

STUDY TOUR TO

LEBANON

For Choral Music Lovers

12 - 18 SEPTEMBER 2025



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Practical information

Arrival: Friday, 12 September 2025

Departure: Thursday, 18 September 2025

Meals

Lebanese cuisine is rich, diverse, and full of flavor — we will do our best to make sure you experience as much of it as possible during your stay!

- Breakfast will be provided at the hotels.
- Lunches (from 13 to 17 September) are included in the registration fee.
- Dinners are at the participants' own expense. There are many excellent and affordable local restaurants located near the hotels.
- Wine tasting will be included in the registration fee
- Participants will enjoy other snacks and welcoming food

Currency

- The official currency in Lebanon is the Lebanese Pound (Lira), but US dollars are widely accepted
- Participants are advised to carry cash in dollars, as card payments are not accepted everywhere.
- ATMs are available and can be used to withdraw US dollars.

Weather

In September, the weather in Lebanon is generally warm and sunny.

- El Mina (by the shore) tends to be hotter and more humid, especially during the day.
- Barouk, located in the mountains, is cooler, particularly in the evenings—participants may want to bring a light jacket or sweater for comfort.

Internet & data

- All hotels provide Wi-Fi access.
- The organizers will provide free Wi-Fi on the bus during transportation.
- Assistance will be available for participants who wish to purchase local SIM cards.

Electricity

- Plug type: Type C (two round pins).
- Participants may wish to bring a universal adapter, especially if travelling from outside Europe or the Middle East.

Local transportation

Local transportation throughout the Study Tour is included in the participation fees.

Airport transfers

Transfers to and from the airport will be arranged by the organizers. The cost, approximately 120 Euros total (covering both arrival and departure), will be paid directly by the participants. We will coordinate shared transfers for participants arriving or departing at the same time, allowing the cost to be divided among the group.

Safety

While Lebanon experienced a period of instability over the past year, the current situation has significantly improved. Recent political changes, including the appointment of a new president and prime minister, have brought a renewed sense of stability and optimism to the country.

Public safety is at its highest level in years, with concerts and cultural events being held regularly across the country. The Study Tour programme is carefully planned in regions that are entirely safe and well away from any sensitive border areas.

Additionally, the organizing team will remain vigilant and responsive, ready to assess and act on any developments to ensure the safety and comfort of all participants.

Accommodation

Recommended accommodation from 12 to 16 September in Mina, Tripoli

We have selected several hotels conveniently located in the same neighborhood, just next to the Fayha National Choir Center. Situated in the heart of El Mina's historic old city and only a minute's walk from the shore, these accommodations offer both comfort and charm.

Special Offers: When making a reservation, please mention "Fayha National Choir" and "Study Tour to Lebanon" to benefit from exclusive rates.

You may also CC Fayha National Choir at contact@fayhanationalchoir.com in your booking email so we can follow up or assist if needed. Alternatively, feel free to reach out to us directly for any help or inquiries.

1. Via Mina

✉ info@viamina.com

🌐 www.viamina.com

3. Victoria Boutique Hotel

✉ victoriaboutiquehotel@gmail.com

🌐 www.victoriaboutiquehotelmina.com

2. Sole Del Mina

✉ info@soledelmina.com

🌐 www.soledelmina.com

4. El Mina Guest House

✉ elminaguesthouse@gmail.com

📱 Instagram

Recommended accommodation from 16 to 18 September in Barouk

1. Farm Ville Barouk

✉ Cezarsprojects@gmail.com

📱 Instagram: @farmvillebarouk

📱 Mobile: +961 76 711 811

2. Tamiras Resort - Ain Zhalta

✉ hsbtadini@gmail.com

📱 Mobile: +961 70 213 129

Contact: contact@fayhanationalchoir.com

Participation fees

The participation fees cover a wide range of services and activities to ensure a smooth and enriching experience. Included in the fees are:

- Daily lunches (from 13 to 17 September)
- Local transportation throughout the 5-day programme
- Entrance fees to Jeita Grotto, Anjar Ruins and Chouf Cedar Reserve
- Wine tasting experience
- Coffee breaks
- Access to concerts and performances
- Printed materials and documentation

