

MATHILDE & JASMINE'S

# SUMMER GUIDE

SUMMER 2025



# MEET YOUR GUIDES



## MATHILDE & JASMINE

This summer guide is the serendipitous fruit of a season change here in Lebanon filled with uncertainty and frustration—not to mention heat.

Your guide, Mathilde, had flown in from France for a four-month stage at Agenda Culturel. She spent the spring exploring Beirut and the wider stretches of Lebanon, and was set to complete her internship in June, the very same day I, the new stagiaire, was arriving in Beirut. We were meant to miss each other by mere hours.

But then, as it often goes here, plans unraveled. Mathilde got caught in the chaos of flight cancellations and ended up staying longer than expected, just enough time for a brief and unexpected overlap. While she was waiting to rebook a flight home in time for a family wedding, we found ourselves sharing a week together. In that short window, she began introducing me to some of her favorite spots around the city.

When she finally did secure a flight, complete with a ten-hour layover, She handed me this list, as a parting gift of sorts. What follows is a thoughtfully compiled guide, a mix of places to swim, eat, and adventure.



CHEKKA BEACH

It is the collaboration of Mathilde's recommendations and my visual design and photographs, along with contributions from our friend Louai, whose images make it even better. Whether you're here for a short visit or settling in for the season, we hope this guide gives you a sense of how to move through Beirut and Lebanon this summer.

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## YOUR SUMMER GUIDE

# BEIRUT

We will tell you where to eat, sip and admire everything that the city has to offer. Beirut is a city with everything, if you know where to find what you're looking for. The locations listed in this guide range different neighborhoods, flavor profiles and budget, so there is something for everyone. Whether you are seeking refuge from the humidity in a gallery of modern art, or sharing a bouza with your teta, we have the best locations for you this summer 2025.



# FOR A COFFEE

## KALEI, BEIRUT



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BARZAKH LIBRARY CAFE, BEIRUT

### KALEI (HAMRA)

Try their espresso lemonade  
+9611752001  
[@kaleicoffee.co](https://www.kaleicoffee.co)

### CAFFEINE 1922 (HAMRA)

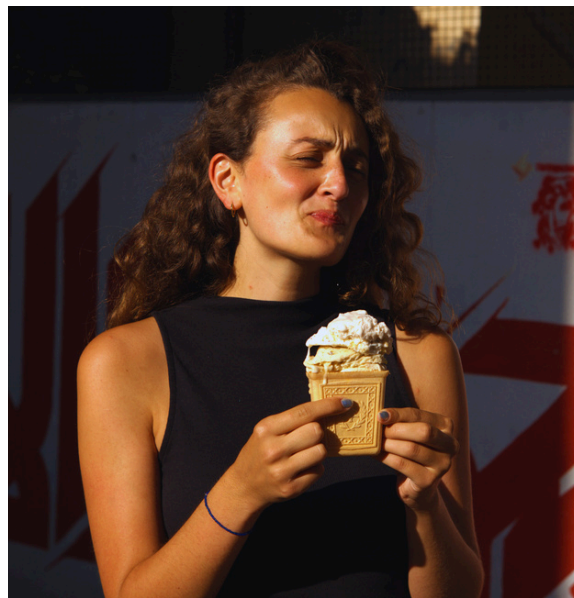
+9613113169  
[@caffeine1922](https://www.caffeine1922)

### BARZAKH (HAMRA)

+96176678856  
[@brzkh.space](https://www.brzkh.space)

### CANTINA SOCIALE (ACHRAFIEH)

+9611334714  
[@cantina.sociale](https://www.cantina.sociale)



BOOZA SOCIETY, BEIRUT



FROM TOP LEFT TO RIGHT

**Joseph** - strawberry

**Dima** - Sahlab and Miskeh, almond praline, arabic coffee, watermelon, toot (mulberry), lemon

**Lilina** - peach, chocolate

**Rose** - strawberry

**Jasmine** - maamoul, orange chocolate, caramelized banana, rose

**Giovanni** - pistachio

**Gabriel** - almond praline, watermelon

**JC** (Owner of Booza Society) - Sahlab and Miskeh (ashta), Pistachio, Almond Praline, Osmaliyeh

**Louai** - chocolate orange, turkish coffee, vanilla

**BOOZA SOCIETY  
(HAMRA)**  
The only ice cream  
address you need...  
(we are a bit  
biased)  
+96181359842  
[@boozasociety](#)

