

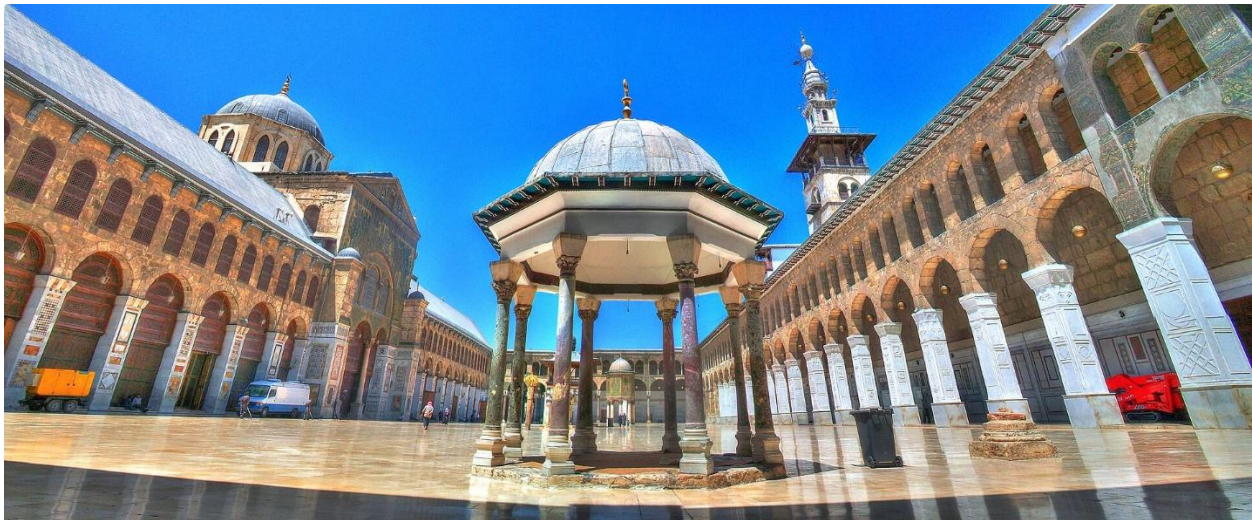
SYRIA OVERLAND FROM BEIRUT, LEBANON

Date : 3 May – 14 May 2027
: 8 Nov – 19 Nov 2027
Duration : 12 Days 10 Nights
Ground cost : RM9100/pax, twin-sharing (additional RM2000 single supp)

Tour Itinerary

Day 01: Kuala Lumpur – Beirut, Lebanon

Departure from KLIA at 9:30am. Arrival Beirut at 6:50pm local time Lebanon. Transfer to hotel and rest. Overnight in Beirut.



Day 02: Beirut – Damascus, Syria (B)

After breakfast, embark on a scenic drive toward the Syrian border and onward to Damascus. Lebanon-Syria border crossing takes approximately 4 hours. Settle into your charming Old Damascene hotel and enjoy a brief rest before embarking on a captivating walking tour of the historic old town. Start our exploration of the old town with a visit to the Ananias Church, Damascus' oldest underground structure. It is believed to be the remains of the home of Ananias of Damascus, where he famously baptized Saul, who later became Paul the Apostle. Explore Straight Street (or in Latin, Via Recta) the Roman street that runs from east to west in the old city of Damascus. It was visited by St. Paul as recorded in the Book of Acts and contains

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several interesting sights from the Roman, Christian, and Islamic periods. Then visit the oldest cafe in Damascus (al Nofara) and listen to the famous storyteller. Later on, head to Nanerj, the best restaurant in the old city of Damascus, for dinner. Additionally, there is an option to visit a traditional Hamam for an evening scrub. There's no better way to wrap up your first day in Damascus than by unwinding in one of its historic bathhouses. Overnight in Damascus.



Day 03: Full Day Damascus Tour (B)

After breakfast, we will begin exploring the city at a relaxed pace, allowing ample time for photography and meaningful interactions with the locals. The National Museum: Its visit provides an overview of the civilizations that have succeeded on Syrian soil. Specifically, it contains statues, seals, jewelry, masks, mosaics, tablets and weavings from the most important sites in the country. Then, we will head to the Handicraft Market, which is home to some of the finest handmade goods in the Middle East. Following that, we will explore Souk Al-Hamidiye: The most beautiful souk of Damascus. Here, its shops display all sorts of goods, especially clothes, fabrics, pastries, and handicrafts. The Umayyad Mosque, a historic site of worship dating back to the first millennium B.C, it was once a church and is now one of the most important mosques in the world. Azem Palace, a beautifully preserved example of a traditional Damascene house turned Ottoman-era Museum. We will visit the devastated Ghouta area,

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which was tragically attacked with chemical weapons by the Assad regime, a poignant reminder of the region's history and the resilience of its people. We will visit Mount Qasioun, the highest peak offering a breathtaking panoramic view of the entire city of Damascus. Then discover some hidden gems in Damascus, such as Al Qashleh Cafe, known for its vibrant atmosphere and popularity with Syria's younger crowd. Additionally, we'll visit the barber shop, a truly one-of-a-kind experience. Overnight in Damascus.



