

# White Lebanon – Winter Edition

9 Days / 8 Nights

From 12 to 20 February 2022



## Trip Overview:

*Who said you can't travel around Lebanon during winter? Culminating at 3088 m altitude, Mount Lebanon will fascinate you in his white covered facet during winter time. From roaming the snowy mountain roads, experiencing the winter activities it has to offer, tasting homemade specialties and stepping foot in some hidden gems of this land, this trip is the ultimate insider travel experience that will show you around our beautiful Lebanon during the winter season.*

*Along this 9-day route, get ready to Ski with a view on the majestic cedars or in the largest ski resort in the middle east, you'll also be snowshoeing in some pristine landscapes and natural reserves. You will visit some of the country's world heritage sites and learn about its millennial history. To top it all, we handpicked for you some unique lodges and guesthouses in order to have an ultimate winter and cozy experience.*

*Traveling with us also means traveling ethically with a purpose. This is why within your trip costs you will first be compensating your trip's CO2 emissions by adopting a Cedar tree under your own name! You will be donating to support a local small business or an individual in need of support with Beit el Baraka Ngo working in the rehabilitation of homes and the support of local families by all means since 2020.*



## How are you contributing to humanity within your trip?

**Nature & Ecology:** This is a 100% carbon free emission trip. Within this trip fee each participant is donating an amount equal to his/her flights CO2 emissions (international flights) to adopt a cedars in the highlands of Lebanon with Jouzour Loubnan Association. Each participant will receive a certificate of appreciation with the GPS coordinates of the adopted tree under his/her own name.

Website: [www.jouzourloubnan.org](http://www.jouzourloubnan.org)

**Local Community:** 70% out of the trip cost is directly generating income to the local communities working in the tourism sector, from accommodations to services, activities and small businesses.

**Community Service:** By assigning to the trip, every traveler is donating 50\$ part of the trip cost, that will be used for supporting families in need under the support of Beit el Baraka organization. The donated budget will help rehabilitate a home, or simply help buy food or basic amenities for families that have been affected by the devastating explosion of August 2020 or the economic crisis. One day within this trip will be reserved for the visit of the NGO and learning about their work and the beneficiary from this initiative. (the beneficiary of this initiative will only be assigned one month ahead of the trip).

Website: [www.beitelbaraka.org](http://www.beitelbaraka.org)



## Travel Itinerary:

### Cities & Towns visited:

Beirut – Hadath el Jebbeh – Cedars – Chatine - Nahle– Aassia – Byblos – Qanat Bakich – Kfardebian – Bikfaraya – Zaarour - Falougha - Baalbek – Qab Elias – Ain Zhalta – Barouk – Beiteddine – Deir el Qamar



## Trip Highlights:

**Ski in in two of the top ski resorts in Lebanon (Mzaar the largest & Cedars the oldest in Lebanon)**

**Two Snowshoeing location in Barouk Cedars reserve & Zaarour**

**Visit Unesco World Heritage Sites (Byblos & Baalbek)**

**Scenic roadtrips around Mount Lebanon covered in snow**

**Staying in trendy winter lodges & authentic guesthouses**

**Tasting traditional homemade specialties, street food & local spirits**

**Taking part in a business growth initiative with Beit El Baraka NGO**



## Itinerary description:

### **Day 1: Saturday, February 12**

#### **Beirut - (Arrival Day)**

- Arrival to Rafic Hariri Airport: Pick up & Assistance
- Time for SIM cards purchase if needed and Money exchange
- Transfer to BAFFA or similar guesthouse in Beirut.
- Armenian welcome diner at Mayrig restaurant.
- Metro al Madina Show (the show details will be announced one month ahead of the trip)

**Meals Included: Diner**

**Accommodation: BAFFA or similar Guesthouse in Beirut**

### **Day 2: Sunday, February 13**

#### **Beirut – Hadath el Jebbeh - Cedars**

- Breakfast at Al Soussi, a typical morning lebanese streetfood.
- Alternative guided tour of Beirut.

*Get to know Beirut's socio political landmarks, hidden gems as well as millennial and modern history and stories by walking around its streets and meeting its people.*

- Visit and Meet up with the Beit el Baraka NGO team, get to learn about the supported initiative and meet the beneficiary of the local business.
- Drive to Hadath el Jebbeh for a very traditional diner at Ward's in her very own cozy restaurant.

**Meals Included: Breakfast + Diner**

**Accommodation: Mountain lodge in the Cedars**

### **Day 3: Monday, February 14**

#### **Cedars**

- Full Ski day at the Cedars ski Resort (the oldest ski resort in Lebanon)
- Free evening

**Meals Included: Breakfast**

**Accommodation: Mountain lodge in the Cedars**

## **Day 4: Tuesday, February 15**

**Chatine – Nahle – Aassia – Byblos – Qanat Bakich**

- Visit of Baatara Gorge and its large winter waterfall
- Lunch and wine tasting at Sept a biodynamic winery
- Pass by an ancient pottery maker's Atelier in Aassia
- Sunset visit of the historical ruins & old town of Byblos.

