

PILGRIMAGE TOUR IN LEBANON

8 DAYS, 7 NIGHTS

Itinerary:

Day 1: Arrival Transfer from Beirut International Airport to Hotel in Beirut

We arrange a transfer from Beirut Airport to Hotel in Beirut or vice versa with meet and greet upon arrival.

Day 2: Beirut, Beiteddine Palace & Deir El Kamar - Overnight in Beirut

Beirut where we go back in time and discover the history of the region, proceed to Downtown Beirut which includes contemporary high rises, as well as Parisian style buildings where the new blends well with the old. Visit the ruins of the Roman Baths near the Grand Serail, the Parliament building, martyrs' square, Al-Omari Mosque, and St. Georges Cathedral. We will end the tour by a walk along the Corniche to discover the beauty of the Raouche Rock.

Beiteddine Palace is a journey in history that one accomplishes through the Sublime Porte. The palace built by Bashir II Chehab between 1788 and 1818 and classified as a historical monument in 1934. Beiteddine Palace, is home to the best and most spectacular example of early 19th-century Lebanese architecture.



Deir El-Qamar, signifying Monastery of the moon is a small and charming Christian town located in a serene just environment one hour away from Beirut, where you will visit the Kayssarieh Notre Dame Church and the Fakheredine Mosque.



Day 3: Baalbeck temples & Saydet Zahle - Overnight in Beirut

Baalbeck; Initially a Phoenician settlement dedicated to the worship of the deity of the sun Baal, Baalbek was known as Heliopolis (City of the Sun) by the Greeks in the 4th century BC.

Today, visitors to Baalbek can see the impressive ruins of the incredible structures that remain. This includes standing in the shadow of six of the original 54 columns of the Temple of Jupiter – the largest temple ever built by the Empire. Baalbek is also the place to see the extremely well-preserved Temple of Bacchus and the stairs of the Temple of Mercury.



The top of eastern tower of **Saydet Zahle**, in eastern Lebanon, which is accessed through an elevator, offers tranquil views of the city and the Bekaa Valley. A bronze Italian statue of the Virgin Mary holding a grapevine stands atop the tower and watches over the city while the base houses a small chapel.

Day 4: Cedars Forest, St Antonios in Kozhaya & Bekaa Kafra - Overnight in Jounieh

Cedars The most venerable representatives of the Cedars of Lebanon, which once covered the country's mountains, are in the Becharreh region in the North of Lebanon. Hundreds of trees stand on slopes 2,000 meters high in the shadow of the 3,088-meter peak of Qornet es- Sawda. From Lebanon's cedar forests, Solomon got the timber to build his temple and palace, while the Egyptians Pharaohs used the wood carve their sarcophagi and 'sunships'.



The Monastery of St Antonios Kozhaya Is part of the Holy valley where Maronites used to during the Ottaman's period. Monastery of St-Antoine of Kozhaya is one of the numerous monasteries built in this valley. It is built partly inside in the mountain and party outside it. It is surrounded by a very beautiful panorama of forest and valley.



Bekaa Kafra is a Lebanese village located in the Bsharri District in Northern Lebanon. Bekaa Kafra is located in front of the village of Bsharri across the Kadisha Valley. It is the birth town of Saint Charbel. Bekaa Kafra has an altitude ranging from 1500 m to 2000 m at its highest point, making it the highest village in Lebanon and one of the highest in the Middle East.

Day 5: Jeita Grotto, Our Lady of Harissa & St Charbel Annaya - Overnight in Jounieh

Jeita Grotto, the longest cave in the Middle East, is situated approximately 11 miles (18km) north of Beirut. It consists of two separates, but interconnected, limestone caves, and boasts a length of 5.6 miles (9km). One of the world's most amazing agglomerations of stalactites and stalagmites, Jeita Grotto is widely considered to be the pride of Lebanon, and featured as a finalist in the New 7 Wonders of Nature competition.



Harissa, The Statue of Our Lady of Lebanon is a French-made, 13-ton statue, made of bronze and painted white, of the Virgin Mary. It was erected in 1907 on top of a hill, 650 meters above sea level, in the village of Harissa, 20 km north of Beirut in honor of Our Lady of Lebanon.

St. Charbel Annaya is a place of pilgrimage and a national shrine for all people of all faiths to visit, reach out and be blessed. This is a place where you never go back unhappy & disappointed.

