

Lebanon Adventure

07 Days / 06 Nights



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Day 01: BEIRUT AIRPORT – BEIRUT

Upon arrival, the representative will meet you at baggage claim after immigration and customs. We will escort you to your vehicle for transfer to the hotel and provide check in assistance. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 02: BEIRUT CITY TOUR – BEIRUT

To start your introduction to Lebanon, you will enjoy a tour of the capital city of Beirut. Your tour will begin with the National Museum, the principal museum of archaeology, history and culture in Lebanon. Afterwards, explore the downtown area including Martyrs Square, Nejme Square with the famous clock tower, the Roman Ruins and Bathes, Mohammad El Amin Mosque and Saint Georges Church. Back to the hotel for free time and overnight.

Day 03: BEIRUT – MAGHDOSHE - SIDON – TYRE – BEIRUT

After a one-hour drive from Beirut by comfortable coach, your day trip starts in the village Maghdouché, which is famous for its shrine that marks the sacred cave where the Virgin Mary is believed to have waited for Jesus while he preached in Sidon. At the town's entrance, on a high hill looking back at the city of Sidon, stands the statue of Lady Mantara, Maghdouche's most famous landmark.

From here, you head to the coast to visit Sidon, another important commercial center with a wealth of history. The city's narrow alleyways and traditional souks, or markets, sweep you back to the Middle Ages, when its imposing crusader castle was built overlooking the harbor. Explore the impressive Great Mosque and hear how it was built in the 16th century on the foundations of a Crusader building.

Your final stop will be in the magnificent city of Tyre, built by the Romans. Listen to the stories of the ancient city's prosperity, which was based on an industry of purple-dyed textiles, and visit the UNESCO-listed ruins built during Roman times. Back to the hotel for overnight.

Day 04: CHOUF MOUNTAINS - BEIRUT

First, you will visit **Deir Al Qamar** village to witness its distinctive narrow streets, stone steps, and historic, buildings and palaces. **Deir Al Qamar** resembles an open-air museum. From the 16th to 18th centuries, the picturesque village served as the residence of the Ottoman appointed governors of Lebanon, beginning with *Fakhreddine II*.

Then you will go to **Moussa Castle**, which demonstrates Lebanon's traditional way of life and moments in history. Animated scenes and statues depicting Lebanese culture comprise three floors of the castle, while the other two floors hold Eastern and Arabic weapons collection that date from as recently as 1945 to more than 4000 years old.

You will continue your journey to **Beiteddine** built by the Emir's 3 sons: *Qassim*, *Khalil* and *Amine*. Today Emir Khalil's palace is used as the Serail of Beiteddine, the seat of local administration. As for the palace of Emir Amine, which dominates the Beiteddine complex; it was beautifully restored and converted into a luxury hotel by the Ministry of Tourism.

After this day, you will head back to Beirut for overnight.



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Day 05: BAALBEK - ANJAR — KSARA – BEIRUT

First stop in **Baalbek**, which is also known as the City of the Sun. It is located in the **Beqaa Valley** (3000 ft above sea level) and holds some of the world's greatest historical and best preserved Roman sites. Its remains include a gigantic complex of Roman temples with the tallest columns ever erected. The Roman gods were worshipped in its Acropolis (constructed between 1st –3rd Century AD). In **Jupiter Temple**, only six columns remain out of the 54 giant columns that originally surrounded the sanctuary. The temple was built over a Phoenician podium dating from around 3000 BC.

After you will explore Anjar the town's showpiece – the Umayyad ruins. Wander through this fascinating complex: remnants of an 8th-century palace city ruled by the Umayyad dynasty; ruined temples, arcades and gates built in Hellenistic and Roman style.

Next, continue into the Bekaa Valley to Ksara, home of the famous Ksara Caves discovered in 1898. These ancient caves are now used as cellars by Chateau Ksara, Lebanon's oldest wine estate. You can learn about the winemaking process and finish with a tasting of delicious wines here.

Head Back to Beirut for overnight.

Day 06: BEIRUT- JIETA - HARISSA – BYBLOS - BEIRUT

You will be driven north to visit Jeïta Grotto, the jewel of tourism in Lebanon, where 2 limestone crystallized grottoes characterized by extraordinary concretions of stalactites and stalagmites sculpted naturally in different forms, sizes and colors are found. Then proceed to Harissa where you will see the Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon, which is a Marian shrine and a pilgrimage site in Lebanon. In addition, you will enjoy a panoramic view of Jounieh Bay using the cable cars from Harissa to Jounieh.

Then transfer to Byblos, the "oldest continuously inhabited city the world" to visit the famous Crusader castle and discovering some beautiful churches and old souks.

Head Back to Beirut for overnight.

Day 07: BEIRUT AIRPORT – DEPARTURE

Transfer to Beirut airport for departure.

NOTE. This tour can be modified as per your requirements.