

# Antiquity

## 6 DAYS / 5 NIGHTS

**MOZAIC**  
Travel & Tourism موزاييك





## Arrival - Damascus

Day 1

Meet our representative in the place and time you choose in Beirut & transfer to Damascus, Pick up rooms at the hotel  
You might like to try some local ice cream or have a shawarma, and shisha is available just about everywhere.





## Full day in Damascus

Day 2

**The National Museum:** Its visit provides an overview of the civilizations that have succeeded in Syrian soil. It contains statues, seals, jewelry, masks, mosaics, tablets and weavings from the most important sites in the country.

**Souk Al-Hamidiye** : The most beautiful souk of Damascus. Its shops display all sorts of goods, especially clothes, fabrics, pastries and handicrafts.

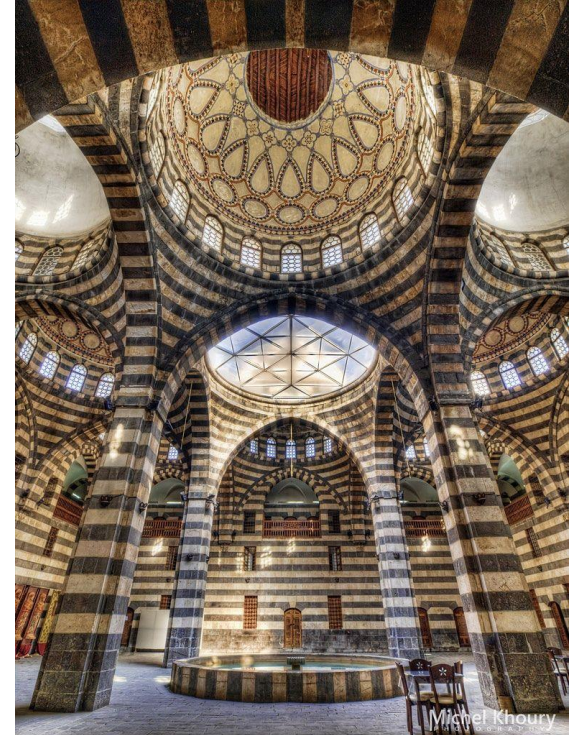
**The Umayyad Mosque** : Located in the heart of the Medina, the mosque is distinguished by its prayer room, its courtyard and its walls covered with mosaics.



**El-Azem Palace:** Not far from the Great Mosque, in the labyrinth of the souk is the palace El-Azem. It is considered as the sumptuous model of the Damascene house whose exterior simplicity and sobriety do not suggest anything about a beautiful and rich interior, with many varieties of flowers, fruit trees and water jets.

**caravanserai** is the largest caravanserai (khān) in the Old City of Damascus. Situated along Al-Buzuriyah Souq, it was built in 1751. Khan As'ad Pasha has been described as one of the finest khans of Damascus, and the most "ambitious" work of architecture in the city.

**Straight Street** (or in Latin, Via Recta), is the Roman street that runs from east to west in the old city of Damascus. It was visited by St. Paul as recorded in the book of Acts and contains several interesting sights from the Roman, Christian and Islamic periods. Under the Greeks, the old city of Damascus was designed after the grid pattern designed by Hippodamus. Under Roman rule, the Via Recta was widened and became a colonnaded thoroughfare (cardo). These columns can still be seen today.



**Saint Ananian Church:** It is of particular importance because it is attached to the memory of Saint Paul. Before his conversion to Christianity he had a vision here that blinded him for several days and gave him an unshakeable faith.

**In the afternoon,** you will explore Damascus' old town, bazaar, shopping areas and bar/restaurant Street. You might like to try some local ice cream or have a shawarma, and shisha is available just about everywhere.

## Damascus-Maaloula-Hama- Aleppo

Day 3

- *Breakfast at the hotel.*
- Departure towards **Maaloula**, a Christian village famous for its houses dug in the rock and especially it still speaks Aramaic, the language of Christ was almost completely decimated by ISIS in 2014 but has already largely been rebuilt.
- Continue to **Hama** to admire its famous norias: large wooden wheels, installed on the edge of the Orontes and which have not stopped turning since the fourteenth century to raise the water to distribute in the city. The rustic beauty of these old machines is striking, their regular song seems to come from the depths of time.
- Arrival **Aleppo**, free time in the souks and possibility of relaxing in a hammam.
- *over Night at the hotel*





Breakfast at the hotel .Visit of the second city of Syria.

A flourishing metropolis since the 3rd millennium BC, Aleppo has been fighting with Damascus for the title of the world's oldest continuously inhabited city. The old city has undoubtedly the most beautiful souks of the Middle East.

**The citadel:** stands in the middle of the city and dominates it from the height of its fifty meters. It has admirably designed towers and is distinguished by its entrances made with perfection to prevent any enemy intrusion and its iron gates.

**Caravanserais:** They were intended for the accommodation of traders on the move and their goods. They are famous for their decorated facades, high arched entrances and huge wooden doors that closed at nightfall ...



## Aleppo

**The souks:** The old souks covered with Aleppo are distinguished by their coffered vaults and their enormous cupolas. Most date back to the 15th and 16th centuries. These are real living museums that offer us a true image of what were the commercial districts and the animation that reigned in the Middle Ages.

Each souk specializes in selling a type of product. In the charming souks you can also find authentic Bedouin handicrafts, as well as rugs, fabrics and many varieties of delicacies to enjoy, such as the famous Aleppo pistachios, honey-based pastries, almonds and fruits. dry that will make happy the most greedy. You will do the best shopping in the Orient ... overnight at the hotel.





## Aleppo-Homs-Krak des Chevaliers – AlMeshtayah – Damascus

Day 5

Departure towards Homs, visit the St. Mary Church of the Holy Belt, the Seat of the Syriac Orthodox Church, where the Virgin Mary's belt was kept until shortly before the war. Fortunately the belt was already removed before the church was looted and all the icons and artwork were burnt or stolen.

Continuation to the Crack des Chevaliers, the most famous fortress of the Middle Ages.

The crusaders made it the basic element of their system of strongholds on the coast. It is so vast and so impregnable that it has become the symbol of a whole era of bloody struggles between Muslims and Crusaders ...

Back to Damascus – Dinner and overnight at the hotel





**Departure  
Damascus - Beirut**

**Day 6**

*Breakfast at the hotel .*

Transfer to the airport according to flight schedule, flight on scheduled flight.



The price includes:

- Accommodation.
- Breakfast.
- 2 Transfers (Airport – Hotel / Hotel - Airport)
- Transport by tourist car.
- Professional guide.
- Approvals for visit and visa.
- Entrance fees for all sites in Syria.
- Departure tax.
- Assistance 24/24 on mobile phone, in Syria (+963988 265 319 ).

The price does not include:

- Drinks.
- Lunch
- Diner
- Cost of visa in Syrian borders
- Personal expenses.
- PCR test before departure (100\$)