



# GUESTHOUSES IN LEBANON

Heart to heart doors...



# PREFACE

## Back to the roots.

In Lebanon, nature itself is free, an era of existence. Our nature sings through its streams and enchants by its meadows. Our human nature invites us to an unparalleled journey, initiating a discovery of the essence, beyond the turbulences of life.

This guide is an opening to the hospitality of the villagers, to the immeasurable wealth of the Lebanese heritage, to the authenticity of the remnants of our past and to the sacred history of a land rich with culinary traditions and crafts.

It is in this frame of serenity, but also of daily renewal that rural tourism is included. It is a return to the roots, a boarding pass for a trip without borders to a home where we taste the perfumes, savors and soul of home.

Nada Sardouk

Director General of the Ministry of Tourism

Not only a tourist guide, this handbook echoes, through its enchanting musical cords the Beauty, the Real and the Good...

Inviting for the host is a journey to the heart of Lebanon; where, through the experience of people, their eyes on things and beings, everything lives and vibrates. May this journey towards the other be a guide, a revisit of the roots, and an adventure towards oneself.

« .....Under an orange tree, on the soft green grass, I stretch my limbs.

The daisies, the anemones, and the cyclamens are round me pressing:

The anemone buds hold out to me their precious rubies; the daisies kiss me in the eyes and lips; and the cyclamens shake their powder in my hair.

On the wall, the roses are nodding, smiling; above me the orange blossoms surrender themselves to the wooing breeze; and on yonder rock the salamander sits, complacent and serene.....

.....I perfume my fingers with crumpled cyclamens, cover my face with the dark-eyed anemones, and fall asleep.

And my burro sleeps beneath the wall, in the shadow of nodding roses.

And the black-birds too are dozing, and the bulbuls flitting by whisper with their wings, 'salaam.'

Peace and salaam!

The bulbul, the black-bird, the salamander, the burro, and the burro-boy, are to each other shades of noon-day sun:

Happy, loving, generous, and free;--

As happy as each other, and as free."

Ameen Rihani.

The Book of Khalid(New York 1911)

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# AKKAR

Akkar Valley  
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« North people have blue eyes, a blue missing from their decoration... » But those of us at home own the blue of dreams. Situated at 1,500 meters above sea level, Jabal Qammouah is a small paradise rich with free-flowing rivers, water flows, steep mountains and robust knotted pines. It is a perfect place for hiking or pick-nicks.

Jabal Akroum or Akroum Mountain, embraces villages on its slopes, among which one named Akroum. Most of these villages have ancient remains, tombs built from stone slabs, megalithic tombs and remains of churches.

Arqa archaeological tell (hill), dating back to the Neolithic period, is renowned for its elevation: 30 to 40 m of accumulated archaeological sediments. However, its area hardly exceeds four hectares and a half at the top. Archaeological excavations undertaken on the hill since the 1970s have allowed the discovery of many structures which mainly belong to its different occupying levels, from the early Bronze Age (1200 - 3000 BC) to the Mamluk era.

Qobayyat, a very busy city nowadays, was hundred years ago a quiet village renowned for its silk crafts. Of those days, there are only two remains in Qobayyat: the old abandoned silk mill and the Daher family manor.

The permanent scientific museum of Qobayyat includes, among its scientifically taxidermied collections, more than 400 specimens of birds and other animals living on the Lebanese territories. There are also more than 4,000 butterflies from all over the world.

Akkar is a region similar to the Singing Mermaids ... It invites you to travel, and encourages its discovery. It entombs the passers of green shoots blooming gently, water that sleeps calmly, and fine grasses and flowers all over the place. It offers everything - so generously - to whoever confides in her on his/her path ... Akkar is there, in the middle of innate greenery, as a symbol of hope.

## ▲ ABOU MARWAN GUESTHOUSE

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**Rooms:** 2 rooms for 2 and 4 persons (simple and bunk beds)

**Capacity:** 6 persons

**Description:** shared bathroom, parking, stove, terrace

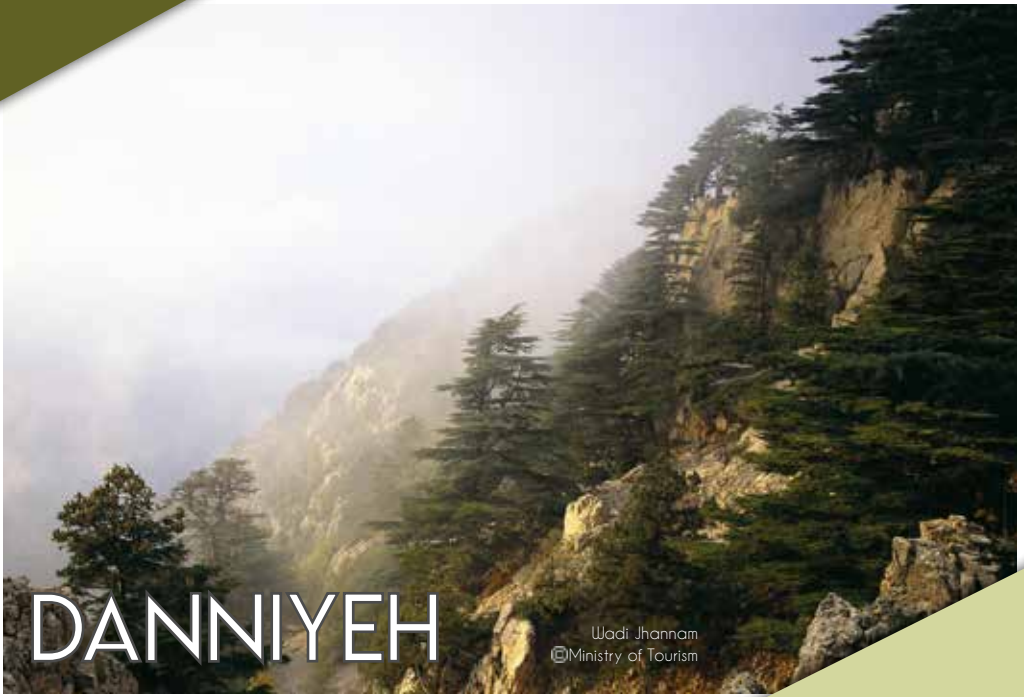
**Price per person, breakfast & dinner included:** 40\$

*Marwan's crush*

*« I like to meditate in the peaceful Tacheh Forest.  
I am all alone as if I were lounging on the back of  
the moon crowning the clouds. »*



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# DANNIYEH

Wadi Jhannam  
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The temples of Sfirah are locally known as Qal'at al Hosn. It is one of the largest cultural sites in Lebanon with more than four temples, a number of columned altars and other religious structures.

A bit closer to authenticity, Danniye offers a space beyond time, few moments closer to nature and the natural, and a momentum of dynamism, beyond routine and everyday life.

What makes Sir Ed Danniye attractive, better known as Sir, is its orchards and flowers; because it's a village where water flows everywhere & anywhere. This fabulous village is renowned for its outdoor restaurants and its hotels.



Sir Ed Danniye  
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The heights of Mrebbine and Wadi Jhannam Valley contain the majority of forest trees types which exist in Lebanon including cedars, pines, oaks and willows, in addition to the majority of plants types found in Lebanon and in the Middle-East. It is an area where animals and birds live all year round, a rare event as it ranges between 1600m and 2800m above sea level.



The Temples of Sfirah  
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**Capacity:** 12 to 20 persons (beds and mattresses)

**Description:** private bathroom, stove, garden, terrace

**Price per person, breakfast & dinner included:** 50\$



### *Mohammad's crush*

*« I love exploring the village. Nothing is better than a hike to discover the well preserved traditions such as baking the Tannour bread. Other activities can be as inspiring including helping the villagers harvesting during summer. Moreover, if you are brave enough, bathing in the cold water of the village river is as tempting. »*

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**Rooms:** 1 room for 2 persons (bunk beds)

**Capacity:** 2 to 30 persons (beds and mattresses)

**Description:** private bathroom, parking, stove

**Price per person, breakfast included:** 35\$



### *Naoufal's crush*

*« I like hiking the trails in Wadi Jhannam Valley knowing that our ancestors strolled and wandered these same paths long ago. »*







Khan el Saboun  
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# TRIPOLI

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Tripoli, is, undeniably, the second capital of Lebanon. Its history seems to have begun in the 9th century BC when the Phoenicians established a small trading post in Al Mina sector.

Tripoli is home to countless remains, including some forty monuments, mostly dating from the 14th century. There are a dozen Mamluk and Ottoman mosques, so many madrassas or Koranic schools and a number of khans, or caravanserais, as well as hammams or public baths, which perpetuate the layout of Roman and Byzantine baths. As for the souks, they constitute – with khans – a space where tailors, jewelers, perfumers, tanners, soap manufacturers and other traders and professionals, gather in an environment that has hardly changed since the Middle Ages. Tripoli is famous for its Arabic pastries, olive oil soap, silverware and flattened copper objects. Whoever undertakes this visit to Tripoli indulges in setting his senses in motion: the taste, the smell and the touch, as in a dream of Arabian one thousand and one Nights; a dream that carries, takes and transports us to Al Mina port, dreaming of other escapes, because we know we have to leave one day only to return better. A tribute to all those who came back...

In Tripoli, two military buildings break through: Saint-Gilles Castle, dating back to the time of Crusades, and the Tower of Lions in Al Mina sector: it was built by the Mamluks and intended to defend the coast against maritime incursions.

Palm Islands Nature Reserve is a group of three small limestone islands situated a few miles off the coast of Tripoli. These UNESCO protected areas give sea turtles and threatened seals a sanctuary of great interest as well as a refuge for a temporary stopover for migratory birds.

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**Capacity:** 10 to 12 personnes

**Description:** free wifi, private bathroom, parking, air-conditioned rooms, terrace, centenary stone house

**Price per room, breakfast included:** 125\$ - 150\$



*Nabil's crush*  
« Rachid Karamah International Exhibition at Tripoli is an art piece of the architect Oscar Niemeyer. For me, It represents the idealistic vision of the 1960s in an urban context. »



Qui dit bleu dit Enfeh. Le grand bleu, les bleus au cœur qui façonnent les artistes de la vie, le bleu du ciel épousant la mer dans un souffle d'éternité et les moulins à vent des pensées vagabondes... Tout est là. Dans le bleu de la pure immensité...

Petite ville de pêcheurs sur la côte du nord du Liban à l'origine construite sur une péninsule étroite et rocheuse, Enfeh est la seule ville sur la côte orientale de la Méditerranée à être taillée dans un environnement rocheux. On raconte que cette ville fut le premier site de culture de sel marin.

Enfeh évolue aussi avec le temps, tout en gardant cet aspect authentique propre à elle; Taht el-Rih, «Sous le Vent», est une plage de rochers avec de petits chalets en bois blanc et turquoise accueillant aujourd'hui touristes et Libanais touristes dans leur pays. Dans cet endroit historique, pêcheurs locaux et marins se rencontraient.

Sur le versant sud, Deir al-Natour, le monastère du Gardien se dresse sur un promontoire face à Enfeh, avec son joli cloître intérieur. Enfeh abrite également un certain nombre d'églises anciennes, dont la plus ancienne, Notre-Dame du Vent (Saydet el Reeh) contient des restes de ses fresques byzantines originales.

