



Tarchich Heritage & Nature Trails



Municipality of Tarchich · Mount Lebanon

TARCHICH – THE HEART OF LEBANON

Where mountains, history and cultures meet.



Carved cross on an old stone lintel



Rock-cut press basin along the trail



At the crossroads of Lebanon

- Fold Lebanon's map in half, and you'll find Tarchich near its heart!
- A natural bridge between Mount Lebanon and the Bekaa Valley.

A village above the clouds

- Perched at approximately 1,400 metres above sea level.
- From flowing rivers to mountain peaks reaching 1,900 metres.

2,000 years of stories beneath our feet

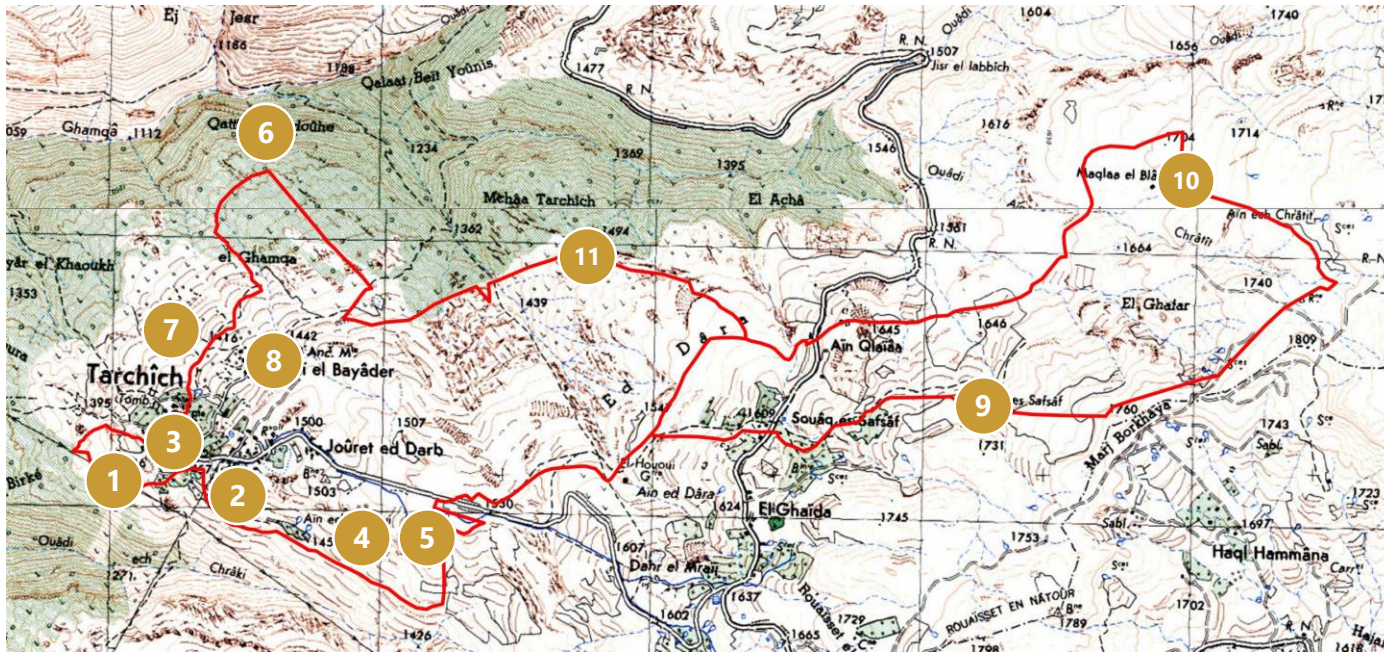
- Ancient Roman roads, bridges and rock-cut tombs.
- Historic churches, mosques and traditional rural heritage.

A living heritage

- A village where different communities and generations meet.
- A landscape waiting to be explored, protected and shared.

ELEVATOR PITCH

Turning Tarchich into a walkable open-air museum



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| 1 Old walnut trees | 5 Roman road | 9 Bamboo |
| 2 Mosques | 6 Roman bridge | 10 Lime kilns |
| 3 Churches | 7 Grape presses | 11 Geological rocks |
| 4 Rock-cut tombs | 8 Old mill | |

Discover
Ancient roads, hidden heritage
and breathtaking landscapes.

Connect
Nature, history and the people
who call Tarchich home.

Experience
One continuous journey through
the village's past and present.

After completion

Hidden landscapes become accessible to everyone.

Forgotten landmarks become stories worth sharing.

Local guides, small businesses and families benefit from new visitors.

Young generations find new reasons to invest in their village.



LEARNING TO ACTION: Reflection of our experience with VNG International

1

What did we learn?

Good ideas need evidence.

Our field survey showed that what looks good on a map may feel very different on the ground.

Our greatest resources were already there.

The challenge was learning how to connect them into one meaningful experience.

2

How did it help us think differently?

From isolated landmarks to a shared vision.

We stopped simply listing what Tarchich has and started thinking about the journey a visitor would actually experience.

From infrastructure to lasting value.

We learned to think about people, priorities and long-term impact - not just the trail itself.

3

How will this shape our future municipal work?

Listen first. Plan together. Think long-term.

We will test ideas in the field before committing funds and involve the community and partners from the beginning.

Plan beyond completion.

Maintenance, local ownership and sustainability will be part of the project from day one.



Walking the paths of our grandparents, building the future with our ancestors' stones

To VNG International, SDLG and NDU :

THANK YOU for believing in our village, investing in its potential, and inspiring us to think bigger.

