

Lebanon



Lebanon is a country in the Middle East that is bordered by Syria and Israel. Its capital is Beirut and it has a population of 5,469,612. It has a mild to cool climate with wet winters and hot, dry summers. On August 4, 2020, an explosion in Beirut devastated the country, killing more than 175 people, injuring over 650,000, and leaving 300,000 people homeless.

Languages

The official language of Lebanon is Arabic, though English, French, Kurdish and Armenian are also widely used. English and French are typically spoken by those considered to be part of the upper class.

Nationality

Lebanese

Currency

Lebanese Pound



Ethnic Groups

The population of Lebanon is 95% Arab, 4% Armenian and 1% other. Those considered Arab include Palestinian refugees, Syrian refugees, Kurds, and Lebanese Christians who prefer to be called Phoenician rather than Arab. The majority of the Palestinian, Syrian and Armenian populations came to Lebanon fleeing war in their home countries. The Palestinians and Kurds are considered transitory and are denied citizenship and many rights by the Lebanese government.

Lebanon's national symbol is a cedar tree.



Major Sites

- Qadisha Valley
- Temple of Bacchus
- Mzaar Ski Resort
- Cedars of God Bsharri
- Anjar
- Beiteddine Palace
- Jeita Grotto
- Byblos
- Baalbek Ruins

Independence Day

November 22, 1943

Lebanon's national colors are red, green and white.

