





## **Arrival - Damascus**

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.









<u>The National Museum</u>: 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.

<u>The Umayyad Mosque</u>: 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 man

varieties of flowers, fruit trees and water jets.

<u>caravanserai</u> 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.

<u>Straight Street</u> (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.

<u>In the afternoon</u>, 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 — Crack of the Knights — Al-Mishtaya



- •Breakfast at the hotel.
- •Departure towards **Maaloula**, a Christianvillage famous for its houses dug in the rock and especially it still speaks Aramaic, the language of Christwas •almost completely decimated by ISIS in 2014 but has already largely been
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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 ...



• over Night at the hotel







- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Departure to <u>Palmyra</u>: The one that the Romans baptized Palmyra (the city of palms) and that the Syrians call Tadmor (miracle in Aramaic) is the most important oasis of the Syrian desert. Located 240 km from Damascus, Palmyra is the city of all superlatives. It arises in the midst of golden sands that extend to infinity. An oasis of columns, remains and palm trees that testifies to the splendor of this city that made, one day, tremble Rome ...
- <u>The temple of Bel</u>: It was for the Palmyrenes what Zeus was for the Greeks. Its temple is the largest and most majestic building in Palmyra, a unique example of fusion between Greco-Roman and oriental-inspired architecture.
- <u>The theater</u> and the big colonnade: It crosses the city on more than one kilometer by which the caravans arriving from the desert passed.
- *Tombs:* including tombs towers, tombs dug, tombs temples or individual tombs.
- Back to Damascus Dinner and overnight at the hotel.







### 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\$)