

Beirut, Lebanon

A city of layered history — Phoenician, Roman, Ottoman, and bullet-scarred modern — Beirut rewards curious visitors with ancient ruins, spectacular coastal scenery, and some of the finest food in the Mediterranean.

Docked (Quay 5) Typical call: 8–10 hrs USD widely accepted; carry cash Arabic / French / English

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Berthed at Quay 5, Port of Beirut — ~10-min walk to downtown

Walk to center: 10 min to Martyrs' Square / Place de l'Étoile on foot

Best For: Ancient history, Lebanese cuisine, day trips to Byblos & Jeita Grotto

Don't Miss: Pigeon Rocks at Raouché, National Museum of Beirut, Byblos old harbor

Getting around: Taxi \$10–\$20 · Rideshare Uber, Bolt · Hop-on hop-off City Sightseeing Beirut

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Downtown Beirut & Roman Ruins** — Walk from the port to Place de l'Étoile, the restored Ottoman-era parliament square, then explore the Roman baths and Phoenician-era ruins visible...
- Jeita Grotto & Harissa** — Jeita Grotto is one of the world's great cave systems — two interconnected limestone chambers with a boat ride on an underground river.
- National Museum of Beirut** — Lebanon's principal archaeology museum traces 6,000 years of civilization — Phoenician sarcophagi, Bronze Age artifacts, and Roman mosaics.
- Byblos (Jbeil) — Ancient Phoenician City** — One of the oldest continuously inhabited cities on earth, Byblos is a UNESCO World Heritage Site 40 km north of Beirut.
- Beirut Food & Neighborhood Walk** — Lebanese cuisine is justifiably famous.

BEST WALKS

- Port to Place de l'Étoile & the Souks** 1.5 km • ~25 min • Flat — Leave the cruise terminal and walk west along the waterfront, then turn inland toward Martyrs' Square.
- Corniche Promenade to Pigeon Rocks** 4 km one way • ~50 min • Flat — From the port take a taxi to the start of the Corniche at Ain El-Mreisseh, then walk the seaside promenade south-west to Raouché and the famous Pigeon Rocks sea arches.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
	Mon	High	Low	Rain	
	Apr	72°	57°	6d	Apr 6:07AM–7:09PM · Jun 5:26AM–7:50PM · Aug 5:59AM–7:24PM · Sep 6:21AM–6:44PM · Oct 6:43AM–6:03PM USD widely accepted; carry cash
	Jun	83°	70°	2d	
	Aug	88°	76°	0d	
	Sep	86°	74°	2d	
	Oct	81°	68°	5d	

