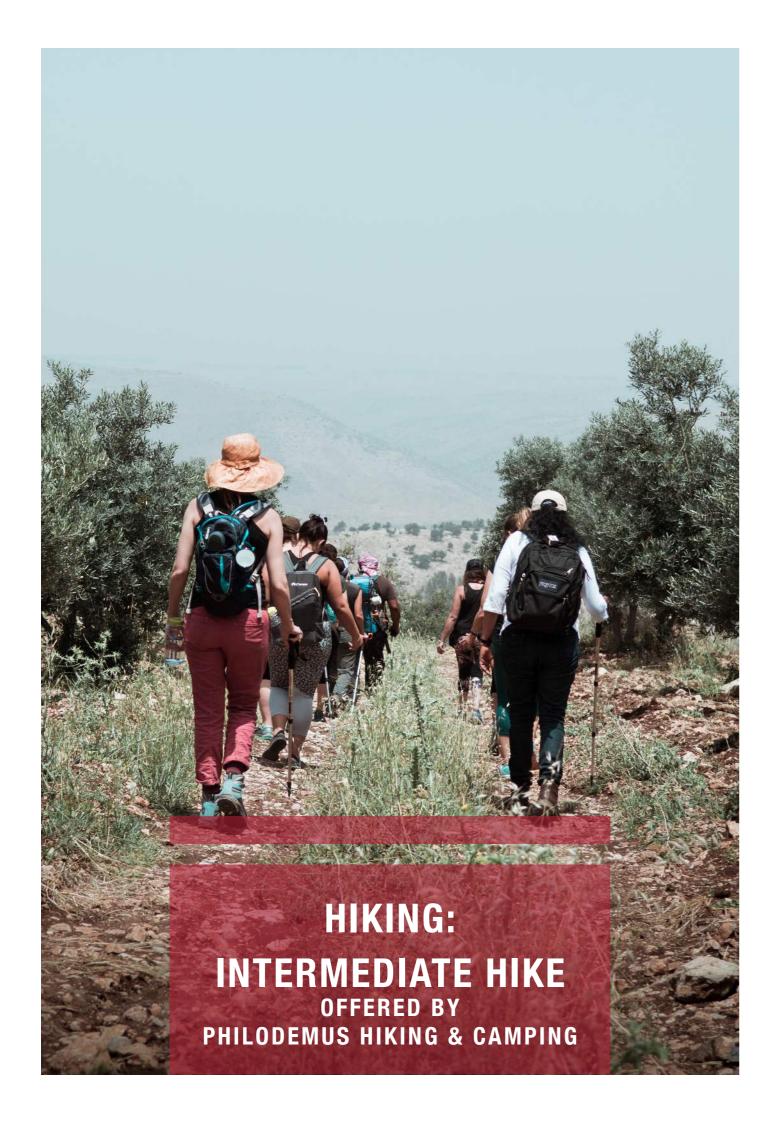
WHAT TO BRING

- Backpack
- Snack
- Sun protection
- Warm fleece or sweater fall through spring
- Waterproof jacket or
- poncho fall through spring
- Camera and/or mobile phone
- Identification Document (ID or Passport)

WEATHER SENSITIVITY







Guests meet with local guide at Philodemus Hiking and Camping Shop, to decide on the best route for you. Our half day hikes of 3-4 hours offer you the chance to really gain an appreciation for the surrounding environment.

Trails that run through the Yarmouk Protected area are subject to an additional fee of 2.5 JD, which are paid directly to the Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature.





WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Experienced local guide First aid equipment
- Water bottle
- Walking sticks • Binoculars
- Tea
- Seasonal FruitsTransportation back to Beit Al Baraka

