

Map of Lebanon representing the Youth Hostels sites



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Discover Lebanon at low cost

Are you anxious to visit Lebanon, but you ignore where to stay? Do you dream of spending a week-end with your family or friends in a Lebanese village without spending a lot? Looking for breaking your everyday monotony and escape in nature?

Youth hostels which are members of the Lebanese Youth Hostels Federation, correspond to the international norms, welcomes you warmly and can propose outdoor activities.

The main aim of these centers is to provide peace and opportunity for ecotourism encouraging local production. The food is mainly from the area, prepared by women of the village and all fruits and vegetables are the products of the village itself. Smoking is forbidden inside the center.

Worldwide passport

The Youth hostel concept is not new in Lebanon. The Lebanese youth hostels federation was established in 1964 and became a member of the International Youth Hostels Federation in 1966. It currently has seventy members. Young Lebanese have the possibility to join the LYHF (LBP 20.000 per year) Their membership card allows them access to above 5000 foreign hostels. It is truly a world wide passport.

History:

The Youth Hostel movement was founded in Germany since 1909.

The idea began with the German schoolteacher



Richard Schirmann, who arranged for students of limited means visits to the countryside and cities of the world. The idea soon spread across Europe with a series of youth hostels associations being set up in different countries. In 1932 the international youth hostels federation was founded.

Its mission is "to promote the education of all young people of all nations, especially young people of limited means, by encouraging in them a greater knowledge, love and care of the countryside and appreciation of the cultural values of towns and cities in all parts of the world, and to provide hostels or other accommodation in which there is no distinctions of race, nationality, color, religion, sex, class, or political opinions and thereby to develop a better understanding of their fellow men, both at home and abroad.

The Lebanese Youth Hostels Federation was founded in 1965. The youth hostels are situated in great locations across Lebanon just waiting to welcome you by offering a comfortable bed, a warm shower, and a fully equipped kitchen to fulfill your needs and ensure you enjoy the freedom of nature.

Buy your membership card now and save more than 20% during your tour around the world and Lebanon.

There are 3 different categories:

- Individual	20.000 LBP
- group of 10 persons	60.000 LBP
- family	40.000 LBP

1. Eco-Club – Becharreh

The Committee for Conservation of the Environment (Eco-Club) of Becharreh is a non-profit organization dedicated to improve environmental conditions of the region in North Lebanon which is considered to be one of the most important ecological rich location in the Middle East. The region includes touristic and cultural sites such as: Komet el-Sawda, the Cedars Forest, summer and winter resort



with trekking. In ancient time Lebanon was covered by the Cedars of God and its precious timber was used for temple construction such as the Salomon's Temple. Four km from Becharre we can discover Bquaakafra, the native village of St. Charbel. The Quadisha valley, classified as World Patrimonial Site by UNESCO and the Jibran Khalil Jibran Museum (Lebanese poet and painter).

At 7 km from there we can visit the Diman, summer residence of the Maronite Patriarch.

Several ecological projects concerning the conservation of nature have been achieved, namely: the protection of the parklands and reforestation and projects for sorting and recycling the garbage.

Ecoclub objectives

1. offering ecotourism activities.
2. offering work opportunities for locals.
3. meeting between various groups of youth.
4. a place for summer camps and pedago-ecological activities.

Lodging (dorms and tents)

Total number of dorms	5
Total number of beds	25
Total number of tents	4
Total number of beds/mattresses	48

Indoor Activities

Social games (Uno, scrabble...), TV & DVD, Music, Manual work for kids, organic exhibition (honey, herbs, handicrafts).

Outdoor Activities

Sports activities (volley, basketball, biking, archery, rafting, ski de fond, rappeling, mountain and rock climbing...), Cultural visits /archaeological sites, Summer camp for kids, Study of vegetal flora, Observation of animal fauna, Village festivals, International festivals, Arts and handicrafts exhibitions.



Room rate per person

Dorm	20,000LBP
Tent in the camping area	15,000LBP
Breakfast	5,000LBP
Lunch	10,000LBP
Dinner	10,000LBP



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2. Beit El Kehen – Maad - Jbeil

Beit el-Kahen is a socio-religious association founded in Maad in 1969. It is situated at 45km from Beirut, 15km from Jbeil and 55km from Tripoli. This association aims to support the priest in all cultural fields and young travellers and local visitors from Lebanon and the world who also have the opportunity to access the library rich with manuscripts. It is an ideal setting to find a sense of well being and a healthy atmosphere. Besides its calm surroundings of pine forest, Maad (Jbeil) is rich in archaeological, historical, and cultural sites such as: Byblos; one of the oldest cities of the world with the traditional market and the Phoenician port where we can taste typical Lebanese food (mezze-fish).

