

Visiting Hours

April 15-October 2

Opening Time: 10:00
Closing Time: 19:00
Ticket Office Closing Time: 18:00

October 2-April 15

Opening Time: 08:00
Closing Time: 17:00
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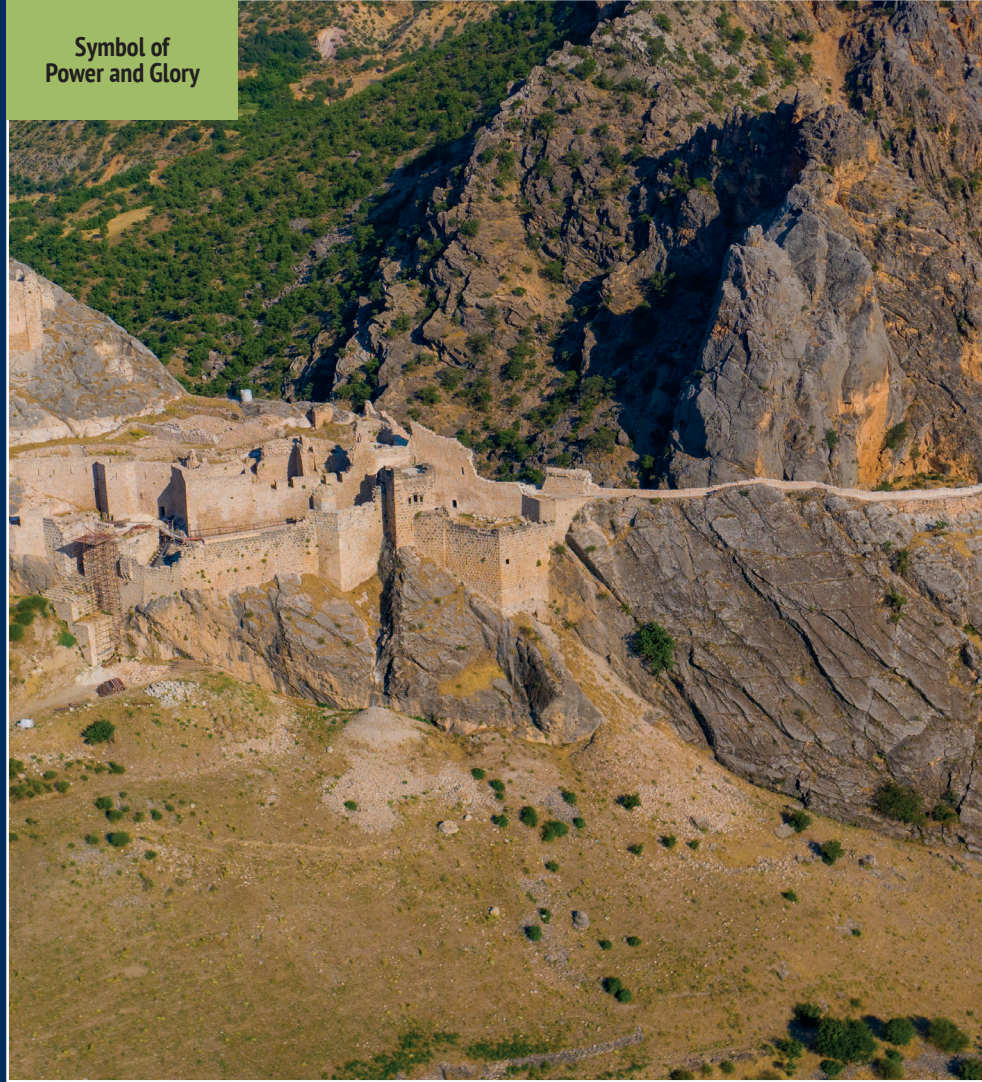
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OLD KAHTA CASTLE

KALAVUN, POWERFUL SULTAN, THE RULER OF
THE POOR PEOPLE

Symbol of Power and Glory



Karakuş Tumulus, Cendere Bridge, Arsemeia and Mount Nemrut is on the route. Although it is not known exactly when and by whom the Old Kahta Castle, which stands out with its imposing appearance on the summit of a steep and high mountain, was built, it is believed that the first construction dates from the time of the Commagene Kingdom and then, with additions by various states, extended to the present time. It bears the marks of the Artuqids, Seljuks, Mamluks and Ottomans. The name of the Mamluk Sultan Kalavun is mentioned in the inscription on the entrance door.

Outline of the Old Kahta Castle



The palace consists of two parts, namely, the inner palace and the outer palace. There is a masjid, a prison, a dungeon, a front line of defense, bastions, dovecotes and cisterns in the castle.

Secret Stairs and Dovecote



The dovecote, located on the southern slope of the castle, is accessible by a hidden staircase. Dovecotes were built for the postal function, which ensured the communication network of the state at that time. There are 32 pigeon lofts. When descending, it was possible to get to the other side of Kahta Stream through secret passages and reach safety in case of danger.