Enfeh est aussi le pied à terre de l'unique église romane du Liban, Sainte Catherine, construite par les Croisés ainsi

que celui de l'une des grandes réussites d'ingénierie du Moyen Age: les Croisés (ou Phéniciens) y ont creusé un énorme fossé protecteur au niveau de la mer tout au long de la péninsule, s'étendant sur plus de 100 mètres à travers la roche.

A proximité du village de Hamat, sur le massif de Ras ach-Chaq'a, se dresse le monastère Grec Orthodoxe, Deir Saydet an-Nouriyyeh, ou Notre-Dame des Lumières, construit entre le 17<sup>ème</sup> et le 19<sup>ème</sup> siècles. Parlant de bleu, le bleu là-bas est royal au vrai sens du terme. D'une couleur perçante, immaculée, vivante.

Le panorama est à couper le souffle. La structure du monastère est cloîtrée autour d'une cour intérieure, et l'église est située sur un côté de la basilique. Des escaliers raides descendent des falaises du monastère jusqu'à une petite église construite dans une grotte creusée dans la falaise et exposée au vent salvateur de la mer.

Qalamoun, au sud de Tripoli est devenu un centre de travail du cuivre après que les artisans tripolitains eurent quitté leur traditionnel Souk an-Nahassin, il y a quelques décennies. La route principale qui traverse la localité est bordée d'ateliers et de boutiques où les batteurs de cuivre exposent leur production de bols, chandeliers, plateaux, cruches et autres objets traditionnels.



## ◀ Ô Fleur de Sel

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Ô Fleur De Sel

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 **Chambres:** 2 double rooms and 1 suite with 2 double rooms

**Capacité:** 18 persons (beds and extra beds)

**Description:** free Wi-Fi, private bathroom, parking, heated and air-conditioned rooms, fireplace, stove, garden, terrace, sandstone house

**Price per room, breakfast included:** 100\$ - 120\$



*Ziad's crush*

*" My precious moments? Starting my day with a morning visit to the nearby traditional bakery; the «fern» near St. Catherine's Church and watching the old women prepare my man'ouché. Sometimes I take my fishing rod and I go down to the nearby shore to sit near the old fishermen. No words could describe the advantages of this fishing ritual and its benefits to the soul, body and spirit... "*





Blessed by gods, adored by men... Breath of Life on lost collarless days, Bcharré represents the reunion with a lost paradise.

Filled by Arz El Rab (the Cedars of God) – an ideal place for hiking and all kinds of skiing activities – the cultural village of Bcharré stands, majestic over the years, at 1400 meters of altitude. It crowns the valley of Qadisha whose name derives from a Semitic root meaning «holy», and which is listed as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. Full of caves and rock shelters inhabited since the 3rd millennium until the Roman period, the valley was dotted with chapels, hermitages and rock monasteries during the medieval period. To be discovered on your feet inch by inch and in baby steps.

Bcharré is also the birthplace of the great poet and painter Gibran Khalil Gibran, its forests retain the words he has written: "If you reveal your secrets to the wind you should not blame the wind for telling the trees". Who could keep such a huge love undisclosed? The love for this corner of Lebanon which holds the museum dedicated to Gibran in its hollow, and adjacent to his burial site in the rupestrial monastery of Mar Sarkis.

Certainly, do not miss the village of Hasroun, perched on a cliff overlooking Qadisha valley, elegant with its red-tiled houses, gardens and old churches.

Hadath el Jebbeh, is one of the oldest villages in the region, its name is confirmed since the 6th century of the Christian era. Marked trails link Hadath el Jebbeh with the Cedars Forest, the Holy Valley and Makmel Mountain. (Hadatheljebbeh.com)

As if all mountains breathe the same air and drink from the same spring...




## TIGER HOUSE

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**Rooms:** 5 rooms for 3, 5, 6 and 8 persons (simple and bunk beds, mattresses)

**Capacity:** 28 persons

**Description:** private and shared bathroom, parking, heated rooms (some), fireplace, stove, terrace, stone house

**Price per person:** 15\$ - 45\$

**Supplementary breakfast:** 4\$



## DAR QADISHA

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**Rooms:** 2 double rooms

**Capacity:** 4 to 5 persons (beds and extra beds)

**Description:** private bathroom, heated rooms, stove, garden, terrasse, centenary stone house, tiled roof

**Price per room, breakfast included:** 80\$

### *Antoinette's crush*

« My mother is born in «Wadi Qannoubine» located in the Holy Valley of Qadisha, an almost abandoned village only accessible by foot. My grandfather's house is still based there, and is easily recognizable, as it is the only three-story house. Moreover, it is one of the few houses still inhabited. »



### *Jacqueline's crush*

« My village is nicknamed: 'Rose of the Mountain'. Naturally, I wanted flowers to surround the house. But I think that what makes the place so magical is that it feels a little closer to heaven. »

(source: L'HOTE LIBANAIS)





Sculptures at Basbous open-air  
museum in Rachana  
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# BATROUN

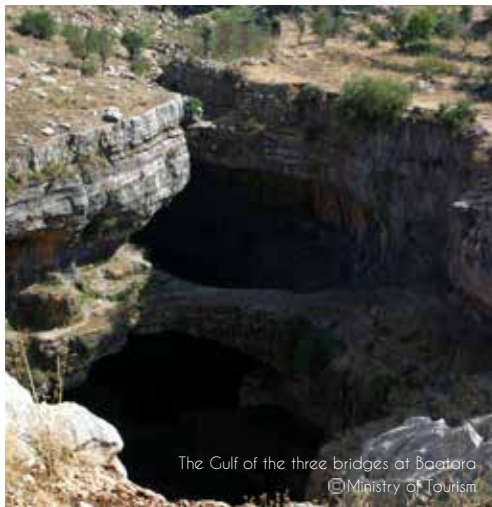
Douma  
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Thanks to its visual panoramas or its cultural remains, the region of Batroun is a mix of blue and green. A piece of heaven on earth, an oasis of escape ... The port of Batroun city, built during the Phoenician period is mainly reserved for fishing and recreational activities. As for its beach, it attracts sportsmen for all kinds of offshohre activities ... and wordsurfers. Inspired by poets, its Phoenician wall resists time-caused erosion and remains facing the waves of history. Batroun has the sea embedded it its History. Its road is paved with special tasting lemonade, as well as wine and good intentions. Nature gives passersby gifts with thousands of colors and odors. They stay there for a short time, a while to inhale a breath of life ... before continuing their journey to the nature reserve of Tannourine Cedars Forest, where everything lives and vibrates. Embracing rock cellars or mountain tulips, the forest offers an exquisite destination for amateur hikers. (Arztannourine.org)

With its red-tiles covered houses, Douma dominates the long and rich valley of Kfar Hilda. While strolling in its old souk - dating back to more than three hundred years ago - do not miss the sarcophagus which dates back to the IV century of the Christian era and is located in the village square.

Behind one of the inviting doors of the village, remains the room of the old cinema from the 1950s ... A cultural window at the end of the way. The villages are inspiring; On one hand, Asiya known for hand-made pottery; and on the other hand, Rachana which has become a vast open-air museum where the Basbous Brothers, famous sculptors, have installed their workshops and sculptures.



The Gulf of the three bridges at Bactroun  
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The Phoenician wall of Batroun  
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## ECO DALIDA

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 Eco Dalida

**Rooms:** 4 twin rooms, 1 suite for 2 persons (simple beds)

**Capacity:** 10 to 15 persons (beds and sofa beds)

**Description:** private bathroom, parking, heated rooms, fireplace, garden, terrace, stone house, tiled roof

**Price per person, breakfast and dinner included:**

50\$ - 60\$



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 Souk el Tayeb

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**Rooms:** 6 double rooms

**Capacity:** 12 to 14 persons

**Description:** free Wi-Fi, private bathroom, parking, heated rooms, stove, garden, terrace, centenary stone house, tiled roof

**Price per room, breakfast included:** 143\$ - 165\$



*Georges' crush*  
« My favorite moment of a hike in the Tannourine Cedars Forest nature reserve is to be able to stop at the top of the Ras el Wadi cliff to admire the sunset and the valley of Ain el Raha. »

*Hosts' crush*  
« The space in itself is a sensation: the large kitchen always open and welcoming in addition to the various indoor relaxation rooms, terraces and gardens... »





## DIWAN EL BEIK

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**Capacity:** 10 to 15 persons (beds and extra beds)

**Description:** private bathroom, parking, stove, garden, terrace, centenary stone house

**Price per person, breakfast included:** 30\$ - 50\$



*Joseph's crush*  
 « As a kid, around year 1967, I was present during the shooting of the wedding scene in Fayrouz's Safar Barlek movie in Douma, (Fayrouz is our diva of Lebanese songs). And I would be more than happy to show you around the other movie sets in my village. »

## MY STONE CELLAR at ISHAC Residence

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My Stone Cellar

stonecellars

**Rooms:** 4 double and triple caves 115 years old

**Capacity:** 10 persons

**Description:** free Wi-Fi, private bathroom, parking, heated rooms, fireplace, garden, terrace, centenary stone house, tiled roof

**Price per room (breakfast not included):** 120\$ - 185\$



*Michel's crush*  
 « Pines, olive trees and aromatic plants grow in garden tempting our tastes and taking us years back through the time. However, childhood memories constitute the foundations of this house's personal history. I will never forget the day I saw my grandmother pouring fresh water into the white porcelain bowl of her room - which was only decorative for me - to wash her hands. You would see an identical bowl in the Dolmabahçe Palace in Turkey. I experienced the same wonder when I saw her make this jar that was twice my size, a huge vase with dry flowers that she picked herself ... Or the day when the house was turned into a film set to shoot a movie about the Independence of Lebanon ... »



## ▲ TAFLA

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 TAFLA

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**Rooms:** 3 double rooms, 2 double outdoor bamboo rooms

**Capacity:** 10 to 20 persons (beds and extra beds)

**Description:** free Wi-Fi, private bathroom, parking, air-conditioned rooms, fireplace, garden, terrace, stone house, tiled roof

**Price per person, breakfast included:** 30\$ - 60\$

### *Myriam's crush*

*« What I love most about life in Tafla is having access to a land that my guests and I use for gardening therapy; and to be able to admire a beautiful landscape that inspires us to paint. »*



## ▲ VILLA PARADISO

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 Villa Paradiso Lebanon

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**Rooms:** 6 double and twin rooms

**Capacity:** 15 persons (beds and trundle beds)

**Description:** free Wi-Fi, private bathroom, public parking, heated and air-conditioned rooms, garden, terrace, pool, centenary stone house, 17th century vault architecture at the ground floor

**Price per person , breakfast included:** 50\$ - 87.5\$



## BEIT AL BATROUN

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 Beit al Batroun, B&B

 beitalbatroun

**Rooms:** 5 double rooms

**Capacity:** 10 persons

**Description:** free Wi-Fi, private bathrooms, parking, air-conditioned rooms, fireplace, garden, terrace, pool, stone house, dinner available on demand

**Price per room, breakfast included:**

190\$ - 210\$ (in high season - weekends of July and August)



*Colette's crush*  
« I love the beaches of Batroun. My favorite moments are summer afternoons following coastal rides by bike, a relief and relaxation, my feet in the water with a beer, a Tabbouleh and French fries in front of me. »



*hosts' crush*  
« We were told that Batroun was established long time ago by an enchanter... Today, we are certain. This city has a magical power over its visitors, once is enough to immediately fall in love with it!  
It's a muse defying time! Always fascinating, never the same. Villa Paradiso with everything that goes on there is just the reflection. »







# JBEIL

Jbeil or Byblos carries in itself the charms of time and of the East. Byblos reflects an important cultural place. One of the oldest inhabited cities in the world, Byblos is a rare pearl among archaeological sites. Dating back to the 6th millennium BC, it opens its ancient through times eras. Its residential neighborhoods make a wink at the Middle Ages, and its richness oh historic sites and remains resurrects bygone eras in the hearts of its visitors.

