

**Wild Discovery**

# **DISCOVER LEBANON**

## **Daily tours**

Winter 2016-2017



# REGULAR DAILY TOURS

FULL DAYS	Days of Operations	Departure	Regions	Rate
	Monday	08:30 am	Sidon, Tyr & Echmoun	\$85
	Tuesday	08:30 am	Cedars, Bcharreh & Qozhaya	\$80
		08:30 am	Jeita, Harissa & Byblos	\$82
	Wednesday	08:30 am	Baalbeck, Ksara & Anjar	\$90
	Thursday	08:30 am	Cedars, Bcharreh & Qozhaya	\$80
	Friday	08:30 am	Baalbeck, Ksara & Anjar	\$80
	Saturday	08:30 am	Jeita, Harissa & Byblos	\$92
	Sunday	08:30 am	Beirut, Beiteddine & Deir el Kamar	\$80

○ Special rate for selected days

## SPECIAL OFFER!

Book the Lebanese Discovery Package & Get **30\$ DISCOUNT** per person

- Jeita, Harissa & Byblos
- Cedars, Bsharre & Qozhaya
- Baalbeck, Ksara & Anjar

\* Not applicable on special rates for selected days

HALF DAYS	Days of Operations	Departure	Regions	Rate
	Tuesday	08:30 am	Jeita & Byblos	\$65
	Wednesday	08:30 am	Beirut & its Authentic Museums	\$75
	Thursday	08:30 am	Tripoli	\$60
	Saturday	08:30 am	Jeita & Byblos	\$65
	Sunday	08:30 am	Deir el Kamar & Beiteddine	\$50
01:30 pm		Beirut	\$35	



# HALF DAYS

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## JEITA & BYBLOS

Tuesday & Saturday at 08:30 am

The upper and lower grottoes will dazzle your eyes whilst the magnificent limestone crystallized forms carved by time and water. Continue to Byblos and visit the Crusaders Citadel, the roman theatre, St. John Cathedral, the harbor, the fossil museum and the souks.

## BEIRUT & ITS AUTHENTIC MUSEUMS

Wednesday at 08:30 am (6 hours)

Start with BDL Lebanon's currency museum. Visit the National Museum, Continue to MIM museum of minerals. Visit of Downtown passing by the Grand Serail, the Roman Baths, the Parliament, etc.. Visit of the crypt museum in "St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral".

## TRIPOLI

Thursday at 08:30 am

In ancient times, Tripoli was the center of a Phoenician confederation which included Tyre, Sidon and Arados, hence its name, meaning "triple city" in Greek. Visit the citadel of St. Gilles, the Medina, the Caravanserail of Soap, and the souks.

## DEIR EL KAMAR & BEITEDDINE

Sunday at 08:30 am

Visit Deir El Kamar, the typical Lebanese village with its red roofs declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. Proceed to Beiteddine to visit the Palace of Emir Beshir built in 1788. Visit the Midan Square, the Salamlak & the stables.

## BEIRUT

Sunday at 01:30pm

Visit the National Museum then admire the Corniche where lies the Pigeons Rock since the eternity. The tour ends on foot with the down town passing by the Grand Serail, the Roman Baths, the Parliament, the ancient mosques and Churches, Nejme Square & Martyrs Squar



# FULL DAYS

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## **SIDON, TYRE & ECHMOUN**

Monday at 08:30 am

Visit the landmarks of Sidon including the Crusaders Castle, the Souks, the Caravanserail, the Soap Museum, etc..Continue to Tyre for lunch. Visit the ancient Phoenician city: the Necropolis, the Triumph arches, the Hippodrome, and the “Maritime Site”. On the way back, stop for the temple of Echmoun.

## **CEDARS, BCHARREH & QOZHAYA**

Tuesday & Thursday at 08:30 am

Visit the forest of the Cedars of God. Continue to Bsharreh, native town of the Lebanese poet, writer and painter Gibran Khalil Gibran. Visit its museum. Lunch. In the afternoon, visit the Monastery of Saint Anthony the Great lying at the edge of Qadisha Valley and house of the oldest printer in the Arab world.

## **JEITA, HARISSA & BYBLOS**

Tuesday & Saturday at 08:30 am

The upper and lower grottoes will dazzle your eyes whilst the magnificent limestone crystallized forms carved by time and water. Continue to Harissato visit the statue of “Our Lady of Lebanon”. Take the cable car down to Jounieh. Lunch then visit Byblos: the Crusaders Citadel, the roman theatre, St. John Cathedral, the harbor, the fossil museum and the souks.

