



#SpeleoMedit



## pocket card Palestine

Palestine is located on the western side of the Great Rift Valley (Asian-African Rift). This makes it a region with a distinct geological structure. Because of its location on the Rift, it leads to the diversity of its topographical and rocky layers. As a result of this active geological situation, most of the Palestinian areas are covered by limestone rocks, which, over the time, have been subjected to torsion and cracked since millions of years ago. In addition, its situation made its conducive environment to the formation of many natural caves in its various regions. Despite of the geographical areas of Palestine, there are thousands of caves that were formed by natural factors or were built by man thousands of years ago. Most of the caves in Palestine are associated with the religions and many ancient civilizations that inhabited in Palestine and there are many legends and tales about them. Over the years, the Palestinians have been exploring caves in nearby areas, but the term (Speleo and Caving ) was not known to the until 2016, when a group of Palestinians established an initiative called the Palestine Caving Club that worked to spread these terms (Speleo and Caving) and explore the caves around them. Despite this, many caves in Palestine are still not registered because they are neglected and lack of awareness about their importance and necessity so the numbers that will be covered include the West Bank Area only.

**Caves total :** no data

**Marine caves total:** no data

**Artificial caves total :** ~ 1000

**Number of speleologists:** no data

**Speleological groups and organizations:** 1

Most longest caves	
Name	Length
Kharitun	4200 m
Airak Alnuesan	2000 m
Al'Mudbaea Cave	1200 m
Al'Janih Cave	900 m
Tur Al'safa Cave	~ 500 m



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