Port of Byblos – main attraction for tourists and photographers – is the updated image of the ancient port. It has been used by Phoenicians since the Bronze Age to export cedar woods to Egypt to make ships...

A little higher than time waves & foams, and shells filled with mermaid legends, the thick forests of the nature reserve in Bentaël carpeted with wildflowers, and dense pine woods make it an ideal site for migratory birds such as eagles and hawks, as well as a nice destination for bird lovers. (Bentaelreserve.org)

A little closer to the skies, Ehmej has built hiking trails and a natural site for the protection of endemic flowers. (ehmej.org)

Also, villages having an attraction of great rare and outstanding value are close at dreams: Laqlouq winter and summer Resort. The wild landscapes, the splendid formations of Laqlouq region and its ski resort attract visitors and hikers eager for tranquility and serenity, as well as winter sports enthusiasts. At Laqlouq, time stops, just to list the constellations, to count the stars within reach, and to close your eyes and spin with them...

From Afqa cave springs the sacred Adonis River currently known as Nahr Ibrahim River. In Greek mythology, the site tags the place where Adonis – legendary half-god of beauty and desire – died at the bottom of the falls. Afqa is also a site built in tribute to the goddess Venus, mother and mistress of the young half-god.

Near Aqoura village, there is a natural bridge under which flow the waters of Roueiss Cave, a destination for adventurous tourists and speleologists. et les spéléologues.





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Fortress of the Crusaders in byblos  
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## GUIITA - BED & BLOOM

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 Guita

 guitabedandbloom

**Rooms:** 5 double and twin rooms

**Capacity:** 10 to 16 persons (beds and extra beds)

**Description:** Wi-Fi, private bathroom, parking, fireplace, garden, terrace, tiled roof, games, campfire, camping space, baby crib

**Price per person, breakfast included:** 50\$ - 90\$



*Philippe's crush*  
« A walk through our apple and cherry orchards offers our guests a breathing space after picking depending on the season. »





## BEIT EL BAYDAR (BYOUT GHALBOUN)


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 Byout Ghalboun

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**Rooms:** 4 double rooms

**Capacity:** 8 to 12 persons (beds and extra beds)

**Description:** free Wi-Fi, private bathroom, parking, heated and air-conditioned rooms, fireplace, garden, terrace (for certain rooms), pool (infinity pool), stone house

**Price per room, breakfast included:** 100\$ - 175\$



### *Hosts' crush*

« Our specialty is reflected in large copper pots in the garden, where you can simmer everything nature has to offer in summer and autumn. Jams, blackberry syrups, even Arak ... everything is good to sip or to taste. »

## BEIT EL DAYAA (BYOUT GHALBOUN)


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**Rooms:** 5 single and double rooms

**Capacity:** 9 to 14 persons (beds and extra beds)

**Description:** free Wi-Fi, private bathroom, parking, heated and air-conditioned rooms, fireplace, garden, terrace (for certain rooms), pool, stone house, tiled roof

**Price per room, breakfast included:** 100\$ - 175\$







# KESSERWAN

As a cultural mixed mosaic straddling worldly society and rural villages, Kesserwan region is emerging in all its rebellion and its typical characters in the midst of an eclectic and heterogeneous country.

Jounieh Bay – an important cultural city – embraces a small sea enclosure and is overlooked by Harissa mountain, a religious monument and tourist site. Not far from this haven of peace, Zeita Grotto hides between the rocks. It is marvelous wonder of this world; yet aside, just like the Stone Era where it comes from. Stalactites and stalagmites resist time passing, just like yin and yang. Their mystery attracts tourists and people from everywhere... The river discreetly sneaks between the rocks and feeds the sources of Nahr al-Kalb.

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And again, Highlands' air calls on visitors where pure air fills the lungs and the joy of living greets passersby. At Kfardebian, the Beautiful, the True and the Good exist and can only be. They are crowned by the archaeological Faqra remains, located in the midst of

a forest of dolomite rocks ragged by nature. Whereas, the natural bridge of Jisr el Hajar pays tribute to everything that leaves ... while it remains. Mzaar-Kfardebian is the best ski resort in terms of world-class infrastructure and services. As well, Ouyoun Es Siman is a winter and summer, resort by excellence.

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In addition, Jabal Moussa Biosphere Reserve embraces and enfolds dense oak and pine forests, endemic plants, all kinds of migratory bird species, as well as rare and endangered mammals, such as wolves, hyenas and rock hyrax... Miracles of nature, an ode to life. ([Jabalmoussa.org](http://Jabalmoussa.org))



Jounieh Bay  
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The Natural Bridge of Jisr el Hojar  
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## BEIT MARSALA

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**Rooms:** 2 double rooms

**Capacity:** 4 persons

**Description:** free Wi-Fi, private bathroom, parking, air-conditioned rooms, garden, terrace, centenary stone house, tiled roof

**Price per room, breakfast included:** 120\$



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### *Coup de cœur de Leïa*

*« The garden surrounding the house is that of my childhood. As a little girl, it was my playground ... and it remained since! »*  
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## BEIT WADIH

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 BEIT WADIH

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**Rooms:** 9 double and twin rooms

**Capacity:** 18 to 21 persons (beds and extra beds)

**Description:** free Wi-Fi, private bathroom, parking, air-conditioned rooms, garden, terrace, stone house

**Price per room, breakfast included:** 95\$ - 125\$

### *Roland's crush*

*« Our guests are offered an itinerary that links the eleven nineteenth-century Ghazir water mills. These traditional industrial installations have positively contributed, during their time, to the economic and social development of the village. Discovering the remains of these historic places of gathering, exchange and memories... »*





## DIMITRIADES GUESTHOUSE

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**Rooms:** 2 double and twin rooms, 1 loft for 6 persons (single beds)

**Capacity:** 10 to 13 persons (beds and extra beds)

**Description:** free Wi-Fi, private bathroom, parking, garden, terrace, white house with tiled roof

**Price per person, breakfast included:**

30\$ (adulte) - 15\$ (enfant)



DIYAFA



DIYAFA

### *Coup de cœur de Murielle*

« Nothing can pull me more than the charming stroll in the old neighboring village of Hellen, haven for lovers of fresh air, greenery and tranquility. »



Jabal Moussa Biosphere Reserve

## KEYROUZ GUESTHOUSE

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**Rooms:** 1 room for 4 persons (single beds, 1 trundle bed)

**Capacity:** 4 to 6 personnes (beds and sofa beds)

**Description:** private bathroom, parking, heated rooms, stove, terrace

**Price per person, breakfast included:** 30\$

### *Rita's crush*

« If you are in love with nature and silence, and want to spend some serene days, my guest house is one of the 13 houses that make up El Ebreh small village, a region of exceptional charm. The doors of my house are open all year long for a gentle break away from the restless world and for a stay of discovery of the natural and historical heritage of Jabal Moussa Biosphere Reserve. »



Jabal Moussa Biosphere Reserve



Baskinta village in Metn region certainly lives up to its Syriac name which means the house of wisdom. It is a natural fortress surrounded by 3 mountains: Zaarour, Sannine and Qanat Bakiche. It is also the birthplace of Mikhail Naimeh, one of the greatest Lebanese thinkers & men of letters, and companion of Gibran Khalil Gibran. He wrote a good part of his monumental work in a hut of fences that he had built in the middle of a "chakhrub"; a rocky landscape with extraordinary shapes, carved by corrosion and rain.

«Often you will judge your road impassable, dark and without a companion. Have the will to follow your way till the end; and at every turn, you will find a new companion», Naimeh writes. His words, which come from afar, remain anchored in the depths of each welcoming glance, from each invitation of the villagers to everyday passers-by, from each hand gesture and waving of children who run in the alleys ... to the turning points of their future lives.

Also, Mtein village witnessed its true golden age under the reign of Abillama Emirs, during the 18th and 19th centuries. Three patrician residences dating back to this period overlook the main square, Al Midane, including the Old Palace of Justice. Mtein is classified

as a historic site. (Mtein.org)  
 Built in 1690, in the village of Khenchara, St. John Monastery is the site of the first Arab Press, which printed its first publication in 1734. For hundreds of years, the cellar of the monastery has produced sweet wines, following a classical monastic style, and before the modernization and expansion of its production to include all types of wine.

In addition to its traditional houses, Beit Chabab village retains two artisanal activities: pottery craft, focusing mainly on the production of large jars, used for the conservation of olive oil or Arak, as well as the bell foundry according to inherited familial technique.





Sculpture of Mikhail Naimch in Baskinta  
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Beit Chabeb pottery  
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A manuscript at the press of Saint Jean Monastery



## MTEIN GUESTHOUSE

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**Capacity:** 8 persons

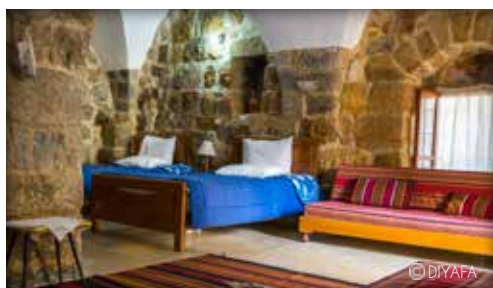
**Description:** private bathroom, parking, heated rooms, stove, courtyard, historical palace

**Price per person, breakfast included:** 35\$



### *Faissal's crush*

« The historical square in Mtein occupies a special place in my heart. It is bursting with life and activity during the festivities in July and August. Traditional dinners in the village, craft shows and concerts, you find everything there. »



## DAR HANEEN

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 Dar Haneen

**Rooms:** 3 rooms for 2, 3, and 4 persons (single and bunk beds)

**Capacity:** 9 persons

**Description:** shared bathroom, parking, heated rooms, stove, terrace, centenary stone house

**Price per person, breakfast included:** 40\$



### *Rony and Rania's crush*

« 'Daher el Bez' offers an exceptional view of Bhorsaf, a part of Metn and Kesserwan. It also occupies a special place in the heart of the Bhorsafs. This rustic open space houses a fountain transported from «Menshiyeh» Square, which gives visitors a taste of Beirut. Each person is free to bring his own food and find a place for recreation. Daher El Bez's «jukebox», which gave free rein to the diverse music of Brigitte Bardot and Joseph Sakr, also stood the test of time. »



## TOBESHRA NI GUESTHOUSE

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**Rooms:** 1 room for 8 persons (single and trundle bunk beds)  
**Capacity:** 8 to 11 persons (beds and sofa beds)  
**Description:** free Wi-Fi, shared bathroom with the hosts, parking, heated room, fireplace, garden, terrace, stone house  
**Price per person, breakfast and dinner included:** 45\$



### *Mireille's crush*

« Being a local guide on the literary hiking trails of Baskinta, trails faithful to the footsteps of Lebanese writers such as Mikhail Naimeh and Amine Maalouf, I keep deep inside me the warmth of the people we meet on the way. The villagers who make great gestures to invite us to have a coffee, the farmers who offer us apples, figs, nuts, cherries ... all that nature can offer us. »



## HOBEIKA GUESTHOUSE

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**Rooms:** 5 twin and triple rooms  
**Capacity:** 11 to 20 persons (beds and sofa beds)  
**Description:** free Wi-Fi, private and shared bathroom, parking, heated rooms, fireplace, stove, garden, terrace, centenary stone house  
**Price per person, breakfast included:** 35\$

### *Georges's crush*

« As Mikhail Naimeh incomparably describes it, Mount Sannine is the link between heaven and earth. It is a blessed place where all possibilities of discovery are good; hiking, climbing, skiing or cycling. For skilled hikers, Sannine Mountain is an obstacle to be challenged courageously and bravely, despite the stones of the cliffs that hide under the feet, until you reach the summit and breathe an air of paradise. »





# BEIRUT

The Semitic name of the city-bz'erot «Wells» is derived from the word «bir», Phoenician word for the well. The city obtained its name after several underground freshwater wells were discovered inside.