FOR  
BOOZA  
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# 3 FOR A SANDWICH

## BARBAR (HAMRA, SPEARS)

For an after-party shawerma  
+96101753330  
[@barbar.restaurant](#)

## FALAFEL M. SAHYOUN (DOWNTOWN)

+96101659139

## ALBERTO EL HELOU (BOURJ HAMMOUD)

For their shish tawouk  
+96101267672  
[@albertoel.helou](#)

## CHEIKHA (HAMRA)

For their kefta  
+96101351565

RASEEF BAR, BEIRUT



# DRINK 4 FOR A

## AL RAWDA (EL RAOUCHE)

For a lemonade and narguileh at sunset hour  
+96176997743  
[@alrawdacafe](#)

## RASEEF (HAMRA)

For a cocktail or dinner  
+96101340081  
[@raseef.beirut](#)

## KHAWET 60 (GEMMAYZÉ)

Rooftop with a view of the port  
+96181196000  
[@kahwet60](#)

## UNION MARKS (BOURJ HAMMOUD)

For a fancy cocktail while listening to a concert  
+96171100255  
[@unionmarks](#)

## MOLO (BADARO)

+96181983474  
[@molobeirut](#)

## LENNON (BADARO)

+96176434789  
[@lennonbadaro](#)



# 5 FOR DINNER

## **MEYZAN (HAMRA)**

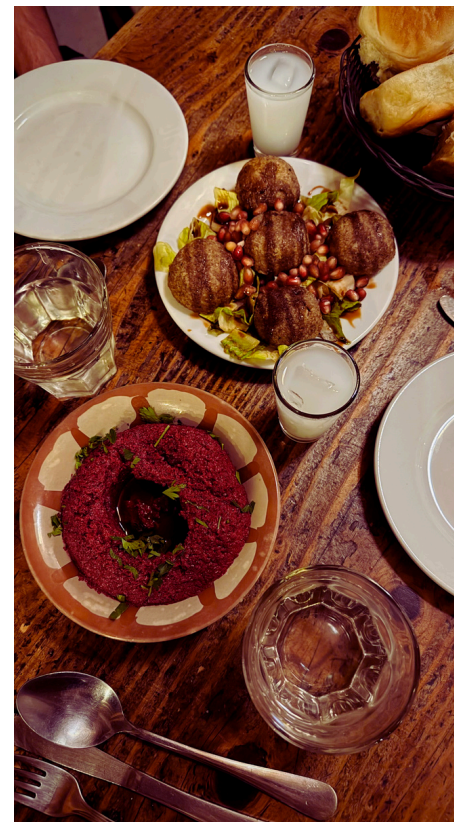
For an armenian-lebanese dinner  
+96171293015  
[@mezyan.official](https://www.instagram.com/mezyan.official)

## **LAKKIS FARM (CLÉMENCEAU)**

For their sfiha  
+96104402559  
[@lakkisfarm](https://www.instagram.com/lakkisfarm)

## **BEIT KANZ (ACHRAFIEH)**

The best mezzes  
+96181777098  
[@beitkanz](https://www.instagram.com/beitkanz)





# OTHERS



**SOUK EL TAYEB, MAR MIKHAEL**

## **POOL D'ETAT ROOFTOP (HAMRA)**

For a rooftop swim

+96171134173

@[pooldetat](#)

## **METROPOLIS CINEMA (GEMMAYZÉ)**

To go to the movies

+96181069530

@[metropoliscinema](#)

## **SOUK EL TAYEB (MAR MIKHAEL)**

Souk of small producers and local on Saturday mornings

Try Saj Rima

+96181266060

@[soukeltayeb](#)

## **SOUK EL AHAD (BOURJ HAMMOUD)**

To experience a popular souk in the heart of Bourj Hammoud

## **HIPPODROME DE BEYROUTH (DAMAS STREET)**

For horse racing Sunday morning

@[beiruthippodrome](#)

## **LUANATIC (ACHRAFIEH)**

To buy souvenirs

+96170713435

@[luanaticbeirut](#)

