

Rita & Pierre's Wedding 20.06.2020

we are so excited to see you in Lebanon!

Here are some recommendations coming straight from our experience of high-frequency travelers to Lebanon. Please, reach out to us if something is missing → pierre@francolib.com

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Cheatsheet

Wedding is on Saturday 20/06 :)

How to arrive to Lebanon

From Paris (PAR-BEY)

We would recommend one of these 3 options:

- **Option#1 Air France/Middle East Airlines**, usually ~450€
direct flights, comfy, available several times a day
- **Option#2 Transavia**, usually ~280€
direct flight, cheaper, available on monday/wednesday/friday only
- **Option#3 flight with a layover**, usually ~350€
please consider connection at Athens, Istanbul

Links to flights:

Option#1 Air France/MEA, from 13/06 to 22/06 → <https://flights.app.goo.gl/sVxim>

Option#1 Air France, from 18/06 to 22/06 → <https://flights.app.goo.gl/ha6EX>

Option#2 Transavia, from 19/06 to 24/06 → <https://flights.app.goo.gl/hmWdm>

Option#2 Transavia, from 17/06 to 24/06 → <https://flights.app.goo.gl/A9pP6>

From Montréal (YUL-BEY)

Option Air France/MEA, from 17/06 to 24/06 → <https://flights.app.goo.gl/FmRFy>

From Genève (GVA-BEY)

Option Air France/MEA, from 17/06 to 24/06 → <https://flights.app.goo.gl/Lri4b>

Where to stay

So you have decided to go for the adventure! You may have already heard that Lebanon is a quite diverse country, where each region is specialized with a different culture, waiting for you to be discovered. We will be sharing with you our favorite, and wildest places to visit in the next section. However, we do recommend to have your daily starting point near us. Not only because we can share better daily advice, but also - ahem, it will be closer to the wedding location!

Recommended Hotels

[Hotel Wakim](#) *** Location: Beit Mery (~60 USD/night)
Garden Hotel **** Location: Brummana (~70 USD/night)
Grand Hills (Marriott) ***** Location: Broummana (~200 USD/night)
Printania **** Location: Broummana (~130 USD/night)
Al Bustan **** Location: Beit Meri (~130 USD/night)

In order to negotiate prices, please [tell us your preference](#) asap :)

Airbnb

Price range for apartments in the same area are between 60 USD - 100 USD per night.

Transit in Lebanon

Taxi

Upon arrival, or beforehand, we advise you to reserve a taxi from the airport to your hotel, since public transportation (busses, vans, and “service” taxis are not encouraged in Lebanon).

List of recommended taxi companies:

- ❑ [Allô taxi](#), high quality, wifi onboard
- ❑ [Charlie Taxi](#), booking through Whatsapp (+961 1 285 710)
- ❑ [Trust taxi](#), book through phone call (+961 1 427 777)
- ❑ [Taxi Pierre](#), ^^ not the groom, local taxi once in the region

Tip: Price rates are usually communicated by the companies before the trip.

Rent a car (for the wildest adventurers)

You can safely rent a car directly from the airport with rentalcars.com.
Except them to keep deposit of ~\$500 as a guarantee.

Careem (or Uber)

You can also feel free to call an Uber, or Careem which is the local version of Uber.

We will soon be communicating with you a 20% discount promo code for 4 rides with Careem to any location our wedding guests wish to go to during their stay.

Frequently Asked Questions

Questions we are receiving the most :)

Do I need a Visa to come to Lebanon?

Visa On Arrival is automatically delivered if you are from: EU, US, Canada, etc ([source](#)).

Keep a note of your address in Lebanon, in case they ask you at the border.

You will still get a Visa On Arrival, but [need other things too](#), if you are traveling with a passport from these countries: Algeria, Comoros, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Egypt, Ghana, Iraq, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Nigeria, Somalia, Sudan, Tunisia, Yemen.

Israeli stamp?

Your passport should not have Israeli stamps or visas on it, otherwise you won't pass the border checking. This is a serious matter over there, so please double check that you have no stamp.

What's happening economically in Lebanon?

<http://lebaneselira.org>

Do I need to bring cash with me?

We advise you to:

- exchange euros to dollars in your country
- come with US dollars to Lebanon

→ Exchange these US dollars for Lebanese Lira in an exchange-office (*bureau de change*) at a [much better rate](#), around 25% gain on your side.

In case you are not able to come with US dollars, no worries, you can of course use ATMs locally to get Lebanese Lira, your bank will convert the amounts on demand and charge you 2-4% for the transaction.

Can I use my credit card over there?

Of course, you can pay with your Visa/Mastercard/American-Express, though your bank will charge you fees for such an operation.

How to get a SIM card there?

If you want, you can buy a SIM card at the airport on the arrival exit area.

You can also buy one from all the shopping centers in Lebanon.

Budget: \$40-\$50 to get a card with 1.5GB of data.

Please contact Pierre or Rita to get more info :)