



TRAVEL ESSENTIALS

WHEN TO GO

Lebanon's Mediterranean climate has mild, wet winters with snow in the mountains and hot and dry summers. The climate is generally cooler and wetter in the mountainous areas. There are more than 300 days of sunshine a year.

► **CURRENCY:** Lebanese pound. £1 = L£2,120.

► **TIME:** GMT +2.

► **LANGUAGE:** Arabic. English and French are widely spoken throughout the country.

► **INTERNATIONAL DIAL CODE:** 00 961.

► **RED TAPE:** Visa required and issued on arrival or from the Lebanese Embassy in London.

► **CONTACT:** Lebanese Embassy. T: 020 7229 7265.

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GETTING THERE

► Middle East Airlines, BA and BMI operate services from Heathrow to Beirut.

► **FLYING TIME:** Around 4h30m.

GETTING AROUND

There are several buses and minibuses available in Beirut and on inter-city routes. You can also use shared taxis and regular metered cabs not only in cities but to travel anywhere in the country. These or chauffeured hotel limos are the best option when travelling around. Car hire is available in Beirut, but is not recommended.

TRAVEL ADVICE

The Foreign Office & Commonwealth (FCO) can provide official travel advice for British nationals travelling to Lebanon as well as up-to-date safety and security information. T: 0845 850 2829.

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FACT FILE

► **NUMBER OF VISITORS:** 885,729 between January and August 2008.

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► **GEOGRAPHY:** At the far eastern end of the Mediterranean, Lebanon is dominated by two mountain ranges on either side of the fertile Bekaa valley. The country's highest peak is Qurnet es Souda at 3,087 metres. Lebanon has a 135-mile Mediterranean coastline.