Day 04: Maaloula - Mar Musa - Hama – Aleppo (B)

Our first stop today will be Maaloula, a small Christian town that suffered immense destruction by ISIS in 2014. Despite this, it remains one of the most scenic villages in Syria and is the only place in the world where Aramaic, the language spoken by Christ, is still actively used as a living language; in fact, it is possible to hear the Lord's prayer being spoken using it. Then, we visit Mar Musa, a breathtaking 6th-century monastery perched among rugged mountains. Shaped like a towering fortress, this ancient site was founded by Mar Musa al-Habashi (Saint Moses of Abyssinia), according to legend, was the son of an Ethiopian king. Then drive north to

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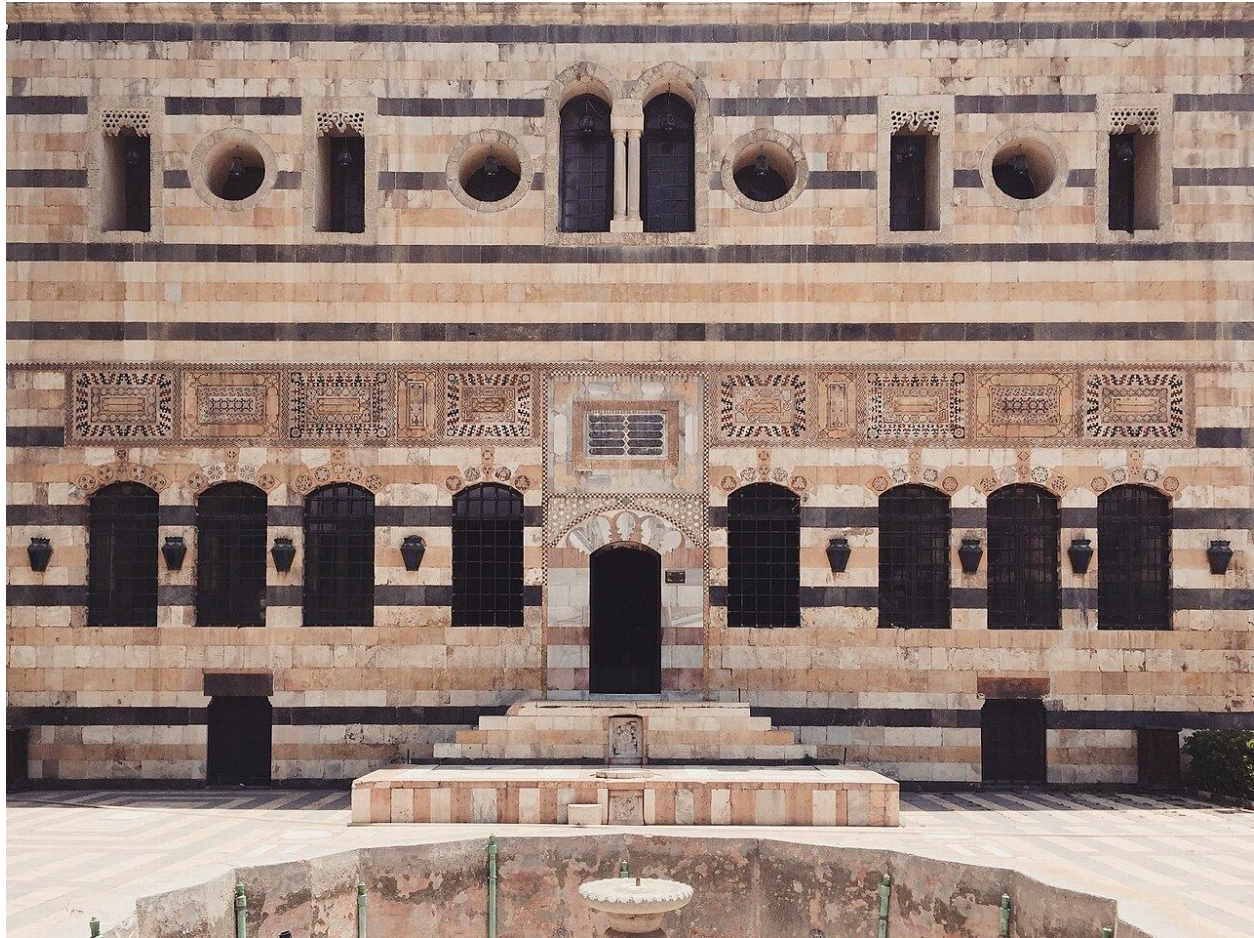
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Hama, where we'll visit the iconic water wheels that once played a crucial role in providing water for the surrounding land. Furthermore, these ancient structures are a symbol of the city's rich history. Then, will head to Aleppo, a flourishing metropolis from the 3rd millennium BC. Aleppo has been fighting with Damascus for the title of the world's oldest continuously inhabited city. Overnight in Aleppo.



