

# CBH ON EXPEDITION: LEBANON

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## We invite you

to join Christians Broadcasting Hope (CBH) as we visit Nabil's home country of Lebanon; a destination full of interesting Biblical and religious sites to discover. Lebanon is a fascinating nation, steeped in history, a land of rich natural beauty, breathtaking sceneries, cultural, and faith diversity. It is the only country in the Middle East where one can find lifestyle, nightlife, and entertainment facilities like those encountered in Western countries, while also enjoying oriental traditions deeply rooted in the society.

Three things you can expect from this trip; 1) a crash course in history and religious studies, 2) become a connoisseur in Middle Eastern cuisine, 3) and above all, the words of the Bible will come to life as you experience Biblical sites and the work of the local church. Register now to save your seat on a trip that will unveil the secrets of the Middle East.



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## Beirut, Lebanon

Worship with the first Church of God congregation in Beirut, the capital of Lebanon. Visit the downtown, and heart of the Orient where recent excavations retrace the history of the city from the Canaanite and Phoenician periods. The old city is also a center to many Christian and Muslim religious sites.

## The Cedars of Lebanon

Climb to the widely known cedar trees of Lebanon. The cedar forest of Besharreh, known as Arz El-Rab or the Cedars of the Lord, is one of the last vestiges of the extensive forests of Lebanon. This forest, with trees aging thousands of years, is also known as one of the King Solomon's cedar sources for the Temple in Jerusalem.



## The Bekaa Valley

The Bekaa valley is the most fertile and in the region. It was the bread basket for the Romans during their reign in the Middle East. At the southern end of the valley you will be able to see Mt. Hermon rising over 6,000 feet in the distance and stretching all the way to the northern border of Israel.

## The Mediterranean Sea

Enjoy an extended time on the Mediterranean Sea exploring ruins and citadels built by several ruling empires. Visit Byblos, one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities, and other coastal cities and towns in the region offering remains from many different periods in history.



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## Trip Itinerary

### Day 1: Travel day to Beirut

### Day 2: Arrival to Beirut

Today we will arrive at the Beirut Rafic Hariri International Airport. We will travel by van to the Moore Conference Center and Guesthouse at the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary and settle in. This will be home base for our time in Lebanon

### Day 3: Church of God in Beirut and Beirut city

Today we will worship with the first Church of God congregation in Beirut. After worship we are off to explore downtown Beirut, the capital of Lebanon and heart of the Orient. Here, recent excavations retrace the history of the city from the Canaanite and Phoenician periods. The old city is a center to many Christian and Muslim religious sites.

### Day 4: Byblos and northern coastal cities

Our travel today takes us to Byblos (Jbeil), the second-oldest continuously inhabited city in the world, and some northern coastal cities and towns along the Mediterranean. Throughout the day, we will visit remains from many different periods: Neolithic, Canaanite, Phoenician, Egyptian, Mesopotamian, Greco-Roman, Byzantine, Ommiad, Frankish, Ottoman, and French Mandate. Our day will also include strolls through old ports, shopping at rustic souks, some amazing food, and experiencing various religious sites.

### Day 5: Service with Syrian refugees

Today affords us the opportunity to learn about the Syrian refugee crisis. We will visit the refugee camps, get to know the families there, and share the love of Jesus with them. We will serve them through our partners, the Church of God in Lebanon and Heart for Lebanon, by distributing food and household packages.

### Day 6: Sidon and Tyre

Unforgettable sights and experiences await us today. Sidon and Tyre are two ancient cities on the southern coast of Lebanon. Both cities have close connection to the Bible and the people of Israel. We will visit and explore the Biblical texts about this region. Sidon was first mentioned in the Bible in Genesis, and Tyre in the book of Ezekiel. Later, Jesus mentioned Tyre and Sidon in Luke 10:13–14 and Matthew 11:20–24, comparing them to several cities in where he had performed miracles. Jesus walked here! We will enjoy an extended time on the Mediterranean Sea, exploring the ruins and citadels built by several empires who ruled these two beautiful and historic cities.

### Day 7: Beiteddine and Deir El Qamar

Today we travel through time as we visit the old city that was Lebanon's leadership center for centuries. The old narrow streets and the town square are witnesses to a history through the ages. The Presidential Palace is still standing from the 19th century as a masterpiece of art and culture. We will learn about the Druze community who remain as the primary inhabitants of this region of Mount Lebanon.

### Day 8: The Cedars of Lebanon

We are off to climb to the beautiful, majestic, and timeless cedar trees of Lebanon. The emblem of the country, they are a prominent part on the Lebanese flag. *Cedrus Libani*, commonly called the cedar of Lebanon, is an evergreen conifer that, with age, develops a massive trunk, a flattened top, and broadly spreading, horizontal branching. The cedar forest of Besharreh, known as *Arz El-Rab* or the Cedars of the Lord, is one of the last vestiges of the extensive forests of Lebanon and is the most famous cedar forest with trees aging thousands of years. This forest is also known as one of King Solomon's sources of cedar wood for the Temple in Jerusalem.

### Day 9: Mount Lebanon Christian heritage

The Lebanese Christians can trace back their Christian roots to 400 AD. Along the Mount Lebanon mountain range, there are several ancient Christian sites that we will visit today to experience and learn about the Maronite (Catholic) heritage and its impact on Lebanon and the region.

### Day 10: The Bekaa Valley

The Bekaa valley is the most fertile land in the region and was once the bread basket for the Romans during their reign of the region. At the southern end of the valley, we will see Mt. Hermon from a distance rising over 6,000 feet high and stretching all the way to the northern border of Israel. We will visit Zahle, the largest Christian city in the Middle East by population. We will also visit ancient ruins and religious shrines.

### Day 11: Return to USA

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