

Syria 8 Days – 7 Nights

"From Sunday October 17th to Sunday October 24th"



Sunday 17th October

Arriving at **Damascus International Airport**, transfer to your hotel in Damascus.

Overnight Damascus.

Monday 18th October

After breakfast, the driver and guide will meet you at the hotel to start the journey to the ancient ruins of **Palmyra "Queen of the Desert"**: visiting the **Temple of Bel**, the **Monumental Arch**, the **Colonnade**, the **Theatre**, the **Agora**, the **Tombs**, and the **Regional Museum**.



Overnight Palmyra.

Tuesday 19th October



Depart **Palmyra** after breakfast, heading north to **Aleppo**. On the way, visit **Hama** and its famous **Norias**, the evocative remains of **Apamea**, and the Dead City of **Serjilla**.

Overnight Aleppo.

Wednesday 20th October

After breakfast, the guide and driver will meet you at the hotel to begin the tour of **Aleppo**. Visit the **Archaeological Museum** and continue on to the **Citadel**, the **Grand Mosque**, the **Caravanserais** "Khan al-Wazir, Khan al-Sabun & Khan al-Gomruk", the **Bimaristan Arghun al-Kamili** "once psychiatric hospital in the 14th Century and now a museum", **Jdayde quarter**, and stroll in the **old famous souks and bazars**.



Overnight Aleppo.

Thursday 21st October



The start of the day with an excursion to the **Sanctuary of St. Simeon**, then continue to visit the Bronze Age remains of **Ain Dara**.

After the visit, your guide and driver will join you back to Aleppo.

PM: Free at leisure for exploration of the souks.

Overnight Aleppo.

Friday 22nd October

Departure from **Aleppo** to return to **Damascus**. En route, visit the spectacular Crusader castle of **Krak des Chevaliers**. Continue to the small Christian mountain village of **Maaloula** "where the locals still speak the Aramaic", with its convent of **Mar Sarkis**, and monastery of **Mar Takla**.



Overnight Damascus

Saturday 23rd October

After breakfast the guide will meet you at the hotel to begin a full day tour of **Damascus**.



Visit the **National Museum**, the **Umayyad Mosque**, **Azem Palace**, **Straight Street**, the **Chapel of St. Ananias**, the **Window of St. Paul**, **Saladin's Mausoleum**, and stroll in **Souq Hamadiyah**.

Overnight Damascus.

Sunday 24th October

Transfer to **Damascus International Airport** for departure.

HOTELS

DAMASCUS

TALISMAN: 5 stars - This Jewish Palace in Damascus old city has been renovated with a beautiful palette of warm colors and traditional furnishings.

www.talismanhotels.com

OR

BEIT ZAMAN: 5 stars, located in the Straight Street - Four traditional Damascene houses have been combined to offer 28 rooms & suites. Dispersed on two floors, overlooking the courtyard with fruity trees. An authentic in-house Hamam (Turkish bath) makes it a plus.

www.beit-zaman.com

OR

OLD VINE: This luxurious 17th century 9 bedroom boutique hotel is built around a central courtyard with lemon trees, magnificent old vine and fountains.

www.oldvinehotel.com

PALMYRA

DEDEMAN PALMYRA: 5 stars, located just minutes away from the ancient city

www.dedeman.com/palmyra

OR

ZENOBIA CHAM PALACE: 4 stars - with excellent location right on the edge of the ruins, overlooking the archaeological site.

http://www.chamhotels.com/zenobia_palace.html

ALEPPO

YASMEEN D'ALEP: This luxury hotel in a restored 17th century Aleppian house in the Jdaydeh area, a few steps from the main attractions. Personal and intimate with only 8 rooms and suites. www.yasmeenalep.com

OR

ORIENT HOUSE: Situated in the heart of the Jdaydeh district, a short walk from the city's 12 Century Citadel and the souks. Just doors away from the best restaurants.

www.darzamaria.com