

# - TOUR IN LEBANON -

*Discover the essence of our humanitarian work  
and the charms of Lebanon (7 nights / 8 days)*

## Day 1: Arrival to Beirut, capital of Lebanon



Meet and assist at Beirut International Airport. Transfer to Cedar Home.  
Relax! Overnight stay at Cedar home.

## Day 2: Jeita grotto / Beirut down-town

Time has come to discover the hidden treasures of the Lebanese nature....and one of the jewels is definitely Jeita grotto. The upper galleries, house to the world's largest known stalactite, will be reached by a train pulled by a small replica of a steam engine. After enjoying a walking tour and being amazed by the view of extraordinary stone forms of curtains, columns, and mushrooms, the visitors will take a short dreamy cruise in a rowboat through the magical lower galleries, sculpted by water and time. Great emotions guaranteed! We will go back to Cedar Home at lunchtime. In the evening, we will wander around the Down-Town streets and visit some interesting sites scattered all over the capital. Dinner and overnight stay at Cedar Home.



## Day 3: Cana of Galilee / Tyr (UNESCO world heritage site)

Follow in the footsteps of our savior Jesus Christ and discover the pilgrimage site of Cana of Galilee that has witnessed Jesus first miracle of turning water into wine. You will discover the engravings of Christ and his disciples leading to a secluded cave where it is believed they came for peace and quiet. We will then head to the Phoenician city of Tyre, famous for surviving a 13 year siege by Nebuchadnezzar, and then fell to Alexander the Great who built a causeway connecting Tyre island to the mainland. Your mind will go back in time as you discover the breathtaking Roman baths and arena, the Alexander's causeway, the Roman-Byzantine necropolis, the remains of a crusader church, the largest Roman hippodrome ever found...All standing as a witness of Tyre's previous glory. Dinner and overnight stay at Cedar Home.



## Day 4: Harissa / Byblos

Discovering the Lebanese coast from up above is a must. Nothing better than enjoying this breathtaking view from the top of Harissa mountain famously known for its ideal location, overlooking the bay of Jounieh. This site will be reached by a gondola lift, locally known as the "Téléférique". After enjoying this great view, we will go to Byblos, a coastal Lebanese city known for being one of the oldest Phoenician cities in the world and from where the Phoenician alphabet was diffused. You will enjoy wandering around the archeological ruins of many successive civilizations. Dinner in a restaurant in the old port and overnight stay at Cedar Home.



### Day 5: Baalbeck Roman temple (UNESCO world heritage site)

A tour of Lebanon wouldn't be complete without a visit to *Baalbeck*, the city of the sun, located in the Beqaa Valley. Known as 'Heliopolis' during the period of Roman rule, it is one of the largest, most noble and best preserved Roman temples ever built by mankind. You will stroll along its colossal structures, which were once the witness of the wealth and power of stately Rome, while imagining the presence of the Roman deities *Venus*, *Mercury* and *Jupiter*, who were immensely worshiped back then. This unforgettable visit of Lebanon's greatest treasure, counted among the wonders of the ancient world, will undoubtedly take your breath away! We will have lunch at a local restaurant. Dinner and overnight stay at Cedar Home.



### Day 6: Cedars forest / Holy valley of Qadisha (UNESCO world heritage sites)

The "Cedars of the Lord", many times mentioned in the bible, are now calling you... Let's go hiking in the Cedars forest of Lebanon, the emblem of the country, at an altitude of approximately 6,600 ft. The cedar wood was used by the Phoenicians for their merchant fleets, and also praised by the Assyrians, Babylonians, Egyptians and Turks. After this refreshing walk across the Cedars forest, we will have lunch in a nearby village. Then, the holy valley of Qadisha will be our next destination, where generations of monks, hermits, ascetics and anchorites found asylum in the early middle ages. As you discover the different cave chapels, and monasteries cut from rock, scattered all over this deep valley, you will travel in time and be touched by the serenity of this unique place, like no other in the world. Dinner and overnight stay at Cedar Home.



### Day 7: Beiteddine palace

You can't leave Lebanon without visiting the place where the Lebanese princes and princesses used to have their residence. Located in the heart of the Chouf region, a magnificent "*Thousand and One Nights*" palace will open its doors and offer you a fairytale vision. Its grand dimensions encompass three main courtyards, huge vaulted stables, guest apartments, water fountains, marble portals and marquetry, and luxuriously decorated and domed hammams (Turkish bathhouses). Beiteddine palace also jealously guards one of the most spectacular mosaic collections in the eastern Mediterranean, if not the world. No wonder why this beautiful 19th century palace, filled with history and glory, became the summer residence of the President of the Lebanese Republic. Dinner and overnight stay at Cedar Home.



### Day 8: Departure

Transportation to Beirut international airport. Have a safe trip !

**You are also very welcome to visit Cedar Home and Lebanon...We would love to meet you!**

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*Hosea 14:6 - "His shoots shall spread out; his beauty shall be like the olive, and his fragrance like Lebanon"*