Its magic stuns Mount Lebanon. The blue of the deep Mediterranean Sea extends before it, and Beirut abounds with a tangible vitality and a renewable energy ... It persists. Facing everything, it sprinkles its passers-by with little things, moments of magic reminding you at each corner of the street, that life is beautiful ... and that nothing dies. Every neighborhood of the old city has its own distinct flavor. Strolling through the streets of a -5000year-old city, one can even experience the ancient presence of Canaanites, Phoenicians, Greeks, Romans, Byzantines, Ottomans, and more recently French.

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Beirut Downtown is home to the Lebanese parliament, and the seat of the Lebanese government, while the surrounding area is home to a small galaxy of historical and cultural influences, ancient ruins, historical masjids and churches, shops, cafes and restaurants.

The rich collection of the National Museum consists of a variety of objects (sarcophagi, mosaics, jewelry, coins, ceramics, woodwork, weapons, statues ...) from various archaeological sites in various regions of Lebanon.

Corniche Al Manara or the Lighthouse road skirts the shoreline and offers strollers a timeless relaxation place, where lovers and joggers intertwine, a smile on the corner of the lips. The word «Raouche» is none other than the Arabic equivalent of the French word «rock». These two rocks are a statement on their own. They discern from the sea and stand, decisive, facing the waves and the wind ... against tides and tidal waves.

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Beirut, the capital, pays tribute to Lebanon by its lifestyle and its very existence. The city is full of artistic events, exhibition centers, theaters, public art, shopping malls, cultural spaces and galleries. Every twisty nook and cranny of the city comes alive at night when music and energy overflow. Hamra, Mar Mikhael, Little Armenia, Gemmayzeh, Achrafieh and Badaro welcome you into their bars, restaurants, cultural areas and trendy cafés for an unforgettable evening in the city.





Beirut city  
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Beirut is also a hub of local designers and artists seeking to become renowned, both locally and internationally. Inspired by inspiration, the muse of all dreamers can only produce artists and creations...



Raoucheh  
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## BAFFA HOUSE

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 Baffa House

 baffahouse

**Rooms:** 4 double and twin rooms

**Capacity:** 8 persons

**Description:** free Wi-Fi, private bathroom, paid parking, air-conditioned rooms, garden, terrace

**Price per room, breakfast included:** 120\$



### *Samer's crush*

« At five minutes walking from our house lies "Our Lady of Breasts," a small chapel hidden between the colorful stairs in Armenia Street. To be explored! »



## BEIT EL TAWLET

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 Souk el Tayeb

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**Rooms:** 4 double rooms

**Capacity:** 8 persons

**Description:** free Wi-Fi, private bathroom, heated and air-conditioned rooms, terrace

**Price per room, breakfast included:** 120\$

*Hosts' crush*

« Beit El Tawlet is in the heart of Beirut's urban jungle ... also just above the Tawlet restaurant, which you can enjoy as your own lounge for a coffee, for breakfast (also served in bed!), for lunch... or for a cooking class! »



## DAR AL ACHRAFIEH

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**Rooms:** 2 double rooms

**Capacity:** 4 persons

**Description:** free Wi-Fi, private bathroom, air-conditioned rooms, balconies, centenary stone house

**Price per room, breakfast included:** 120\$



*Jamil's crush*  
« This house tells the story of my family. The walls, the neighborhood, everything breathes the life of Beirut: memory and hope. It also describes my passions: sea and art. » (source: L'HOTE LIBANAIS)



## ZANZOUN

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**Rooms:** 3 double rooms

**Capacity:** 6 persons

**Description:** free Wi-Fi, private bathroom, heated and air-conditioned rooms, garden, terrace, stone house

**Price per room, breakfast included:** 120\$



*Zeina's crush*  
« To see this traditional Beirut house come back to life after being largely destroyed and almost disappearing is a gift from heaven: or from earth. Very few old individual similar residences remain here in Beirut. The ultimate happiness in each moment is: Restoring the house with great care, opening its doors to travelers so that they can discover what was Beirut art of living like, and can enjoy every architectural detail while rest in the quiet garden, a few steps away from the busy streets of Mar Mikhael... »  
(source: L'HOTE LIBANAIS)





# BAABDA

Hammana  
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Hammana town, located in Baabda heights is a cultural place of high importance. Like other Lebanese landscapes, it has a personality with thousand colors: the natural style of a Lebanese village that invites you back to the roots, and the urban set of nightlife and entertainment that invites you to travel. It includes many natural resources, like the Shaghour waterfall, apples, cherries, «fasoliya hemmaniye» (a typical red bean stew) ... Hammana was once very active in the production of silk, and a large silk mill of the 19th century transformed into a school, still exists nowadays.

A little further stands Abadiyeh, a charming village still preserving its steep streets, its Midane



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or public square, and its magnificent mansions built in the traditional style of the Emir period (18th-19th centuries). A path down the village leads to a beautiful umbrella pine forest. Its brooms dot the streets and their smell carries passersby into a small corner of dreams ... Spring of life.

In the valley, east of Hazmieh, are located the remains of Qanater Zubaidah, a Roman aqueduct built on Beirut River. This monument, originally 240 meters long, retains only a few of its piers and arches on either sides of the river. Yet ... all the charm remains present.



The remains of Qanater Zubaidah in Hazmieh

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## ▲ DIFLA

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**Rooms:** 1 double room

**Capacity:** 2 persons

**Description:** free Wi-Fi, private bathroom, heated rooms, terrace, centenary stone house

**Price per room, breakfast included:** 120\$



### *Coup de cœur de Lulu*

« Rabih, my husband and the father of my children was a passionate architect. He dedicated 10 years of his life collecting old stones to build the house he dreamed of, and that he wanted to fully integrate into the valley and the pine forest. On the roof, we grow the organic vegetable garden from which we prepare our meals.. »  
(source: L'HOTE LIBANAIS)

## ▲ BEIT AL WADI

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**Rooms:** 3 double rooms

**Capacity:** 6 persons

**Description:** free Wi-Fi, private bathroom, parking, air-conditioned room, fireplace, garden, terrace, stone house

**Price per room, breakfast included:** 190\$



### *Mirna's crush*

« As an interior designer, I believe that the space and the furniture that surround us are our extension. I wanted this house to be warm and bright, and that every object chiné, revisited or created can bring out the soul of this century-old house. » (source: L'HOTE LIBANAIS)





# ALEY

Aley city  
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Located at 17 kilometers above Beirut, the city of Aley basks in the sun with fresh maritime bursts, making the air temperate and soft. A panoramic view stretches over the lush pine forests and the red tile roofs scattered over the landscape on the winding slopes leading to the shores of the Mediterranean.

Its cold and quiet winters create a feeling of interior calm similar to that of a familial and warm atmosphere. However, Aley is alive with life and joy for the rest of the year. Its lively streets, souks, luxury hotels, antique shops, cafes, restaurants, clubs, pubs, shopping malls and nightlife are teeming with life.

Just like Aley, Bhamdoun and Sofar are legendary resorts. These regions have mostly had their glory years during the pre-war period ... and they live again today. They are reborn from their past with as much enthusiasm that we hear them almost singing. Their trees bend over the passage of passersby under the command of the wind whistling loudly, while the brooms greet the visitors by painting their lives in yellow.

Aley is a village with medieval origins, although one can find in its surroundings some remains of ancient civilizations. The village also bears traces of Tannoukhi



Jisr el Qadi pottery  
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Emirs, descendants of an Arab tribe settled in this region by the Abbasids in the middle of the 8th century. Among the monuments left by these feudal dynasts, the Fountain of the Emirs, the Residence of Emir Qa'dan At-Tannoukhi (17th - 18th centuries), the Residence of Sheikh Riad Amine Eddine and the Tomb (Maqam) of Sayyed Abdallah At-Tannoukhi, important place of Druze pilgrimage of the late 15th century (around 1479).

Jisir el-Qadi, now known for its pottery craft, takes its name from a bridge (jisr) built on the Damour River by Emir Zayn ad-Din al-Tannoukhy, judge (qadi) of Ain Ksour north of 'Aby during the Mamluke era.

Richmaya, whose houses are strung along the road that crosses it, is a peaceful village where walks have the taste of a free and wild youth. During carefree wanderings, rocky tombs grow on the hillsides. The Saint-Antoine De Sir Monastery, dating from the early 18th century and belonging to the Lebanese Maronite monks, the church Mar Qiriaqos (Saint-Cyriaque), and the old house of Geagea Abi Farah, are also classified as historical monuments.



## REMHALA GUESTHOUSE

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 Remhala guest house

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**Rooms:** 1 double room and 4 suites

**Capacity:** 18 persons

**Description:** personal hotspot, private bathroom, parking, heated and air- conditioned rooms, fireplace (in the Royal and Family suites), stove, terrace, century stone house, tiled roof, handmade interior

**Price per person, breakfast included:** 37.5\$ - 100\$



### Raymond's crush

« Here, conviviality and hospitality are the motto. After all, these are the two cores of the Lebanese identity. My mother and I are committed to make unforgettable everyone's stay in this village with hundred-year-old trees that rise throughout the valley and provide unequal peace; a village located at 40 minutes from Beirut and very close to Beiteddine and Deir el-Qamar from Jisir el-Qadi; A ideal village to bolster hikers or to extricate themselves from the hustle and bustle of the city in less than an hour. »



# CHOUF

The natural reserve of the Cedars of Chouf enthrones atop the highest mountains of the Middle East is. With oak forests on its northern slopes and juniper and oak forests on its southeastern slopes, it is one of the most important cedar platforms: rich flora, a plethora of medicinal plants, and fascinating wildlife. There are four main entrances to the Cedar Reserve at Ain Zhalta-Bmohray, Barouk, Maasser el Chouf and Niha.