Lodging (rooms and dorms)

Total number of rooms	20
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Total number of beds	67
Total number of dorms	10

Indoor Activities

Library room, social games, DVD & TV, ping-pong, baby-foot, darts, souvenirs shop & chapel.

Outdoor Activities

Sports activities (volley & basketball, biking, trekking, archery, mountain climbing, rafting, rappelling, horseback riding), archaeological and cultural guided tours to St-Charbel and Ste-Rafka churches, visit to the home of writer/poet Maroun Abboud, Fauna & flora study in the area park of the village, visit to Byblos archaeological ruins, Jbeil festival...

Room rate per person

Private room 15\$ - dorm 12\$ - lunch 5\$ - dinner 5\$



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3- Beity - Kfardebian (Youth hostel)

Beity's association founded in 2004, this project is a result of a trip around the world "45 country" realized by Josephine Zgheib (president of beity) carrying a peace message, Josephine's intention in her trip was to accept others and live with their differences in their societies. Beity, (my home), it's a unique experience. The Challenge..., The International Friendship..., The Adventure..., the spirit..., Beity exists in the biggest village in Lebanon "Kfardebian" located between 900m and 2800m above sea level. Its

population is estimated at 12000 inhabitants. It is located at as far as 44 km from Beirut. The village is inhabited in winter as in summer considering the activities of the ski resorts of Fakra and Ouyoun Es Siman, the best one in Lebanon and the Middle East. In summer, the region is turned into a resort and leisure center accessed by the coast line inhabitants. Renown for its agricultural produces, and its fragrant honey, Kfardebian is rich in water. Phoenician and roman ruins of Fakra and wonderful natural bridge make Kfardebian historical village. To access the village, take Beirut- Jounieh highway, and turn right past Nahr el-kaleb, in the direction of Keserwan Mountains, where Kfardebian is located.



Beity's objectives:

- a worldwide experience of international friendship
- comfortable place to stay
- Cosy, warm and familial ambiance
- a 'home away from home'
- an exciting program of activities

Lodging (rooms, dorms)

1st center (mar chalita)

total number of rooms: 8
total number of beds: 26
total number of dorms: 6
total number of beds / mattresses: 54

2nd center (al-wardiyeh)

total number of rooms: 20
total number of beds: 54



Indoor activities:

Social games, TV, DVD, internet, music, piano... library room, ping-pong, baby-foot.

Outdoor activities:

Sports activities (basketball, hiking, rafting, biking, nature discovery..., adventures, climbing, rappelling at natural bridge of fakra, skiing "ski alpin, ski de fond" at Ouyoun al siman.

Cultural visit to the top of mount of Lebanon (al-jord)

Room rate per person:

1st center (Mar Challita)

Dorm: 10,000 LBP

Private room: 15,000 LBP

20% discount for groups

2nd center (El Wardieh)

Private room: 15\$ with breakfast

Full board: 25\$ per person

20% discount for groups

you are welcome any time



1-First center.: You can reach Beity's first center (Mar Chalita), right after you pass Kfardebian valley to the left.

2-Second center.: You can reach Beity's second center (Rosary building), close to the municipality high way via Fakra club (yellow building) .

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4- Saint Georges Convent - Bherdok

Saint Georges Convent Bherdok was founded in 1605. It is located at 20km from the coastal Beirut on a hilltop overlooking the coastal area of Antelias in the heart of a scenic pine forest. It represents a key environment heritage site due to its biodiversity significance with regard to the whole neighbourhood. The location is characterized by local traditions and handicrafts practices in a rural landscape rich in cultural diversity and archaeological sites, such as Beit-Chabab village known for bells and pottery production especially large jars for olive oil and arak, Chaouyeh, village which is the hometown of

philosopher-writer Amine Rihani, el-Fraykeh, village encompassing a museum of the philosopher Amine Rihani, and a center of traditional rural practices like pine nuts production.