Day 05: Aleppo City Tour (B)

After breakfast, visit Aleppo Castle which stands in the middle of the city and dominates it from the height of fifty meters. Furthermore, it has admirably designed towers and is distinguished by its entrances made with perfection to prevent any enemy intrusion, as well as its iron gates. Then stroll through the market stretching from the front of the castle to the old city. Along the way, we'll witness the contrast between the destroyed areas, the active restoration sites, and finally, the fully renovated section, which now looks stunning. Aleppo is renowned for its spicy sausage; therefore, we will make a stop at Abu Hagoub Restaurant, famous for serving the best sausage sandwiches in the city. Then visit the Umayyad Mosque in Aleppo, which is currently in

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the final stages of restoration. Next visit Al-Jubaili Soap Factory, the oldest in Aleppo, where you will have the opportunity to witness the traditional process of crafting the world-famous laurel Aleppo soap, renowned for its quality and history. Also visit a soap exhibition where you can touch the largest bar of soap in the world according to the Guinness Book of Records. Head for sunset at one of our secret spots overlooking Aleppo. Overnight in Aleppo.



Day 06: Aleppo - Idlib - Citadel of Salah ad-Din - Lattakia (B)

After breakfast, we will visit Idlib Governorate, which has become more accessible to other cities after its liberation. Here, you will observe a unique economic system distinct from other regions, and we will also visit the refugee camps, gaining insight into the challenges faced by displaced families. Then, visit Syria's most breathtaking castle, majestically perched on a rocky hill, offering panoramic views of the surrounding green mountains. One of its most remarkable features is a manually excavated moat, a testament to the dedication and skill of its builders. This historic fortress has witnessed the influence of multiple civilizations, from the Phoenicians and Byzantines to the crusaders and the era of Saladin. Then continue journey to the charming city of Lattakia, where the sea meets lush green mountains and a lively urban atmosphere. Upon arrival, we will explore the city and take in its unique blend of natural beauty and vibrant culture. Overnight in Lattakia.

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Day 07: Lattakia - Burj Islam - Ugarit - Marqab Castle – Tartous (B)

After breakfast, depart for Burj Islam, an area renowned for its stunning rocky beaches and crystal-clear blue waters. This picturesque coastal spot also features a breathtaking sea cave, offering a unique and serene natural escape. Then continue journey to Ugarit, a historic coastal town north of Lattakia. Ugarit gained fame with the discovery of clay tablets bearing the world's oldest known consonantal alphabet. The earliest settlement, a large fortified village, dates to the 8th millennium BC. Later, two immense palaces were constructed, containing archives and literary texts that reveal an astonishing diversity of languages and five distinct writing systems, including the Ugaritic script from the 14th century BC. Next, visit Marqab Castle, also known as Margat, is a historic crusader fortress near Baniyas. As one of the major strongholds of the Knights Hospitaller—who also controlled Krak des Chevaliers—the two castles communicated via smoke signals or mirrors through Chastel-Blanc (Safita), a smaller intermediary fortress. Perched on a hilltop, Marqab Castle offers breathtaking views of the coastline. Then will arrive in the coastal city of Tartous, where the vibrant atmosphere blends seamlessly with the sea. Tartous is renowned for its lively seafront, lined with dozens of cafés and restaurants offering stunning views and a relaxing ambiance. Overnight in Tartous.