Chouf Biosphere Reserve, with its 24 villages, is a very popular destination for hiking and trekking, bird watching, mountain biking, and snowshoeing. All means are good to have a taste of this region of Mount Lebanon, so pure and so grandiose at the same time. Rich in History and its little stories, Chouf remains majestic, through time. ([shoufcedar.org](http://shoufcedar.org) - [authentichouf.com](http://authentichouf.com))

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Beit eddine Palace stands unshakeable reflecting all the majesty of this place. It took Emir Bashir Chehab II thirty years to build it while he ruled Mount Lebanon for more than half a century. The palace is a typical example of the Lebanese architecture of the 19th century.

Deir el Qamar town, «Monastery of the Moon,» is an exceptionally preserved traditional city. From the 16th to the 18th century, it was the residence of the Lebanese governors. It is home to several historical and cultural sites, including Midane Square, Fakhreddine's 15th-century Masjid, Fakhreddine II Palace, and the 17th century Deir el Qamar Synagogue.

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In addition, the resorts of Jiyeh and Damour remain trendy destinations for beach lovers, and offer an escape in turquoise waves, white sand, golden rays and sunset to the eyes, bodies and souls...



Beiteddine palace  
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The preparation of apple jam in Chouf  
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The natural reserve of the cedars in Chouf  
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## HOUSSAM EL EID GUESTHOUSE

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**Rooms:** 2 rooms for 2 and 4 persons (single and bunk beds)

**Capacity:** 6 persons

**Description:** private bathroom, parking, fireplace, stove, terrace, stone house

**Price per person, breakfast included:** 35\$



### *Coup de coeur de Houssam*

« Every step in this region gives me a fresh view of the world. The moonlight is my accomplice and when my guests join me for a night walk, the glow plays with the shadows by mountains and valleys and draw all kinds of shapes ... And through the <zakazik,> from trail to trail, in the narrow streets, we give free rein to our imagination. Even our dreams have the taste of freedom. »



## LA MAISON DES SOURCES

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 La Maison des Sources

 La Maison des Sources

**Rooms:** 10 rooms for 2 to 5 persons

**Capacity:** 31 persons

**Description:** free Wi-Fi, private bathroom, parking, heated rooms, stove, garden, terrace, centenary stone house, tiled roofs, bio products

**Price per person, breakfast included:** 67\$ - 90\$



### *Hosts' crush*

« Ain Zhalta has always been called "the Bride of the Chouf." We have the proof: we fall in love with it very quickly! Everything in it seduces us, attracts us: its calm, its authenticity, its simplicity, its natural beauty, pure air and its exceptional climate. To all those who love nature, we offer the most beautiful painting in the whole region: an extraordinary view of the majestic cedar mountain. Maison des Sources is born of a beautiful love story between Lebanese & French, a very old house and a mulberry tree... »

## ▲ AQED JDOUDNA GUESTHOUSE

**Hosts names:** Mr. Adel and Mr. Wissam Al Hakim

**Address:** Barouk

**Contact:** +961 71 172270, +961 70 830832

wissamalhakim@yahoo.com

 Aqed Jdoudna Resto & GuestHouse

**Rooms:** 2 twin rooms

**Capacity:** 4 persons

**Description:** shared bathroom, parking, fireplace, stove, terrace

**Price per person, breakfast included:** 35\$



### *Wissam's crush*

« They say that every picture has a moment of eternity embedded in it. It is the nature that I try to capture in my images, especially the Chouf Cedar Reserve - Barouk Forest. At every moment of the day, with each variation of light, or at sunset, all murmurs of nature are rebirth moments ... new photos to keep for the eternity. »



## ▲ AKRAM GUESTHOUSE

**Hosts names:** Mr. Akram and Mrs. May Mahmoud

**Address:** Barouk

**Contact:** +961 3 829102, +961 5 240882

akramcedar@hotmail.com

**Rooms:** 2 rooms for 2 and 4 persons (single and bunk beds)

**Capacity:** 6 persons

**Description:** free Wi-Fi, private bathroom, parking, fireplace, garden, terrace

**Price per person, breakfast included:** 35\$

### *Akram's crush*

« Marj el Kaak in the Chouf Cedar Reserve - Barouk Forest still attracts me, just as it attracted the 'Kaak,' local name given to crows. The crows persisted in visiting this place at the time of our ancestors to steal the rest of the 'zouwedeh,' villagers' snack. When they could not find any, they would steal soap. During spring, the meadow is dressed in beautiful green grass to pay tribute to the cedars, and even the trees blush or turn pale in front of similar brazen beauty. In addition, at 1,500 meters, you still meet crows in the reserve. »



## BOUSTANY GUESTHOUSE

**Hosts names:** Mrs. Aida Boustany


**Address:** Barouk

**Contact:** +961 5 240054, +961 3 420495

boustanyguesthouse@gmail.com

www.boustanyguesthouse.com

 Boustany Guest House

 boustanyguesthouse

**Rooms:** Open space including a living room and a bedroom for 5 persons (single beds)

**Capacity:** 5 to 11 persons (beds, trundle sofa beds and extra beds)

**Description:** private bathroom, parking, heated rooms, stove, terrace, stone house

**Price per person, breakfast included:** 40\$



*Aida's crush*  
 « My sense of patriotism brings me back every time to the museum and cultural center of Rachid Nakhlé in Barouk, the great man who wrote the Lebanese national anthem. »



## BEIT EL HANA

**Hosts names:** Chouf Biosphere Reserve

**Address:** Maasser el Chouf

**Contact:** +961 5 350150, +961 5 350250

www.shoufcedar.org

**Rooms:** 6 double and twin rooms

**Capacité:** 12 à 16 personnes (lits et lits d'appoint)

**Description:** free Wi-Fi, private bathroom, parking, heated rooms, stove, terrace, centenary stone house

**Price per room, breakfast included:**

60\$ (1 pers) - 80\$ (2 pers)

*Hosts' crush*  
 « On the road that leads from the heights of the Chouf to West Beqaa, having passed Maasser el Chouf Cedars Reserve, and the summit of the mountain of 500 meters altitude, you reach a culminating point «Mtayyar,» - which spins with the wind- named so because of the wind that blows all year long. From up there, a panorama is offered to the eyes of passersby: Kefraya, Jib Jannine, Ain Zebde, Khirbet Kanafar, and several villages in West Beqaa, Mount Hermon, and the famous Qaraoun Lake. »





## AL ACHKAR GUESTHOUSE

**Hosts names:** Mr. Salim Al Achkar

**Address:** Khraybeh

**Contact:** +961 3 354558

salim\_alachkar@hotmail.com

 El Achkar Guesthouse

**Rooms:** 5 rooms for 2, 4, and 5 persons (single and bunk beds)

**Capacity:** 18 persons

**Description:** free Wi-Fi, private and shared bathroom, parking, heated rooms, fireplace, stove, garden, terrace, centenary stone house

**Price per person, breakfast included:** 35\$



*Salim's crush*  
« I love picking wild edible wild plants and making people aware of their benefits and their use in good country-style cooking. During spring, my guests accompany me on the trails of the village and come back hands full of fresh pickings. »



## BAZ GUESTHOUSE

**Hosts names:** Mr. Nazih Baz

**Address:** Baadarane

**Contact:** +961 3 702944, +961 5 311192

**Rooms:** 2 rooms for 3 and 6 persons (single and bunk beds)

**Capacity:** 9 to 16 persons (beds and sofa beds)

**Description:** free Wi-Fi, private bathroom, parking, stove, garden, terrace

**Price per person, breakfast included:** 35\$



### *Nazih's crush*

« I wanted to preserve the weaving traditions in my workshop for future generations. The manual technique of weaving earned me recognition at a congress in Jordan in 1997 under the patronage of Queen Nour, where my Abaya was labelled 'Mouloukiya'-royal' »

## MERCHAD GUESTHOUSE

**Hosts names:** Mr. Chafic and Mrs. Samia Merchad  
**Address:** Niha  
**Contact:** +961 5 330755  
**Rooms:** 2 rooms for 4 persons (single and bunk beds)  
**Capacité:** 8 personnes  
**Description:** private bathroom, parking  
**Price per person, breakfast included:** 35\$



### Chafic's crush

« I was responsible for Niha Fortress. Nothing compares to the panoramic views of Jezzine, Bkassine and Marj Bisri, or the villages of Iqlim el Kharroub and Chouf. In addition, I became friends with the rock hyraxes. I see them every day and I think we've tamed each other. Visitors are likely to see them during spring and fall. »



## BOUYOUTI

**Hosts names:** Mrs. Roula, Ms. Rawan and Mr. Rafic Bazerji  
**Address:** Maasser Beiteddine  
**Contact:** +961 3 310200  
info@bouyouti.com

 Bouyouti  
 bouyouti

**Rooms:** house for 2, 3 and 4 persons  
**Capacity:** 28 persons (beds and extra beds)  
**Description:** free Wi-Fi, private bathroom, parking, fireplace (in some houses), stove, garden, terrace, pool, stone house  
**Price per person, breakfast included:** 90\$ - 100\$



### Hosts' crush

« The whole region is our crush depending on the seasons and the weather. This can range from a walk along the rivers of Moukhtara and Baakline, to the millennial Cedars reserve. Then, exploring Deir el Qamar and Beiteddine Palace or contemplating the sunset from the summit of Deir el Qamar. »

## BEIT EL QAMAR

**Hosts names:** Souk El Tayeb

**Address:** Deir el Qamar

**Contact:** +961 5 511722, +961 3 661411

info@beitelqamar.com - www.beitelqamar.com

 Souk el Tayeb

 soukeltayeb

 @tawlet

**Rooms:** 8 double rooms

**Capacité:** 16 personnes

**Description:** free Wi-Fi, private bathroom, parking, air-conditioned rooms, stove, garden, terrace, tiled roof

**Price per room, breakfast included:** 143\$ - 200\$



### *Hosts' crush*

« My thoughts and dreams take me to a house lost at the top of the hill, surrounded by gardens and forests, natural gifts of our region. »

## DAR LINDA

**Hosts names:** Mrs. Nour Majdalany, Mr. Kamal and Mr. Karim Hakim

**Address:** Deir el Qamar

**Contact:** +961 3 528772

kar.hakim@gmail.com

 DAR LINDA

**Rooms:** 2 double rooms

**Capacity:** 4 persons

**Description:** One bathroom for both rooms (bookable together only), parking, heated rooms, fireplace, garden, terrace

**Price per room, breakfast included:** 150\$



### *Hosts' crush*

« Spending an evening with friends on the patio of our house while watching the moon rise behind Barouk mountain is an unparalleled luxury. »







# JEZZINE

Bkassine  
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Bkassine hides its charms deep inside the largest pine forest in the Middle East. The red tiles of its traditional houses, its narrow streets, the panoramic views offered by the magnificent Church of Our Lady of Salvation, and the Church of St. Takla considered one of the most beautiful churches in Lebanon, form together a captivating little hamlet that also offers a virgin campground.

The city of Jezzine is renowned for its spectacular waterfall in the middle of the huge cliff facing the city. The city is also famous for its knives and cutlery, shaped like birds, with ivory handles and decorative inlays, as well as for a whole series of local specialties, ranging from Arak to «Mzankaleh» (labneh rolled into a ball and preserved in fine herb olive oil) and delicious spicy marinades.