## **BAALBECK, KSARA & ANJAR**

Wednesday & Friday at 08:30 am

Departure to the Beqaa Valley. Visit Baalbeck, the largest Roman temples ever built: Jupiter, Bacchus and Venus temples. Continue to Ksara to taste the Lebanese Wine and visit the caves dated back to the Roman era. Lunch in a local restaurant. Then proceed to Anjar to visit the unique Umayyad site in Lebanon.

## **BEIRUT, BEITEDDINE & DEIR EL KAMAR**

Sunday at 08:30 am

Departure to the Chouf. Visit Beiteddine, a palace of Emir Beshir, built in 1800. Quick stop at Deir el Kamar, the Lebanese typical village. Lunch in a local restaurant. Visit the National Museum of Beirut then admire the Corniche & the Pigeons Rock. The tour continues on foot with the down town passing by the Grand Serail, the Roman Baths, the ancient mosques and churches, Martyrs Square..

# FIXED DEPARTURES

Days	Regions	Rate
Thursday 17 November 16	Palaces & Museums Tour - Sidon & Beirut	\$90
Saturday 26 November 16	Cave Kouroum - Chateau Kefraya - Chateau Ksara	\$98
Sunday 15 January 17	Snowshoing In Barouk	\$86
Saturday 28 January 17	Snowshoing In Barouk	\$86
Saturday 11 February 17	Jrebta (Saint Rafka) - Adyar Winery - Kfifane (Saint Hardini)	\$95
Saturday 18 March 17	Cave Kouroum-Chateau Kefraya - Chateau Ksara	\$98
Saturday 08 April 17	Qadisha Valley With A Local Guide	\$80

## Rates are per person, valid for a minimum of 5 persons and include:

- Transportation by a minivan. Pick up & drop off from our office in Gemayzeh. Pick up at 08h30.
- Services of our local guide (Arabic/French/English speaking)
- Entrance fees to the visited sites where applicable
- Snowshoe rental on 15 & 28 January 2017
- Lunch in a local restaurant including one soft drink & water
- All local taxes (VAT - Currently 10%)

Tips for guide & driver not included



## PALACES & MUSEUMS TOUR -SIDON & BEIRUT

In the morning, Departure to visit Sidon:

The Debbané Palace is an 18th century house depicting the elements of an Arab Ottoman Dar with a main courtyard. The Debbané foundation restored the building with the goal of transforming it into a museum exposing the impact of the Ottoman Period on Saida's rich architectural history. The Sidon Soap Museum traces the history of soap making in the region, its development and manufacturing techniques. Visitors can see a demonstration of how traditional olive oil soaps are made and learn about the history of the "hammam" traditions. Free time in the old souk, where you will find clothing, wood working, shoes, furniture, food, sweets and souvenirs. Lunch in Sidon. In the afternoon, return to Beirut. Visit of The Sursock Museum, one in a series of architecturally stunning mansions which once housed Beirut's aristocracy, the majority are still privately owned. But on his death in 1951, wealthy arts patron Nicholas Ibrahim Sursock bequeathed his 1912 Italianate mansion to the City of Beirut, stipulating that it be a museum. The Sursock Museum is finally reopened in October 2015 after 7 years of renovation and expansion works.



## **CAVE KOUROUM - CHATEAU KEFRAYA - CHATEAU KSARA**

Take a leisurely drive past the beautiful swamps at Aammîq and the billowing silver birches that line the crop fields to Cave Kouroum. This is a Kefraya winery that produces ten wines under the careful eye of the colorful, hippy winemaker Yves Morard. Continue to visit Chateau Kefraya, slightly behind Château Ksara in terms of production (1.8 million bottles). Three hundred hectares of vine are planted from 900 to 1.100 m. Kefraya first came to international prominence with its Cabernet/Syrah Comte de M 1996. At the end of the day, visit Chateau Ksara, The country's oldest winery. It has been making wine since 1857, a tradition started by the Jesuit brothers. It is home to the first observatory in the Middle East and has two kilometers of Roman passages now used as the winery's cellars. Lunch in Zahle.

## **SNOWSHOEING IN BAROUK**

Enjoy a full day of Snowshoeing at the largest of Lebanon's nature reserves, the Al-Shouf Cedar Nature Reserve. It stretches from Dahr Al-Baidar in the north to Niha Mountain in the south. Blanketed with oak forests on its northeastern slopes and juniper and oak forests on its southeastern slopes, the reserve's most famous attractions are its three magnificent cedar forests of Maasser Ech-Chouf, Barouk, and Aain Zhalta-Bmahray. Lunch.

