Beirut & Bekaa Valley 4 days

Beirut 'the Paris of the Middle East' is back on the tourist map! Explore Lebanon's glamorous coastal capital, discover the beautiful Jeita Grottos, the colossal Roman ruins of Baalbek and more!

TOUR DETAILS:

- Starts in: Beirut / Ends in: Beirut
- Departs: Any day of the year
- No local payment required
- Breakfast:3, Lunch: 0, Dinner: 0
- Hotel Rating: 4 or 5 star (Specific to your chosen itinerary)
- Tour Guide: Yes for guided sightseeing

ONLINE RESOURCES:

- For a detailed GO GUIDE - click here
- To book this trip - click here
- To enquire about this trip - click here

TOUR MAP:

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Day 1: Beirut

Welcome to Lebanon! Upon arrival into Beirut International Airport, you will be met and transferred to your city centre hotel. Located along a picturesque stretch of Mediterranean coastline, modern and stylist Beirut holds much appeal. The seafront corniche offers spectacular views of the famous Pigeon Rocks and the National Museum provides a fascinating insight into the country's history. An array of al fresco cafes and restaurants serve delicious Lebanese cuisine, the city offers a lively nightlife and the colourful Souk el Barghou at Martyr's Place, is ideal for a spot of shopping. Overnight - Beirut

Day 2:

This morning enjoy a tour of the nation's capital Beirut, located on the beautiful Mediterranean coast. In an effort to restore Beirut to its former glory, the city has undergone massive redevelopment, which is clearly evident in the Solidere district, our first stop today. After we take a stroll along the Corniche, Beirut's popular beachside promenade. The Corniche offers spectacular views of the off shore rock arches known as pigeon rocks, and is lined on one side with an array of restaurant and cafes. The final stop this morning is the National Museum located at the site of the most intense fighting during the civil war, the Green Line.

This afternoon we drive north of Beirut to visit the Jeita Grottos - a finalists in the 'New Seven Wonders Of The World' competition. The subterranean caves sit beneath the wooded hills of Mount Lebanon. The 9km labyrinth is spread out over on two levels. On the upper, the cathedral-like limestone caverns are festooned with every shape and size of stalactite and stalagmite imaginable. In the lower grotto there's an opportunity to take a boat trip (when the water level is low) past the 'weeping willows' and the chambers of Pantheon, Grand Chaos and Shangri-la.

Returning to cosmopolitan and glamorous Beirut, spend the evening at leisure or sample some of the city's colourful nightlife! Overnight - Beirut

Day 3:

Today we visit Lebanon's most celebrated wine producer - the Ksara Winery in the Bekaa Valley. Take a tour through the winery and sample some of their award winning wines before continuing on to the fortified village of Anjar, a World Heritage Site. The Umayyad city of Anjar, formerly known as Gerrha, dates back to the rule of the sixth Caliph Walid I in 705 - 715AD. It's discovery came about, almost by accident by archaeologists digging in the area in the late 1940s. Take a tour of the extensive walled city (set to Roman town plan) which boasts slender columns and fragile arches which stand in stark contrast against the backdrop of the nearby Anti-Lebanon mountains. The highlight of todays touring is the monumentally scaled temple complex of Baalbek, Lebanon's archaeological gem! Following the conquest of Alexander the Great, the city became kown as Known as Heliopolis (City of the Sun), a name that was retained by subsequent Roman conquerors. The awe inspiring temples tower high above the Bekaa plain, proclaiming the power and wealth of Imperial Rome. Today the temple ruins are among the largest and finest examples of Roman architecture in the world. This afternoon explore the impressive temple complex, which includes the Jupiter Temple, the adjacent Bacchus Temple and the Temple of Venus, a short distance away. Upon returning to Beirut, the evening is yours to enjoy. Overnight - Beirut

Day 4: Beirut

Spend a relaxing morning making the most of the hotel facilities or opt for one last dip in the Med. Hotel check out is at 12 noon and included onward departure transfer to airport.

WHAT YOU SEE AND WHAT YOU GET:

Below is a list of key highlights and what is included on this tour. Further, where appropriate, we have listed the items that are not included in the tour price.

Trip Highlights

- Beirut - Lebanon's cosmopolitan capital - Solidere District, beach front promenade, the National Museum and views

of Pigeon Rocks
- Jeita Grottos - beautiful compound of crystallized caves
- Ksara Winery - Lebanon's leading wine producer
- The fortified village of Anjar - UNESCO Listed Umayyad ruins
- Baalbek - incredible ancient Roman temple and city ruins - the Jupiter Temple, Bacchus Temple and Temple of Venus

What's Included

- Breakfast daily
- 3 nights - 4 or 5 star hotels (specific to your chosen itinerary)
- Airport arrival and departure transfer
- English speaking guide for all included sightseeing
- Guided tour of Beirut, Jeita Grottos, Anjar and Baalbek Temple Complex
- Tour and wine tasting at Ksara Winery
- Entrance fees to all included sightseeing
- All relevant transfers and transportation in private vehicles

What's Not Included

- International flights
- Tipping - an entirely personal gesture
- Laundry, drinks and items of a personal nature

PRICES AND DATES: from USD $899

Prices shown are 'per person', based on a travelling party of at least 2 adults. The single supplement price needs to be added to the twin/double price if single rooms are required. If travelling solo, an additional '1-person' supplement will apply Prices are indicative and will vary depending on your chosen hotels, room availability as well as time of travel. Please bear this in mind if comparing prices as we always aim to deliver exceptional value. Please note that discounts will apply if there are more 4 our more people in your travelling party, since fixed costs like transportation and guiding are shared across the group.

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.

HOTELS:

The hotels listed below are ones which we frequently use on this tour. We reserve the right to substitute these hotels to ones of a similar standard when necessary.

Le Commodore Hotel - Beirut

Offering a touch of luxury, warm & inviting guest rooms are complimented by a host of hotel ammenities & services. Le Commodore makes for a very enjoyable stay.