

**LEBANON PILGRIMAGE
9 DAYS/ 8 NIGHTS**

Day 1: Arrival

Meet and assist at Beirut airport and transfer to hotel in Beirut or to Community guest house in Byat Aanya.
Dinner and overnight

Day 2: Sidon, Maghdoushe, Tyre, Cana

Breakfast at hotel

Departure to south Lebanon

Visit **Sidon**: In Genesis, Sidon is the son of Canaan the son of Noah... Both Jesus and Saint Paul are said to have visited it.

Continue to **Cana**: visit the place where the Lord performed his first miracle by changing water to wine.

Lunch at Tyre

Visit **Tyre**: City converted to christianity by St Thomas years after that his Lord healed the bleeding Canaanite women.

Arrival to **Maghdouche** where the holy Virgin had waited for Jesus because it was forbidden to Jewish women the access to pagan cities

Celebration at **Our Lady of Mantara**

Return to Beirut or to Bayt Aania

Dinner and overnight



Day 3: Deir el Kamar , Barouk, Beirut

Breakfast at hotel

Visit **Beirut**: visit the downtown, churches, mosques, cathedrales, Maryt square...

Departure to **Chouf** area

Deir el Kamar the medievel capital of Lebanon and the most important maronite village in the druzes region

Celebration at Our Lady of the Tell

Lunch at Deir el Kamar

Transfer through **Barouk** Mountains till the **cedars reserve** that gave its best trees to the king's Salomon temple.

Return to **Beirut**

Dinner and overnight



Day 4: Jbeil- Byblos, Annaya, Elleej-Mayfouk

Breakfast at hotel

Departure to **Annaya**: where lived and died "Saint Charbel" the most venerate saint in Lebanon for his continuous miracles and recoveries.

Visit the hermitage and celebration

Visit Our Lady of **Elleej** the Maronite patriarchal siege between 1120 and 1440

Lunch at Byblos in a restaurant overlooking the sea

Visit **Byblos** the Phoenician city of alphabet and one of the first churches headed by Saint John-Marc apostle of Saint Peter.

Stay at hotel in Byblos

Dinner and overnight



Day 5: Jrebta, Kffifan, Hardine, Qozhaya.

Breakfast at hotel

Departure to **Jrebta: St Joseph monastery** where since 1897 Ste Rafka, had lived & died in 1914

Visit and celebration

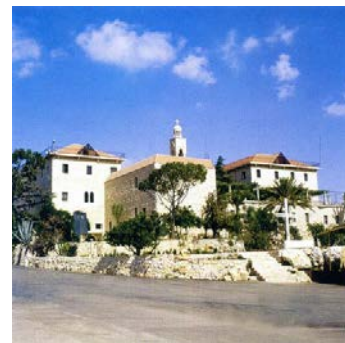
Transfer to **Kffifan**: The medievel monastery of **St Cyprian & Ste Justina**, visit of the tombs of St Neemt-Allah-el-Hardini and of the beatified friar Estephan Neehmeh

Lunch

Hardine: The hometown St Neemet-Allah -el-Hardini and a large number of **monastery, churches & caves** where hermits had throughout ages sought refuge

Transfer to " Qozhaya" Monastery

Dinner and overnight



Day 6: Holly valley of Kadicha , Ehden, Beqaa Kafra

Breakfast at hotel

Discover the monastery of “ Saint **Antoine Quozhaya**” with its beautiful church and museum.

Meeting with the monks and celebration

Departure to **Ehden**: one of the first maronite villages with the oldest church and the beautiful midane.

Head to the **cedars forest** and visit

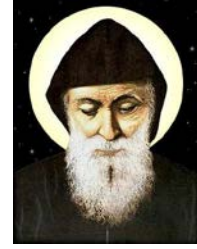
Lunch

Transfer to **Beqaa Kafra** the highest village in Mount Lebanon and where born “ Sauint Charbel”

Visit the monastery of **Dimmen** the estival patriarchal siege from 1823

Return to “ Qozhaya” monastery

Dinner and overnight



Day 7: Mezgara, Tripoli, Balamand, saydit el Nouriyeh.

Breakfast at hotel

Departure to Mezgara: visit Saydet el Marahem, a modern shrine dedicated to the merciful virgin, hosting large number of statues illustrating sceneries from the gospel

Visit Tripoli: **Tripoli** the north capital & the second capital after Beirut. Tripoli is famous for its crusader castle but mainly for its Mamluko-ottoman monuments

Lunch at Tripoli

Transfer to Balamand **Monastery** built by the Cistercians during the 12th century AD, is now run by the orthodox church which had nearby built the Balamand University

Visit Our lady of light **Nourieh convent: Saydet el Nourieh or the Lady of the Light** erected in the 4th c AD, by the Byzantine Emperor Theodosius II, enjoys the most beautiful location overlooking the Mediterranean Sea.

Return to Beirut or to Bayt Aania

Dinner and overnight



Day 8: Baalbek, Zahle, Anjar

Breakfast at hotel

Transfer through **Bekaa** Valley till **Baalbek**: visit the biggest roman temples in the East converted to churches by the Byzantines.

Lunch at Zahle

Meeting with the bishop of **Zahle**

Continue to **Anjar**

Visit the Omayyad site

Return to Beirut or to Bayt Aania

Dinner and overnight



Day 9: Return

Breakfast at hotel

Transfer to airport and flight back