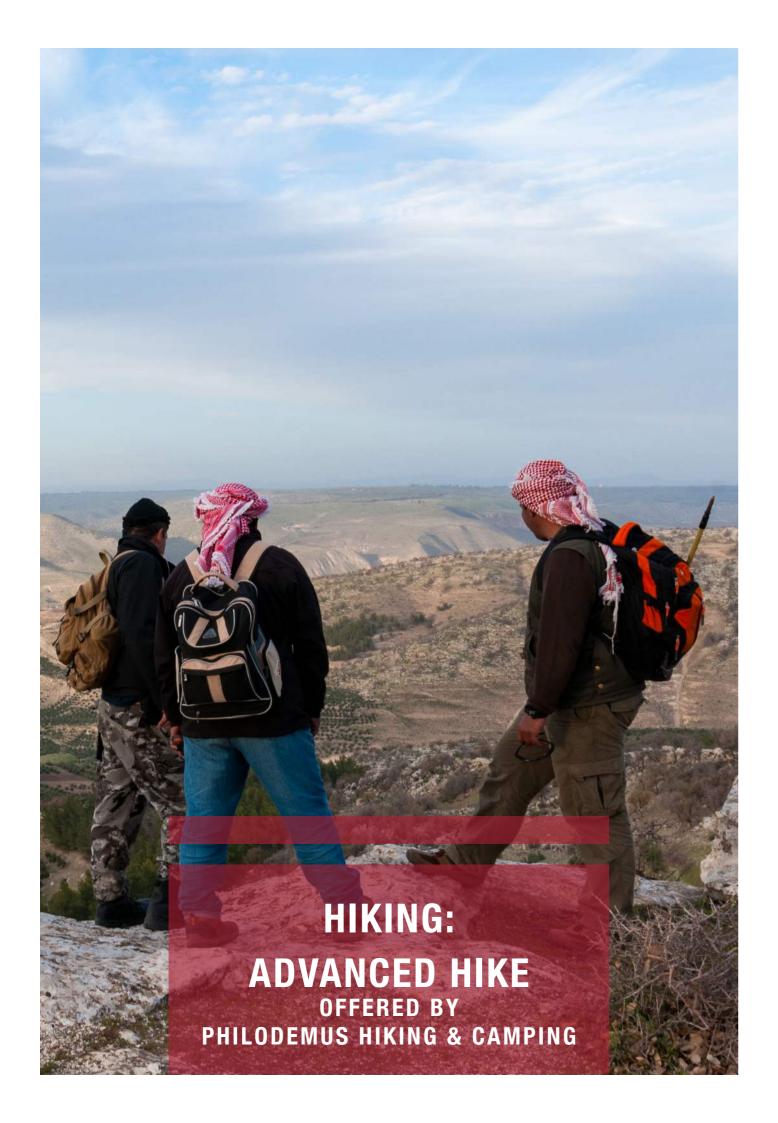
WHAT TO BRING

- Backpack
- Snack
- Sun protection
- Warm fleece or sweater fall through spring
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- poncho fall through spring
- Camera and/or mobile
- Identification Document (ID or Passport)
- Yarmouk Protected Area Fee (2.50 JOD)"

WEATHER SENSITIVITY







There are nine trekking routes to pick from, and all vary in terrain and level of difficulty. The full day hike is a 5-6-hour immersive adventure into the natural beauty of Umm Qais. It includes a knowledgeable local guide, tea, a lunchbox, and transportation back to start point. Please note that all guests must have a form of ID on the tour as 2 of the 9 possible routes include a checkpoint.

Trails that run through the Yarmouk Protected area are subject to an additional fee of 2.5 JD, which are paid directly to the Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature.









WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Experienced local guide
- First aid equipment Water bottle
- Walking sticks

- Tea
- Lunch Box • Transportation back to Beit Al Baraka

WHAT TO BRING

- Backpack
- Snack
- Sun protection
- · Warm fleece or sweater fall through spring
- Waterproof jacket or poncho fall through spring
- Camera and/or mobile phone
- Identification Document (ID or Passport)
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WEATHER SENSITIVITY







You will discover the hills of Umm Qais that are found along the way while you cycle through the village, the farmlands, the Golan Heights, and the Jordan Valley. A local guide will lead you on a route that is steeped with history and beautiful landscapes, both ancient and modern.

The light cycle includes the flat farmland trail, which is ideal for cyclists with minimal experience. Other routes can be discussed further with the cycling guide in advance.



WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Experienced guides
- Bicycle
- Helmet
- First aid equipment
- Water bottles
- Support car & Maintenance
- Transportation from and to Beit Al Baraka
- Carriages are available for children from 1 3 years old

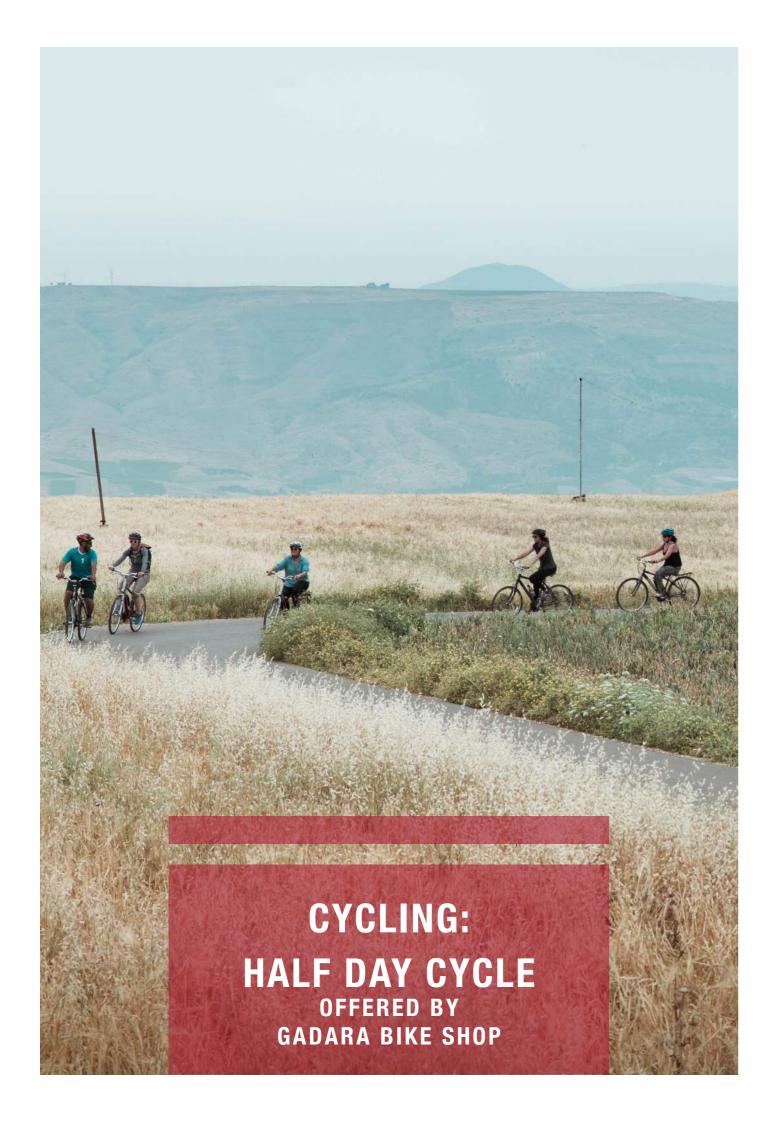
WHAT TO BRING

- Backpack
- Sun protection
- Suitable clothing for cycling
- Identification Document (ID or Passport)

WEATHER SENSITIVITY







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The intermediate routes contain a combination of flat farmlands and light climbs. The length of the route takes half-day (3-4 hours) to complete. Choice of routes vary depending on weather conditions and seasons, any specific requirements can be discussed with the cycling guides in advance.



WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Experienced guides
- Bicycle
- Helmet
- First aid equipment
- Water bottles
- Lunch box
- Support car & Maintenance
- Transportation from and to Beit Al Baraka
- Carriages are available for children from 1 – 3 years old

WHAT TO BRING

- Backpack
- Sun protection
- Suitable clothing for
- cyclingIdentific
- Identification Document (ID or Passport)

WEATHER SENSITIVITY







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Advanced routes include a combination of flat farmlands, light climbs and steep ones. An advanced cycling route takes a full day (5-6 hours) to complete. Choice of routes vary depending on weather conditions and seasons, any specific requirements can be discussed with the cycling guides in advance.

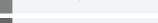


WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Experienced guides
- Bicycle
- Helmet
- First aid equipment
- Water bottles
- Lunch boxSupport car &
- Support car & Maintenance
- Transportation from and to Beit Al Baraka
- Carriages are available for children from 1 – 3 years old

