Jewel of the Levant 8 days

Private Tour. Spend 8 days exploring Lebanon, truly the jewel of the Levant. Starting in Beirut and taking in historic Tripoli, the famous Jeitta Grottos, ancient Byblos, the fortified village of Anjar and so much more.

TOUR DETAILS:

- Starts in: Beirut / Ends in: Beirut
- Departs: Any day of the year
- No local payment required
- Breakfast:7, Lunch: 1, Dinner: 0
- Tour Guide: Yes

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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Days 1 - 2: Beirut

Welcome to Lebanon. Airport arrival transfer to your hotel in Beirut which will be your base for the next 7 nights. Spend the following day exploring the city and its many facets! Highlights include the corniche with views of the infamous pigeon rocks, the reconstructed Solidere district, Mouawad Museum in the Pharaon Palace and a tasty lunch at the local farmers market. Overnight - Beirut

Day 3:

Explore the breathtaking Qadisha Valley, one of the world's deepest valleys. A steep-sided gorge with the Qadisha River at its bottom. Some of the earliest and most important Christian monastic houses are found in the Qadisha Valley with its rock cut chapels, grottoes, hermitages and frescoes dating back to the 12th Century cut into the side of the valley. Afterwards journey to the historic northern city of Tripoli. Lebanon's second largest city is a lively metropolis with many fascinating historic sites and colourful souks, dating back to the 6th Century BC when it was established as a Phoenician trading port and over time has been influenced and settled by the Romans, Byzantine, The Crusaders, Arabs and Ottoman. Overnight - Beirut

Day 4: Jeitta, Harissa & Byblos

Today take a boat trip to the famous Jeitta Grottos, a huge labyrinthine cavern, a system of 2 seperate but interconnected limestone caves with an overall length of nearly 9 kilometres. Consisting of an upper and lower cave, the lower cave can only be visited by boat via an underground river. The caves also house a large and spectacular lake as well as what is considered to be the world's longest stalactite at 8.2 metres.

Then it's time to return above ground and travel by scenic cable car up to Harissa to see the towering statue of Our Lady of Lebanon before continuing on to explore the ancient sights of Byblos, a stunning Mediterranean port city believed to date back to 5000 BC. Overnight - Beirut

Days 5 - 6: Baalbek & Anjar

Day 5 is free for you to explore the sights of Beirut. On day 6 visit the remarkable Roman ruins of Baalbek, one of the most spectacular and best preserved examples of Roman ruins in the world and one of Lebanon's greatest treasures. In its heyday baalbek, then known as Heliopolis, was one of the largest Roman sanctuaries.

En route stop to visit Lebanon's leading wine producer, the famous Ksara winery and sample some of their excellent wine or Arak, the National Lebanese drink. Continuing on to the UNESCO listed fortified village of Anjar, only rediscovered by archaeologists in the 1940s, and built during the beginning of the Islamic period which can be seen in the architecture. Overnight - Beirut

Day 7: Beiteddine & The Cedars

Tour the magnificent Beiteddine palace, a prime example of 19th Century Lebanese architecture and a place of exquisite beauty located in the Chouf district of Lebanon. While in Chouf you'll also visit the picturesque Chouf Cedar Reserve, famous for its three magnificent cedar forests. The final stop for the day is Deir el Qamar village, where you'll see the 15th century Fakhreddine Mosque and Palace, and Moussa Castle. Moussa Castle stands as testament to one man following his dream of owning a castle, it was built over a period of 60 years single handedly by Moussa Abdel Karim Al-Maamari, and took him the greater part of a lifetime to complete. Overnight - Beirut

Day 8: Beirut

Your Lebanon adventure ends after breakfast today. Included transfer to the 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 - city tour, Soliders district, Raouche, Saifi Village, Promenade and Mediterranean coastline and National Museum
- Qadisha Valley and the northern city of Tripoli
- Jeita Grottos
- Harissa - Our Lady of Lebanon statue
- Byblos - fishing village, Temple of the Obelisk and 12th century Crusader castle and church
- Beittedine Palace, Deir el Qamar - Mosque and Palace of Fakhreddine Mosque and Moussa Castle
- Anjar - World Heritage listed fortified stronghold from the Umayyad Period
- Bekaa Valley and Ksara Winery
- Baalbak - Jupiter Temple, Bacchus Temple and Temple of Venus. Some of the world's best preserved Roman ruins

What's Included

- 7 breakfast, 1 lunch
- 7 nights standard, superior or deluxe accommodation in Beirut
- Touring and excursions as per itinerary
- Airport arrival and departure transfers
- Entrance fees to all included sights
- English speaking specialist guides for all scheduled sightseeing
- All transfers and transportation in private A/C 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 $1,989

Prices shown are per person travelling. 'Twin/Double' prices per person apply when there are 2 people travelling, sharing a room. The 'Single supplement' applies for single travellers who require their own room and needs to be added to the 'Twin/Double' price. If you are happy to be paired up with another single traveller of the same sex on your tour, this can be arranged, (if another solo traveller of the same sex is already booked upon the tour), thus avoiding the single person supplement. All our scheduled tour departures are guaranteed subject to a minimum of 2 travellers.

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.