



The Grand Mosque Umayyad, Damascus © The Dawn Group

SYRIA

A land of mystery, Syria is a treasure trove of historical sites waiting to be explored. Ancient mosques and souks sit beside biblical churches and Roman citadels. Visit the fascinating cities of Damascus, Aleppo and Bosra, or the ruins of Crac de Chevaliers and Palmyra all listed as World Heritage sites. Not to be missed is the amazing Syrian cuisine reputed to be the best in the Middle East.

DAMASCUS
4 days/3 nights
Hotels

Steeped in history, Damascus is the oldest continuously inhabited city in the world. Explore the historic and archaeological sites and take in the enchanting souks, mosques and bazaars. Enjoy a day trip into the Damascus countryside to Crac Des Chevalier, an old Crusader stronghold.

ACCOMMODATION

Price per person from:	Twin	Single
01 Jan-31 Dec		
Four Seasons Hotel	\$1892	\$2673
Talisman Al Ameen	\$1065	\$1527
Talisman Bab Al Salem	\$1065	\$1527
Beit Zaman Hotel	\$1125	\$1508

Price per person includes: Damascus airport/hotel return transfers, hotel accommodation for 3 nights on a bed & breakfast basis, full day city and Crac Des Chevaliers tours.

Four Seasons Hotel

This luxury hotel is adjacent to a public garden and an old mosque. The hotel has 297 rooms, all with internet access and en-suite bathrooms. Facilities include six dining venues, pool and fitness centre.

Talisman Al Ameen

In the old town of Damascus, this one-time Jewish palace has been restored in the style of a traditional Arab house. The 17 ensuite rooms and suites have distinctive antique furnishings and the hotel has a pool, lounge and dining room.

Talisman Bab Al Salem

This 300 year old Damascus house has been restored in traditional Arab style with 12 ensuite rooms and suites furnished with local antiques. It is within walking distance to the Grand Mosque.



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Talisman Al Ameen



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Beit Zaman Hotel

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This boutique hotel is located in the historical heart of the old city of Damascus. Its 28 rooms feature modern amenities and are individually decorated with antique furniture and local handicrafts.

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Tour cost per person from:	Twin	Single
01 Jan-30 Dec		
Palmyra		
Tadamora Palace	\$1094	\$1371
Zenobia Cham Palace	\$895	\$1019
Aleppo		
Sheraton Hotel	\$1066	\$1385
Beit Salahieh	\$954	\$1188
Al Mansouriya Palace	\$1471	\$2225

Price per person includes: Return airport transfers, 2 nights accommodation on a B&B basis, English speaking guide, transportation in an air-conditioned vehicle and entrance fees.

Palmyra

Duration: 3 days/2 nights
Palmyra, the 'Bride of the Desert' was historically a wealthy and elegant city. Located along the caravan routes of ancient times, it was a vital stop when crossing the Syrian Desert. The stunning remains give a glimpse into its opulent past.



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Stunning Palmyra Ruins

Aleppo

Duration: 3 days/2 nights
One of the most coveted cities in history, Aleppo was an important centre of trade between the eastern Mediterranean kingdoms and the merchants of Venice prior to the creation of the Suez Canal. Its many occupants have all left their mark on the city.



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Crac Des Chevaliers



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Bougainvillea and Lantern at Azem Palace, Damascus



Mountain Monastery, Maaloula © The Dawn Group

PALMYRA ACCOMMODATION
Tadamera Palace

Located at the entrance to Palmyra, Tadamera Palace offers 73 rooms and suites with modern amenities. Facilities include a swimming pool, gym, spa and a variety of bars and restaurants.

Zenobia Cham Palace

Located in the archaeological area of Palmyra, Zenobia Cham Palace offers 130 air-conditioned rooms and suites furnished with modern amenities and Syrian decor. The terrace restaurant serves a wide variety of cuisine.



© Tadamera Palace

Tadamera Palace, Palmyra

ALEPPO ACCOMMODATION
Sheraton Hotel

Built on its own city block, all the historical sites of Aleppo are on your doorstep. The 199 rooms and suites offer views of the city and facilities include a selection of restaurants, health club and pool.

Beit Salahieh

This intimate 42 room hotel has been furnished to replicate an affluent 1800 Syrian home. The roof top restaurant offers views of the citadel and serves authentic Aleppian cuisine.

Al Mansouriya Palace

Nestled in the heart of Aleppo, this 16th century palace features 9 suites individualized with different decor and contemporary comforts. The restaurant is known for its 'fusion' cuisine.



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Al Mansouriya Palace, Aleppo

SECRETS OF SYRIA

8 days/ 7 nights

Hotels

Departs ex Damascus

Tour cost per person twin:* A B C
01 Jan-30 Dec
Option 1
With English speaking guide \$2834 \$2518 \$3620
Option 2
With English speaking driver & local guides \$2722 \$2403 \$3505

*Minimum two people. Single travellers prices on request.

A: Sheraton Damascus, Tadamera Palmyra, Sheraton Aleppo

B: Talisman Damascus, Tadamera Palmyra, Beit Salahya Aleppo

C: Four Seasons Damascus, Tadamera Palmyra, Sheraton Aleppo

Price per person includes: Private transfers and sightseeing as per itinerary, hotel accommodation for 7 nights on a B&B basis, transportation in an air-conditioned vehicle, services of an English speaking guide or English speaking driver and local guides throughout tour.

Discover the secrets of Syria with its amazing mix of cultural and religious history. Walk through the old and new cities of Damascus, explore the archaeological sites of Palmyra and Crac Des Chevalier and view the stunning architecture of Aleppo.

Day 1 Damascus

Arrival transfer to your hotel for 3 nights. Steeped in history, Damascus is the oldest continually inhabited city in the world.

Day 2 Damascus

Enjoy a full day tour of Damascus. Highlights include the National Museum, the Grand Mosque Umayyad, fascinating Bazaars, the historic Roman street called 'Straight' and St. Ananias Church that dates back to biblical times. B



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Ancient Theatre in Bosra

Day 3 Damascus

Depart for Shahba, the birth place of Phillip the Arab who built a replica of Rome in his native city. Enroute visit Bosra, once the capital of the Roman province of Arabia. Return to Damascus for overnight. B

Day 4 Palmyra

Drive to the desert city of Palmyra, one of the best preserved sites in the Middle East. Explore the colonnaded streets, ornate stone carvings and imposing temples. Overnight in Palmyra. B

Days 5/6 Aleppo

After breakfast drive to Crac Des Chevaliers, one of the best examples of a Crusader castle and a World Heritage Site. Continue to Aleppo, famous for its architecture and formerly an important centre of trade. On day 6 enjoy a morning sightseeing tour before an afternoon visit to the Monastery of St Simeon. B



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Apamea

Day 7 Damascus

Visit the historic towns of Apamea, founded by the Seleucids in 3rd century BC, Hama, known for its enormous waterwheels, and Maaloula, the only place in the world where Aramaic is still used as a language. Continue to Damascus for overnight. B

Day 8 Tour ends Damascus

Drive to Damascus airport. Tour ends. B

SYRIAN COOKING CLASS

With a reputation for having some of the best food in the Middle East, discover the secrets of Syrian cuisine with a private lesson from an expert chef. Learn how to create a 3 course Syrian feast including soup, appetizers and the main course. Please call us or your travel agent for details.



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