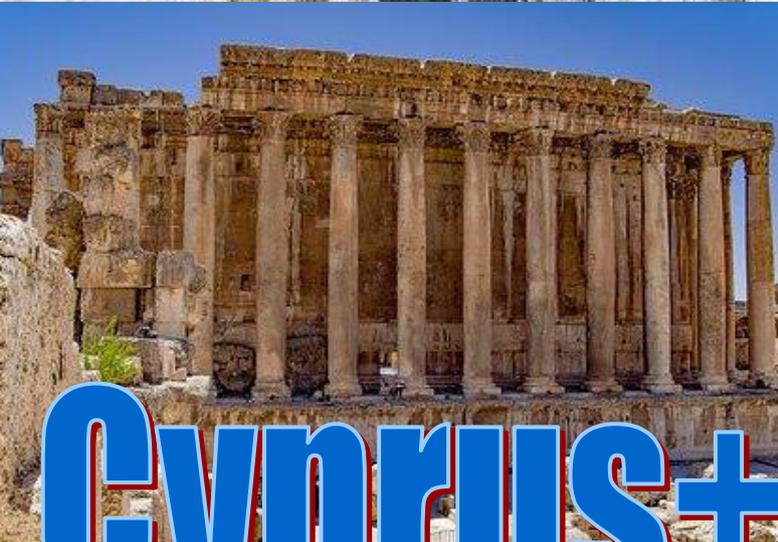


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10 DAYS



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Day 2	Arrive Larnarca, Cyprus (3N)	(L, D)
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Arrive in **Larnarca**, the second largest commercial port in Cyprus. Enjoy lunch before starting tour of Larnarca. Proceed to the **Salt Lake of Larnarca** to visit the **Hala Sultan Tekkesi Mosque** which was built in 628AD. Visit **St Lazarus Church** built in the 9th century. According to legend, St Lazarus came to Cyprus after his resurrection and became the first bishop of Kition.

Day 3	Paphos	(B, L, D)
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Excursion to **Paphos**, a UNESCO world heritage site. It was the capital of Cyprus in antiquity. Drive pass citrus plantations up to the **Kolossi Castle** originally built in the 13th century as a Crusader stronghold. See ancient **Kourion Amphitheatre with mosaics**.

Visit **Petra tou Romiou** where according to Greek mythology, Aphrodite, the Goddess of beauty and love was born. Continue to the **village of Yeroskipos** to visit the **Byzantine church Ayia Paraskevi**. Continue to **Tomb of the Kings** which is spread over a vast area. These impressive underground tombs date back to the 4th century BC. They are carved out of solid rock with some being decorated with Doric Pillars.

Visit the **archaeological park** where the House of Dionysos, House of Aion and the House of Thyseus are located. The mosaic floors of these noblemen's villas date from the 3rd to the 5th century AD are considered among the finest in the Eastern Mediterranean.

Day 4	Omodos	(B, L, D)
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After breakfast, drive to the wine producing **Omodos, Plano Platres and Kakopetria villages**, one of the most beautiful traditional villages on the island. They are built on the Trodos Hillsides amidst expanses of vines with its narrowed cobbled streets. Visit Agios Nikolaos Church of Stegis from the 11th century

Located in the mountainous region of Trodos Mountains, the **Monastery of Kykkos** is the wealthiest and most lavish on the island, and stands on a mountain peak, at an altitude of 1.318 metres.

Day 5	Nicosia – Beirut, Lebanon (3N)	(B, L)
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Drive to **Lefkosia (Nicosia)**, the capital and largest city of Cyprus in the centre of the island. It is the only divided capital in the world, with the southern and northern portions divided by a green line. We will visit both sides of the city.

Walk through the old city within the Venetian Walls to admire its beautiful architecture. During the walk see the **Arch Bishop's Palace** and **St John's Cathedral** which was built by Archbishop Nikiforos in 1662 and dedicated to St John Theologian.

Cross the border into the Turkish controlled side of Nicosia for a walking tour. Visit **Omeriye Mosque** which was converted into a mosque in 1571 by Mustapha Pasha who believes that the original 14th century Augustinian church of St Mary was built on the spot where prophet Omer rested.

Transfer to Larnarca Airport for flight to **Beirut, Lebanon**. On arrival in Beirut, transfer to hotel.

Day 6	Baalbeck, Anjar & Ksara Wine Caves	(B, L, D)
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Full day excursion to the Beqaa Area.

Baalbeck

Heliopolis: The Roman temples of Baalbeck, located in the Bekaa valley. It makes up the largest and best preserved corpus of roman architecture left around. The acropolis occupies the top of an artificial hill built up of different layers of habitation. The town of Baalbeck has major remains from Islamic times including the grand Mosque, built by the Ommayadds with material borrowed from ancient monuments, and another mosque built in Mamluke times near the spring of Ras El-Ain.

Anjar

Anjar was built in the early 8th century A.D. Inside the city's strong fortifications are the remains of streets, three palaces, souks, two hammams and a Mosque. It is located on the old route linking the Bekaa with Damascus.

Ksara

Built during the Roman period then covered by sand for centuries, the Ksara caves were found by mistakes in 1898 by the Jesuites who were looking for a wolf that was eating their chicken every night and was using the caves a refuge. It is now the refuge of the well known Ksara wine where thousands of the old wine bottles are preserved. A tasting of the best wines is done during the visit.

Day 7	Sidon & Tyre	(B, L, D)
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Sidon on the coast 48 kilometers south of Beirut is one of the famous names in ancient history. Here you will enjoy wandering along the sea front and visit the **Crusader Sea Castle**. Not far from it is the picturesque vaulted **souk of Sidon** where workmen still play their trades. The Khan el Franj is a typical caravanserai with a large rectangular courtyard and a central fountain surrounded by covered galleries. **The Great Mosque**, formerly the Church of St John is also an enjoyable stop.

Drive to **Tyre** "the Queen of the Seas", an island city of unprecedented splendor with five millennia of History. This great Phoenician city ruled the seas and founded prosperous colonies such as Cadiz and Carthage, but its historical role declined at the end of the Crusades. There are important archaeological remains, mainly from Roman times.

Day 8	Beiteddine, Deir El Quamar and Baaqline	(B, L, D)
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Drive to the South of Beirut to visit the most enchanting area of Lebanon.

Deir El Kamar

It is a typical Lebanese village with its historical center, souk (market), museum, mosque & churches. Surrounded by greenery, forests; A rich nature spread over seven hills of unequal picturesque beauty. It was residence of the Lebanese Governors for over 200 years. All around the main square, the Emirs built their palaces which were added to those inherited from their predecessors.

Beiteddine

With its arcades, galleries and rooms decorated by artists from Lebanon, Damascus and Italy, this building is a model of eastern architecture. Today the palace houses a museum of feudal weapons, costumes and jewellery as well as an archaeological museum and a museum of Byzantine mosaics

Day 9	Depart Beirut	(B, L)
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Beirut City Tour. Beirut, with nearly a million inhabitants, remains the cultural and commercial centre of the country. Drive along the seashore to **Pigeon's Rock**, continue to the commercial area and then visit the **National Museum** before continuing on to **Zaitouna Bay**.

Late afternoon transfer to Beirut Airport for flight home.

Day 10	Home	
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