Day 08: Tartous – Arwad – Amrit - Krak Des Chevaliers – Homs (B)

After breakfast, visit Arwad Island - the only island in Syria known for its charming narrow alleys and small houses enclosed within ancient walls. Measuring approximately 800 meters in length and 500 meters in width, the Phoenicians settled on the island in the early second millennium BC. Today, Arwad is renowned for its handmade shipbuilding and thriving fishing industry. Next head to Amrit, this Phoenician temple located in Tartous Governorate dates to the third millennium BC. Its unique design features a central altar accessible only by boat, as it is surrounded by water within the temple grounds. The site reflects the grandeur of the Phoenician civilization along the Syrian coast. Notably, an Olympic stadium is situated nearby. After that, continue journey to Krak des Chevaliers, which is described by Lawrence of Arabia as "the most wholly admirable castle in the world." In addition, this medieval crusader fortress is one of the most significant and well-preserved castles from that era, offering a fascinating glimpse into Syrian History. Next head to Homs, the city most affected by the war. Explore the Khaled Ibn Al-Walid Shrine and the St. Mary Church of the Holy Belt, two significant landmarks of the city. Overnight in Homs.

Day 09: Homs - Palmyra – Damascus (B)

After breakfast, early departure to Palmyra. Firstly, visit the ancient city of Palmyra, Syria's most iconic tourist destination. Notably, once a key city on the Silk Road, Palmyra briefly ruled its own empire in the 3rd century, stretching from Turkey to Egypt. However, despite being well-preserved, much of the city was sadly destroyed during the ISIS occupation in 2015. During tour will explore what remains, including the Arch of Triumph, Fakhr ad-Din al-Maani Castle, the Sulphur Spring, the Great Columns, the Theater, the Agora, and the Tombs. Afterward, drive back to Damascus, arriving just in time to enjoy a relaxing dinner in the city. Overnight in Damascus.

Day 10: Shrine of Sayyida Zaynab - Busra Al Sham – Damascus (B)

After breakfast, visit Shrine of Sayyida Zaynab, an important Mosque for Shiaa followers. After that, continue journey to south through the lush, fertile plains to the ancient city of Bosra al-Sham, which is certainly home to the best-preserved Roman amphitheater in the world. Explore city's rich Roman heritage, including its baths and captivating historical tales. Afterward, drive back to Damascus to wrap up the journey with a memorable final night out. Overnight in Damascus.

Day 11: Damascus – Beirut – Kuala Lumpur (B)

After breakfast, drive back and cross border to Beirut. Flight departure at 8:20pm. End tour.

Day 12: Arrival KLIA

Arrival at 2:45pm.

What Included

Accommodation, twin-sharing
Breakfast
All private land transport
English speaking local guide
Tour leader from Malaysia
All entrance fees
Water bottled
6% Services and Tax

What Excluded

International flight KL-Beirut (RM3000 with Qatar)
Lunch and dinner (3-5 USD/meal)
Travel insurance
Tipping to local guide & driver total 30 USD/person
Anything that is not mentioned above

How to Book Tour

Non-refundable deposit RM3000/pax to secure a seat on this customized tour. To transfer online, below are the details:

Payable To: **ETERNAL TOURS SDN. BHD.**
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Reminder

- Tour itinerary may subject to change in response to various uncertainties, interested tour members should be mentally prepared to accept changes and be understanding.
- Syria and Lebanon is a Muslim country, respect local culture and religion, observe modesty in dress code.
- Please do not give money to the children that you meet on the road, as this will groom them to be street beggars. You may consider giving away useful items such as pen, pencil, coloring books etc.

Refund/ Cancellation Policy**Tour deposit**

A deposit must be paid as a reservation fee. The balance of full payment must be made within 21 days before the trip. A failure to comply with this requirement may result in the cancellation of reservation and forfeiture of deposit.

Cancellation by guest

22-44 working days before the date of departure - forfeiture of tour deposit

15-21 working days before the date of departure - 35% of tour fare

08-14 working days before the date of departure - 50% of tour fare

03-07 working days before the date of departure - 75% of tour fare

02 working days or less before the date of departure - 100% of tour fare

Cancellation by company

The company reserves the right to cancel the tour due to any act of natural disaster, war, strike, riot or order from the Government of Malaysia which is beyond its control. The company shall recommend alternative tours preferably to the same destination or other tours. Should any passenger decide not to accept the alternative tours, all money paid minus the administrative fee chargeable will be refunded to the passenger.

Refund of unused services

No refund or reduction will be made to any member in respect of accommodation, meals, sightseeing tours, transport, or any other services which are included in the tour fare out not utilized by the tour member due to personal reasons.