Maqam Rabaa Al Adawyah

On the Mount of Olives, in the At-Tur neighborhood, overlooking the Old City of Jerusalem, is the tomb of one of the most prominent figures in the history of Sufi Islam, Rabia Al-Adawiyya. Sufi Islam is also referred to as Islamic mysticism and promotes a personal connection with the God through prayer, contemplation, chants, song, and dance, as well as the belief in forging a relationship with God that is born out of love for the divine and not fear. The tomb is located below a mosque that is part of the compound that also contains the Chapel of the Ascension. Rabia al-Adawiyya, also known as Rabia of Basra, was a great proponent of the principles of Sufi Islam and was revered for the way that she embodied those principles during her lifetime. She is still very well known today for poetry. Born in around 717CE near Basra which is part of present-day Iraq, Rabia was the fourth daughter of a poor, but pious and well-respected family. According to legend, the Prophet Mohammad appeared to her father in a vision, telling him that Rabia would be a favorite of God and lead many people in the ways of Islam. After her father's death, Rabia was sold into slavery. She would spend her nights in prayer and upon seeing her devotion to God, her master allowed her to leave and continue her worship in solitude, leading an ascetic life. Her renown grew and she attracted many disciples. She never married, although she had many proposals, which was very uncommon at that time, because she had committed her life completely to God. Access to the tomb is from within the complex that houses the Chapel of the Ascencion. The entrance to the Tomb, sometimes called the maqam or zawiya, of Rabia al- Adawiyya is down a small staircase leading under the Mosque on the site. Upon entering the burial cave, the tomb is found within a small domed chamber. It is draped in green cloth bearing inscriptions in Arabic. While the tomb is a very important site in Islam and is widely regarded as being that of the Sufi mystic Rabia al-Adawiyya, the location is also significant for both Christians and Jews. Christians believe the tomb to be that of the 5th century Saint Pelagia of Antioch and Jews believe it to be the 7th century BCE prophetess Huldah. Despite these differences of opinion, a visit to the Tomb of Rabia al-Adawiyya is an essential part of any visit to the Mount of Olives and the Chapel of the Ascencion compound.

Unique Selling Proposition

No

Site Religion & Type

- Muslim Site
  - Maqam

Target Group

- Free Independent Travelers (FITs)
- general interest
- Organized Groups
  - Muslim Groups
  - Secular Groups
    - Fact Finding
    - Other Secular Groups
    - Youth and Students

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Best time of day to

Weather

Summer Times

Winter Times

visit

No difference

Best Time of Year to Visit

Year round

Estimated time of visit

Less than an hour

Consideration

bad weather days , Suitable for rainy

Dress Code

Head Cover , Modest Clothes , Trousers Allowed For Female Visitors

Entry Limitation

Dress code required

Sunday: By telephone appointment
Monday: By telephone appointment
Tuesday: By telephone appointment
Wednesday: By telephone appointment
Thursday: By telephone appointment
Friday: By telephone appointment
Saturday: By telephone appointment

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Saturday: By telephone appointment

Booking On Site

No

Booking Online

No

Booking via Phone

Yes

Advance booking required

Yes

Agent Voucher Accepted

No

Fee: Adults

ILS5.00Per person

Free For

Free (locals only)

Fee: Children

ILS5.00Per person

Fee: Special Group Rate

No

Handicap bathroom

No

Food outlet

Café , Restaurant

Parking

Parking on street available

Stairs

No

Wheelchair Friendly

No

Stroller Friendly

Yes