

LEBANON

A 6-day itinerary for the summer months in Lebanon, this trip takes you through the cultural highlights of the country and combines brilliantly with Syria!

An interesting time to see Beirut, Lebanon during the summers is characterised by parties on its beach clubs and music festivals. The itinerary can be tweaked to



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coincide with the Beiteddine Music Festival.

Day 1

Be met at the airport and transferred to your boutique hotel. Beirut's renaissance as a playground for the fashionable has attracted quite a number of international players setting up luxury hotels in its capital.

Day 2

Visit the Deir Al Kamar and Beiteddine today, with a stopover at Moussa Castle in between. A castle built on a hill between Deir Al Kamar and Beiteddine, this castle built in modern times is testimony not to royalty or pedigree but rather to perseverance and determination of the common man.



Beiteddine with its emir's palaces(one of the palaces having been converted into a hotel- do let us know if you'd like to spend the night here) and relatively cool climate is a tranquil getaway during the summer months.

Day 3

Visit the triumvirate cities of Baalbek, Ksara and Anjar today. The largest Roman temples

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Beautifully-themed journeys for you to choose from and to tweak according to your predilections.

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ever built, Baalbek was constructed in ode to Jupiter, Bacchus and Venus. Later on make your way to the wineries of Ksara- a network of cellars that are partly natural and partly excavated during Roman and Byzantine times. Acquired by Jesuit fathers in 1857,

these cellars were discovered only 9 years after they'd begun production!

The Umayyad site of Anjar is unique in Lebanon is its exclusivity to the Umayyad era. Whilst other historical sites in the country are characterized by the influence (and confluence?) of multiple civilizations superimposed over the other, Anjar is exclusively Umayyad. A relatively new civilisation in contrast to sites like Tyr and Byblos, which has been continuously inhabited since its establishment, the Umayyad site of Anjar had a sharp peak and decline. Few other sites compare to Anjar in terms of testimony to Umayyad influence. Benefiting from its strategic position on trade routers leading to Damascus, Homs and

Baalbek, this (almost) perfectly quadrilateral site lies amongst some of the richest agricultural land in Lebanon.

Day 4

Sidon, Tyr, Echemoun

Covering the landmarks of Sidon - the Crusaders Castle, its Souks, the Caravanserai and the Soap museum, you will then continue



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on to Tyr- an ancient Phoenician city which the Greeks referred to as 'Tyros' and the ancient Assyrians 'Zara', visiting the ancient Phoenician city, the Necropolis, the Triumph arches and the Hippodrome.

In ancient times, Tyre's wealth depended on trade- taken by the Babylonians and later Alexander the Great who'd joined the

Phoenician to the mainland through a man-made bridge in fulfilment of prophecy, Tyr's influence as a trading centre later shifted in favour of Alexandria. Visit the temple of Echmoun, the principal God of the city of Sidon and his lover Astarte, on the way back.

Day 5

To be spent at leisure, we recommend exploring the beach clubs in Beirut.

Day 6

Breakfast and transfer for international flight back or land transfer to Damascus if continuing onwards to Syria.



Date	Nts.	Location/Route	Accommodation/ Details	Rooms/Travel Time/Basis
Day 1-6		Name of the airport	Arriving Flight & Time TBA	type of room plus meals (B,L,D)
		Beirut	Hotel- Hotel Albergo/ Le Gray Beiru	B
Day 6			<u>Departing Flight & Time TBA</u>	

Total Price(Indicative Only): USD 2106 pp

Per person on double occupancy basis.

Price includes:

All domestic transfers and tours mentioned. Accommodations and meals specified.

Price excludes:

All gratuities and tips, tours not mentioned and items of a personal nature.

Important Notes

Trip Grading/Difficulty:

This itinerary is done at a relaxed pace, with no strenuous or overtly physical activities and is suitable for all ages.

Flights

It is essential that you give us your air schedule at least 60 days prior to departure, so that we may confirm your arrival and departure hotels.

Health

You are strongly advised to contact your own GP or vaccination centre in respect of required vaccinations for Lebanon. Check on recommended immunizations as least a month before travel. Among the items you might pack are: sun creams (factor 12 and above), insect repellent, sting relief cream, antiseptic cream, a lightweight hat and sunglasses.

Important Note

While we endeavor to make the itinerary as accurate as possible, it should be considered an approximate schedule of activities rather than a rigid schedule of events. Trip itineraries are subject to revision due to weather, road and trail conditions, government restrictions and other factors beyond our control.

Booking Conditions:

Booking your tailor-made holiday

A booking is accepted only after we receive the completed signed booking form and/or the non-refundable deposit required. If the booking is made within 60 days of departure, then full payment is required at the time of confirmation except over the Christmas & New Year period when the full itinerary amount must be made at the time of booking. The balance of payment due for your travel arrangements must be paid by you not later than 60 days before departure; otherwise we may treat the booking as cancelled.

Methods of payment

Payments for deposits and final monies for Travel Arrangements may be made by bank transfer.

Cancellation

All cancellations must be advised in writing and will take effect the day we receive it. Urbane Nomads refunds all recoverable costs after cancellation, subject to third-party cancellation and refund policies and a USD500 administration and travel planning fee.

In some cases hotels require prepayment in full for hotel rooms and services in the peak period. In such cases these deposits are non refundable.

Travel Insurance

It is a condition of booking the Travel Arrangements that You are adequately insured for the full duration of the your travel arrangements in respect of illness, injury, death, loss of baggage and personal items, cancellation and curtailment. The choice of insurer is the sole discretion of You. In signing the Booking Form or paying for your holiday You confirm to Us that You either have or will have procured such insurance before the commencement of Your Travel Arrangements.

Further Terms and Conditions apply. In signing the Booking Form or paying the deposit you confirm to Us that you have accepted the booking terms and conditions.

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