

Magical Syria

Day1: Arrival to Damascus

Arrival to Damascus airport. Meet and assist and transfer to the hotel. Dinner and overview at Qassioun Mountain and overnight in Damascus.

Day2: Damascus

Full day visit to Damascus: the Tekkiye Suleimaniye, the Omayyad Mosque, the Saladins Shrine, the Azem Palace, the museum of Arab Sciences and Medicine, the Window of St. Paul and the St. Ananias Church and stroll in Souk Hamidiyeh. overnight in Damascus.

Day3: Damascus - Mar Mosa monastery

drive to Nabek and a hike towards Mar Mosa monastery to enjoy meeting other like minded travelers and enjoy the serenity and local made organic food.

Overnight at Mar Mosa monastery.

Day4: Slunfeh - Kassab

Proceed to Lattakia to visit Slunfeh Ceder & Fir Nature Reserve and Fronloq forests Protected area and will visit Kassab and the Coastal area.

Overnight in Kasab in a family run hotel enjoy traditional food and natural fruits picked just from the garden near you enjoy interacting with locals.

Overnight at Kasab.

Day5:

Proceed to Aleppo. Proceed to Aleppo. Full day visit to Aleppo, including the Citadel, the Great Mosque and the old and new quarters of the city. Stroll in the famous souq. Dinner and overnight in Aleppo

Day6:

visit the St. Simeon Cathedral. Departure for Palmyra: visit to the Temple of Bel, The Arch of Triumph, the Great Colonnade, the Agora, the theater, the temple of Baal Shamin, the tombs and the regional museum. overnight in a Bedouin tent.

Day7:

Early departure for Resafe and Halebiye. En route, visit the Qal'at Al Jaabar. Proceed to Resafe, this city is, and has been, a famous pilgrimage center in honour of St.Sergius since the

Byzantine period. The remains of this lime stone city, the basilica and cisterns are all contained within a great wall. Proceed to Deir Ez Zor. En route, visit Halebieh, including the Citadel, basilicas, forum and bath. overnight in Deir Ez Zor.

Day8:

Departure for Dura Europos and Mari. The site of Mari dates back to the 4th Millenium. The city was inhabited between 2600 - 2340 BC. Proceed to the Hellenistic site of Doura Europos, where different temples, a Christian chapel and a synagogue are found. The excavations of this unfinished site next to the Euphrates revealed an agora, baths, palaces and forum. Back to Deir Ez Zor for overnight.

Day9:

Departure for Damascus: on the road, visit of the convent of Mar Sarkis and Sergius and Monastery of Mar Takla in Ma'aloula. Listen to the locals speaking Aramaic, the language of Jesus Christ, and admire the prehistorically Caverns. Proceed to Damascus and overnight.

Day10:

Transfer to the airport for departure