WHAT TO BRING

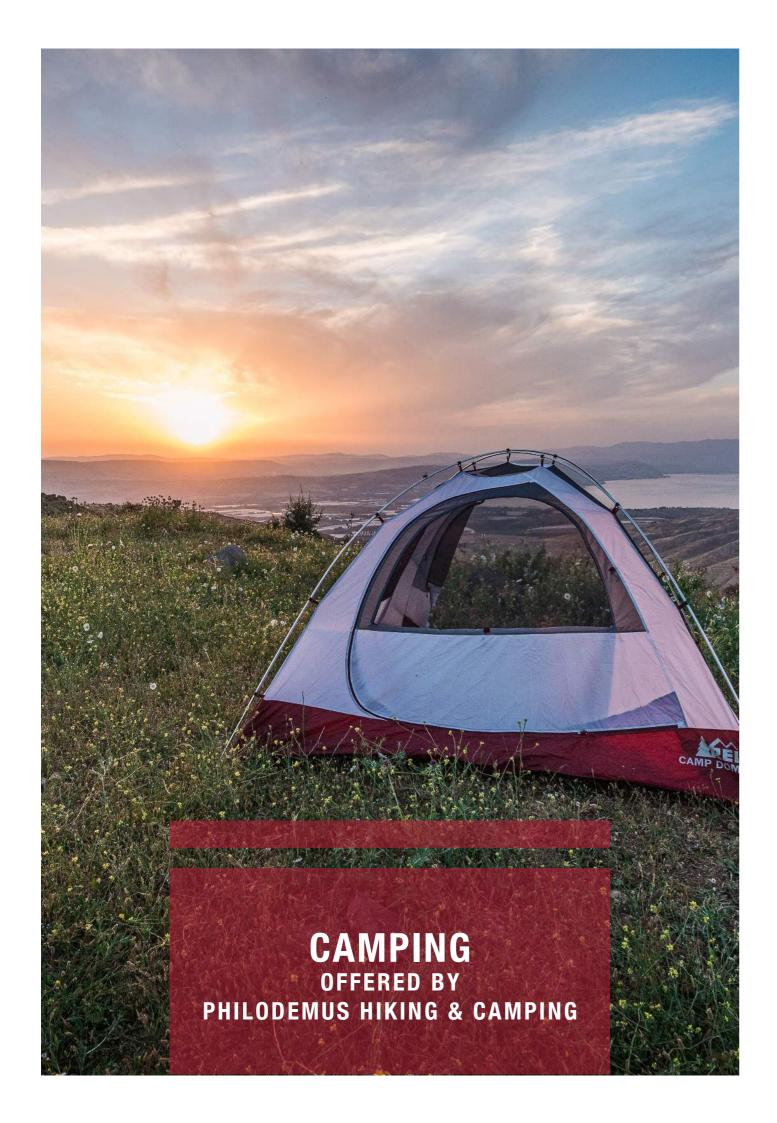
- Backpack
- Sun protection
- Suitable clothing for cycling
- Identification Document (ID or Passport)



WEATHER SENSITIVITY







Camping is the perfect experience for adventurous travelers looking to reconnect with nature and fully immerse in the breath-taking views of landscapes of Umm Qais. This activity brings in the right blend of adventure and culture with the presence of a knowledgeable guide for an introduction to life in the village with real depth.

This experience is best in Spring (March – May) and Fall (September – November).





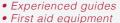






WHAT'S INCLUDED

Supported Hike including:



- Walking sticks
- Binoculars
- Snacks or lunchbox
- Shared Tents
- Sleeping bag
- Pillow
- Comfortable seating areaTransportation from
- camping site back to town • Half board (Breakfast & Dinner)

WHAT TO BRING

- Backpack
- Snacks
- Sun protection/Hat
- Warm fleece or sweater fall through spring
- Waterproof jacket or poncho fall through spring
- Camera and/or mobile
- Identification Document (ID or Passport)
- Change of clothes
- Sandals for walking around campsite





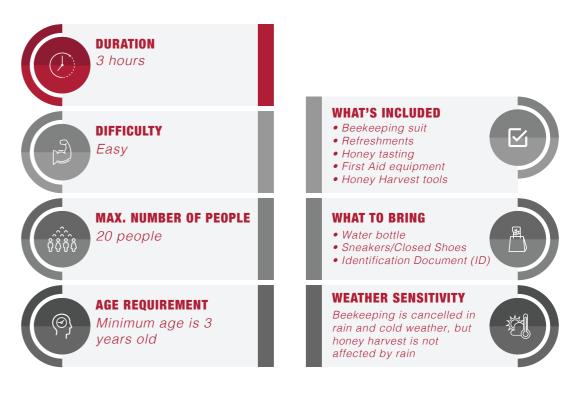




Honey harvesting happens three times a year in Umm Qais, each time different tastes of honey are produced depending on the availability of flowers of that particular season. You will accompany Yousef, the beekeeper, on a beekeeping experience, followed by a visit to Yousef's workshop to extract honey from the honeycombs. This experience involves a full demonstration on the entire honey production process.