## **JREBTA (SAINT RAFKA) - ADYAR WINERY - KFIFANE (SAINT HARDINI)**

Departure to visit the Convent of St. Joseph at Jrebta (The blessed Rafka), this convent was built in 1897; it belongs to the order of the Lebanese nuns. The Blessed Rafka was one of the six nuns who marked the beginning of the cloistered life in this convent, on the 3rd of November 1897. She lived there until she died on the 23rd of March 1914, confined to her bed by great sufferings. On the 27th of November 1985, His Holiness the Pope John-Paul II declared the Beatification of Rafka. Proceed to Adyar Winery for lunch followed by wine tasting. It's not simply a Lebanese Wine, it is a great "Vin de terroir". Visit the Monastery of Saint Cyprien and Justinian in Kfifane Village. Today it becomes a pilgrimage site thanks to Saint Nematallah Kassab Al-Hardini, who is buried in the modest place. Built well before the 17th century, in 1766 the Lebanese Maronite Order transformed the monastery into a seminary for study of theology, philosophy, literature and law.

## **QADISHA VALLEY**

Visit of Qadisha Valley, one of the deepest and most beautiful valleys in Lebanon. At the bottom of this wild, steep-sided gorge runs the Qadisha River, whose source is in the Qadisha Grotto at the foot of the Cedars. The Qadisha Valley houses some of the most important early Christian monastic settlements in the world. Rock-cut chapels, grottoes, and hermitages, many painted with frescoes dating back to the 12th and 13th centuries, are tucked into the steep walls. Among the notable monasteries located in the valley are the Monastery of Mar Antonios Qozhaya, & the Monastery of Mar Lishaa. Lunch in a local restaurant.

# PRIVATE TOURS

<p>BY REGULAR CAR (Honda Civic, Toyota Corolla or similar)</p>  <p>1-2 pax capacity without guide</p> <p>USD145*</p>	<p>BY 7 - SEATER (Toyota Innova, Kia Carnival or similar)</p>  <p>3-4 pax capacity without guide</p> <p>USD185</p>	<p>BY 12 - SEATER (Hyundai H1, Mercedes MB or similar)</p>  <p>up to 8 pax capacity without guide</p> <p>USD185</p>
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\* Rates for regular cars will vary depending on the itinerary chosen

Supplement guide

(full day 8 hours for less than 8 persons)

USD125

Supplement guide

(half day 4 hours for less than 8 persons)

USD75

Guides can only be booked through us if the vehicle is provided by our company VAT included (currently at 10%)

## GENERAL CONDITIONS

### Regular Daily Tours

- Departures are guaranteed starting 2 persons
- All tours depart from our office in Gemayzeh as per the schedule
- All prices are per person & include:
  - Transportation in a deluxe modern vehicle
  - Services of our accompanying guide (English, Arabic and French)
  - Entrance fees to the visited sites
  - Lunch in the finest local restaurants with one soft drink (only for full day tours)
  - VAT (currently at 10%)
- Children under 12 years old are entitled to a discount of 25% (Not valid on half day tours and on discounted & promotional rates)
- Free pick-ups are arranged from hotels in Beirut (45 minutes prior to departure time depending on the hotel location). Free drop-offs are arranged to same guests at the closest point to their hotel
- Guests are requested to be ready at the reception desk of their hotel.
- For pick-ups from hotels outside Beirut, please refer to our office to provide you with our special prices

\* Tips for guide and driver are not included



### Private Tours

- **Prices of private tours include:**
  - Car rental, Driver services & Fuel expenses - Insurance - Limited mileage per day (150 Km) / 8 hrs rental - VAT (currently at 10%)
- **Prices are valid within Lebanon only**

### IMPORTANT TO NOTE

- The National Museum of Beirut, The Gibran Museum in Bcharre and The Beiteddine Palace are closed on Mondays & National Holidays
- The Jeita Grottoes are closed on Mondays. Besides the grottoes are closed for 20 days between January & February for maintenance
- The Ksara Caves are closed on National Holidays & on Sundays of January & February
- The souks in Sidon, Tyre & Tripoli are closed on Fridays and National Holidays

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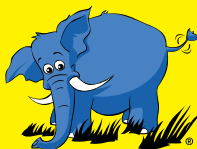
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