

04 nights / 05 days
itinerary

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Lebanon Cultural & Archeological Package

Day 01: Arrival to Beirut Airport.

Meet and assist by our representative at the airport.
Transfer to the chosen hotel for check in.

Proceed to visit Beirut city visiting the newly reconstructed city center, the many churches & mosques, the Roman ruins, the Grand Serail & the Roman baths gardens.

Dinner & Overnight at the hotel.

Day 02: Breakfast at the hotel.

Gather at the lobby, meet our Guide, and visit Jeita Grottoes located around 21 km from Beirut, with almost 45 min drive. The Jeita Grottoes are a system of two separate, but interconnected, limestone caves spanning an overall length of nearly 9 kilometers (5.6 mi). Though inhabited in prehistoric times, the lower cave was not rediscovered until 1836 by Reverend William Thomson; it can only be visited by boat since it channels an underground river that provides fresh drinking water to more than a million Lebanese. In 1958, Lebanese speleologists discovered the upper galleries 60 meters (200 ft) above the lower cave which have been accommodated with an access tunnel and a series of walkways to enable tourist's safe access without disturbing the natural landscape. The upper galleries house the world's largest known stalactite. The galleries are composed of a series of chambers the largest of which peaks at a height of 120 meters (390 ft). Aside from being a Lebanese national symbol and a top tourist destination, the Jeita grotto plays an important social, economic and cultural role in the country. It was one of top 14 finalists in the New 7 Wonders of Nature competition.

Proceed to visit Harissa, Our Lady of Lebanon being one of the most important shrines in the world honoring the Virgin Mary. The shrine is highlighted by a huge, 15-ton bronze statue of the Immaculate Conception, Mother of God. It is 8.5 m high, and has a diameter of five meters. The Virgin Mary stretches her hands towards Beirut. The shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon draws millions of faithful both Christians and Muslims from all over the world. The 50th jubilee in 1954 was also the hundredth anniversary of the establishment of the Immaculate Conception. During these Jubilee celebrations, Pope Pius XII sent his representative, Cardinal Angelo Roncalli to Lebanon, the later Pope John XXIII. Pope John Paul II visited Our Lady of Lebanon in 1997.

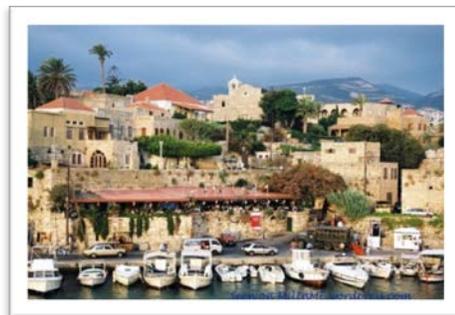
In Harissa we can take a ride by the famous cable car down towards Jounieh's city, overlooking its spectacular Bay View.

On the way we will visit Byblos City a Mediterranean city in the Mount Lebanon Governorate.

It is believed to have been occupied first between 8800 and 7000 BC. It was built by Cronus as the first city in Phoenicia. It is one of the cities suggested as the oldest continuously inhabited city in the world and the site has been continuously inhabited since 5000 BC. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The visit of Byblos offers the discovery of the Crusaders Castel, the Old Port with the sea castle, st John Church, the old souk, the Roman colonnades & amphitheater and much more...

Dinner & Overnight at the hotel.

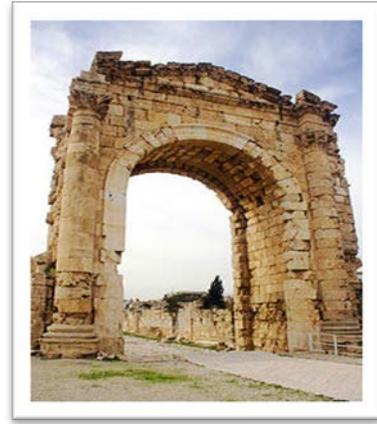


Day 3: Breakfast at the hotel.

Gather at the lobby, meet our guide and visit Sidon located around 44km from Beirut, with almost 45 min drive. Sidon is one of the Famous names in ancient history. But of all of Lebanon's cities this is the most mysterious, for its past has been tragically scattered and plundered. Sidon's Sea Castle is the most important thing to see, it was built by the crusaders as a fortress of the holy land. It is one of the most prominent archaeological sites in the port city of Sidon, Lebanon. Sidon is a busy commercial center with the pleasant, conservative atmosphere of a small town. Since Persian times this was known as the city of gardens and even today it is surrounded by citrus and banana plantations. From the famous other things to see is the Soap Museum, Visitors can see a demonstration of how traditional olive oil soaps are made and learn about the history of the "hammam" (bath) traditions.

**Proceed to visit Tyre located around 38 km from Sidon city, with almost 37 min drive. The city Founded at the start of the third millennium B.C., Tyre originally consisted of a mainland settlement and a modest island city that lay a short distance off shore. But it was not until the first millennium B.C. that the city experienced its golden age. The original island city had two harbors, one on the south side and the other on the north side of the island. The harbor on the north side of the island was, in fact, one of the best harbors on the eastern end of the Mediterranean. The harbor on the south side has silted over, but the harbor on the north side. You can see the ancient columns, the public baths, the Triumphal Arch, the hippodrome and much more....

Dinner & Overnight at the hotel.



Day 04: Breakfast at the hotel.

Gather at the lobby, Meet our Guide, Head to visit Baalbek located around 87km from Beirut, with almost 2:10 hrs drive. Baalbeck, Lebanon's greatest Roman treasure, can be counted among the wonders of the ancient world. The largest and most noble Roman temples ever built, they are also among the best preserved. You can see the Temple of Bacchus, Stone of the Pregnant Woman, List of Roman monoliths, List of ancient architectural records & Monoliths, and List of largest monoliths in the world and much more...

Proceed to visit Anjar located 47km from Baalbeck, with almost 55min drive. It is completely different from any other archaeological experience you'll have in Lebanon. Anjar is exclusively one period, the Umayyad. You can see The Tetra-pylon, a monumental entrance with four gates, the public baths, The Cardo-Maximus lined with shops and much more....

On the way we will visit Ksara winery located 15 km from Anjar, with almost 25 min drive. Château Ksara developed the first dry wine in Lebanon. Château Ksara wine is most popular in Lebanon.

Dinner & Overnight at the hotel



Day 05: Free time at leisure, check out. Transfer from chosen hotel to Airport.



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