Day 6: Byblos (old souks & castle), St Rafqa & Hardini - Overnight in Beirut

Byblos is a testimony to a history of uninterrupted construction from the first settlement by a community of fishermen dating back 8000 years, through the first town buildings, the monumental temples of the Bronze Age, to the Persian fortifications, the Roman road, Byzantine churches, the Crusade citadel and the Medieval and Ottoman town. Byblos is also directly associated with the history and diffusion of the Phoenician alphabet. The origin of our contemporary alphabet was discovered in Byblos with the most ancient Phoenician inscription carved on the sarcophagus of Ahirom.



Rafqa Pietra Chobok (June 29, 1832 - March 23, 1914), also known as **Saint Rafka** and **Saint Rebecca**, was a Lebanese Maronite nun who was canonized by Pope John Paul II on June 10, 2001. She is a patron of lost parents and the sick.

Nimatullah Kassab, also known as "**Al-Hardini**" was born in 1808 in the village of Hardine, in the North Governorate of Lebanon. He was Lebanese monk, priest and scholar of the Maronite Church. He has been declared a saint by the Catholic Church.



Day 7: Sidon, Tyre & Maghdouche - Overnight in Beirut

Sidon or **Saida** is the third-largest city in Lebanon. It is located in the South Governorate, of which it is the capital, on the Mediterranean coast.

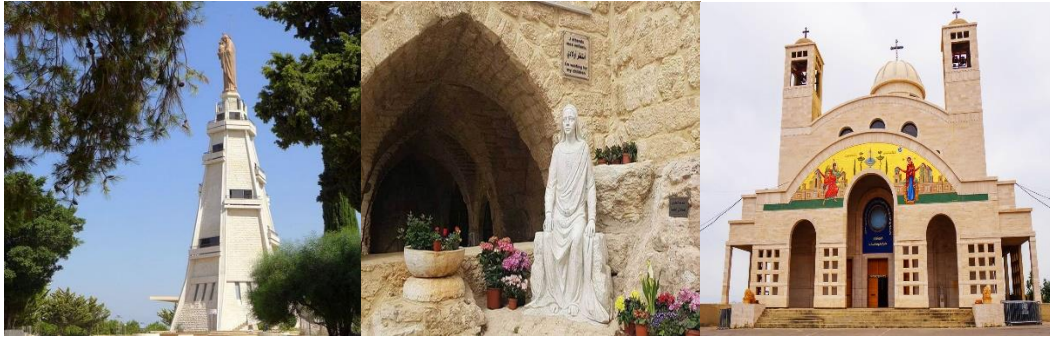
Main Sights are: **1-Sidon Sea Castle**, a fortress built by the Crusaders in the early 13th century. It is located near the Port of Sidon. **2- Soap Museum**. It traces the history of the soap making in the region and its different manufacturing steps. **3-Khan al-Franj** a complex built in the 16th century, though erroneously credited to Emir Fakhreddine in the 17th century.



Tyre is a city in Lebanon, one of the oldest continually inhabited cities in the world, though in medieval times for some centuries by just a tiny population. It was one of the earliest Phoenician metropolises . The city has many ancient sites, including the Tyre Hippodrome, and was added as a whole to UNESCO's list of World Heritage Sites in 1984.



Maghdouché's most famous landmark is the tower of Our Lady of Mantara, which is a Marian shrine built (May 16, 1963), above the cave that is believed to have been the resting place of the Virgin Mary as she waited for Jesus while he preached in Sidon. This religious landmark receives many visitors consisting of tourists and residents. Our Lady of Mantara was considered a religious heritage site and was added to the International Religious Tourism Map in 2016.



Day 8: Transfer from hotel in Beirut to the Airport for departure

After Check Out, we pick up the clients to Beirut International Airport **03 hours before** the departure flight.

Package Rate per person:

Hotel's name	10-14 persons		15-19 persons		20-25 persons	
Casa D'Or-Hamra Reston Hotel-Jounieh	In a SGL	In a DBL	In a SGL	In a DBL	In a SGL	In a DBL
	\$1160.00	\$890.00	\$1055.00	\$790.00	\$1045.00	\$775.00

Package rates includes:

- Transportation in a vehicle depending on the number of persons
- 5 Night's accommodation at Hotel in Beirut **on half board basis** (breakfast & dinner)
- 2 Night's accommodation at Hotel in Jounieh **on half board basis** (breakfast & dinner)
- Professional guidance (English and French)
- 7 Dinners at the hotel in Beirut & in Jounieh
- Entrance fees to the touristic sites mentioned
- Bottle of Water for each person
- Pickup and drop off from to hotel in Beirut/ Hotel in Jounieh
- 1 Tour Leader free of charge in a Single Room

Package excludes:

- Lunches during the tours
- Any item not mentioned above

Note: The above is just an offer, availability and rates are subject to change until firm booking