Honey harvest happens 4 times a year; winter, spring and twice in summer. The exact time differs depending on weather and rain; contact us for more information on the next harvesting season.

- Spring flowers harvest beginning of May
- Thistle flowers harvest end of June
- Jujube flowers harvest beginning of July
- Carob flowers harvest beginning of December





Umm Qais is a lush garden, ideal for those who wish to forage. There are many edible plants, fruits and vegetables that can be found on the hills that surround the village of Umm Qais. Foraging groups will set off onto the hills or into fields in search of akoub, loof, almonds, olives and much more. The foraged goods would be of much better use in a kitchen; therefore, we strongly suggest that you book a cooking class after the foraging experience.

This experience runs Winter through Spring season.



WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Experienced local guide
- Foraging bag
- Walking sticks
- Water bottles
- Lunch Box • Tea
- First Aid equipment • Take foraged produce by
- Transportation from and to Beit Al Baraka

WHAT TO BRING

- Backpack
- Sun protection
- Hiking shoes
- Warm fleece or sweater fall through spring
- Waterproof jacket or poncho fall through spring
- Camera and/or mobile
- Identification Document (ID or Passport)











Olives are known as sacred trees in the region and their fruits have been cherished since ancient civilizations, taking part of medicine, cuisines and economy. Olive picking is special to local families as it is seen as a communal activity that all family members participate in. You will go to the fields with a local guide and take part of the olive picking, the experience is complimented with a visit to the Olive Press.

This experience runs through fall season only (from 10th of October to 1st of December).







WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Experienced local guide
- Foraging bag
- Water bottles
- Transportation from and to Beit Al Baraka
- Transportation from and to oil press

WHAT TO BRING

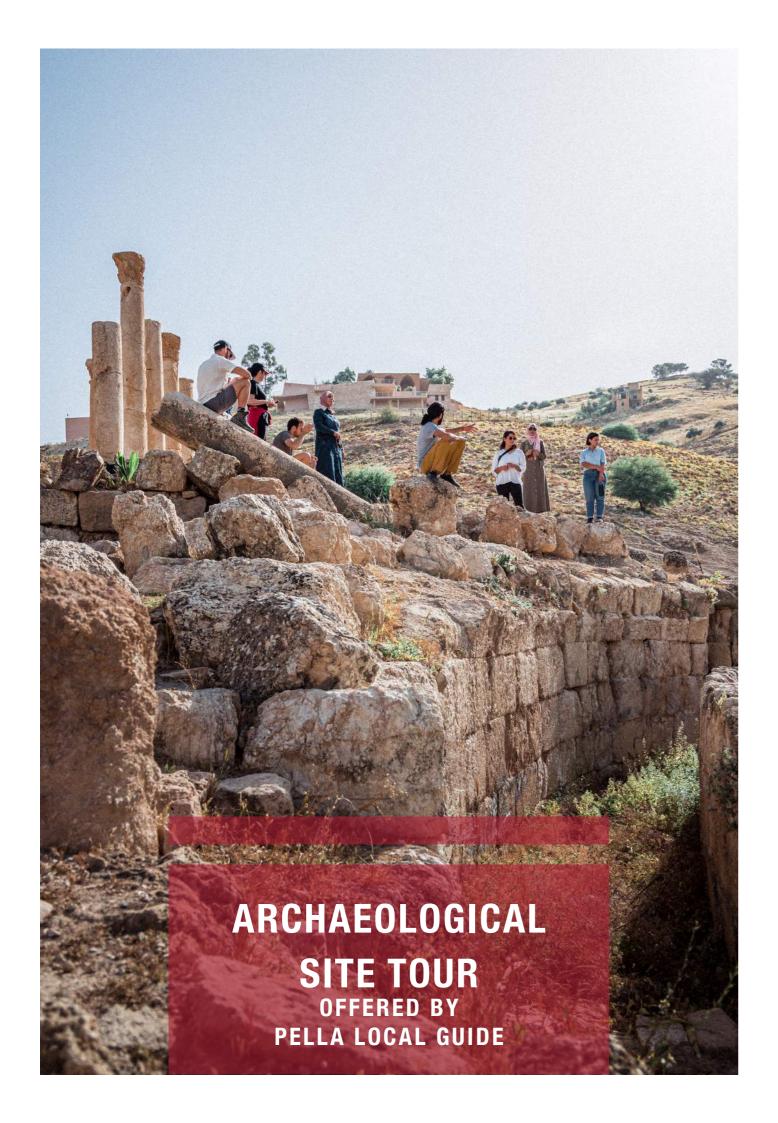
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WEATHER SENSITIVITY









