

## Perfect tour from Egypt to Lebanon

**Price Starting From: \$0** 

9 Days - 8 Nights Cairo, Beirut, Jeita, Byblos, Tyre Egypt & Lebanon Egypt & Lebanon Cairo, Beirut, Jeita, Byblos, Tyre Everyday

Egypt has a unique cultural heritage that makes tourists come from all over to explore it and have the experience of marveling at the glorious museums and buildings that are sprinkled throughout Egypt. Enjoy visiting these remarkable Destinations. Join this <u>Egypt and Lebanon Tours</u> now and enjoy one of our best trips.

We will head north from Beirut, where our adventure begins and goes through the magnificent caves of the Jeita Grotto. Then get ready to take a cable car to Harissa where you will be compensated with a view of the Mediterranean Sea and the cities below. After this having sunk in a bit another bit of nature wonder will have another appearance and that is the Baatara Gorge sinkhole and waterfall.

Spending the night in a working monastery, leisurely walking in the Qadisha Valley, enjoying the National Park of Cedars nearby, and finally exploring the original settlement of Byblos (a world-old site) will finish our tour.

# Overview Inclusion

- Accommodation in Egypt, including breakfast.
- Stay in Lebanon, including breakfast and lunch.
- All transfers are in modern, air-conditioned vehicles, with the assistance of our tour leaders.
- As stated in the schedule, sightseeing trips in Egypt and Lebanon will be led by a local tour guide.
- The program includes all entrance costs.
- All meals will be served as mentioned in the itinerary.
- Airport and hotel transfers.
- Throughout the trip, we will provide you with mineral water bottles.
- All taxes and services are included.

#### **Exclusion**

- International flights require a visa.
- Any Meal Not Listed in the Program.
- Personal expenses include beverages during meals, laundry, and phone calls.
- Gratuities may include tips for guides, drivers, and other services.
- Camera Tickets Are Available at Allowed Sites.

#### **Day 1: Arrive to Cairo**

After your plane arrives at <u>Cairo International Airport</u>, our representative will greet you with a signboard bearing your name and the Cairo Top Tours logo. He will transfer you to your hotel by private air-conditioned vehicle for check-in and overnight after your itinerary has been revised to ensure that all tours are organized according to the agreed-upon schedule.

Welcome drink.

#### Day 2: Tour to Giza Pyramids and Saqqara

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before meeting an expert Egyptologist and being transferred to the <u>Giza Pyramids</u> tour. The Great Pyramid of King Cheops, established 4500 years ago, is the only remaining wonder of the 7 wonders of the ancient world.

The tour takes you to the high plateau, where you can view the 3 pyramids, including the pyramids of King Chephren and King Mycerinus. The Bedouin guide will take amazing photos and take you on a camel ride around the Giza Pyramids (optional activity). The Sphinx of Giza was built for the king himself, symbolizing his power and genius. The Valley Temple of Chephren is also nearby, where the mummification of the royal body took place.

Enjoy lunch at a beautiful restaurant before continuing to <u>Saqqara</u>, the necropolis of an earlier period 200 years before the great kings built the pyramids. Visit the pyramid of King Teti and explore his son-in-law Kagemni's tomb.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch.

#### Day 3: Tour of the Egyptian Museum and Coptic Cairo

After breakfast, the tour begins with a visit to the <u>Egyptian Museum</u>, a 2 hour tour in Tahrir Square filled with over 120,000 artifacts from different epochs. The museum features statues of kings, deities, sarcophagi, jewelry, daily life accessories, and mummies. The tour also includes a visit to <u>King Tutankhamen's golden</u> collection found in his tomb.

Next, the tour continues to Old Cairo, visiting the Roman Fortress of Babylon, the Cavern Church of St. Serius, and the oldest <u>Synagogue of Ben Ezra</u>, which was once a Christian Church but was sold to a Jewish wealthy man named Ben Ezra.

The tour leader takes you on a dinner cruise on the Nile, where you can enjoy Egyptian cuisine buffet dinner, belly dancing, and Tanoura dance show. You will return to the hotel overnight.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

#### Day 4: Fly to Lebanon

After breakfast, you will transfer to the airport to take the flight to Lebanon. Upon arrival at Beirut International Airport, our agent will greet you and transfer you to your hotel.

Overnight in Beirut.

#### Day 5: Jeita Grotto, Harissa, Baatara

After breakfast, we leave the capital city of Beirut this morning and continue our drive north, stopping first to see the breathtaking Jeita Grotto. The caverns include one of the world's greatest collections of stalactites and stalagmites, and they were finalists in the New 7 Wonders of Nature competition.

Our next stop will be Harissa, which is known for its mountaintop Christian shrine and was dedicated to the Virgin Mary. We'll take the cable car up to see the church and admire the breathtaking views of the shore.

Our final destination of the day is the one-of-a-kind Baatara Gorge sinkhole, where a 255-meter waterfall falls into the massive cavern during the spring and after heavy rains.

The day concludes with a short journey to the picturesque Qadisha Valley, where we will spend the night at the Monastery of St. Anthony, in a separate building with plain but decent en-suite accommodations.

Meals: Breakfast and Lunch.

### Day 6: Qadisha Valley, Cedars Ski Resort & Byblos

Following breakfast, early risers can join the monks for early morning prayers in the monastery. After breakfast, you'll have time to visit the Qadisha Valley, which is another UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Qadisha Valley is regarded as the Holy Valley, and the Holy River, the Nahr Qadisha, runs through it.

After leaving the valley, our first destination will be the town of Becharre, which is famed as the birthplace of the great poet and writer Kahlil Gibran. In the hamlet, there's a tiny museum devoted to him.

Then, we'll visit the Cedars Ski Resort, which is one of just a few ski resorts in the Middle East. Nearby, there is an area known as the Cedars of God, which retains some of the remaining groves of cedar woods that formerly thrived in this region.

Later today, we will arrive in Byblos, which is an old Phoenician city that is said to have been inhabited for up to 7,000 years. Locally, the city is known as Jbeil and is another UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Meals: breakfast and lunch.

#### Day 7: Free morning in Byblos and Ksara winery

This morning, after breakfast, you will have some free time to explore Byblos' markets and beaches before returning to continue your adventure.

Our first stop today is the hamlet of Zahle, but we'll stop along the route at the Ksara Winery, which is arguably Lebanon's oldest winery. The caves and tunnels span nearly two kilometers and have been used as wine cellars for decades. You'll be given a guided tour of the caves and winery before sampling (and, if desired, purchasing) some of the fruit at a wine tasting.

Meals: breakfast and lunch.

#### Day 8: Tour in Baalbek and Anjar

After breakfast, you're in for a big treat today as we visit the spectacular Baalbek site. The Romans and Greeks referred to it as 'Heliopolis' or 'City of the Sun', and it has a shrine devoted to the Heliopolitan triad of gods: Jupiter, Venus, and Mercury. Thousands of pilgrims used to visit the temple to worship the trio. Today, the temple is astonishingly well-kept.

After departing Baalbak, we'll stop in the adjacent Umayyad city of Anjar, which is located in the Bekaa Valley. Caliph Walid built the city in the eighth century, and what remains now provides valuable insight into the remarkable town planning.

You will witness mosques, palaces, and spas. In ancient times, the city had up to 600 stores, demonstrating how significant a commercial station Anjar once was. We wrap up the day with a trip back to Beirut, where we will stay the night.

Meals: breakfast and lunch.

#### **Day 9: Final Departure**

It is time to say farewell. After breakfast, your private driver will take you to the airport for your homebound flight.

Meals: Breakfast.