Saint Georges Convent-Bherdok objectives

- Encourage ecotourism and rural tourism activities.
- Preserve the natural and cultural heritage.
- Encourage local communities to implement projects and activities related to ecotourism and culture.
- Reintroduce traditional agricultural practices and promote natural rural products.



Lodging (rooms and dorms)

Total number of rooms 11- Total number of beds 23 -
Total number of dorms 3 - Total number of beds /
mattresses 200.

Indoor Activities

Meeting room - cafeteria, TV, Internet, Social Games.

Outdoor activities

Sports activities (volley & basketball, biking, trekking, archery, mountain climbing, hiking & nature walk, grotto discovery, gardening courses), cultural visits of archaeological sites at Beit-Chabab, Chaouyeh and el-Fraykeh, Beit-Chabab bells festival...

Room rate per person

Room 12\$ - dorm 5,000LBP - breakfast 5,000LBP -
lunch 5\$ - dinner 5\$



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5- Mont Joli - Bherfaf - Bikfaya

Longue Vie is a private non - profit and non - commercial association, founded in 1987 by Michel Louis Gemayel and his spouse. Mont Joli is at an altitude of 900m, at Bherfaf village (Bikfaya). Well known for its traditional houses with red tiled roofs and beautiful landscapes, cool summers. Many hostels surround natural springs with mineral water known for its curative properties. This village is also famous for its annual flowers festival and agricultural fair. Mont Joli is located in a pine forest from where we can have a panoramic view on the coast. It offers security and comfort to all visitors with culinary delights and lounge to relax. Seminars and conferences are organized as well as visits of the region.

Lodging (rooms)

Total number of rooms 33 - Total number of beds 61.

Indoor Activities

Video & DVD, TV, card games, library room, tric - trac, chess, painting exhibition.

Outdoor Activities

Sports activities (volley & basket ball, biking, trekking, archery, mountain climbing, nature discovery, gardening, rappelling), gathering fruits & vegetables, cow farm

visit (labneh & cheese production), Beit Chabab and Al-Boustan festivals (Beit - Mery).

Room rate per person

Private room 12\$ - breakfast 4\$ - lunch 8\$ - dinner 6\$



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6- Fares Camp (Ras el-Metn) - YMCA

The road between Mansourieh and Ras el-Metn village is surrounded by old pine and oak trees. Olive and grape groves. Figs and apple orchards are all along the way. The picturesque crest of Ras el Metn is situated at 800 to 1000 m above sea level - 52 km from Beirut, 53 km from Hazmieh and 40 km from Mdayrej. At certain locations within the village, we can see the neighboring villages of Dhour el-Shoueir, Baabdat, Broumana and Beit Mery. A still standing landmark in the area is the tower of the castle built by the "Lama'a" Emirs in 1775.

Lodging (dorms and tents)

Total number of dorms - 1 - Total number of beds 20
- Total number of tents 23 - Total number of beds/
mattresses 174

Indoor Activities

Day & resident camp, holiday camp, training sessions, social games, library room.

Outdoor Activities

Sports activities (volley & basket ball, biking, trekking, archery, mountain climbing, rappelling, nature walk), "Treasure hunt" : different groups sent to the village for a workshop, guided tours to touristic sites, pine trees festival, international symposium for sculptors in Ras el-Metn.



Room rate per person

Dorm 10\$ - tent in camping area 10\$ - breakfast 4\$ - lunch 7\$ - dinner 7\$.



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The Mediterranean Forest Development and Conservation Center of Lebanon MFDCL Ramlieh-Aley

Based on Association for Forest Development & Conservation (AFDC) objectives, the MFDCL was established in 1966 with the financial support of the Spanish Aid Agency. Surrounded by a wonderful pine forest, the Ramlieh village is located in Mount Lebanon. MFDCL is 40km from Beirut and at 10 minutes from the famous Al - Shouf Cedars Reserve. The Ramlieh village is known to be an agricultural village where olives, grapes, peaches, prunes, and other fruit trees are cultivated. In addition, it is considered to have the most important production of natural honey in Mount - Lebanon. The surroundings area of MFDCL is rich in natural and traditional sites such as the charcoal - kiln, the olive press, water springs and natural caves...

MFDCL objectives

Training center - Information and awareness center - Center for pilot projects and activities - Service center.

