

Summer resorts and historical spots in Syria

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The Syrian seashore is about 175 km long, and its numerous beaches are distinguished by soft sand, unpolluted sea, moderate climate and clear blue sky.

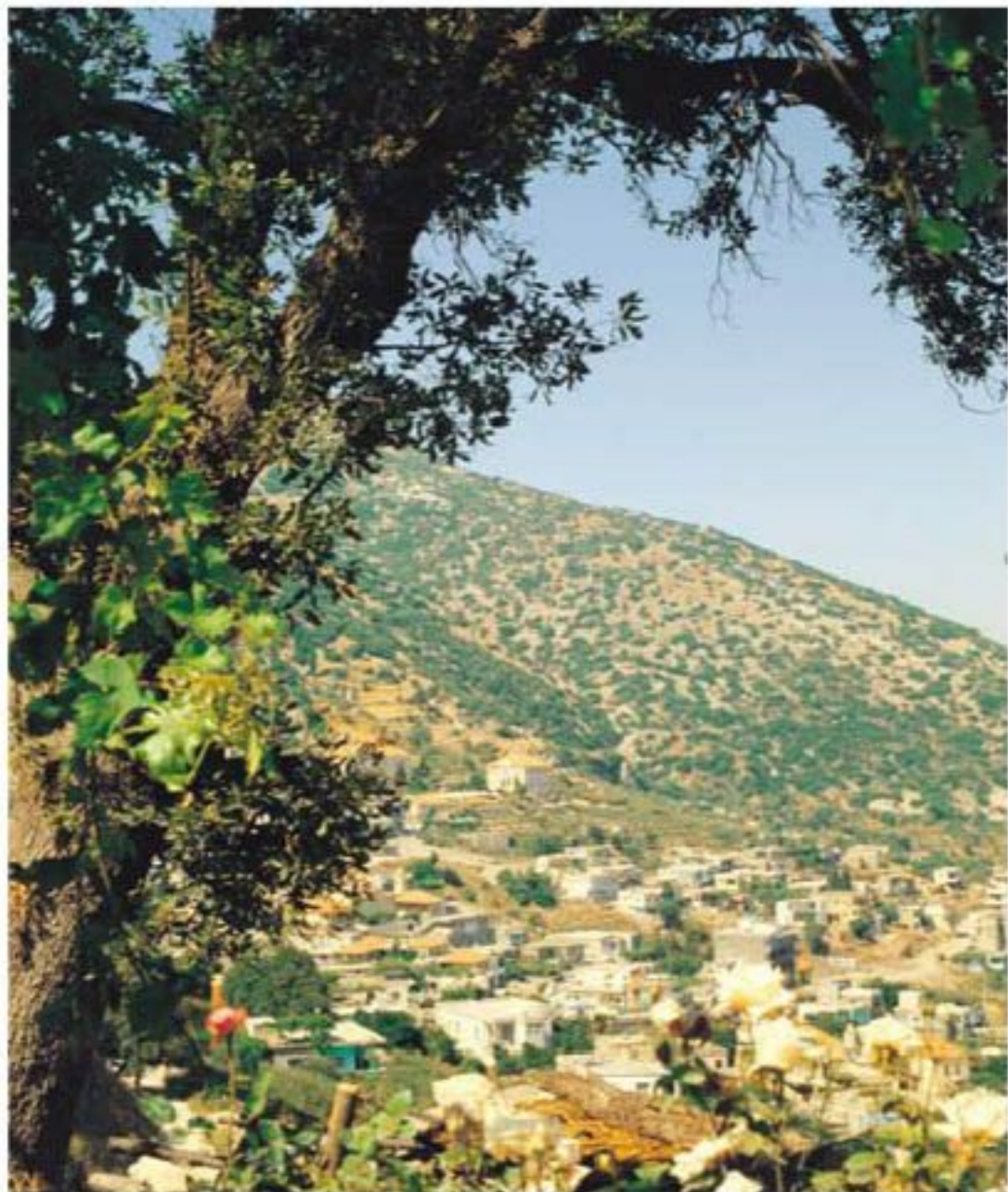


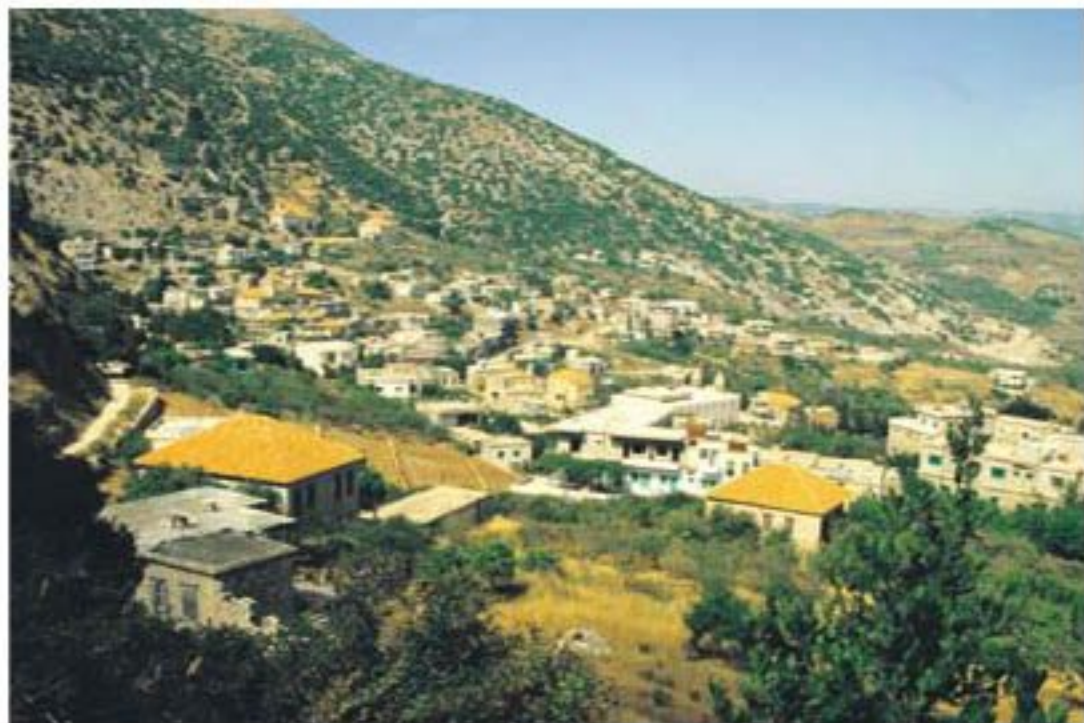
The coastal summer resorts in Syria are numerous. Scattered on the hills and mountains near the sea, they boast fresh air, cool weather in summer and moderate weather in winter.

Some of these summer resorts are:
Slenfeh

Kasab
Salma
Draykish

Misyaf
Wadi al-Oyyun
Safita



**Slenfeh:**

50km east of Latakia and 1200 m above sea-level. It has spectacular scenery and lovely weather.

Kasab:

65 km north of Latakia, located on the Aqra mountain amongst woods and thickets, 800 m above sea-level. The road leading to it from Latakia is one of the most beautiful in Syria. It runs through woods and meadows of wild flowers and groves of olive and pine, orchards of apple trees

leading to the beautiful forest of Frulloq.

Salma:

Situated 12 km from Slenfeh and 800 m above sea-level. It is characterized by moderate climate and pure mineral water.

Draykish:

A lovely town, 29 km from Tartus, situated on a mountain covered with olive trees which overlook the sea. It has a reputation for its well-known mineral water. It has several

hotels and camping sites.

