

Maiden's Castle



Mersin Archaeology Museum A Journey to Cilicia on a Camel Train

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Maiden's Castle Visiting Hours

1 April-31 October

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00

31 October-1 April

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
8.30	8.30	8.30	8.30	8.30	8.30	8.30
17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00

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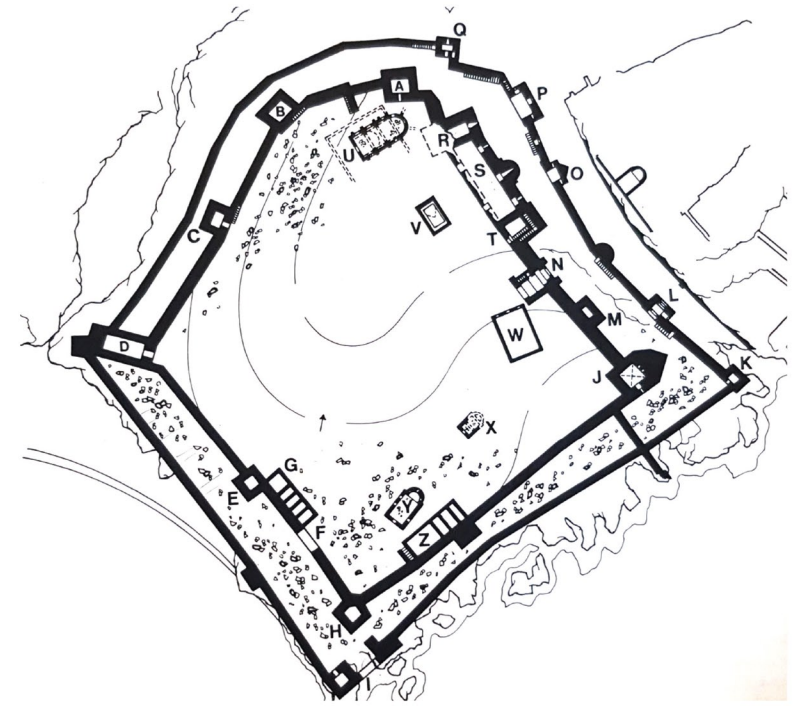


No Blue is More Pleasant than the **Mediterranean**





The Maiden's Castle is located 60 km southwest of Mersin close to Korykos. According to Herodotus, it was founded by Cypriot King Korykos (Gorgos?). According to the findings, the settlement was established in the Hellenistic period. During the Roman period, Korykos was in its golden age. The architectural remains such as the harbour gate, churches, the Grand and Small Temples, the Colonnaded Street, the North Gate, the Grand and the Small Baths are the clear proof of the prosperity of the city. This city was also the ending point of the aqueducts and canals carrying water from the Lamas River. The city retained its significance in the Middle Ages. The Korykos Castle on the shore was built in 1099 by the Byzantine emperor Alexios I. The Maiden's Castle, on the other hand, was built on the island in 1199 by the Cilician King Leon I. It was conquered in 1448 by Karamanoglu Ibrahim II. After conquered by Ottomans in 1473-74 lost its importance in time.



Myth

Once upon a time there was a king. He consulted to a fortune teller to learn the future of his one and only daughter. When he learned that his daughter was destined to die by a snake bite, he built this castle for the security of the Princess. One day he sent a basket of grapes to his daughter guessing that he provided her security. Yet, the snake hiding in the basket bit and killed the princess.

