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The city of Sulaimaniya is 198 km off Kurdistan Regional capital (Erbil) and 385 km from the Federal Iraqi capital (Baghdad). It is located between 33/43-20/46 longitudinal parallels, eastwards and 31/36-32/44 latitudinal parallels, westwards. Qalachwan Castle was the centre of Baban Principality in Sharazoor District. It was transferred later by Ibraheem Pasha to Malkandi village - now an old quarter in Sulaimaniya city - in a bid to court the First Lady in Malkandi. He constructed the village in 1784. The name of Sulaimaniya was derived from Ibraheem Pasha's grandfather who had been the founder of Baban Princedom. Sulaimaniya lies between the two mountain chains (Gwezha & Glla Zard). Broadly, Sulaimaniya slopes down northwards & southwards; eastwards & westwards; uphill & downhill; and it is rich in highlands. However, (Hazar Merd) cave in Sulaimaniya city is believed to be a symbol of primeval human (4000) years ago.

Regarding its weather, the city is characterised by a hot-arid summer and cold-wet winter due its geographical position. However, the commonest climatic phenomenon is storms which last for several hours or days. This beautiful city is visited yearly by tourists having many touristic places, like (Sarchnar, Azmar and surrounding highlands). Sulaimaniya has been well known by several epithets, such as (City of Sacrifice & Struggle; Sheikh Mahmood's City and City of Poets)



**The Statue of “ Ibrahim Pasha
“ the founder of Sulaimaniya**



Sulaimaniya Market

Generally, the bazaar is almost intermingled and the shops are close to each other. The main market is divided into a number of streets (Mawlawi St, Peeramerd St, Kawa St, Goran St-Orzdi). Also, there are (Qayssari and Qayssari Naqeeb) which are within the Grand Bazaar.

Mawlawi St: Starts from (Sulaimaniya Palace) Hotel ending at (Saray) Gate, 900 m long & 20 m wide. Usually, this street is crowded, having numerous stores that form a part of Sulaimaniya Market, including several film developing laboratories, watches, mobiles, ready-made clothes shops, etc.

Goran (Orzdi) St: Starts from (Saray) Gate ending at Ibraheem Pasha Q., 600 long & 20 m wide. The street includes many doctors' clinics and pharmacies. Often, this street (known too as Orzdi St) is crowded, having, in addition, children and women clothes shops.





Altun Tourists Compound

Situated on the sixty meter street in Sulaimaniya, the most significant and luxurious commercial compound, that provides various kinds of goods.



AltunTourists Supermarket



Altun Tourists Cafeteria and Resturant

Sulaimaniya Palace Hotel

One of the most luxurious five stars Hotels in Sulaimaniya, located in the city center, it consists seven storeys, (60) rooms that include presidential swites, normal swites, single bed and double bed rooms.



Ashti Tourist Hotel

Tel: (3127999-3120435)
First Class Hotel; on Mawlawi St; at Sulaymaniya city centre. 4 stories, 28 double-bed rooms, 4 suites, Large Reception Lobby, 3 Dining Halls, including Chinese Restaurant; Car Parking Garage at Hotel Backyard; Furnished with All Tourist Accommodation Facilities for Visitors.





Sulaimaniya Museum





Sulaimaniya Museum: Located on (Salim) St, opposite to Sulaimaniya Chamber of Commerce. In the Museum many relics, dating back to thousand years ago, are kept; thus, it is one of the richest museums in the Region.

Museum Hall: A spacious hall on (Salim) St inside Sulaimaniya Museum, symbolising the plastic art where exclusive and collective galleries are held.





Azadi Park

An extensive park constructed by the Regional Government. It includes a variety of trees, playground, swimming pool, statues & artificial lakes. It attracts city residents on many occasions and feasts.



A facet of Azadi Park



Public Garden

It is situated on (Salim) street opposite to (Sulaimaniya Palace Hotel) in center of Sulaimaniya city, one of the most gorgeous and expensive gardens that includes several sculptures of Kurdish poets and strugglers, it has an amusement park, resting spots and water fountain.





Statues of a group of Kurdish poets and writers in the garden

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Sarchnar Resort

5 km off Sulaimaniya city. It is densely surrounded by trees and sweet water springs add fascination to that, attracting tourists, especially in spring and summer. State Tourism Establishment assumed providing all tourist facilities, like resting places, restaurant, club and most famous hotel in the area, in terms of services provided - Sarchnar Hotel.

