

## Impressions of my trip in Syria - Summer 2007

Hello,

I have just returned home after a short but intense visit of 8 days to SYRIA. I must admit with pleasure that I have been amazingly and positively surprised by the Country and by the kindness of the Syrian people.

It is refreshing and certainly a hope to realize and see that there are still places like SYRIA in the World today!

Unfortunately the Western Medias are too busy and obsessed in picturing the MIDDLE EAST and SYRIA, in particular, as a DARK PLACE, DANGEROUS, TOTALITARIAN and WITH NASTY PEOPLE!!!!!!

I sincerely wish that the so called "INTELLECTUALS OF THE MORNING PAPERS AND TV NEWS" will get on the first available plane to SYRIA and realize that their opinion is TOTALLY UNFAIR AND WRONG!!!

I just want to express my SINCERE GRATITUDE to ALL SYRIANS for making my time there very very unique and special. People were GENUINLY FRIENDLY and HAPPY to meet Westerners and share with them their Culture and Heritage with Great pride and Joy.

I will certainly be back in this amazing country!

It is important that the message get through, because TOO OFTEN we are given the WRONG INFORMATION about places and people and this is just a Destructive ATTITUDE.

I really hope that SYRIA and the SYRIANS will get a FAIR treatment from the Rest of the World and that people traveling there will act in spreading the word around about the BEAUTY of the COUNTRY, the INCREDIBLE CULTURAL AND RELIGIOUS HERITAGE and about the BEAUTY OF HEART OF THE SYRIAN PEOPLE.

Thank you again..... SHOUKRAN!!!!!!

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