

**ARCHAEOLOGICAL TOUR
3 DAYS / 2 NIGHTS**

DAY 1: BAALBECK, KSARA & ANJAR



From Beirut, drive eastward passing Dahr El Baidar & Chtaura. A magnificent view of the fertile Bekaa valley stretches ahead, then to the northeast until reaching the city of Baalbeck. Visit the largest & greatest, ever built, well preserved Roman temples of Bacchus & Jupiter. See also one of the biggest stones ever quarried for building purposes. Drive back to Zahle for visit to Ksara winery and its underground caves during back to the Roman period. Taste and discover one of the best undiscovered wines. Proceed to Chtaura for lunch. Lunch will be served in one of the most well-known hotels in Chtaura Discover the real taste of the famous traditional Lebanese Mezza.

Drive Southeast towards Anjar to explore the ruins of the only Umayyad town discovered in Lebanon.

Return back to the hotel.

DAY 2: TYRE, SIDON & ECHMOUN



From Beirut, drive via the South coastal road to Tyre. Visit one of the largest Roman sites in the region (announced a World Heritage site by UNESCO), the "Imperial City" on the semi-island, then short drive to the mainland for visit to the Roman hippodrome, the Roman-Byzantine necropolis and triumphal arch.

From Tyre, return through the same coastal road back to Sidon to visit the sea castle dating back to the Crusaders period and walk through the old Mamluk souk; visit soap museum then the caravanserai “Khan El Franj”. On the way back to Beirut, visit the Phoenician temple dedicated to the healing God “Echmoun” which was built by the King of Sidon Echmounazar II.

Return back to the hotel.

DAY 3: BYBLOS & BEIRUT



From Beirut, drive via the North coastal road to Byblos, one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the world, going back at least 7,000 years. Visit the Crusader’s castle, Phoenicia, Roman & Byzantine ruins, the old port, St. John-Marcus cathedral & the old souk.

Drive back to Beirut to visit the Central District with its archaeological sites.

Return back to the hotel.