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DIYARBAKIR & MARDIN

Diyarbakir, the City of Faith is situated around a high plateau by the banks of the Tigris river, its core is surrounded by an almost intact set of high walls of black basalt forming a 5.5 km (3.4 miles) circle around the old city.

Have a traditional meal and visit the Syrian Orthodox Church of the Virgin Mary, the Armenian Apostolic Church of St George, the Great Mosque, Ten Eyed Bridge, Hevsel Garden and Zerzevan Castle in Diyarbakir.

The Zerzevan castle was an Eastern Roman military base and a strategic garrison settlement, dominating the entire valley and controlling the ancient road between Amida (now Diyarbakir) and Dara (now Mardin). Archaeological excavations at the site revealed the existence of underground structures such as a secret passageway, a Mithraic underground temple, a subterranean sanctuary. It is the first and the only Mithras temple to be found on the eastern border of the Roman Empire.

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Mardin

Mardin with its Artuqid architecture is under the protection of UNESCO and has a strategic location on a rocky hill near the Tigris river that rises steeply over the Mesopotamian plain.

Visit Deyrulzafaran Monastery, which was built on top of an ancient sun temple and was once the patriarchal center of the world's Syriacs.

Visit shops selling handmade filigree silver jewelry, taste some homemade Syriac wine. Find out about Syriac and Yezidis' culture and their lifestyle.

There is too much to discover in Mardin that could not fit into this page.



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