*One of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the world, bearing an exceptional testimony of the Phoenician civilization, and the diffusion of their alphabet*

- Drive to Odom retreat in Qanat Bakich

**Meals Included: Breakfast**

**Accommodation: Odom retreat in Qanat Bakich**

## **Day 5: Wednesday, February 16**

**Mzaar/Kfardebian – Qanat Bakich**

- Full ski day at the Mzaar ski resort (the largest ski resort in the middle east).

Free evening.

**Meals Included: Breakfast**

**Accommodation: Odom retreat in Qanat Bakich**

## **Day 6: Thursday, February 17**

**Bikfaya – Zaarour – Falougha**

- Breakfast at Krikor's legendary home-Bakery in Bikfaya.
- Guided Snowshoeing in Zaarour (optional skiing is available at the zaarour ski resort)
- Scenic mountain roadtrip from Zaarour to Falougha
- Diner at local modest ecolodge in Falougha

**Meals Included: Breakfast + Diner**

**Accommodation: Sohat village resort in Falougha (a mountain ecolodge with modest cabins)**

## Day 7: Friday, February 18

### Baalbek – Riyak – Qab Elias – Ain zhalta

- Visit the Archeological site of Baalbek, the Souks, the Roman Quarry, Palmyra Hotel and the Sayyida Khawla mosque.

*Baalbek with its majestic structures, is one of the finest examples of Imperial Roman Architecture at its apogee. Well known as Heliopolis since the Hellenistic Period or the city of the sun for its complex where a triad of deities was worshiped.*

- Private traditional lunch at la Vieille cabane in Riyak + wine/arak pairing and tasting from château Rayak winery
- Wine tasting afternoon at château Heritage winery
- Return and diner at la Maison des Sources guesthouse in Ain Zhalta

**Meals Included: Breakfast + Lunch + Diner**

**Accommodation: La Maison des sources guesthouse in Ain Zhalra**

## Day 8: Saturday, February 19

### Barouk – Beiteddine – Deir el Qamar

- Guided Moderate level Snowshoeing in the Barouk Cedars reserve (9 km).
- Traditional Home-made lunch at Cezar's guesthouse.
- Afternoon visit of the Beiteddine Palace and free time at the historical town of Deir el Qamar.
- Diner at Deir el Oumara in Deir el Qamar

**Meals Included: Breakfast + Lunch + Diner**

**Accommodation: La Maison des sources guesthouse in Ain Zhalta**

## Day 9: Sunday, February 20

### Beirut (Departure day)

- Return to Beirut for a free day in the capital & airport drop off.

**Meals Included: Breakfast**

**END OF THE TRIP**

## **PRICE:**

**1880\$ or 1580€/ Person in a double room**

**2280\$ or 1915€/ Person in a single room**

## **RATE INCLUDE:**

- Professional 24/7 ASSISTANCE - Pia ABOUD: Tour Operator, Travel Expert and Heritage management specialist.
- Full 9 days TOUR, ACTIVITIES, VISITS & SITE ENTREES. (referring to the program)
- Full ski equipment rentals
- All Ski resort tickets
- All Airport PICK UPS and TRANSFERS.
- Private TRANSPORTATION with all fuel expenses throughout all the journey according to the program.
- 9 Nights ACCOMODATION in lodges, guesthouse, and cabins as mentioned in the program.
- MEALS: 8 Breakfasts + 2 Lunches + 5 Dinners
- Local GUIDES when needed.

## **RATES EXCLUDE:**

- International Flights
- Optional Travel Insurance covering daily activities and tours (Ask for the price depending on the option you choose)
- Any Alcoholic drinks during all mentioned meals
- Laundry service
- Personal expenses and souvenirs.
- Meals not mentioned in the program.
- Optional activities.
- Any other Item not included under “RATE INCLUDES”
- PCR tests if required

## **REGISTRATION POLICY :**

- **4% DISCOUNT** for early birds or groups of **4 and above.**



- Registration will not be taken into consideration or confirmed unless you pay at least **50% DEPOSIT** out of the total amount.
- The remaining **50%** has to be paid in cash upon arrival due to difficulties within the banking system in Lebanon.
- **DEADLINE** for registration is **15 January 2022**
- **DEADLINE** to complete the full trip settlement is **25 January 2022**
- Your passport should be valid for at least 3 months after the departure date.

### **CANCELTATION POLICY :**

- IF you cancel your reservation BEFORE **11 December 2021**, The full amount you paid will be refunded, minus the bank charges.
- IF cancellation occurs Starting and AFTER **11 December 2021** Half of the amount you paid will be refunded. (Subject to case by case)
- IF cancellation occurs Starting and AFTER **11 January 2022** the full amount will be unrefunded. (Subject to case by case)

### **NB:**

- \*Sometimes, due to reasons beyond our control, slight modifications to the program may occur.
- \* Places are limited (maximum trip capacity 12 persons). Hurry up and book your spot before the trip SELLS OUT!

### **For more Information and Registration:**

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