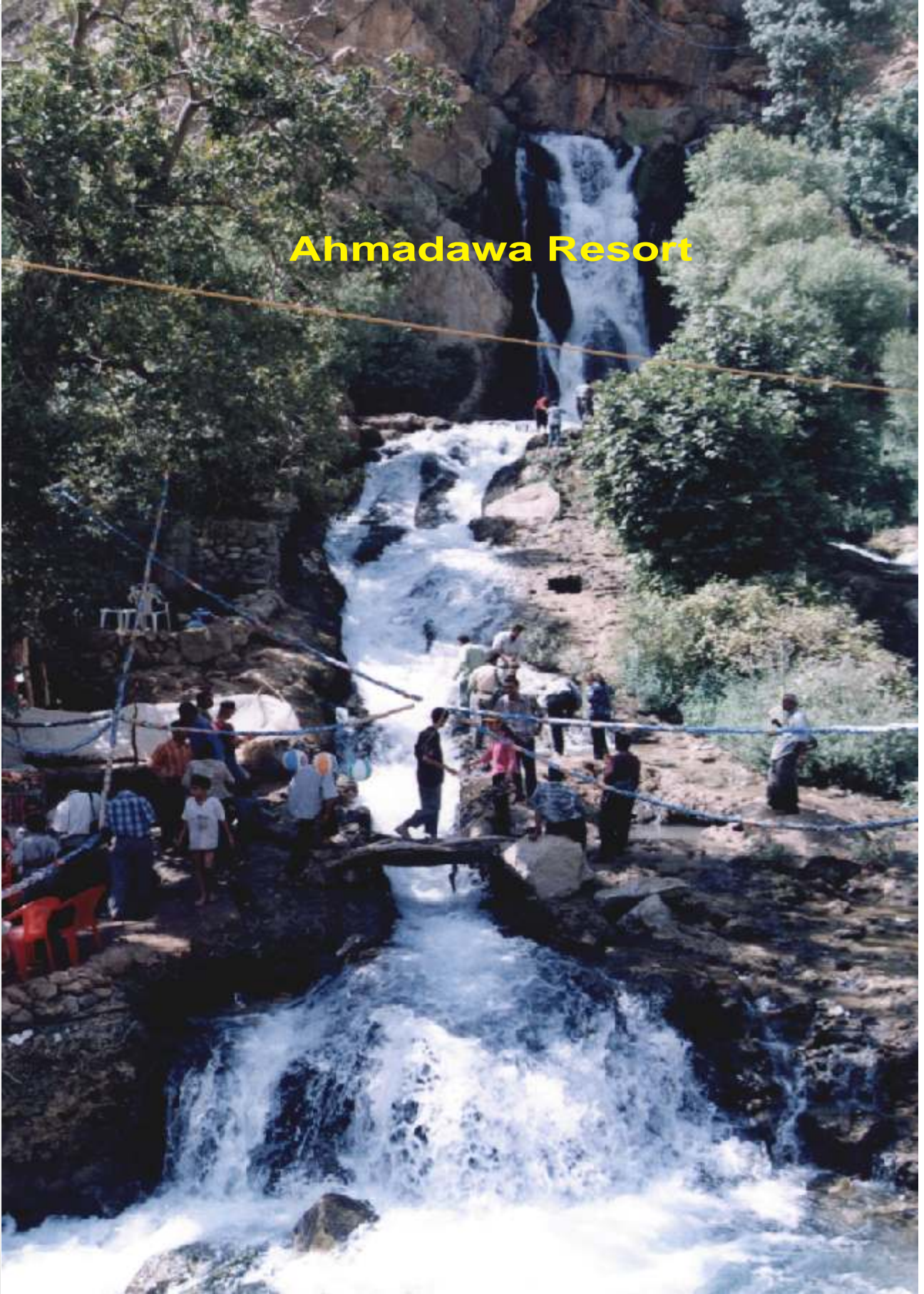


Dokan Lake

Located on Sulaimaniya - Erbil road- (70 km) west of Sulaimaniya. However, the eastern part of the lake contains the Modern Tourist Complex-famous (Ashoor) Hotel. Some years ago, the Regional Government touristically developed the area through constructing the Contemporary Tourist Village which consists of 60 fully-accommodated tourist cabins.



Ahmadawa Resort



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84 km east of Sulaimaniya, where (Zalm) water spring wells up, flowing in Ahmadawa Valley. At the bottom, it forms several wonderful waterfalls. This resort is covered by ornamental & fruiting trees (walnuts, pomegranates, figs...). It is visited by tourists particularly in spring and summer.



Darbandikhan Dam



65 km southeast Sulaimaniya, on (Seerwan) River, having a fascinating landscape. There are a number of tourist cabins, recreational places as well as a folk restaurant. Tourists visit the dam particularly in spring and summer.



Sarseer Parkland

26 km north of Sulaimaniya. Lots of various trees cover a wide range of the parkland, having some springs. In winter, it rains and snows heavily; whereas in summer, the weather is moderate and fantabulous. Tourists visit it particularly in spring.





Scenes of a Kurdish Folklore Festival, celebrating (Nawroz) spring feast.