Within the hills, caves and stones of Pella lies the story of mankind since we started to settle. Pella is in fact one of the most significant of Jordan's historic sites. Ruins, artefacts and evidence clearly show that Pella has been continuously inhabited for nearly 9000 years if not longer. Settlements dating back to the Stone and Bronze ages with thick protective walls can be seen on top of the main hill or by looking down 30 meters of excavations under Umayyad palaces, Byzantine churches and Roman temples.

An hour guided site tour by two of the first 4 female guides in Pella to take you back in time and relive history through the locals.









WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Experienced local guide First Aid equipment
- Walking sticks



WHAT TO BRING

- Sun protection

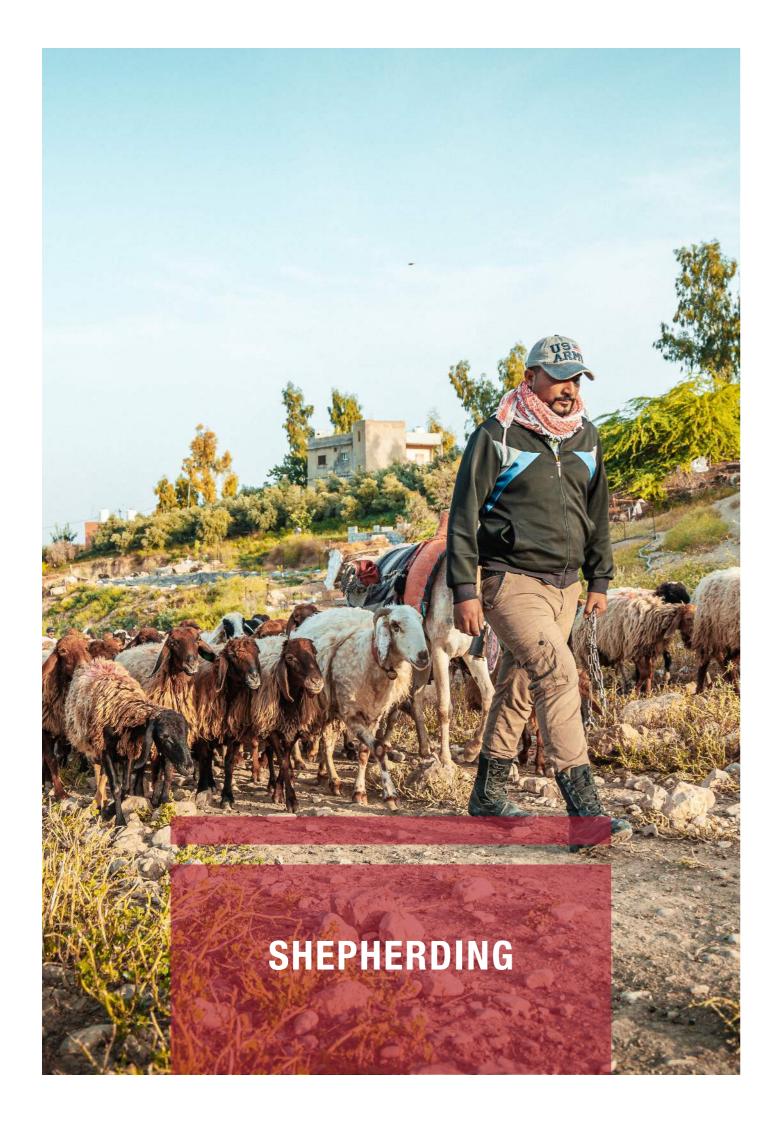
heavy rain

- Warm fleece or sweater
- fall through spring
 Waterproof jacket or poncho fall through spring
- Camera and/or mobile









Embark on an experience with a local shepherd learning how the shepherd takes care of the sheep and enjoy the views of Pella's landscapes over breakfast and tea. Enjoy the serenity of the shepherd's life and his connection to the sheep.