Lodging (rooms and tents)

Total number of Rooms	22
Total number of Beds	44
Total number of Tents	22
Total number of Beds/ Mattresses	90

Indoor Activities

Internet access, Library room, TV & Video, social games.

Outdoor Activities

Sports activities (volley & basket ball, biking, trekking, archery, hiking, rappelling, treasure hunt...); national, regional and international training activities in the field of environment; pilot environmental projects

and activities; guided tours in the village or forest and to the Shouf Reserve; village and international festivals; art exhibitions.

Room rate per person

Private room	15\$
Tent in the camping area	11\$
Breakfast	3-5\$
Lunch	10\$
Dinner	8\$



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8. Saint-Michel Monastery (Youth hostel) Maasser el-Chouf

Maasser el-Chouf village is situated in the center of Mount Lebanon region at 1250m of altitude and at 57km from the International Beirut airport, it is a suitable place to have a comfortable and relaxed moments. The hostel of Maasser el-Chouf offers you a typical lebanese reception in order to have a stress relief and fresh air. The forest is a refuge for diversified fauna and a rich flora. Beiteddine is an important village with its palaces, built in typical feudal Lebanese architecture of the 19th Century.

This hostel receives persons from different age and at reasonable prices in order to provide calm and healthy environment located in one of the most important cedars reserve in Lebanon (Arz el Maasser).

The team at Maasser el-Chouf hostel has the pleasure to let your stay comfortable and to organize all your activities upon your request such as conferences, seminars, workshops, nightlife...



Lodging (rooms and dorms)

Lodging capacity : 90 persons

- 2 double rooms
- 3 rooms for 3 persons
- 4 rooms for 4 persons
- 4 rooms for 5 persons
- 5 dormitories for 6 to 8 persons each
- Each room has private wc - bath - shower
- Common wc/bath/shower for dormitories

Indoor Activities

Ping pong – billiard – internet & network games – social games – video & TV library.

Outdoor Activities

Sports activities (volley & basket ball, biking, trekking, archery, mountain climbing, rafting, rappelling, nature walk, hiking), guided tour to the village, visit to the charcoal factory, guided tour to Shouf Cedars Reserve, flora & fauna study at Shouf Reserve, Beiteddine and Deir el-Kamar festivals, annual photos exhibition in the village.

Room rate per person - (breakfast included)

Private room 22\$ - family room 18\$ - dorm 10\$ - lunch 5\$ - dinner 5\$



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9- Saint - Joseph Center Damour - (Youth hostel)

The youth hostel of Damour is part of youth program of arcenciel (Lebanese non governmental organization) whose mission is to "participate in the development of the area". Damour is a coastal village located at 17km from the International Airport of Beirut and at 20km from the Beirut/South highway. St-Joseph Center (Youth Hostel) is located in the center of Damour village, in a very calm atmosphere and is 1km away from the sea coast. All tourist sites in the region are accessible from the village, such as: Deir el Kamar, Beiteddine, Moukhtara, the Cedars of Barouk, Saïda (Sidon), Sour (Tyre),...



The specialized team of the Center has the pleasure to let you stay comfortable and to organize all your activities upon your request such as conferences, seminars, workshops, parties...

Lodging (rooms and dorms)

Lodging capacity 70 persons

- 1 room for 3 persons +wc +shower
- 2 single rooms
- 2 rooms for 3 persons
- 4 rooms for 4 persons
- 2 rooms for 2 persons
- 5 dormitories for 8 persons
- common wc (12) shower 8



Indoor Activities

Billiard, baby-foot, ping-pong, network games & internet access, DVD & video, social games, library room, body-building room.

Outdoor Activities

Sports activities (volley & basketball, biking, trekking, archery, mountain climbing, rappelling, nature walk, rollers, beaches), Beiteddine and Deir el-Kamar festivals.

Room rate per person - (Breakfast included)

Private room 20\$ - family room 16\$ - dorm 10\$ - breakfast 5,000LBP - lunch and dinner upon request.



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10. Taanayel Eco-lodge (Youth hostel)

The eco-lodge of Taanayel is located in the heart of the Bekaa plain, at a distance of 45 km from Beirut. It is a traditional village with typical houses of the region that is known for its fertile agricultural fields.



Type of accommodation

Eco-lodge / youth hostel / guesthouse.