A Kurdish Folkloric wedding ceremony in Sulaimaniya.

Zarzi Cave

Zarzi cave is located in Suleimaniya Governorate - Chamchamal Valley. There was wisdom in choosing this place, because it was very near to the main source of life: Water. Moreover, it was an ideal place for residence. In 1928, expeditions were made by Professor Dorothy Kardo. She had found many stone tools near the opening of the cave from outside. These were flinty tools volcano rocks, stones scrapers as well as animal bones. All these modern tools belong to the Ancient Stone Age.

Hazarmerd Cave:

Hazarmerd cave is located 13 km to the west of Sulaimaniya City. A branch way leads to Hazarmerd Village. This cave is considered the 2nd most ancient location in Mesopotamia. As it is very dark inside, it is also called "Dark Cave". This cave and Zarzi cave have many things in common. Most of the articles are made from flint. In 1951, a mission from Michigan University was sent to make expeditions in the caves in Rawanduz Region. After thorough study of the whole region, the mission could discover fifteen caverns in the Rawanduz Region to the north-west of Bradost Mountain whose height varies between (2000 - 5000) ft. The mission regarded Rawanduz as the possible residence of pre-historical man in Iraq.

Bali Kwar Cave

This cave is regarded as a stone refuge (shelter) located at the edge of Baranand Dagh, about 20 km north-east of Jermo Castle. It is about 3250 ft. above the sea level. The cave's opening is towards the south-east. Its height is about 70 meter above the Baziya Plain. The opening of the cave is estimated at 3 meters height. The hall is five meters. This cave is considered to have come after Zarzi Cave in industry.



Hotels	Rating	Tel. No.
DmDm Hotel	***	2222685
Hawraman Hotel	***	2220846
Zaitoona Hotel	***	2229034
Zhiyan Tower Hotel	***	2221201
Shireen Palace Hotel	***	2226440
Shahan Palace Hotel	***	2223301
Avesta Hotel	***	2262118
Fareed Hotel	**	2222507
Ali Hotel	**	2232701
Mevan Hotel	**	2241833
Gara Hotel	*	2232439
Kurdistan Hotel	*	2222426
Nergz Hotel	*	2231524
Layali Qal3a Hotel	*	2228574
Zuhoor Hotel	*	2229315
Sarchnar Hotel	*	2222220
Qallay Dereen Hotel	*	2223304
Nzar Hotel	*	2229814
Qandeel Hotel	*	2229230
Baghdad Hotel	*	2229899
Nazaneen Hotel	*	2422835
Goran Hotel	*	2422713/2422460
Media Hotel	***	2422280
Taban Hotel	***	2422034
Karokh Hotel	***	2422406

Erbil Tourist Restaurants Names Rating Tel. No.

Sulaimaniya Restaurant	***	423476
Peermam Restaurant	*	2422580
Abu Shihab Restaurant	***	2229975
Broosk Restaurant	***	2231561
Abu Shihab2 Restaurant	***	2227262
Safeen Restaurant	***	2225030
Italiano Restaurant	***	2250533
Happy Time Restaurant	**	2250539
Yousuf Restaurant	**	2221658
Kuba Palace Restaurant	**	2221710
Chiya Palace Restaurant	**	4452426
Rasheed Palace Restaurant	**	2221222
Ssinaa3i Palace Restaurant	**	4461455
Sari Rash Restaurant	**	2230198
Soori Restaurant	*	4460275
Nihad Restaurant	*	2225416
Nzar Restaurant	*	4453362
Burhan Kebab Restaurant	*	2228754
Dlshad Restaurant	*	
Tajiryayn Restaurant	*	2222124

Nasir Bureau	Ainkawa	2251205
Wardah Bureau	Soran	4489616
Zhyan Bureau	Ainkawa	2250002
Sabah Bureau	Ainkawa	2250096
Dan Bureau	Ainkawa	4452099/2250099

Seema Car Rent Bureau	2422616	2422986/2422077/	Safeer Car
Rent Bureau	2423111		
Rameen Car Rent Bureau	2422010		

Tourist Parklands in Dohuk Governorate

"	Havntka Valley	Sarsnk
"	Gargaloo Valley	Sarsnk
"	Bedool Valley	Atroosh
"	Kani Masse Valley	Amedi
"	Shrinke Valley	Amedi
"	Bzheelee Valley	Amedi
"	Avarezarke	Amedi
"	Kani Spindar	Amedi
"	Sare Amedye Charchal	Amedi
"	Bheere Cave	Zakhu
"	Tkhe Plane	Zakhu
"	Shinava	Zakhu
"	Biyavi	Deralook
"	Kani Ballnda	Deralook
"	Kani Ballav	Bamarne
"	Kani Zaweeta	Zaweeta
"	Grbeesh	Akre
"	Bakrman	Akre
"	Kubske	Akre