

Lebanon

[Lebanon](#) is filled with the population of 3.5 million people who are commonly referred to as Lebanese. The country is filled with vivid history, for example the crusades and the rise and fall of the five historical sites, under the rule of Alexander the Great and the Roman Empire and great moments they established.

[Tripoli](#) which was established in the ninth century B.C. The Phoenicians created it into a trading station. It was under the Persians' rule and was the home to the confederation of Phoenician states. When it was under Alexander the Great's ruling, it was used as a naval shipyard. Also, the Romans built several monuments. During the Crusades, the Crusaders took over in 1109 and destroyed the city. After the years, the city was turned to the Ottoman Turks in 1516, where they retained their commercial importance (Embassy of Lebanon,).

[Byblos](#) history is not well known to when it was made into a city. The scholars estimate that it was established seven thousand years ago. It was mainly a fishing community and developed an important shipping center of the eastern Mediterranean. Egypt was the main trade and caused the city to gain growth and wealth. Byblos was subject to conquest. The alphabet was developed in the city by the Phoenicians. The Persians were first, and were first, and were assimilated into Greek culture and customs, which continued into the Roman time. The Romans built baths, and other public buildings. Byblos fell to the Crusaders, and then it was turned to Mamluke and Ottoman rule. (Embassy of Lebanon,)

[Beirut](#) history is dated back over five thousand years. “Under the city’s downtown area lie remnants of Ottoman, Mamluke, Crusader, Abbassid, Omayyad, Byzantine, Roman, Persian, Phoenician and Canaanite Beirut.”() Beirut was the only city that was destroyed by the three disasters of a earthquake, tidal wave and fire in 551 A.D . After there was WWI the French mandate period took place. In 1943 Lebanon gained it’s independence. (Embassy of Lebanon)

[Sidon](#) was a city that went through a lot of change. The purpose of the city was to protect the inland from being attacked. It was under the rule of Alexander. The city had some freedom, they built a theater and other monuments. It fell under the control of Mamluke forces. The city regained it’s power during the 15th and 17th centuries because of it’s location and was built between the port of France and Syria. (Embassy of Lebanon,)

Tyre began in the first millennium B.C. The city went through many hardships and attacks on Tyre. When Alexander was the ruler and upset with his lost of a battle he killed half of the city at the estimate of 30,000 people and the rest were shipped off to become slaves. When the Romans took rule n 64 B.C they developed many moments such as the aqueduct, a triumphal arch and the largest hippodrome in antiquity. It was destroyed but the city started to grow by the trading with the neighboring cities and islands. During the Crusades it was ruled by the ottomans until WWI when it was made into Lebanon. (Embassy of Lebanon,)

There was three major Roman archaeological sites in town which are a great tourist site to see. Many people can visit Lebanon and learn about history just by the archaeological sites. The Phoenician cemetery from the first millennium B.C was just

recently discovered in 1991 during the clandestine excavations. It was the first known cemetery that was found in the country of Lebanon. There were many belongs so it was known that when they buried their dead they would burry their belongings with them. The city of Trye was known as a world Heritage site. (Embassy of Lebanon)

The famous people that are from Lebanon is limited. There are two well known people who are famous that were born in Lebanon. Keanu Reeves is a well known actor in America. I found out he was born in Beirut Lebanon on September 2, 1964. He is best known in the movies of the Matrix as Neo. He become success full in the movie Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure, where, he played the suffer dude. After that he started his career and made it big with leading roles. Another famous person is Joseph Hachem who played poker and won the World Series of Poker champion in Las Vegas on July 16 2005. He beat out five thousand six hundred and eighteen gamblers in the even and won a prize of 7.5 million. He was originally born in Lebanon and then emigrated into Australia. He started to play poker when he discovered he had a rare blood disorder in his hands. He was forced to lose his job as a chiropractor and after that he started to play poker more often. He won the world series of Poker 2005 in his first year participating in the event. He won with the hand of a straight vs. tow pair on the final hand of the tournament. (Embassy of Lebanon)

Lebanon as I discovered has a lot of history behind it, and lot of interesting facts. There is a lot of interesting sites to see all over the country. The five famous cities are a great site to take the family to learn more about other cultures.