Lounging at the peak of the cliff, traditional restaurants offer fresh «home-made» food, as well as mesmerizing views of the valley and distant mountains. Jezzine is this breathtaking bouquet rich of local architecture and Ottoman era at the same time. (Discoverjezzine.com)



Traditional Architecture in Jezzine  
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## HELLO THEA

**Hosts names:** Mrs. Thérèse and Mrs. Eugénie Chahine  
**Address:** Bkassine  
**Contact:** +961 7 800402, +961 71 397068  
**Rooms:** 1 twin room, living room with 2 single beds  
**Capacity:** 4 to 7 persons (beds and sofa beds)  
**Description:** shared bathroom, parking, stove, garden, terrace  
**Price per person, breakfast included:** 35\$



### *Thérèse's crush*

« I love olives harvest season during fall because we perform an 'Aaouneh' - a kind of mutual assistance in the whole village. We meet to carry out each task, in turn: olive harvesting, then oil extraction... We also welcome our guests who participate in this work then leave, taking with them a bottle of oil; an experience of sharing and friendship and good mood. »



### *Lina's crush*

« An early morning hike from the house to Machmoucheh Convent is a gift from the region and from life. In this vast and limitless space, the gaze travels far away and sails over the panorama of mountains and forests. From the path, we can see the surrounding areas. There, beauty is Queen, especially in the spring when the cool breeze comes to ignite the hearts and where the flourishing trees, the flowers and the greenery celebrate Love.»

## HONEY GUESTHOUSE

**Hosts names:** Mrs. Lina Baassiri  
**Address:** Dhour Bakassine, Jezzine  
**Contact:** +961 70 912282  
lnbaassiri@gmail.com  
**Rooms:** 3 single and double rooms  
**Capacity:** 7 persons (beds and sofa beds)  
**Description:** free Wi-Fi, private and shared bathroom, parking, heated and air-conditioned rooms, garden, terrace, tiled roof  
**Price per person, breakfast included:** 30\$ - 35\$







Mosaïque du temple d'Echmoun  
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Sea castle  
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On the coast, towards the south, Saida is the third region of Lebanon by its area. There, everything is sea and sun. Even winters keep a melody in the heart and clouds illuminate souls with too much breath of life.

Saida, or Sidon, has a fascinating and unique history. One of the most powerful states among Phoenician cities, it has gained international prominence because of its glass production and the invention of purple, which has always been synonymous with royalty.

The visit to the old town can begin with the Castle of the Sea, a fortress built by the Crusaders during the 13th century on an island connected to the shore by a narrow bridge of 80 meters long.

On both sides of the winding and arched alleys of Saida souks, stand these exotic dream places where spices, fruits and fish are sold. There is also the craft of copper and metal. The atmosphere is rich in colors and activities, punctuated by the echoes of the merchants' voices and the streams of oriental music that escape here and there.

At the entrance to Shakrieh souk, a narrow and arched staircase leads directly into the inner courtyard of the Debbané palace. Built in 1721, this building has retained influences from Mamluke and Western Arab-Ottoman architecture.

In Moutran Street or Chakrieh souk to the south, the Audi Foundation has decided to develop the family soap factory into an ultra modern ethnographic museum illustrating the different stages of the manufacture of traditional soap based on olive oil.

To the right of the castle of the sea, Khan el Franj, or the Caravanserai of foreigners, one of the many hotel establishments built by Fakhir ed-Din II in the early seventeenth century, is now restored into exhibition halls.

## GLADYS

**Hosts names:** Mrs. Gladys Dib Saab, Mrs. Nancy and Mrs. Nathalie Saab

**Address:** Jinjleya (30 min away from Saida)

**Contact:** +961 3 949448, +961 3 001647  
nancysaab5@gmail.com

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**Rooms:** 4 double rooms

**Capacity:** 8 persons

**Description:** free Wi-Fi, private bathroom, parking, heated and air-conditioned rooms, garden, terrace, stone house, recycled furniture and items

**Price per room, breakfast included:** 120\$ - 160\$



### *Coup de cœur des hôtes*

« Gladys. The person and the house are a discovery in themselves. A discovery of oneself! Stay at and with Gladys is a life experience. Beyond an unparalleled welcome and authentic sharing, Gladys offers its guests the opportunity to discover the warm and generous South through its stories, its food, its lemons, and its lemonade - with its unique flavor - its olives, its nuts, as well as its morning and evening dishes.

Gladys, the woman who dedicated her life for this house and gave it her name is a model of resistance that resembles the southern lands and sun. A land of dreams and promises. A sun often worried but always tender and warm. »



Nabatieh city  
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Beaufort castle  
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# NABATIEH

The city of Nabatieh is the capital of Jabal Amel region in the south of the country. As our lives are made of these small everyday gestures and these great customs that defy time, Nabatieh is not excluded.

Every Monday, traders and visitors from nearby villages gather in the city center to trade their goods in a market known as Souk Al-Tanen or Monday market.

The city also participates in annual ceremonies commemorating the Battle of Karbala in memory of the martyrdom of Imam al-Husayn.

Nabatieh is also home to several scholars internationally renowned such as theologian Sheikh Aref al-Zein and scientist Hassan Kamal al-Sabbah.

The museum of Mleeta relates the story of resistance to the occupation of southern Lebanon from 1982. It is a fairly modern museum, well designed, with aerial and underground installations dotted with remnants of war such as captured tanks and a wide variety of ammunition.

It is a place that speaks, breathes and tells our story. To all those who are thirsty for dates, proofs and truths, the site offers information to passersby, because of its experience and its memories. All endures. Everything stays.

On a hill overlooking the southern part of the Bekaa Valley are the moss-covered remains of the Beaufort Crusader Castle. The historical site is called Shqif-Arnoun, the word «shqif» meaning in Syriac «the high rock». Although it seems inaccessible, this rocky fortress could be accessed from the village of Arnoun situated at about seven kilometers southeast of Nabatieh. The castle is surrounded by a trench and archaeological remains of an ancient village of similar architecture. Although mostly in ruins, the castle is misleading. Its labyrinthine passages are more expansive than they seem to be from the outside and the view through its many parapets is truly breathtaking.

The magic exists. It is in these ancient remnants because they always carry in them the shades of yesterday and the furious desire to dream of tomorrow.

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## BEIT ZEFTA

**Hosts names:** Mr. Bahjat and Mrs. Ghada El-Darwiche

**Address:** Zefta

**Contact:** +961 81 895151, +961 7 505225

info@beitzefta.com - www.soukeltayeb.com

 Souk el Tayeb

 soukeltayeb

 @Tawlet

**Rooms:** 10 twin rooms (convertible into double rooms), 1 attic for 5 persons

**Capacity:** 20 to 25 persons

**Description:** free Wi-Fi, private bathroom, parking, heated and air-conditioned rooms, fireplace, stove, garden, terrace, pool, centenary stone house, tiled roof

**Price per room, breakfast included:**

150\$ - 220\$ (1 pers), 180\$ - 250\$ (2 pers)



### *Bahjat's crush*

« The house was built by Hussein Bey El Darwiche (1872-1940), great-grandfather of the current generation of the family. Loved by the people and endowed with a keen political sense, he made this house a rallying point for dignitaries from the south, and a haven for all communities during the troubled times of the early 20th century.

The house was referenced in Pierre Benoit's novel, *La Châtelaine du Liban*, written in 1924, and filmed in 1934. »





To the south of Sidon, Tyre was classified, in 1979, as a UNESCO World Heritage Site for its important archaeological remains mainly Roman, but also Phoenician, Greek and Byzantine. There are two main sites in Tyre: the racetrack on the mainland, and the old town on the island side. Ras al-Ain spring – situated at six kilometers to the south – has religiously provided fresh water to the city for thousands of years. It was even used to serve the Roman aqueducts that extended all the way back to the metropolis.

The Nature Reserve on the Coast of Tyre covers the most beautiful sandy beaches of the country. It is a wetland that provides an important resting place for migratory birds, some of which are endangered species.

The reserve is home to many species of wetland plants and birds that thrive in such environments, and is also one of the few remaining sites for endangered green and loggerhead turtles. In addition, its artesian wells are an important source of drinking water.

“What beautifies the desert is that it hides a well somewhere.” - The Little Prince, Antoine de Saint Exupery. How many wells hides Tyre, and how many

times did we go to drink at its source ... Typical cakes, knéfé (Lebanese sweets) smells of souks and colors of life, all enough to satiate the passers-by.



Coffins in Tyre necropolis  
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Remain bathes in Tyre  
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Tyre beach  
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Roman Arc of Triumph on  
the Roman Road in Tyre  
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## AL-YASMINE GUESTHOUSE


**Hosts names:** Mr. Khalil and Mrs. Nayla Arab

**Address:** Maaliye, Tyre

**Contact:** +961 3 372888

info@alyasmineguesthouse.com

www.alyasmineguesthouse.com

 Al-Yasmine Guesthouse

 alyasmineguesthouse

**Rooms:** 18 double and triple rooms

**Capacity:** 40 persons

**Description:** private bathroom, parking, air-conditioned rooms, garden, terrace, pool

**Price per room, breakfast included:**

200\$ (double) - 250\$ (triple)



### *Khalil's crush*

« As a youngster, I roamed with passion the orchards and glades on horseback, devoting myself to a sport that has always fascinated me: horseback riding. Then, due to wars and escapes, these spaces were turned into fields of devastation. Now I look with pride at the renewal of plantations and the revival of trees and fruits. A new joy possesses me: to redo the equestrian trails with my family, my friends and my guests. »

## ASAMINA BOUTIQUE HOTEL


**Hosts names:** Mr. Pierre, Mr. Elias and Mr. Nicolas Ghanimeh

**Address:** Saydet el Bihar Street, Old District, Tyre

**Contact:** +961 7 344499

reservation@asaminatyre.com - www.asaminatyre.com

 Asamina Boutique Hotel

 asamina\_tyre

**Rooms:** 5 double and triple rooms, 3 suites

**Capacity:** 24 to 30 persons (beds and extra beds)

**Description:** wifi, private bathroom, parking, rooms with ACs and Heaters, garden, terrace, hundred-year old stone house

**Price per room (breakfast included):** 110\$ - 220\$

### *Hosts' crush*

« The old neighborhood where our house is located is not made of stones; it is rather made of the one thousand and one stories of each one of us and of our experiences... »







## LA PIDRAYA

**Hosts names:** Mrs. Hala El-Hachem Nour  
**Address:** Port Street, Catholic District, Tyre  
**Contact:** + 961 7 344443  
 pidrayatyre@gmail.com

La Pidraya - Tyre

**Rooms:** 9 single and double rooms

**Capacity:** 17 personnes

**Description:** free Wi-Fi, private bathroom, heated and air-conditioned rooms, terrace, centenary stone house, Lebanese architecture of Italian and Arabic inspiration

**Price per room, breakfast included:** 150\$ - 275\$

## FLORINA'S

**Hosts names:** Mr. Salim Khairallah  
**Address:** Fanar street, Tyre  
**Contact:** +961 71 720757, +961 7 349173  
 salemwakim@hotmail.com

Florina's Guest House

florinastayhouse

**Rooms:** 1 studio for 3 persons & 5 studios for 4 persons

**Capacity:** 23 persons

**Description:** free wifi, private bathroom, parking, rooms with ACs and Heaters, stove, garden, terrace, hundred year old stone house

**Price per room (breakfast not included):** 110\$



### *Hala's crush*

« The vibrant neighborhood where the house is located never sleeps. Whether the fishermen who wake up at three o'clock in the morning to go to sea, or the young people of the neighborhood who find themselves gathering at the end of the afternoon around a card game, the neighborhood is a concentrate of authenticity and Lebanese hospitality. Due to its location, La Pidraya provides access to all attractions of Tyre: the port, the old town, the souk, the coast and the beach! The roof of the house offers an exceptional view of the famous Phoenician port. »



### *Salim's crush*

« I love the sea. I love the beach "Moubarakeh" next to our guesthouse. Since my early childhood, we enjoyed that beach. One of us would go beneath the water and lifts the other above his shoulders, crossed our hands then jump into the water. It is a public rocky beach where it would be enjoyable to soak up the sun & relax. »





Hasbaya, capital of Wadi al Taym, is an attractive historical city. Much of the history of Lebanon took place in the citadel of Emirs Chehabs. Today, this property is still shared by fifty family members; some of them consider it as their permanent residence.

