

06 nights / 07 days
itinerary

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Lebanon Pilgrim 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 Maghdouche, 50 km south of Beirut, hosting the tower of our lady of Mantara, which is a Marian Shrine built on 1963 above the cave that is believed to have the resting place of the virgin Mary as she waited for Jesus While he preached in Sidon.

Proceed to visit Qana, 10 km southeast Tyre. In the Gospel of John, Jesus has performed his first miracle of turning water into wine at Qana in Galile. There are natural caves to be found, that carry old inscriptions. It is said that Jesus Christ first miracle took place at the wedding of Qana, in one of these caves.

Dinner & Overnight at the hotel.



Day 03: Breakfast at the hotel.

Gather at the lobby, Meet our Guide, and visit of Harissa our Lady of Lebanon being one of the most important shrines in the world honoring the Virgin Mary. In Harissa you will take a ride by cable car down towards Jounieh's city, overlooking its spectacular Bay View.

Proceed to Anaya, a Lebanese village, located in Jbeil district, around 55km from Beirut. In Anaya, stands *Saint Maron* monastery, where Charbel, a Lebanese Maronite monk and priest spent his late Life until he died in. During his life, Charbel obtained a wide reputation for holiness and he has been canonized by the Catholic Church. Many Christians pray to God through the intercession of Saint Charbel, for healing. He was declared saint on 9 October 1977.

After Anaya, proceed to Lehfed, the birth place of Brother Stephan Nehme, a Lebanese Maronite monk, recognized Venerable on Dec 2007 & blessed on the altar of the Lord on June 2010. Nehmé worked to alleviate people's pain during World war one through the distribution of food to those suffering from famine and was known for an intense devotion to the Mother of God. He worked in the fields of his convent and other monasteries and also worked in construction for a brief period - he became well known and other monasteries sought him to live with them for his spiritual insight and work ethic.

Return back to the coast & visit Byblos old city, one of the oldest in the world, offering a beautiful combination of cultural, religious & archeological sites. We will discover St John- Marcos church, the Crusader Castle, the old souk, the ancient port, the Roman, Phoenician and Byzantine highlights as well as many more as Byblos is an open air Museum!

Dinner & Overnight at the hotel.



Day 4: Breakfast at the hotel.

Gather at the lobby, meet our guide and visit One of the most important historical and religious site in Deir al-Qamar is Our Lady of the Hill known as Saydet El Talle. This Maronite church goes back to the 15th century. Head to Zahle, the capital and the largest city of Beqaa , Zahlé is known as the "Bride of the Beqaa", It is famous throughout Lebanon by a ten-meter-high bronze statue of the Virgin Mary, the work of the Italian artist, Pierroti, rests on a 54 meter high tower, crowning a hill known by the name of Tel Chiha. An elevator takes pilgrims and tourists up to a viewing platform overlooking the red-roofed city and offering panoramic views of the valley. The base of the tower houses a small chapel that seats about 100 people.

A few kilometres after Zahle, turn right towards the convent of the Fathers Jesuits of Taanayel. The history of this convent dates back to 1860, date of the murder of six fathers Jesuits Zahlé and Deir el-Qamar during the civil war. In 1963, to compensate for these murders, a plot of 230 hectares belonging to the French State is handed over to the Jesuits. Covered with marshes, the plot is built between 1871 and 1880 and became fertile. We will finish our visit by Ksara winery.

Château Ksara developed the first dry wine in Lebanon. Château Ksara wine is most popular in Lebanon.
Dinner & Overnight at the hotel.



Day 5: Breakfast at the hotel.

Gather at the lobby, meet our guide and visit Jrabta, to visit the monastery of st Joseph where Sainte Rafqa, the Lebanese Maronite nun was declared a Sainte by Pope John Paul II on June 10, 2001.

05 minutes from Jrebta, we reach Kfifan, area, the place where St Naamatallah al Hardini a Lebanese monk, priest and scholar of the Maronite Church lived & died. St Naamtallah was declared a saint by the Catholic Church on 16 May 2004.

After Kfifan we will visit Batroun the Old city, Batroun: you can see the Phoenician's wall and St's Stephen Church on the old port of the city.

Last stop will be at Our Lady of light monastery, the story of Our Lady of Light shrine and monastery is celebrated throughout Lebanon, a country where Christianity has existed since Jesus first evangelized in Tyre and Sidon, and therefore, Lebanon is often considered part of the "Holy Land" Some of the first Christian communities were set up in Lebanon during the time of the apostles.

The shrine is a popular Christian pilgrimage site in Lebanon, and tourists and pilgrims alike enjoy the beautiful view of the bay from a top historic Cape.

Dinner & Overnight at the hotel.



Day 06: Breakfast at the hotel.

Gather at the lobby, Meet our Guide, Head to visit St Anthony monastery in the heart of the holy Qadisha Valley .Being on of the oldest monasteries of the saint valley, several hermitages are attached to it and at a certain period (probably the 12th Century AD), it has been the Seat of the Maronite Patriarch. In 1584, the first printing press of the Middle East was installed in this monastery.

Continue to visit the monastery of St Simon in Ayto, located in Zgharta District, at an elevation of 900-1300 m above sea level.

Proceed to visit Ehden, a mountain town located 1500m above sea level, a famous Summer resort and touristic center, dating back into the BC period, the village hosts around 23 places of Christian worship, including Churches the Famous Saydet Ehden, monasteries, convents and shrines.

Dinner & Overnight at the hotel.



Day 07: Breakfast at the hotel. Free time at leisure, check out. Transfer from chosen hotel to Airport.



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