

# LEBANON PARADISE OF THE MIDDLE EAST

JUNE 17-25, 2022

**Highlights:** Byblos – Jounieh – Harrisa Dier El Qamar – Beiteddine – Sidon - Beirut - Bcharre

**Cedar Forest – Gibran Museum - Ksara Winery – Baalbek - Zahle**

Price per person based on 2 to a room...\$3395.00

Single Supplement...\$500.00

**DAY 1** – Depart home for Beirut, Lebanon. Dinner enroute. Transportation to airport included from Scranton/Wilkes Barre.

**MEALS - D**

## **DAY 2 –Beirut, Lebanon**

Arrive in Lebanon late afternoon/evening with a welcoming dinner with Show singers and belly dancer.

**OVERNIGHT – BEIRUT – MARKAZIA SUITES** our home away from home for our entire stay in Lebanon..

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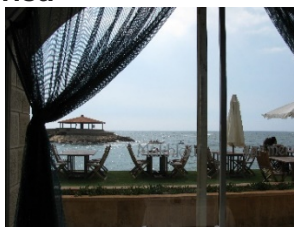
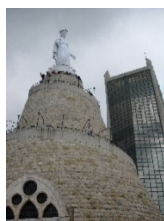
**Take advantage of The Markazia's desirable, central location!**

Markazia is only a short walk away from a variety of Downtown attractions such as Beirut Souks, Zaituna Bay, Biel exhibition center, Gemayze & Mar Mkhayel St and Nightlife.

**MEALS - BD**

## **DAY 3**

**Byblos – Jounieh - Harrisa**



- **Byblos**, known locally as Jbeil, is believed to have been first occupied between 8800 and 7000 BC and continuously inhabited since 5000 BC, making it one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the world. Walk and shop the old souks that are reminiscent of the city's past. Tour the Crusader Castle that is flanked by Roman, Egyptian and Phoenician structures
- Have lunch at a seaside restaurant in **Jounieh**
- The Shrine of **Our Lady of Lebanon** draws millions of faithful both Christians and Muslims from all over the world. Overlooking the bay of Jounieh, the shrine has become a major tourist attraction where tourists can take the gondola lift from Jounieh to Harissa

**MEALS - BL**

## **DAY 4**

**Dier El Qamar – Beiteddine - Sidon**



- **Deir el Qamar** is a lovely picturesque medieval village in the Mount Lebanon. It offers a wide range of monument from this era. It has the first mosque built in the area, the municipality, the market place, the Khan ( Caravan-Serail), palaces all from the 16th and the 17th Century
- In **Beiteddine**, the great Lebanese prince, Bechir II built a fabulous palace in 1800, called today, the Alhambra of Lebanon. We can visit many rooms in this palace and finish the tour in the Mosaic's Museum from the Roman and the Byzantine periods
- **Saida**, also called **Sidon**, was built by the the Noah's grandson "Sidon". It is a very old city on the seaside, it was invaded by many civilizations, like all the other cities in Lebanon. We can visit the Sea Castle built by the Crusaders, in the 13th Century A.D. Then take a walk in the medieval Souks visiting Khan El Saboun ( a soap factory from the 17th Century), Khan el Franj, an old Palace

**MEALS - BL**

## DAY 5 Beirut



- We will spend a day shopping and sightseeing in Beirut.
- Visit **Beirut Rauchie** District and **Pigeon Rock**, the stunning set of rocks that are located in the western part of Beirut, the two rock formations stand like gigantic sentinels to the city

**MEALS - BL**

## DAY 6 Bcharre – Cedar Forest – Gibran Museum



- The village of **Bcharre** sits at an altitude of 4,760 ft. Is the only remaining preserve of original **Cedars of Lebanon**. It is the home of the oldest skinning area in Lebanon
- The **Gibran Museum** is dedicated to the Lebanese writer, philosopher and artist Kahlil Gibran. It possesses over 400 original Gibran paintings, and drawings

**MEALS - BL**

## DAY 7 Ksara Winery – Baalbek - Zahle



- **Château Ksara** is an award winning winery in the Beqaa Valley. We will tour the winery's Roman caves and a tastings and sampling of their wines.
- Tour the Temple of Jupiter in **Baalbek**. It is a colossal Roman temple, the largest of the Roman world.

- Have lunch in **Zahlé**, the largest city of Beqaa Valley. The city sits on a mount side and known for its many cafes along a hillside stream.

**MEALS - BL**

## DAY 8

### Batroun – Hardine - Douma



- Coastal town Batroun the gateway to the northern mountains and to Tripoli.
- Visit the mountain village of **Hardin** the birth place of Saint Nimatullah Kassab also known as “Al Hardini”
- Lunch in **Kfar Helda** on the El Jawz river that runs through Beith Shlela and the rich farm lands known as Besetines el-Ossi (gardens of Ossi) where the most beautiful waterfalls of Lebanon exist
- Visit **Tannourine and Douma**. Douma is recognized as one of the best preserved villages in Lebanon. Douma lies at an altitude of over 3,300 feet

**MEALS - B**

## DAY 9 – Flight Home

Inclusions in above prices:

Airfare First Class Hotel Accommodations based on twin share. All transfers and transportation are by private air-conditioned. Tours, sightseeing and admissions as per itinerary. All applicable taxes Meals as indicated on the itinerary ( 7 Breakfasts-B – 5 Lunches-L - 3 Dinners-D)

**Exclusions in above prices:** • Seat selection • Personal items • Optional Tours • Meals unless listed in itinerary \*\* Our hotels and itinerary may change but all inclusions and class of hotel will stay the same.

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