Hasbaya jealously protects its traditions. In its workshops, talented craftsmen take care of the artisanal production of traditional clothes; Abayas, caftans and turbans of all kinds transmit life energy in their threads.

Remains of a caravanserai, or the Khan dating from 1350, nest in the vicinity of Hasbaya. This is where nowadays, every Tuesday a popular outdoor market opens and is known as Souk El Khan.

In this simplicity of life, close to the essence and the core, Wadi al Taym – a long and fertile valley – spawns an existence and extends along the western slope of Mount Hermon. Irrigated by Hasbani River, the small hills of this valley are covered with rows of green-silvered olive trees which constitute the main source of income of the region rich in honey, pine nuts, vines, figs and other fruits.

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The name Rachaya el Fokhar means Rachaya-Pottery. Nowadays, two pottery workshops are operational there. Therefore, the objects on sale are the «Douaiks» or sandstone jars that preserve the freshness of the water. Another popular item is the magic jug; the water is filled by the perforated base or the top opening, but it can only be poured through the spout-shaped neck. Discovering the art of pottery is also to indulge in a tactile and natural experience, to make contact with nature and to renew ones belonging to the earth. A back to the roots.

## SHMEIS GUESTHOUSE

**Hosts names:** Mr. Chassan and Mr. Wael Shmeis

**Address:** Hasbaya

**Contact:** +961 3 515829

waelshmeis@gmail.com

**Rooms:** 2 rooms for 6 and 9 persons (trundle bunk beds)

**Capacity:** 15 persons

**Description:** free Wi-Fi, private bathroom, parking, air-conditioned rooms, stove, terrace

**Price per person, breakfast included:** 35\$ - 50\$



### Wael's crush

« If they are in Hasbaya by the end of April, my guests could join me and a group of friends to help us net baby fishes from dry stream beds to put them back into the flowing Hasbani River and bring them back to life. »



## ESBER GUESTHOUSE

**Hosts names:** Mr. Esber Esber

**Address:** Rachaya el Fokhar

**Contact:** +961 3 643859

jeesber@hotmail.com

**Rooms:** 6 rooms for 2, 5 and 7 persons (single and bunk beds), 1 suite for 4 persons

**Capacity:** 26 to 30 persons (beds and sofa beds)

**Description:** free Wi-Fi, private and shared bathroom, parking, heated and air-conditioned rooms, garden, roof terrace, stone house

**Price per person, breakfast included:** 25\$

### Esber's crush

« I am a potter. I have my own pottery workshop and I inherited this job from my grandfathers. Guests can start the pottery, try the wheel, get their hands dirty, and indulge in the feeling of touch. »







# RACHAYA

Located on the southwestern slope of Mount Hermon, Rachaya el Wadi village, the symbol of Independence, is known to be one of the most beautiful villages thanks to its architectural character, its citadel, its cultural and artisanal heritage, its climate, its geography, as well as its agricultural industry.

Tourists can stroll through the old 17th century souk, which stretches over 250 meters, and is paved with 40,000 stones.

They will stroll not knowing where to go, attracted by the sound of silence, guided by the smell of fresh bread and «Saj», dazzled by the thirty-six red roofs of traditional houses. They will visit the shops of the old souk, will not fail to taste the lemonade of the Hajj, buy handmade silver accessories, assist in the manufacture of home-made stoves or «soubia». They will taste local goats milk products, homemade jams, molasses of grapes, honey and various wild herbs freshly picked from Transfiguration Mount: Mount Hermon.

Before heading to new discoveries, they will caress the famous -800year-old oak of vows and wishes;

it is said it is imperative to hang your wish on its branches. And they will fly away thanking the heavens that «It is said» and that legends still exist ... Places like Rachaya still give you the power to dream ... (rashaya.org)

(Source: Liliane Maalouli)



The Citadel of Independence  
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Rachaya  
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The old souk of Rachaya  
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## DAR MEHDI

**Hosts names:** Mr. Mehdi Fayek

**Address:** Rachaya El Wadi

**Contact:** +961 3 963378

**Rooms:** 2 rooms for 4 and 9 persons (single beds and trundle bunk beds)

**Capacity:** 13 persons

**Description:** private bathroom, parking, stove, garden

**Price per person, breakfast and dinner included:** 45\$



### Mehdi's crush

« Mount Hermon enchants me. Sometimes I wake up at 4 am just to contemplate it. I accompany my guests on hikes, down the mountain. »



## HARAMOUN GUESTHOUSE

**Hosts names:** Mr. Houssam Badreddine

**Address:** Dahr el Ahmar, Rachaya el Wadi

**Contact:** +961 71 219472

hk\_b66@hotmail.com

 Haramoun Guest House

**Rooms:** 3 double and triple rooms

**Capacity:** 10 persons (beds and sofa beds)

**Description:** free Wi-Fi, private and shared bathroom, parking, stove, garden

**Price per person:** 20\$

**Breakfast:** 5\$



### Houssam's crush

« love jogging. I participate in Beirut Marathon. My specialty? Organizing training sessions for amateurs, in the morning, on the road liking Dahr El Ahmar and Kfarkouk - a rich field, especially during spring, where greenery & prevails and everything is blooming »



## EL SAHILI GUESTHOUSE

**Hosts names:** Mr. Kamal El Sahili

**Address:** Rachaya El Wadi

**Contact:** +961 3 615702, +961 8 595302,  
+961 8 595078

kamalsahly@hotmail.com

**Rooms:** 2 twin and triple rooms

**Capacity:** 5 to 8 persons (beds, sofa bed and mattresses)

**Description:** free Wi-Fi, shared bathroom, parking,  
heated rooms, stove, terrace

**Price per person, breakfast included:** 35\$



### *Kamal's crush*

« The room 'Tiyara', located on the roof, and found in some traditional houses of Rachaya fascinates me. Its structure is made of several openings that allow very good ventilation. Originally it had an agricultural and domestic use, to dry some agricultural products for example. »





# WEST BEKA'A

Qaraoun lake  
Ministry of Tourism

Qaraoun Lake, artificial and originating from Litani River, is an imminent part of the Beqaa valley. It sits in all majesty, guarded by the high mountains which enclose it. This vast barren area leaves the man under the spell of an unavoidable face to face meeting with himself.

glareola, ferruginous duck, white pelican and large snipe.

« Migratory bird, during spring you will be back ... The clouds will scatter in our sky, and it will become more blue. »

Lebanon has one of the oldest wine cultures in the world. It dates back to 5000 years, from the vineyards of the Phoenicians who exported their wine to ancient Egypt, Rome, Greece and Carthage; which was the introduction of vine growing and oenology to the world.

The vineyards and cellars of the West Beqaa are a must-visit on the wine route in Lebanon. Indeed, the Beqaa valley is an exceptional site for the wine growing.

Ammiq Marshes, part of Chouf Biosphere Reserve, constitute the last important wetland in Lebanon, a remnant of vast swamps and lakes that once covered BeqaaValley. This natural site remains a wintering place for migratory birds passing between Europe and Africa. The site has been designated as an important area for bird conservation. Noteworthy species include globally threatened black-winged



Ammiq marshes  
Chouf Biosphere Reserve

## ▲ BEIT AMMIQ

**Hosts names:** Souk El Tayeb

**Address:** Ammiq

**Contact:** +961 3 004481

info@tauletammiq.com - www.beitammiq.com

**Rooms:** 3 double rooms

**Capacity:** 6 personnes

**Description:** private bathroom, parking, garden, terrace, eco-friendly guesthouse

**Price per room, breakfast included:**

80\$ (1 pers) - 120\$ (2 pers)



*Hosts' crush*  
« Nothing is worth the Sunrise over the valley... »



## ▲ NOHA ABI RACHED GUESTHOUSE

**Hosts names:** Mrs. Noha Abi Rached

**Address:** Ain Zebde

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**Rooms:** 2 twin rooms

**Capacity:** 4 to 7 persons (beds and extra beds)

**Description:** shared bathroom, parking, stove, garden, terrace

**Price per person, breakfast and dinner included:** 45\$



*Noha's crush*  
« When I was little, I went to the old village spring, which dates back to my ancestors' era, to go on picnics, play with my friends, and wade in the water. I could take my guests there, and prepare them an on-site breakfast. »





# ZAHLE

Photo of Akkar  
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No words can describe this generous abundance of the earth over there ... so close to our hearts! Located on the foothills of Mount Sannine, on the edge of Bekaa shelf, Zahle is located at 945m of altitude. During winter, the surrounding mountains are covered with snow while summer climate is cool and dry.

The city center stretches along both banks of the Bardawni River. The old city is on the heights of the west river bank, while the commercial area occupies the east river bank. At the northern end of the city, Wadi el Arayesh (the valley of the vines) is known for its outdoor restaurants along the stream. It is with pride that the Zahliot nickname their city by the «City of Wine and Poetry»: more than 50 poets, thinkers and writers were born there in the twentieth century and a large number of varieties of wines and Arak are produced in the region.

Cultivated valleys or virgin lands marry the remains of ancient times and keep track of Yesterday anchored within the heart of Tomorrow. Located at the foot of the Anti-Lebanon mountains - near one of the main sources of Litani River - the site of Anjar occupies a privileged place on the road map of Ancient and Medieval Bekaa.

With Baalback Mosque dating from the same period, Anjar is the only Lebanese site dating from the Umayyad period, one of the most prestigious in Arab history which reigned from 660 to 750 AD.

Although they had to rule an empire with multiple and diverse cultures and traditions, the Umayyad caliphs remained closely linked to the Bedouin tribes who ensured their control over these vast territories. Thus, they did not hesitate to leave their capital Damascus - during spring - to go to the borders of the Syrian Desert to indulge in hunting with these tribes and to listen to their poets or their storytellers.

Gradually, the caliphs began to get used to staying at the edge of the desert in fixed residences that were both hunting lodges and resorts as well as fortresses, centers of farming, as well as radiation and dissemination of an urban lifestyle likely to attract the Bedouin to settlement. Anjar was founded as part of this policy.