Participation Fees	Country group 1	Country group 2	Country Group 3
members and indirect members of ECA/ friends / individual members of IFCM	250€	230€	210€
for non-members	270€	250€	230€

We offer reduced participation fee for members and indirect members of the European Choral Association, Friends of the European Choral Association and individual members of IFCM

You can check the group your country belongs to here:

<https://europeanchoralassociation.org/about-us/who-we-are/members/country-groups/>

For countries outside Europe the rule is that countries belong to group 1 according to the HDI index used by IFCM (see <http://ifcm.net/membership-fees>), countries belonging to HDI groups 2 and 3 are in country group 2. Country group 3 is only reserved for European countries. If you are not sure which country group you belong to, write to info@EuropeanChoralAssociation.org

If you are not sure if you are an indirect member, please check the list of member organizations here:

<https://europeanchoralassociation.org/member-organisations>

Members of organizations in categories A1 and A2 are indirect members.

After registration, you will receive a confirmation letter that you have been accepted on the study tour, as well as the invoice.

Cancellation rules

- If the participant cancels his application till end of July 2025, organizers will refund 50% of the fee
- If the participant cancels his participation in August or September 2025, organizers will not refund the fee.

Please note that we are not responsible for the cancellation rules of the hotel, we suggest that you take travel insurance.

Contact: contact@fayhanationalchoir.com

Programme *

*Please note that this is a preliminary draft—the final schedule will be confirmed and communicated soon.

Day	Date	Programme	Overnight
Arrival	Friday, 12 Sep	Arrival in Lebanon (Transportation from the airport to Tripoli will be organized by the local team)	Mina - Tripoli
Day 1	Saturday, 13 Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast in Mina • Travel to Aintoura • Lunch at Philokalia Institute • Presentation of Philokalia Institute • Workshop on Arab Oriental singing with Sister Marana Saad • Concert Philokalia Choir • Visit Notre Dame University Choir 	Mina - Tripoli
Day 2	Sunday, 14 Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast in Mina • Sessions on the Lebanese choral scene • Testimonials & Q&A with Fayha National Choir singers • Lunch • Introduction to the Beirut Chants Festival • Concert Fayha National Choir 	Mina - Tripoli
Day 3	Monday, 15 Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast in Mina • Visit Jeita Grotto • Zaki Nassif Choir Rehearsal • Lunch & Visit to the Hamazkain Cultural Center • Performance by Gargatch Choir, Koussan Choir, Syncope Choir 	Mina - Tripoli
Day 4	Tuesday, 16 Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast in Mina • Tour in Tripoli • Wine tasting & lunch at Aurora • Beirut Vocal Point performance • Saint Joseph University Choir & Antonine University Choir rehearsals • Travel to Chouf 	Barouk - Chouf
Day 5	Wednesday, 17 Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast in Chouf • Visit Chouf Cedar Reserve • Lunch at Shams Restaurant • Visit Anjar Ruins (Gakavigi Choir performance) • Bekaa Choirs concert in Zahleh (Ankoud Choir, Maqam Choir, Watar Choir) • Bonfire, music & dance with Lebanese artists 	Barouk - Chouf
Departure	Thursday, 18 Sep	Departure from Lebanon ** (Transportation from Barouk to the airport will be organized by the local team)	

**For participants wishing to extend their stay in Lebanon for tourism, the Fayha National Choir team will be happy to assist in organizing your visit and ensuring you have a memorable and enjoyable experience!

Registration form

Thank you for deciding to join us on this exciting study tour to discover the choral traditions of Lebanon.

Register by filling this form [HERE](#)

Deadline for registration: 10 July 2025.

Any inquiries?

Write to [**contact@fayhanationalchoir.com**](mailto:contact@fayhanationalchoir.com)

Visit [**europeanchoralassociation.org/study-tour-to-lebanon/**](http://europeanchoralassociation.org/study-tour-to-lebanon/)



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