This experience is complimented with the cheese making experience that is also run by the shepherd's family.

- The departure time of the experience varies according to season:
- May October at 6 am and at 3 pm.
- November April at 9 am.





DIFFICULTY Easy



MAX. NUMBER OF PEOPLE

10 people



AGE REQUIREMENT

Minimum age is 5 years old

WHAT'S INCLUDED





WHAT TO BRING

heavy rain

- Backpack
 Sun protection
 Warm fleece or sweater fall through spring
 Waterproof jacket or poncho fall through spring
 Camera and/or mobile







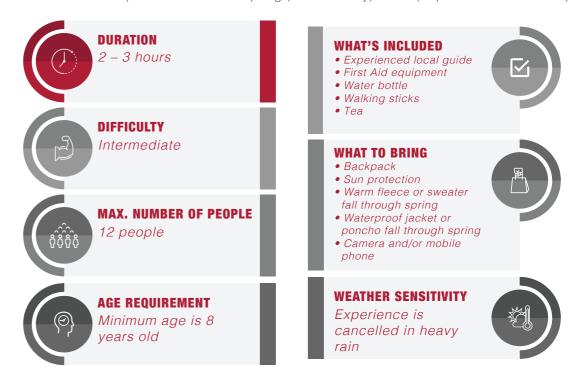


Hiking can be one of the best activities to explore an area and experience its landscape first hand, and the Himit abu Dableh trail is no exception.

The hike begins from Beit al Fannan heading north through local village roads, and passes by several farms, homesteads, and beautiful olive groves. The trail then winds through meadows, Mediterranean rolling hills, and finally up to a plateau offering unmatched views.

This hike is perfect for almost anyone! Besides the beautiful scenery, there's also a lot of flora and fauna, and if lucky enough, you might see some wild turtles!

• This experience is best in Spring (March – May) & Fall (September – November).



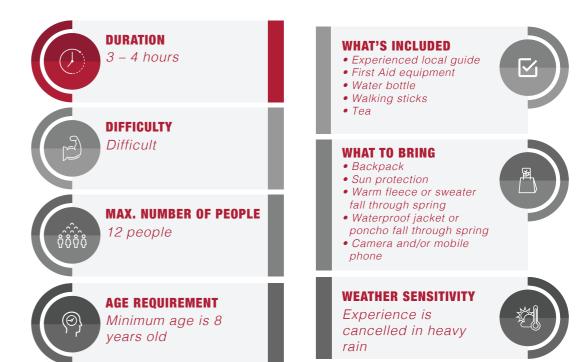




If you're up for a challenge, then look no further! It is often said that 'difficult roads lead to beautiful destinations,' and the Tal Sartaba hiking trail is more proof that a little bit of difficulty can be incredibly rewarding.

Starting from the Pella Visitor Center, the hike descends into the valley nestled between the archaeological site and Tal al-Husun. From there, we begin the long ascent Tal Sartaba. It's going to be a long trek up, but the awe-inspiring views from the top are no small consolation prize. The whole trail is dotted with pine trees, providing shade and reprieve when needed.

 This experience is best in Spring (March – May) and Fall (September – November).



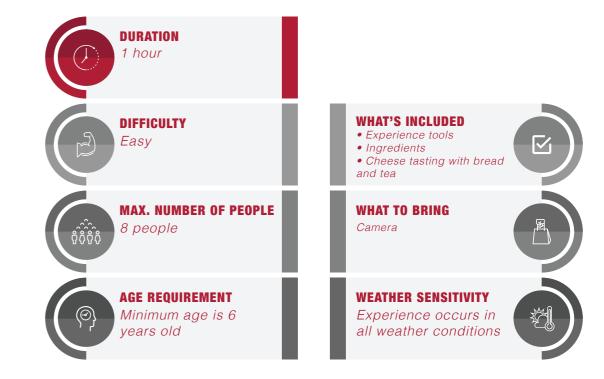






You go on an immersive experience to spend an hour with a local cheesemaker to learn how fresh cheese is made. The experience involves milking goats and producing cheese at a home of a family-owned enterprise.

- This experience is best complimented with the Shepherd experience.
- Cheese making runs from November to July.







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