

Pilgrimage | Pilgrimage Routes and Holy Sites along the Way

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There was also a northern pilgrimage route for those travelling to Mecca from Turkey, Syria, Iraq and Iran. Both contingents then proceeded to the vicinity of ancient 'Aylat (today the village of er-Rumeil) and from there to Jedda and Medina. Many Muslim rulers helped to maintain the route, among them Sayyida Zubayda, the wife of Caliph Harun al-Rashid; whose section, which she also provided with excellent facilities, was known as 'Zubayda's Way'.



Name:
Sokullu Mehmed Paşa Complex

Dynasty:
Hegira 982 / AD 1574 Classical Ottoman

Details:
Payas, Dört Yol, Hatay, Türkiye

Justification:
Turkish pilgrimage caravans and other travellers found a resting place at this complex built by the famous architect, Sinan, by order of Sokullu Mehmed Pasha, the Ottoman grand vizier of Sultan Selim II.



Name:
Mausoleum (qubba) of Taynabak al-Hasani

Dynasty:
Hegira 797 / AD 1394–5 Mamluk

Details:
Damascus, Syria

Justification:
Traditionally, the Syrian Hajj caravan started from this mausoleum every year.



Name:
Citadel of Amman (general view)

Dynasty:
Around hegira 110 / AD 728 Umayyad

Details:
Amman, Jordan

Justification:
The Amman Citadel was an important post on the pilgrimage route.