Anjar was built by Caliph al-Walid I ibn «Abd al-Malik» (715-705). In 744, the site was destroyed by Marwan II after his victory over Ibrahim, son of Al-Walid, in a battle for power that took place near the site.




## AL HAUSH AGRO GUESTHOUSE

**Hosts names:** Mrs. Amal, Mrs. Najla, Mr. Khaled and Mr. Faysal Saab

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**Rooms:** 10 rooms for 3, 4 and 5 persons

**Capacity:** 43 persons

**Description:** free wifi, private bathroom, parking, heated and air-conditioned rooms, stove, garden, terrace, pool, a working farm respecting the Bedouin and agricultural heritage of the Bèqaa, the old sheepsfolds (1950 and 1980) have been converted into bedrooms.

**Price per room, breakfast included:** 195\$ - 388.5\$



*Hosts' crush*  
« Our agricultural workshop in Al Haush follows the rhythm of the seasons of Central Bekaa. We start by distilling the rose, then the lavender, passing through the various marmalades and ending with the mouneh (food supplies) in October. »





Temple of Bacchus  
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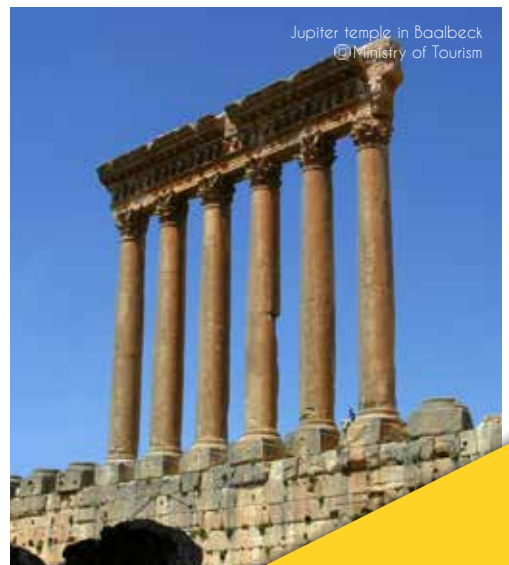
At the crossroads of ancient roads that linked the Mediterranean coast to the Syrian interior and northern Syria to northern Palestine, the temples of Baalbeck can rightly be among the wonders of the ancient world. Classified as UNESCO World Heritage site and overlooking Beqaa valley, they testify to the culmination of an imperial project symbolizing the Roman will, wealth and power.

The cultural complex of Baalbeck consists of three main monuments: Jupiter Sanctuary, the adjacent Bacchus Temple and the round temple of Venus.

Time passes, and Baalbeck stands straight. As if its columns touched the sky, as if they paid tribute to the sun ... And you cannot lift your head up without blinking. Even the golden rays are jealous of the look towards these majestic columns, so large in their own way of existence, to resist, and that one feels reduced in one instant to the tininess of the human being ... Glory to the columns of Baalbeck, which feel close to eternity.

The Yammouneh Nature Reserve is located on an east slope between the Makmel and Mnaytra mountains. It provides abundant water, supplying 84 natural sources, four permanent watercourses and

two seasonal streams. Traces of ancient civilizations are still scattered, including Phoenician and Arab monuments, a Roman temple, and some Byzantine ruins.



Jupiter temple in Baalbeck  
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## WADA

**Hosts names:** a network of 30 guesthouses managed by the ladies of WADA association

**Adresse:** Dzir El Ahmar

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**Chambres:** double and triple rooms depending on the guesthouses

**Capacité:** varies depending on the guesthouses

**Description:** varies depending on the guesthouses

**Price per person, breakfast included:** 35\$



*Mrs. Dunia's crush, founder of WADA association*

« On a winter evening around a traditional 'Sobia' - a hot stove - or a summer breeze at night on a terrace, baking potatoes, enjoying a dish of "Maakroun Bi Toum" - pasta with garlic, or even let yourself be carried away by the rhythm of a dance of folk "Dabkeh", you will certainly be touched by the humanity of people and the know-how of the inhabitants who knew how to preserve the traditional values of their village. »

## BAALBECK GUESTHOUSE

**Hosts names:** Mr. Ihab Raad

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 Baalbeck Guest House

**Rooms:** 3 double rooms and 2 rooms for 5 persons with oriental sofas

**Capacity:** 19 persons (beds, oriental sofa beds, extra beds)

**Description:** free wifi, private bathroom, parking, heated rooms, fireplace, stove, courtyard, terrace, century old mud brick house

**Price per person, breakfast included:** 25\$



*Ihab's crush*

« I like to take Baalbeck food grown on apricot fields planted with vegetables or corn. The food range here between crushed wheat with tomato or baked trays of zucchini, eggplants, tomatoes, beans, peppers, onions and meat. If not available, Saj would be our options. We dig a hole in the ground, fill it with charcoal and cover the Saj with meat, which is eaten well done and hot. Siran is an activity at the heart of our traditions. We also warmly welcome visitors who would like to participate in the mentioned activity. »



# HERMEL

Deir Mar Maroun  
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From Hellenistic and Roman times, Hermel's most famous monument is undoubtedly Qamouh El Hermel, a 26m tower erected over a princely tomb from the 1st or 2nd century BC, at the top of a rocky hill at 2km from the city of Hermel. This building consists of a lower floor decorated with hunting scenes and an upper floor decorated with pilasters surmounted by Ionic tents and a pyramidal cover.

Next to the sources of the Orontes, in the surroundings of the city of Hermel, stands out Deir Mar Maroun, a set of caves carved into the rock and arranged on three levels. Dating from the 6th and 7th centuries, this site would have been a temporary refuge for the disciples of Saint Maroun, founder of the Maronite community. The caves were later fortified by the Arabs.



Rafting sur l'Oronte  
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Le nom de l'Oronte est très ancien. Il figure sous la forme l-r-n-t dans les textes mésopotamiens du 1er millénaire et sous la forme grécisée Orontès chez les auteurs classiques. Les sources arabes préfèrent l'appeler Nahr el Maqloub, qui signifie le fleuve renversé, vu qu'il coule du sud vers le nord, et surtout Nahr el Assi; le fleuve rebelle, car il ne se prête à l'irrigation qu'après avoir été dompté par les norias. L'abondance des eaux de l'Oronte et sa direction vers le Nord font de cette rivière un endroit idéal pour pratiquer le rafting et le canoé-kayak.

Aussi rebelle le fleuve est-il, aussi abondantes ses eaux. La soif n'existe pas là-bas. Tout le monde se rassasie à la vue de la nature, à la fraîcheur de l'eau, aux révoltes permanentes d'un fleuve indomptable qui aura toujours le dernier mot...

## AL KWAKH ECO LODGE

**Hosts names:** Al Sindiyana Association

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**Rooms:** 3 bedrooms with 5 mattresses each, serving as both living room and bedroom. The natural bedding is in harmony with the traditional Arabic style.

**Capacity:** 15 persons

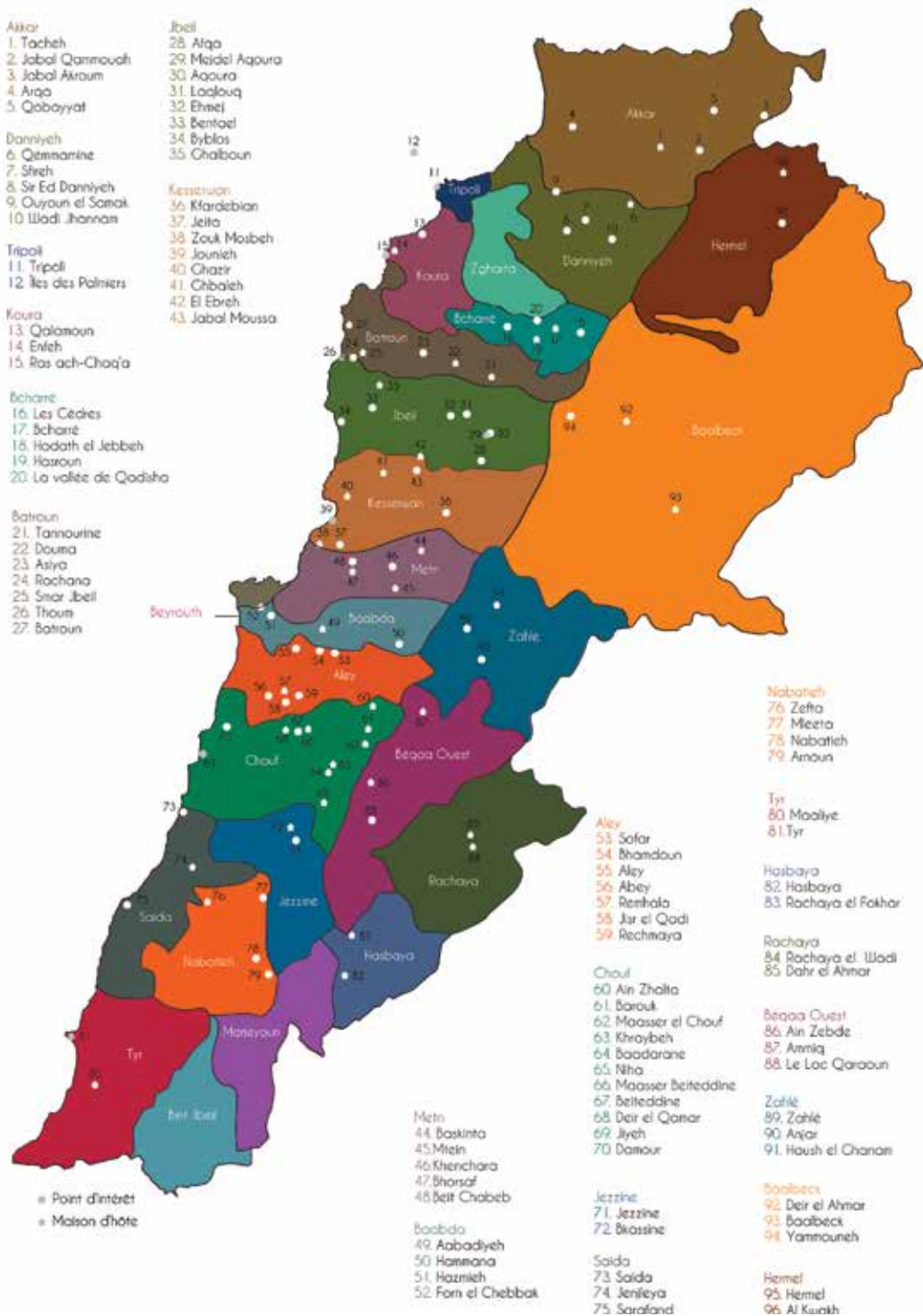
**Description:** shared bathroom, parking, heated rooms, traditional house restored in line with the region's architectural heritage

**Price per person, breakfast included:** 20\$



*Mrs. Safaa's crush. Al Sindiyana Association*  
« I like to be carried away by the traditional music of the typical instruments: the "Rababeh" and the "Mejwez" and the popular lyric poetry that we live during the evening around a campfire and we have the pleasure to share with our guests. « May our joy come back and enchant us in our little houses, and sing! » Fredons she ... »





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