

MITHRA  
Travel & Tourism



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للسياحة و السفر

# Essentials of Syria

8 Days - 7 Nights



Day1

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## Arrival in Damascus

Arrival – Transfer to Damascus – overnight at the hotel.

When your plane lands in Lebanon, a driver will be waiting for you at the airport or around Beirut to get you to the Lebanese-Syrian borders. After crossing the borders the car will get you to the hotel in Damascus.



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## Day 2

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# Damascus City Tour

Meet our guide in the Hotel, then The tour starts with our guide to taking you. To the following sites:

- **The National Museum:** Its visit provides an overview of the civilizations that have succeeded in Syrian soil. It contains statues, seals, jewelry, masks, mosaics, tablets and weavings from the most important sites in the country.
- **The Umayyad Mosque:** which is the best example of Arabic Islamic architecture that dates back to the 8th century A.D; The tour will also include a stroll in the old Souks to enjoy the oriental fragrance Located in the heart of the Medina, the mosque is distinguished by its prayer room, its courtyard and its walls covered with mosaics.
- **El-Azem Palace:** Not far from the Great Mosque, in the labyrinth of the souk is the palace El-Azem. It is considered as the sumptuous model of the Damascene house whose exterior simplicity and sobriety do not suggest anything about a beautiful and rich interior, with many varieties of flowers, fruit trees and water jets.
- **Saint Ananias Church:** It is of particular importance because it is attached to the memory of Saint Paul. Before his conversion to Christianity he had a vision here that blinded him for several days and gave him an unshakeable faith.
- **Souk Al-Hamidiye:** The most beautiful souk of Damascus. Its shops display all sorts of goods, especially clothes, fabrics, pastries and handicrafts.
- Dinner in a restaurant then overnight in **Damascus**.







## Day 3

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# Damascus - Maaloula - Hama - Aleppo

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Departure towards **Maaloula**. The monastery of Maaloula contains a portrait of the Virgin believed to have been painted by St. Luke. The little houses of the village cling to the face of an enormous rock; they look suspended in mid-air. The inhabitants still speak Aramaic, the language spoken by Jesus Christ. The word Maaloula means "entrance" in Aramaic.
- Continue to **Hama** to admire its famous norias: large wooden wheels, installed on the edge of the Orontes and which have not stopped turning since the fourteenth century to raise the water to distribute in the city. The rustic beauty of these old machines is striking, their regular song seems to come from the depths of time.
- Arrival to **Aleppo**, free time in the souks and possibility of relaxing in a hammam.
- Dinner in a restaurant over Night at the hotel.





