

## **Program:**

### **Day 1: Arrival to Beirut**

Arrival to Beirut Airport, Meet & assist at airport then transfer to hotel in private car. Free afternoon in Beirut.

### **Day2: Harissa & Byblos**

Join us for an unforgettable full-day tour exploring two of Lebanon's most iconic destinations: Harissa and Byblos. This enriching experience blends breathtaking landscapes, spiritual serenity, and ancient history all in one day.

**First Stop: Harissa – The Lady of Lebanon**

Your day begins with a scenic drive along the Mediterranean coast to Harissa, home to the majestic Our Lady of Lebanon statue. Ride the famous teleferique (cable car) up the mountain for panoramic views of Jounieh Bay—one of the most stunning vistas in the country. At the summit, take time to explore the peaceful sanctuary and enjoy the crisp mountain air.

**Second Stop: Byblos – The Oldest Inhabited City**

After a traditional Lebanese lunch in a local restaurant, we head north to the ancient city of Byblos (Jbeil)—a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the world.

Wander through its charming old souks, explore the crusader castle, stroll by the ancient port, and uncover layers of history that date back over 7,000 years. From Phoenician ruins to medieval architecture, Byblos is a living museum and a coastal gem.

### **Day 3: Beit Eddine & Deir El Qamar**

Step back in time and into the heart of Lebanon's history and heritage with this captivating full-day tour to Beit Eddine and Deir El Qamar. Nestled in the green hills of the Chouf region, these two towns offer a perfect blend of culture, architecture, and breathtaking landscapes.

**First Stop: Beit Eddine Palace – A Masterpiece of Lebanese Architecture**

Begin your journey with a visit to the stunning Beit Eddine Palace, built in the 19th century by Emir Bechir II. This architectural gem features intricate mosaics, beautiful arcades, Ottoman-style courtyards, and grand halls that reflect the opulence of the era. Explore the palace museum, historic rooms, and beautifully landscaped gardens—all steeped in the stories of Lebanon's past.

**Second Stop: Deir El Qamar – The Village of Emirs**

Next, travel to the nearby village of Deir El Qamar, once the capital of Mount Lebanon. This charming town is a perfect example of preserved traditional Lebanese architecture. Walk through its cobblestone streets, visit the Fakhreddine Mosque, old palaces, and churches, and soak in the peaceful mountain atmosphere.

**Enjoy a Traditional Lebanese Lunch**

Relax and savor a delicious Lebanese lunch at a local restaurant overlooking the hills. Taste authentic dishes prepared with fresh, regional ingredients in a warm and welcoming setting.

#### **Day 4: Zahle, Berdawni Lunch & Clos St. Thomas Winery**

Spend a delightful day in Lebanon's heartland with a full-day tour to Zahle, the capital of the Beqaa Valley and the country's wine capital. Enjoy a relaxing blend of charming streets, riverside dining, and premium wine tasting in a region known for its rich culture and culinary excellence.

**First Stop: Zahle – The Bride of the Beqaa**

Begin your day exploring Zahle, a picturesque city nestled along the banks of the Berdawni River. Stroll through the town's historic center, admire its Ottoman-era architecture, and visit landmarks such as Our Lady of Zahle & the Bekaa, offering panoramic views over the valley.

**Lunch by the Berdawni River – A Culinary Experience**

Enjoy a traditional Lebanese lunch at one of Berdawni's famous riverside restaurants, where flowing water, cool mountain air, and delicious mezze create the perfect setting. This area is renowned for its hospitality and authentic cuisine—expect a leisurely meal rich in flavor and local charm.

**Final Stop: Clos St. Thomas Winery – Heritage in Every Glass**

In the afternoon, head to the family-owned Clos St. Thomas Winery, one of Lebanon's premier vineyards. Take a guided tour of the estate, explore the wine cellars, and learn about the wine-making process from vineyard to bottle. End the visit with a tasting session featuring a selection of their signatures red, white, and rosé wines.

#### **Day 5: Beirut city tour with National Museum**

Discover the vibrant spirit of Beirut, a city where ancient civilizations meet modern life. This enriching city tour offers a comprehensive overview of Lebanon's capital, blending history, culture, and contemporary charm.

Begin your journey with a visit to the National Museum of Beirut, home to one of the Middle East's most important archaeological collections. Explore artifacts dating from prehistoric times through the Roman and Byzantine eras, providing a fascinating insight into Lebanon's rich and layered past.

Continue to Downtown Beirut, where modern architecture stands alongside restored Ottoman and French Mandate buildings. Stroll through Martyrs' Square and admire the elegant streets shaped by centuries of history.

The tour proceeds along the scenic Beirut Corniche, offering panoramic views of the Mediterranean Sea and the iconic Pigeon Rocks of Raouche.

Conclude the tour with a drive through key cultural and residential areas, capturing the essence of Beirut—a resilient, sophisticated city known for its warmth, diversity, and timeless appeal.

#### **Day 6: Departure**

Transfer to Beirut International airport in private vehicle for departure.