Misyaf

Located 50 km east of Banyas, 400 m above sea-level. Most important in it is the Arab citadel (Qabat Misyaf) which was captured by the Crusaders in 1103, but recovered by the Arabs in 1140.

This citadel is surrounded by orchards of fig, almond and pomegranate trees.

Wadi Al-Oyyun

A beautiful summer resort with a multitude of small springs and several hotels and camping sites. Safita





10 km south of Draykish, 35 km east of Tartus and 350 m above sea-level, Safita is surrounded by hills covered with olive trees and flowers on all sides.

The present-day town with its tiled roofs stands on the site of the fortress that was called «Castle of Blanc» by the Crusaders. One of its huge towers, about 38 m high is still standing; this tower contains a chapel which has never been deconsecrated: Christians still hold their services in it.

Its houses are beautifully designed with brick roofing, An international

hotel operates in it. A number of various tourist attractions exist in Safita: Sleiman Castle, Al-Arima fortress, Yahmur fortress, Qabat al-Hosn (Carc des Chevaliers), Qabat Salah al-Din, Qabat al-Marqab (al-Marqab Citadel).

Mashta Al Hilu

It is characterized by its mild and healthy climate even in the hot summer season.

An international summer resort exists in it beside a number of hotels, restaurants and picnic grounds dispersed amidst gardens of apple trees.