The Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature

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Ajloun's Nature Inspired Crafts

Make sure you visit Ajloun's Houses which are located in the Royal Academy for Nature Conservation as part of the Socioeconomic development program for local communities.

Soap House

At the Soap House, the local women use a variety of local ingredients, including lavender, geranium, mint and pomegranate, to create high-quality handmade natural olive oil soaps called Orjan Soap. The soaps are all produced using pure olive oil, combined with other natural oils, plant extracts and pure essential oils.

Biscuit House

The Biscuit House is where the Tasali Jordanian Delights are handmade with care by the talented local women living near Ajloun Forest Reserve, using natural ingredients from their local farms and gardens to create an authentically Jordanian taste. Tasali products are Molasses & Tahini Sandwich Cookies, Anise Tea Biscuits, Olive Oil Crisps, Zaatar & Cheese Biscuits and the Energy Bar. Tasali presents a new spirit of Jordanian Delights!

Calligraphy House

Learn about the six most famous types of Arabic calligraphy and practice drawing your name in your favorite style. The Calligraphy House promotes dialogue between cultures and allows the visitor to be enchanted by the beauty of the Arabic language. You can also personalize your own postcard or frame to take back home as a souvenir while also supporting income generating activities for the local community women.

Nature Shop

The Shop displays all of our nature inspired products which are handcrafted by the local women around the reserves. Browse through the Nature Shop and find truly original gifts and souvenirs.

Explore Ajloun

Your Evergreen Escape

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Tourism Trails

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Jubaiha View Point Trail
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Main Roads

Trail Stops

Ajloun Castle
Jubaiha Trailhead
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Rasoun Trailhead
Rockrose Trailhead
Mar Elias Trailhead

Directions

From Amman, the trip to Ajloun is 85 km and takes about an hour and 15 minutes. Go to Jerash, taking the ring road (Jordan Street) out of Amman. Once you reach Jerash, follow the signs to Ajloun.

Enter Ajloun City and at the Ajloun circle, go straight toward Eshtafena. 5 km from the Ajloun circle you will find the Eshtafena junction. At the junction, turn left toward Ajloun Forest Reserve. Follow the signs to the site.
Ajloun Forest Reserve

Located in the Ajloun district, in the north of Jordan, Akhaldah village was founded in 1987 to help conserve the region's varied plant and animal species, as well as to promote eco-tourism. Since its establishment, RSCN has initiated a captive breeding program for several species that are endangered in the region.

The variety of wildflowers.

The rich greenery makes Ajloun a popular spot for picnickers and nature enthusiasts. The Academy constructed nearby the Ajloun Forest Reserve, to be used as real-life training facilities.

In 2015, HRH Crown Prince Hussein inaugurated the Academy to use these tourism facilities as real-life training centers. His Majesty King Abdullah II laid the foundation stone of a specialized Academy for training on the protection of nature and the environment.

The first center in the Arab world for nature conservation.

On 14 June 2015, His Majesty King Abdullah II inaugurated the Royal Academy for Nature Conservation – the first center in the Arab world dedicated to offering training on nature conservation.

Staying in Ajloun Cabins

The cabins are scattered in a large group sharing an indoor space as well as a shared outdoor space.

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Ajloun Castle

Ajloun Castle, also known as Mar Elias Castle, is a medieval fortress in the town of Akhaldah. It was built between 1184 and 1188 by Salahaddin's nephew. The castle is located on a small hill overlooking the town of Akhaldah.

The castle was used as a military fortress to protect the region from invading forces. It is a large, square stone structure with four towers and a central keep. The castle has two levels: the ground floor and the upper floor.

The castle has several large rooms, including a hall, a banquet hall, and a throne room. The castle is also home to a museum that displays artifacts and exhibits related to the history of the castle and the region.

Exploring the Organic Farm

Join us at a local olive tree farm where you’ll learn how to hand-pick the ripe olives, press the olive oil is added. To keep your loaf fluffy, generous amounts of locally harvested and wild flowers are used. The wheat flour is based on the organic farm.

Calligraphy House Experience

Visit the Calligraphy House and learn the art of Arabic calligraphy with a local artist. The house is located in the heart of Ajloun and offers a unique experience in the art of calligraphy. The artist will guide you through the process of creating your own piece of calligraphy, from choosing the right pen to creating the final artwork.

Mar Elias Trail (Prophet Trail)

This trail begins at the Reserve’s Visitor Center; you will hike through the beautiful natural scenery and see a variety of plant and animal species.

Time: 3-4 hours

Distance: 8 km

Grade: Moderate

Guided or self-guided

(except during Ramadan)

Experience the Beauty of Ajloun Forest Reserve Culture!

Local Farm Experience

Tillage (Home-Dried)

First, the wheat is dried on the field, and then the grains are milled. The flour is mixed with water and oil, and a paste is made. This paste is then dried and used as the flour for bread.

Harvesting Olives Trees (November)

You’ll be on a farm where home-milled oil is pressed. When the olives are collected, they are spread on the ground to dry and then pressed to extract the oil.

Organic Farm Experience

The Farm Cooking Experience

From your farm-dried flour to the oil that they used to cook bread, you’ll be able to see the entire process of making bread. The experience includes a locally prepared picnic brunch box.

Rockrose Trail

This trail starts at the Reserve’s Visitor Center and offers great views of the rolling hills and caves. The trail is easy to hike and is suitable for families with children.

Time: Less than 1 hour

Distance: 2 km

Grade: Easy

Guided or self-guided

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Biscuit House Experience

Visit the Biscuit House and learn how to make traditional Jordanian biscuits. The house is located in the heart of Ajloun and offers a unique experience in the art of baking. The house is run by a local family who will guide you through the process of making the biscuits, from choosing the right ingredients to baking them to perfection.

Ajloun Castle Trail

This trail begins at the Reserve’s Visitor Center; you will hike through the beautiful natural scenery and see a variety of plant and animal species.

Time: Full Day

Distance: 8.5 km

Grade: Difficult

Guided only

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Roe Deer Trail

This trail starts at the Reserve’s Visitor Center and offers great views of the rolling hills and caves. The trail is easy to hike and is suitable for families with children.

Time: Less than 1 hour

Distance: 2 km

Grade: Easy

Guided only

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Mar Elias Trail

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Time: Full Day

Distance: 8.5 km

Grade: Difficult

Guided only

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Orjan Village Trail

This trail starts at the Reserve’s Visitor Center and offers great views of the rolling hills and caves. The trail is easy to hike and is suitable for families with children.

Time: Full Day

Distance: 8.5 km

Grade: Difficult

Guided only

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Ramadan (Year-round)

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Orjan Village

Orjan Village is a small village located in the Ajloun Forest Reserve. It is known for its beautiful natural scenery and the local olive oil produced there.

The olive oil is made using traditional methods and is known for its rich flavor and aroma.

Dried reed instrument as a pen.

Arabic calligraphic styles. The most appealing to you, will be the font used for the Oriya text, which is the traditional font for the Arabic language.

The Calligraphy House Experience

The Calligraphy House Experience is an opportunity to learn about the art of Arabic calligraphy. The experience is led by a local artist who will teach you the basics of the art, from choosing the right pen to creating the final artwork.

Calligraphy House

The Calligraphy House is a small building located in the heart of Ajloun. It is run by a local artist who is passionate about the art of calligraphy. The artist will teach you the basics of the art, from choosing the right pen to creating the final artwork.