

# ESSENTIAL INFORMATION LEBANON

## PASSPORT AND VISA INFORMATION

Your passport needs to be valid for **at least six (6) months** after your journey ends, and should have a minimum of one (1) blank visa page for entry and exit stamps.

**A tourist visa is required for U.S. and Canadian passport holders for entry into Lebanon.**

Tourist visas are currently being offered free of charge on arrival at Rafic Hariri International Airport (BEY) in Beirut (subject to change without notice).

*Note: Individuals who were born in Israel, hold Israeli passports or have an Israel entry stamp in their passport are generally not permitted to enter Lebanon. If you have a non-removable Israel entry stamp from a previous visit, you will need to obtain a new passport.*

Citizens of other countries should contact the appropriate consular office for entry requirements pertaining to their journey.

## VACCINATIONS

A yellow fever vaccination is only required to enter Lebanon if you are arriving from, or have transited through, a yellow fever-endemic area in South America or Africa. The CDC and WHO each provide a current list of all affected countries. If vaccination for yellow fever is necessary, you must carry an International Certificate of Vaccination provided by your physician; you may be denied entry without it. If your physician advises against receiving the vaccination because of your personal medical history, he or she can provide you with the necessary documentation for the country/countries you are visiting.

## CASH & CREDIT CARDS

Cash transactions can be made in either U.S. dollars or local currency. Major credit cards are widely accepted for goods and services. Access to ATM machines is widespread in cities and towns, but may be limited in rural areas.

# PACKING LIST

## LEBANON

Choose versatile, casual clothing that can be layered if the weather (or level of air-conditioning) requires. Smart casual attire is appropriate for evenings. Formal clothing is not necessary.

Temples, mosques and other religious sites require conservative dress. Both sexes should cover their arms, legs and shoulders (women should pack a scarf for this purpose.) Wear or carry a pair of socks when sightseeing, since shoes must be removed when visiting certain religious sites.

### Clothing

- Casual slacks
- Walking shorts
- Polo shirts, casual short-sleeve shirts or blouses
- Long sleeve shirts or blouses
- Long comfortable skirts for women
- Scarf large enough to cover neck and shoulders for women
- Sweater or lightweight jacket
- Comfortable walking shoes with traction
- Brimmed hat for sun protection
- Foldable umbrella to use as sun shade
- Sleepwear
- Personal garments
- Socks
- Swimwear/cover-up

### Other Recommended Items

- Sunglasses
- Sun block / Insect repellent
- Simple first-aid kit
- Prescriptions and medications (in their original bottles and/or packaging)
- Extra eyeglasses/contact lenses
- Smartphone
- Charging cables for electronics
- Global travel adapter

### Optional Items

- Small LED flashlight
- Foldable walking stick
- Small daypack or fanny pack

Laundry service is available at most hotels and dry cleaning is available in larger cities. Check costs and return times before using these services.

Please use the provided Buongiorno Travel luggage tags, even if your bags already have ID tags. This makes it easier for Buongiorno Travel staff to collect and manage your luggage for you.

## TIPPING GUIDELINES LEBANON

While decisions regarding tipping rest entirely with you, we suggest the following gratuities (noted in U.S. dollars) depending on the type of journey.

|                                       | <b>Tailor Made Journeys</b>            |
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| Local Guide<br>(driving own vehicle)  | \$40 per person, per day<br>(full day) |
| Local Guide<br>(with separate driver) | \$25 per person, per day<br>(full day) |
| Drivers                               | \$15 per person, per day<br>(full day) |
| Airport Transfer Drivers              | \$5 per person, per transfer           |
| Hotel Porters                         | \$2 per bag                            |
| Housekeepers                          | \$2 per person, per night              |
| Included Meals                        | Included                               |
| Restaurants or Room<br>Service on Own | 10-15% unless already added            |