

Syria 9 Days – 8 Nights

"From Saturday October 30th to Sunday November 07th"



Saturday 30th October

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

Overnight Damascus.

Sunday 31st 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.

Monday 1st November

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 2nd November



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

Overnight Aleppo.

Wednesday 3rd November

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 4th November



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 5th November

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 6th November



Excursion to the south of **Damascus** to visit the "Plateau du Leja", **Shahba**, **Qanawat**, and Roman and Nabatean **Bosra** with its magnificently preserved Roman Amphitheatre.

Overnight Damascus

Sunday 7th November

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