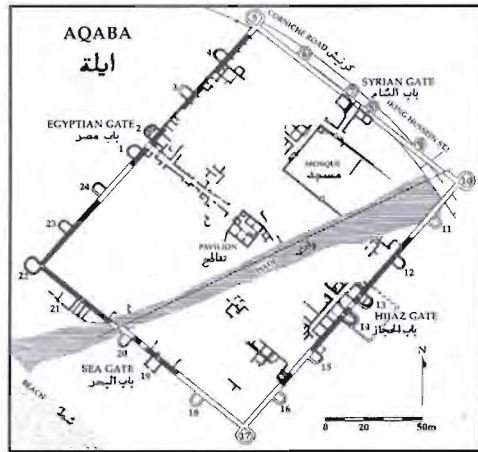
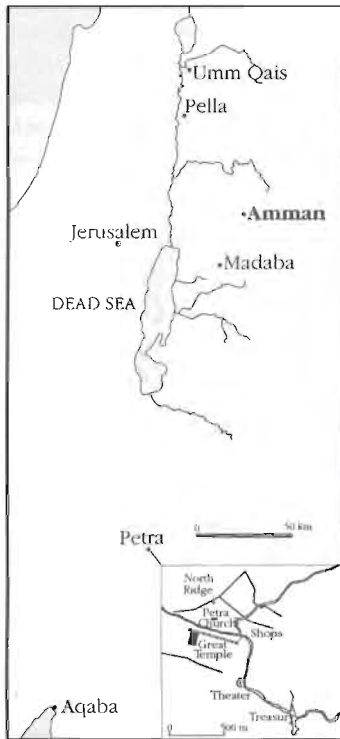


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CONSERVATION, PRESENTATION, AND TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS



Aqaba/Ayla: early Islamic site; excavation, consolidation, and signs



Darat al-Funun, Amman: as part of the development of an art center in a group of houses of historical interest, ACOR excavated and restored the Byzantine church in the garden for use as exhibit and lecture area



Tourism infrastructure, Madaba: conversion of a house from 1905 for use as a restaurant

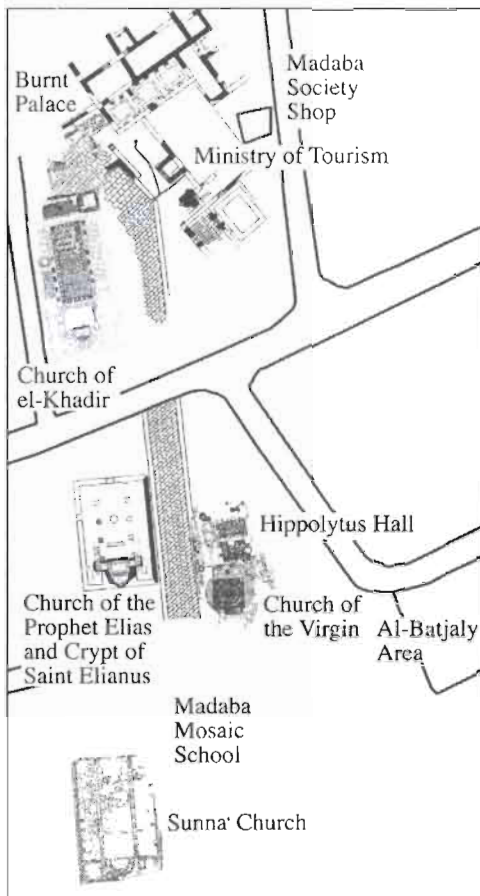
In Madaba, other houses were restored for use by the Madaba Society, the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities, for the Mosaic School, and for excavation groups.



Tourism infrastructure, Um Qais: conversion of a school from the 1950s for use as a restaurant



Tourism infrastructure, Pella: construction of a rest house



Madaba: shelter over the Hippolytus Hall and Church of the Virgin

Madaba (the city of mosaics): excavation, conservation, and presentation, including the construction of four shelters over the mosaics



Madaba: shelter over the Burnt Palace



Personification of Madaba; mosaic from the Hippolytus Hall



Madaba: shelter over the Church of the Prophet Elias



Madaba: shelter over the Church of the Apostles



Mosaic conservation and walkway: Church of the Apostles



Model of the Great Temple of Amman

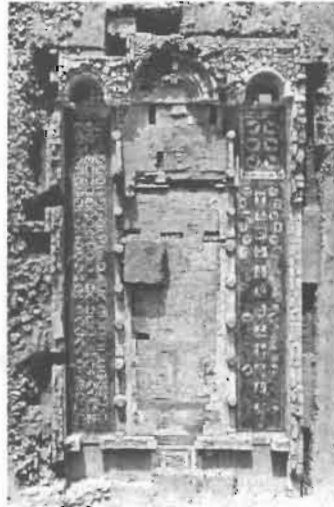
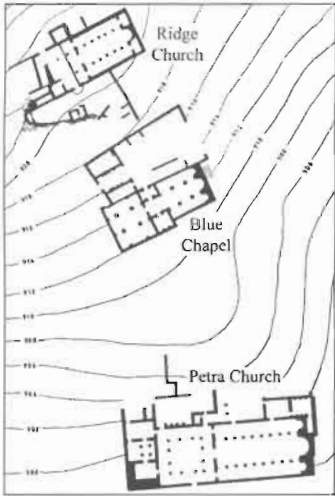
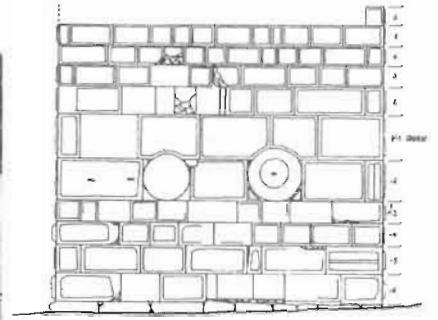


Amman Citadel: restoration and presentation of the Great Temple





Amman Citadel: consolidation, restoration and presentation of the Ayyubid Tower



Petra, Petra Church: conservation, restoration, and presentation of the Byzantine cathedral of Petra; left: mosaics; below: restoration of the south altar



Petra, Petra Church, the space frame shelter



Petra: Ridge Church: conservation and presentation



Petra, Blue Chapel: restoration, conservation and presentation; above, the altar area consolidated as excavated



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Madaba Archaeological Park: excavation and restoration of a part of the "city of mosaics."

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