

Euro-Mediterranean Intercultural Dialogue

Andalusian Days in Lebanon

by

The Umayyad Route Digital Museum

May 5-8, 2023



The framework of Lebanon's accession into the "Enlarged Partial Agreement" of the "European Institute of Cultural Routes" of the Council of Europe, and the cooperation agreement between El Legado Andalusi, and the Lebanese American University (LAU) - Louis Cardahi Foundation defines the strategic planning and goal setting required to achieve the implementation of a number of tangible activities. The various activations are manifested in the form of exhibitions, promotions, research and publishing initiatives, as well as, the development of socio-cultural activities to serve the engaged communities. This rich diversity of initiatives and institutions holistically contribute to enhancing our Euro Mediterranean Intercultural Dialogue by celebrating Andalusian Days in Lebanon by the Umayyad Route. These objectives are a result of close collaboration with the above-mentioned stakeholders and the Lebanese Ministry of Tourism and the Ministry of Culture.

This cooperation agreement is between the following two parties:

1. "El Legado Andalusi" is a unique Andalusian Public Foundation that has among its objectives the dissemination of historical, artistic and cultural heritage of al-Andalus. The foundation dynamically champions the projection of culture and heritage at the regional, national and international level, disseminating the role that Spain and Andalusia have played as a cultural bridge between East and West.
2. The Lebanese American University (LAU)-Louis Cardahi Foundation, is committed to education and knowledge, in fulfillment of its stated mission; and is dedicated to the research of Lebanese history and seeks to sustain Lebanon's intercultural dialogue and connectivity with the confederation of the Euro-Mediterranean cities.
3. The Umayyad Digital Museum is one of the main tangible results of the Umayyad Route project (2013-2016); it is conceived in (2016) with the financial support of the EU funding ENPI-CBC MED program. The project involves 14 partners from Lebanon, Jordan, Tunisia, Egypt, Portugal, Spain and Italy. In Lebanon, the partners are LAU, Byblos Municipality, Safadi Foundation, ministries of Culture and Tourism.

Proposed Program:

Friday, 5th May:

- Pick up at Beirut airport and transfer to Byblos and check in in Aleph Hotel

Saturday, 6th May:

LAU-Louis Cardahi Foundation, Byblos

9.30-9.45am. Institutional meeting between attendees listed below:
Ms. María de la Concepción de Santa Ana Fernandez, President Michel Mawad,
Minister Cardahi, and Dr. Rachid Chamoun Opening Ceremony

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9.45 am. Master of Ceremony. Mrs. Elissar Baalbaky,
President of the Lebanese Tour Guide Syndicates.

9.50-9.55am Welcome Address: Dr. Michel Mawad President, LAU

9.55-10.00 am Mr. Jean-Louis Cardahi, Former Minister of communication,
Foundation Governing Board

10.00-10.05am Dr. Rachid Chamoun, Director, LAU LCF – “A History in Common”

10.05-10.10am Ms. Maria Bachour, LAU-LCF, “Smart Ways Lebanon by the Umayyad Route”

10.10-10.15am Ms. Maria de la Concepción de Santa Ana Fernandez,
Managing Director, Legado Andalusia

10.15-10.20am Minister of Culture, Judge Mohammad Mortada

10.20-10.25am Minister of Tourism Eng. Walid Nassar

10.25-10.40am Tour of the foundation

10.40-11:25am **Brunch**

11.30-12.30pm Tour of the heritage site.

1.00pm Check out from Aleph Hotel
Transfer to Beirut
Check in Lancaster Plaza Hotel, Beirut

3.00- 4.00pm. Music festival at the National Museum of Beirut

4.00-5.30 Visit to the National Museum of Beirut
- Welcome note by Minister of Culture, Judge Mohammad Mortada
- Dr. Rachid Chamoun, Director, LAU-louis Cardahi Foundation
- Ms. Maria de la Concepción de Santa Ana Fernandez,
Managing Director, Legado Andalusia
- Tour of the Museum

8.00pm Dinner in Beirut at Kempinski Hotel

Sunday, 7th May:

- Visits to the ancient cities of Anjar and Baalbek.
- Lunch in Baalbek.
- Visit to Chateau Ksara Winery.

Monday, 8th May:

- Departure.



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