

DISCOVERY



Jordan 1: Amman and the North



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The Kingdom of Jordan is strewn with the traces of its fertile history, the influence of Greek, Roman and Muslim rulers.

In the desert, however, the over-riding influence is that of the Muslim princes, who built houses in this once fertile land, where they came to hunt.

Castles such as Quasr el Kharaneh, and Quasr al- Amra once stood amongst orchards in a land rich with game.

The Jordanian desert, is characterized by its castles, the Al Azraq castle, fortress of Diocletian, for example, was rebuilt by the Mamluks at the start of the 13th century.

It is an impressive structure built out of black basalt rock, with an Umayyad mosque in the centre.

Evidence of the country's Roman history is visible to this day, especially at Jerash, one of the best preserved ancient cities, where emperors such as Hadrien invested in ambitious architectural projects.