## **BOURJ HAMMOUD**

For a walk in the Armenian district and a sojok sandwich at Mano or Ghazar Bakery



# OUTSIDE OF BEIRUT



**BATROUN PORT**

## **ENFEH**

For a swim and lunch or dinner at restaurant Salim-sur-Mer (with direct access to the sea)

## **BATROUN**

For a swim and a drink at Colonel Reef Brewery (a pub on the beach that serves house-made beers)

## **BYBLOS**

For a swim and a sandwich at Rock restaurant

## TRIPOLI

To visit the ancient souks, the International Forum, the citadel, and the multiple mosques and hammams (Hammam Ezzeddine & El Abed, mosques Taynal & Mansouri)

## TANNOURINE

For a walk through the olive fields

## BEIT ED-DINE

Concert at the Beiteddine palace, check festival program

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## JABAL MOUSSA RESERVE



## TRIPOLI



## BEITEDDINE PALACE, BEIT ED-DINE



## CHOUF

For a hike in the cedar forrest of Barouk

## DEIR EL QAMAR

To discover the pituresque village, and have a drink/dinner at Beyt al Jabal during sunset hour

## JABAL MOUSSA RESERVE

For a hike through the natural reserve and dip in the river

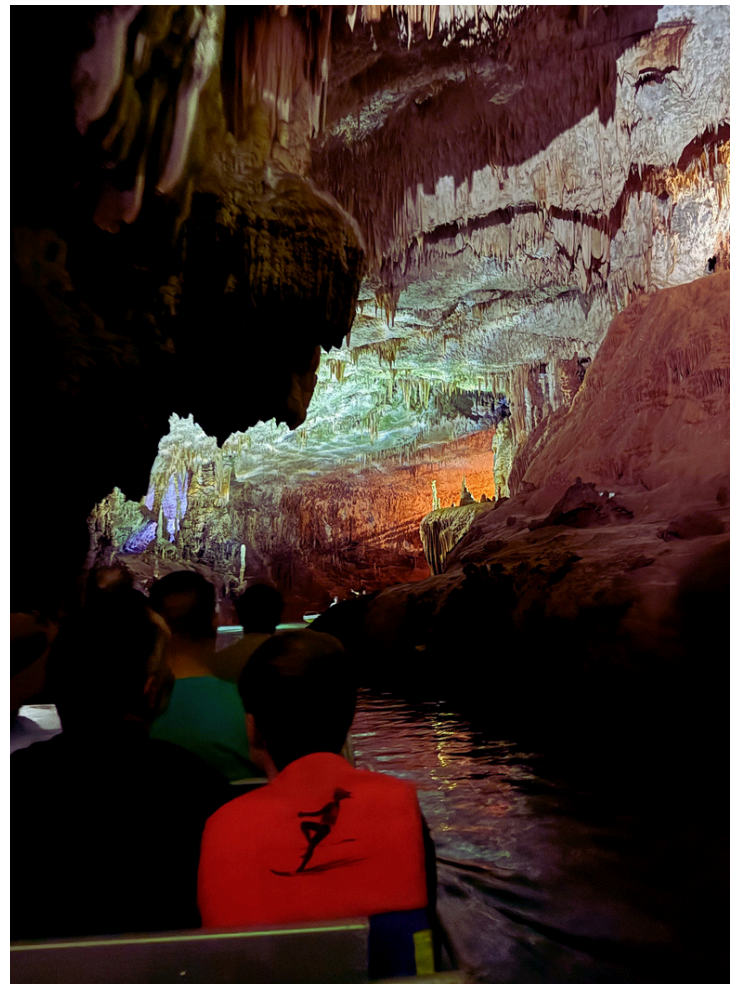




JEITTA GROTTO PARK

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LOWER JEITTA GROTTTO

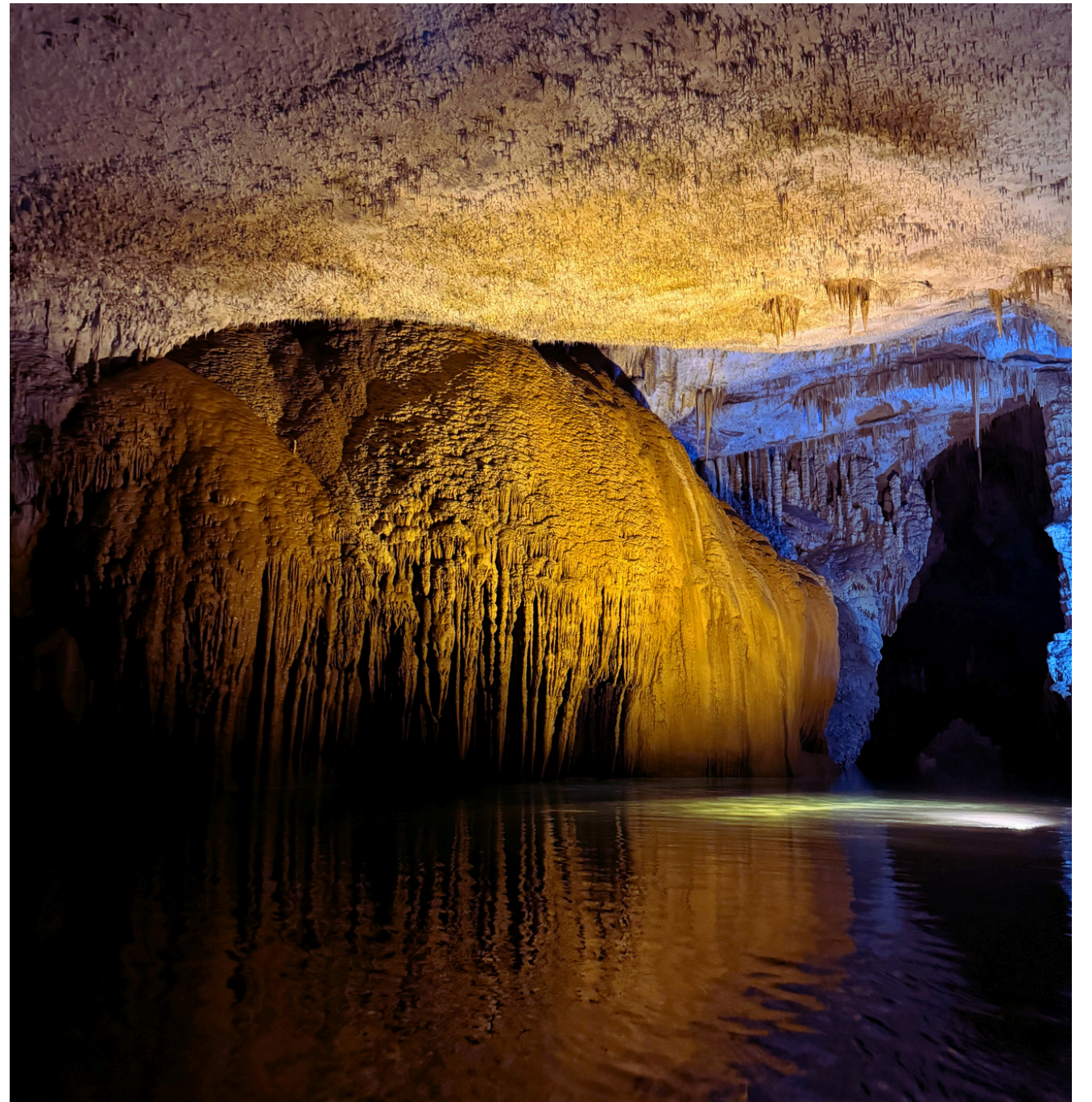


## PIERRE & FRIENDS

A nice private beach and fish restaurant

## JEITTA GROTTTO

Visit the upper and lower grottos, the park and bird zoo outside



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## **SAIDA**

To visit the old souks and taste the finest sweets Lebanon has to offer

## **BAALBEK**

To visit the roman ruins, the Palmyra Hotel and have lunch or dinner at the Lakkis Garden



## **TYR**

Visit the Roman Hippodrome, and a swim and a drink at Cloud 59

## **ANJAR**

Visit the ruins and have lunch at Shams Palace



SHAMS PALACE, ANJAR

# ENJOY YOUR SUMMER



# IN LEBANON