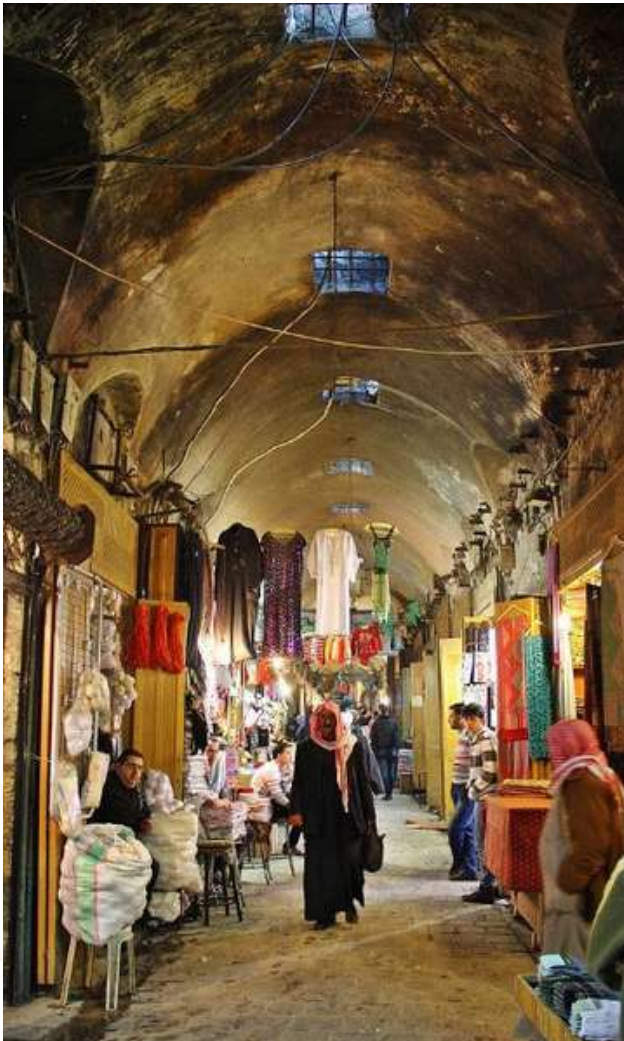




## Day 4            Aleppo City Tour

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Visit of the second city of Syria.
- A flourishing metropolis since the 3rd millennium BC, **Aleppo** has been fighting with Damascus for the title of the world's oldest continuously inhabited city. The old city has undoubtedly the most beautiful souks of the Middle East. Lunch during the visit.
- **The citadel:** stands in the middle of the city and dominates it from the height of its fifty meters. It has admirably designed towers and is distinguished by its entrances made with perfection to prevent any enemy intrusion and its iron gates.
- **Caravanserais:** They were intended for the accommodation of traders on the move and their goods. They are famous for their decorated facades, high arched entrances and huge wooden doors that closed at nightfall.
- **The souks:** The old souks covered with Aleppo are distinguished by their coffered vaults and their enormous cupolas. Most date back to the 15th and 16th centuries. These are real living museums that offer us a true image of what were the commercial districts and the animation that reigned in the Middle Ages. Each souk specializes in selling a type of product. In the charming souks you can also find authentic Bedouin handicrafts, as well as rugs, fabrics and many varieties of delicacies to enjoy, such as the famous Aleppo pistachios, honey-based pastries, almonds and fruits. dry that will make happy the most greedy. You will do the best shopping in the Orient ...
- Dinner in a restaurant. overnight at the hotel.









Day5

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## Aleppo - Homs - Crack des Chevaliers - Al Mishtaya

- Continuation to the **Crack des Chevaliers**, the most famous fortress of the Middle Ages. The crusaders made it the basic element of their system of strongholds on the coast. It is so vast and so impregnable that it has become the symbol of a whole era of bloody struggles between Muslims and Crusaders.
- Dinner in **Al-Mishtaya** at restaurant. overnight at the hotel.





Day 6

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## Al Mishtaya – Palmyra – Damascus

- Heading to visit **Al-Mishtaya**, a village in northwestern Syria, located west of Homs. It is characterized by its charming landscapes, and beautiful climate.
- **Palmyra** is an ancient archaeological site in Syria. The architecture of Palmyra mixes Greco-Roman, Persian and Arabic styles. Palmyra is called in Latin “Palmyra”, which is associated with palms, and the origin of this name is the Arabic word “Palmyra”, which is associated with dates and palm trees as well Arabic word “Palmyra”, which is associated with dates and palm trees as well.
- **Palmyra:** The one that the Romans baptized Palmyra (the city of palms) and that the Syrians call Tadmor (miracle in Aramaic) is the most important oasis of the Syrian desert. Located 240 km from Damascus, Palmyra is the city of all superlatives. It arises in the midst of golden sands that extend to infinity. An oasis of columns, remains and palm trees that testifies to the splendor of this city that made, one day, tremble Rome ...
- **The temple of Bel:** It was for the Palmyrenes what Zeus was for the Greeks. Its temple is the largest and most majestic building in Palmyra, a unique example of fusion between Greco-Roman and oriental-inspired architecture.
- **The theater and the big colonnade:** It crosses the city on more than one kilometer by which the caravans arriving from the desert passed.
- **Tombs:** including tombs towers, tombs dug, tombs temples or individual tombs.









Day 7

## Damascus - Bosra - Damascus

- Breakfast at the hotel. Departure towards the South of Syria.
- Visit **Bosra**, a very ancient city, already mentioned in the inscriptions of Akhenaton, in the 14th century BC. The most important of its monuments is the famous Roman theater (2nd century AD), the one of the most beautiful and best preserved in the world. It is 45 meters long and has a depth of 8 meters. Its stands can accommodate seventeen thousand spectators.
- Back to **Damascus** overnight and dinner at the hotel.







## Day 8 Departure

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### About Mithra

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A Trip of Thousand Miles always starts by a Step! His force and profession come from the wide experience, Mahmoud Arnaout Director of "Mithra" travel agency, licensed as a tourist guide "French language" in 1995 and as a teacher for many years preparing new guides, also licensed in French literature, did many trips to Europe which enriched his knowledge of the heritage "Museums, archeological sites, conferences...", a member of "Friends of Louvre", 27 years of experience in the world of tourism, member of the union of chambers of tourism in Damascus specialist and Lover of archeology.

Mithra travel was established in 2005 in Damascus – Syria. our team are highly trained and qualified, knowing the land that keeps good contacts with all, having good services with high standards.

What we offer: Hiking, Christian Pilgrimage, Gastronomy, Recommended programs, Golf, Shopping, Circuits (a la carte), Selection of lovely hotels, Road book upon arrival, Assistance 24/24, Modern Transportation, Typical evenings with typical music for all programs, Typical restaurants and more!

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