Season of operation

All over the year

Lodging (rooms - tents)

Lodging capacity 58 persons

5 traditional houses for 5 persons each

5 tents for 5 persons each

4 double rooms with private wc and shower

Common wc / bath / shower for the traditional houses and tents.

Indoor activities

Conference room (with LCD projector), library, laundry, internet, children's playground, free access to arcenciel rainbow club (billiard, ping pong, baby-foot, basket-ball, VTT...)

Outdoor activities

Cultural: (Terbol eco-museum...)

Archaeological sites of the Bekaa

Nature: (Amiq protected wetlands, agricultural fields, Bekaa vineyards)

Traditional gastronomy
Activities organized by arcenciel.

Sports activities (volley ball, biking, trekking, nature walk, rappelling)



Room rate per person

Price (per person/per night, breakfast included)

Double room: 20\$

Traditional house: 16\$

Tent: 10\$

Group prices are negotiable

Other meals could be arranged upon request (5\$/meal)



Reservation deadline

10 days in
advance

Cancellation policy

5 days in advance





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11. Auberge Jammal - Baalbeck (Youth hostel)

The youth hostel Jammal is located near temples of Baalbeck.

Baalbeck, Lebanon's greatest Roman treasure, can be counted among the wonders of the ancient world. Towering high above the Beqaa plain, their proportions proclaimed the power and wealth of Imperial Rome. The City, 85 km from Beirut is an important administrative and economic center



in the northern Beqaa valley. Baalbeck has been named a world heritage site by UNESCO. The International Festival of Baalbeck produces year after year a splendor of the greatest artistic and cultural manifestations.

Lodging (Rooms)

Total number of rooms 28

Total number of beds 53

Indoor Activities

Internet access, T.V. -
Video - Social games -
Library - Conference room

Outdoor Activities

Sports Activities (biking, walking - national, regional and international training activities in the field of environment, a guided tour in the town) and International Festival.

Room Rate per person

Private room 20,000 LBP

Breakfast 5,000 LBP



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12. Zefata - Nabatiyeh (Youth hostel)

The center of Zefata was founded in the year 2000. Located at Nabatiyeh, South Lebanon, Zefata is 55km far from Beirut, and 5km from Nabatiyeh city. In the middle of a wonderful pine forest, the center is able to welcome guests all year long. The surroundings of Zefata center is rich in traditional and known sites like Zefata city, the Shkeef-Arnoun fortress, Magdoucheh village, Saïda: (Sea castle, Eshmoun Temple, we can visit also the old Souk, Khan el-Saboun - Khan el-Franj), further to the South we discover the Tyre Necropole and its Hippodrome and Quana el Jalil.

Zefata objectives

- Effective collaboration in building the human, civilized and cultural Lebanese center.
- Being interested in establishing and spreading the youth hostels movement.
- Welcoming groups and youth delegations from

around the world.

- Promoting youth tourism inside and outside Lebanon.
- Being interested in environmental activities and society developing activities.
- Encouraging youth people to being concerned in archaeology.
- Honoring creative youth.

Lodging (rooms, dorms and tents)

Total number of rooms 20 - Total number of beds 50.
Total number of dorms 3 - Total number of tents 20.
Total number of beds / mattresses 120.

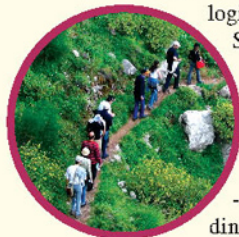
Indoor Activities

TV, 2 lounge areas - Internet -
Library room - Social games.



Outdoor Activities

Sports activities (volley & basketball, biking, trekking, archery, rappelling, mountain climbing, nature walk), cultural visits of archaeological sites Saida "Sea castle", Shkeef Castle visit, Tyre festival...



Room rate per person

Private room 10\$ - dorm 7\$
- tent in the camping area 3\$
- breakfast 3\$ - lunch 6\$ - dinner 5\$.

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canoeing,
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board games, cultural and
touristic tours... All these activi-



ties.

Enjoy the essential

Enjoy the essential by
sharing an emotion, a
laughter, a challenge. Our
activities are a way to frien-
ship and self-knowlege, to
meet new horizons, and cultures.



memorable evenings in a cheerful atmosphere



In many of the youth hostels,
evenings are filled with music
and dance. Shows, concerts,
performance of national
regional music and danc-
ing... Sets are suitable for
memorable evenings rich
with sharing.