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Acre, with 3500 years of recorded history, is one of the oldest cities in the world. Sieged 17 times during the course of her longand turbulent past, Acre (Biblical ''Akko'') has known many masters, among them the Phoenecians, Persians, Greeks, Romans, Arabs, Crusaders, Turks and, during the period of the Mandate, the British.

Once an important seaport, Acre is situated on a peninsula that juts out into Haifa Bay and is surrounded crenellated sea walls. Within the walls the Old City is virtually a living museum filled with signposts of the past.

One of the most famous buildings is the Citadel, erected during the Turkish reign at the end of the 18th century on 13th century foundations. The building was used by the British to incarcerate captured members of the Jewish underground resistance movement, and anyone familiar with the novel or the film "Exodus" will recall the heroic jailbreak from the Acre central prison in 1947. There are tablets in the execution chamber, now a small museum, recording the names of those resistance fighters who were hanged. hospital for mental patients.

The city's most exotic building is the magnificent, 200-year-old Mosque of mind pages from the 'Arabian Nights.'

Two more historic sites have recently been restored Past, medieval ceramics, browsing and (further and opened to the public. The first, the Burg-e-Sultan, is a fortified watchtower which separated the Venetian quarter of Old Acre from the 13th century shipyard. The panoramic view from the roof takes in the old harbor, the sea-wall, the Crusader arsenal and the mountains of Carmel and Galilee. Another relic, on the grounds below, is a cannon captured from the

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The huge structure presently THE PORT CITY OF ACRE IS DOMINATED BY THE serves as a temporary SPIRE AND DOME OF THE MOSOUE OF JAZZAR

> French during Napoleon's and the Khan el-Umdan brief siege of the city.

> Then there is the municipal museum, the Eastern rhythms of the city. Hammam is filled with Acre's bazaar, winding and Oriental objects from Acre's noisy, is a "must" for tableaux showing the village the past) bargaining. life and costumes of the

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commercial center as well. Perhaps the most el-Jezzar. Erected by the Hammam el-Pasha, a 19th exciting part of your visit to Ottoman governor Ahmed century bathhouse that was Acre will be to wander Jezzar Pasha, the mosque, operational until just 20 through the streets and graceful and white, brings to years ago. Now a gem of a narrow alleys feeling the

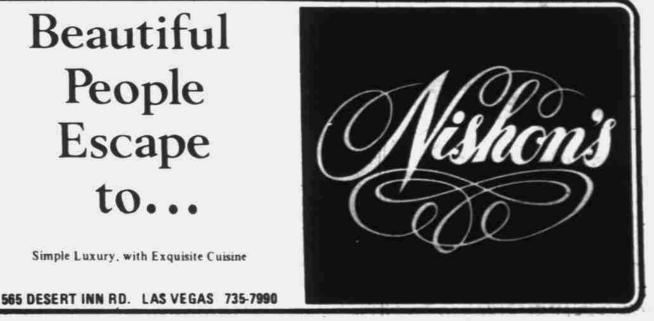
architectural fragments and evidence that this is a city of

Thrown into the bargains Druze and Arab peoples of to be found in the Bazaar at Acre are El Al summer fares Signs point the way to to Israel, lowest ever in the the two sites, which are airline's history. There are open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 now some 25 flights per p.m. An admission ticket week, 11 of them non-stop. costing IL 1 (28 cents) with hundreds of group tour



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