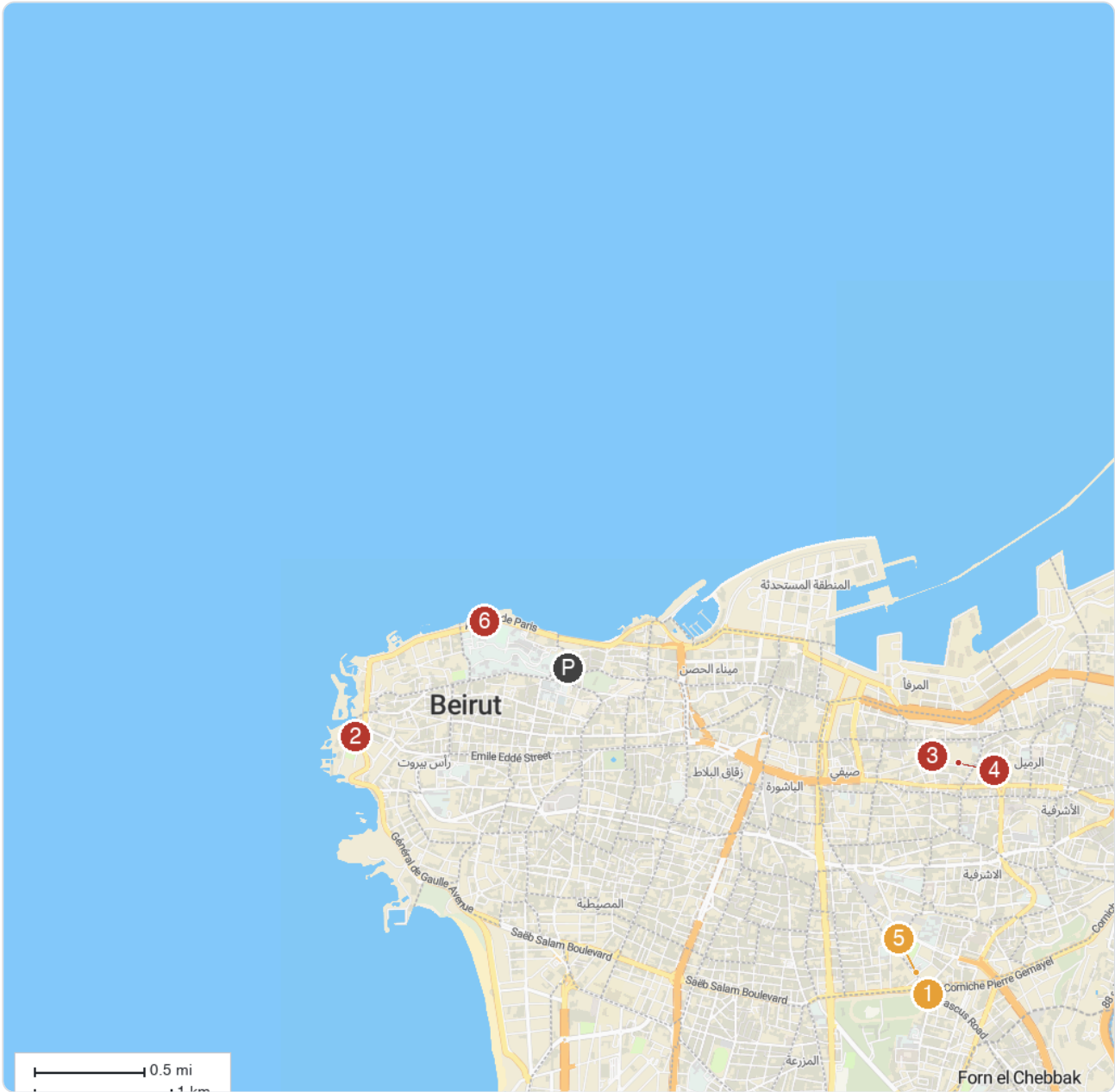
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Carry USD cash. Lebanon's economy is cash-heavy. USD is accepted almost everywhere in Beirut. Bring enough for the day — ATMs are unreliable and credit card acceptance is limited outside major hotels.
- Check travel advisories. Beirut's political and security situation can shift. Many cruise lines skip Beirut if tensions are elevated — verify your port call is confirmed before planning excursions.
- No cameras in Jeita Grotto. Phones and cameras are prohibited inside the cave system. Lockers are available at the entrance.
- Negotiate taxi fares upfront. Street taxis in Beirut do not use meters. Agree on the price before you get in, or use Uber/Careem for transparent pricing.
- Dress modestly for mosques. The Mohammad Al-Amin Mosque welcomes visitors but requires covered shoulders and legs. Scarves are available at the entrance.
- Eat the mezze. Lebanese cuisine is a highlight of any port call — hummus, tabbouleh, kibbeh, and fresh flatbread are exceptional here. Avoid expensive waterfront tourist traps; walk a block inland for better food and prices.

Beirut, Lebanon — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 National Museum of Beirut | Houses Lebanon's rich archaeological treasures from prehistoric to Ottoman eras. | 2 Beirut Amusement Park | A classic amusement park with rides and games for all ages. |
| 3 St. Nicolas Stairs | Historic, scenic stairs connecting Gemmayzeh to Sursock Museum area. | 4 Sursock Palace | A grand historic private palace, an architectural landmark. |
| 5 MIM Mineral Museum | Showcases a stunning private collection of over 2000 minerals. | 6 Corniche El Manara | A scenic waterfront promenade perfect for walking, jogging, and views. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |