



Gaza City:



Gaza is the largest Palestinian City and the temporary administrative capital residence of the Palestinian National Authority.

After years of occupation and denial of its historical identity, Gaza is now recollect-ing its flourishing past: archaeological research as well as ancient writings have proved that Gaza is one of the oldest cities in the world. Situated in a strategic location on the trade routes between Asia and Africa,

between the desert in the South and the Mediterranean climate in the North, Gaza is a very fertile land that has always been an important destination for travelers by land and sea. As a crossroad city Gaza was also a wealthy trading place that has been coveted and regularly captured by successive waves of armies. However, symbols of the struggle of the Palestinians, the citizens of Gaza have shown their determination and vitality. After years of Israeli occupation, Gazans are now fighting in rebuilding their city. A lot has already been done and one can enjoy the beautiful seashore and wonderful hospitality of the Gazans.

Like the Phoenix, symbol of Gaza, the city is born again from its ashes and is taking on a new lease of life.

About Gaza City:

- Gaza is located at 34°-longitude and 31°-latitude.
- The area of the city is 45 km².
- The number of inhabitants is about 400,000 people.
- The city has three universities with a total of 28.500 students.
- Three different currencies are used: US dollar, Jordanian dinar and new Israeli shekel.
- The gross domestic product per capita is (US\$, 1997) 1,763.
- The annual average tempe-rature of the city is 20.3° C.
- The highest temperature is in summer and reaches 32° C.
- The lowest temperature is in winter and reaches 6° C.
- The annual average wind speed is 19 knots.
- The highest wind speed is in winter and reaches 60 knots.
- The annual average rainfall is 350 - 400 mm.
- The prevailing wind is from the southwest.



Gaza Strip