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**Ras Beirut**

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**Our Neighborhood**



**Ras Beirut**, our neighborhood, is known for its diversity and vitality, two characteristics that the AUB Neighborhood Initiative aims to promote and protect through innovative outreach activities and interdisciplinary research.

In Ras Beirut, contradictions reign supreme. Behind the modern luxurious towers, we can still walk in hidden alleys and discover beautiful village-like areas with old houses and wild gardens. Next to the security guards at the entrance of a new building, we can still find people who will invite you - even a total stranger - to join them for a cup of coffee and a game of backgammon. The deafening noise of the electricity generators, the horrible traffic, and the eternally honking cars are offset by birdsong. Fragrant jasmine, orange blossom and bougainvillea bloom in the scattered gardens, often belonging to heritage buildings threatened by demolition due to real estate speculation. Alongside supermarket chains, we can still find family businesses established by great grandfathers in shops that bear witness to times gone by. In Ras Beirut, we can come across unforgettable characters and unexpected stories that make our neighborhood a very special place.

**Love Thy Neighbor** is a popular phrase that still reverberates in the alleyways of Ras Beirut despite its rapid urbanization and ongoing gentrification. You will always find people who will receive you with a smile and go out of their way to help you. Ahlan wa sahlan!

The list in this booklet, with the [online map](#), is our way to help you navigate the neighborhood, get to know its hidden gems, and discover its beautiful heritage.

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## A. GROCERIES, FOOD AND BEVERAGES

### A.1. SUPERMARKETS

- A.1.1 **Al-Fakhani** | Sadat St. 01-736673  
A bakery/supermarket that offers fresh baguette all day long, sandwiches, desserts, and even a range of Lebanese mezzes. They just opened a fresh vegetable section. They have a relatively good delivery service.
- A.1.2 **AM.PM** | Jeanne d'Arc St. 01-370646  
Supermarket. Opens and delivers 24/7.
- A.1.3 **Aziz Delicatessen** | Fakhreddine St. 01-358000  
[www.azizdelicatesse.com/en/home](http://www.azizdelicatesse.com/en/home)  
On the boundary between our neighborhood and downtown, Aziz has been the place for hard-to-find gourmet items since its creation in 1955. Best international cheeses in Beirut and excellent wine selection.
- A.1.4 **COOP** | Makdessi St. 01-342465  
The local supermarket chain with basic groceries and products at fair prices.
- A.1.5 **Insomnia** | Clemenceau St. 01-361880  
Minimarket. Open 24/7
- A.1.6 **Score Market** | Sidani St. 01-344411  
Very convenient late hour shopping for basic food, dairy, drinks and cleaning products.
- A.1.7 **Spinneys** | Souraty St. 1251  
A supermarket chain which has now replaced Idriss Supermarket. Open till 10 pm
- A.1.8 **TSC Plus** | Sadat St. 01-746989  
A supermarket chain. Open till midnight.

### A.2. GROCERY SHOPS/BUTCHERIES/OTHER

- A.2.1 **Edisson Roastery** | Makdessi St. 01-342083, 03-765392  
This favored traditional nuts shop also sells sesame brittle and dried fruits.
- A.2.2 **Lokma Tayyiba** | Sidani St. 01-348684  
This immaculate shop sells excellent yogurt, labne, local cheese, and other artisanal products.
- A.2.3 **Oussama the Greengrocer** | Antoun Gemayel St. 01-349298  
If you can look beyond the shambolic state of this hole-in-the-wall that expands onto the pavement, you will find produce of above average quality at fair prices. Oussama gives special attention to regular customers, many of whom are connected to AUB.
- A.2.4 **Mashawi Abou Abdo** | Sidani St. 01-741778  
Since 1950, Abdo, the grandfather, started this tiny butchery where you can buy a variety of chicken, lamb, and beef, as well as have them grilled in sandwiches.
- A.2.5 **Rita's Health Shop** | Cairo St. 01-755447, 03-870227  
A nice and cozy store run by the courteous and refined Rita where you can find all natural, organic, macrobiotic, gluten-free products and a range of food supplements.
- A.2.6 **Sidani Butchery** | Sidani St. 01-740815, 01-740784  
Since 1963, Mustapha and Abdo Sidani have been doing business with local hotels and restaurants, and offering excellent quality meat and chicken - cut, ground or pounded as well as homemade soujouk. Polite service and home delivery. White awning.
- A.2.7 **Walid's fruits and Vegetables** | Sadat St. 01-743262, 03-692009  
Since 1982, Walid Nimr and his family have been offering the best fresh fruits and vegetables, always with an amazing display.

### A.3. BEVERAGES

- A.3.1 **Kaldi coffee** | Jeanne d'Arc St. 03-583587, 01-750191  
Carefully sourced from all over the world, freshly roasted, and delivered right after roasting, Kaldi brings you great coffee.
- A.3.2 **Sam's Beverages** | Nehme Jafet St. 03-397170  
Hisham (Sam) Mawlawi offers a comprehensive selection of spirits, wines and beers.
- A.3.3 **Spirits and More** | Sidani St. 01-750309, 03-365105  
As the name implies, this shop sells liqueur, whiskey, wine, vodka, and tequila.
- A.3.4 **The Liquor Coffee Store** | Makhoul St. 01-743575, 70-041919  
 Hidden behind flowers planted in chunky coffee beans bags, this store acts as a coffee shop during the day and a cozy bar by night serving liquor and cocktails. Rabih is your bartender and mood consultant. Open 24/7

### A.4. MARKETS

- A.4.1 **Earth Market** | Hamra | [www.slowfoodbeirut.com/earth-market](http://www.slowfoodbeirut.com/earth-market)  
Tuesdays from 8am to 1pm, an open air farmers' market is open in the alley in front of Bread Republic, organized by the Slow Food Foundation. Fresh organic produce, pulses, nuts, traditional pastries and Um Ali's freshly made saj manakeesh.
- A.4.2 **Souk El-Tayyeb** | Gefinor Plaza | [www.soukeltayeb.com](http://www.soukeltayeb.com)  
Wednesday from 12pm to 6pm, this open air farmers' market gets installed on Gefinor Plaza with a variety of organic vegetables and fresh seasonal food products alongside saj baked manakeesh and freshly squeezed juices.

## B. PÂTISSERIES, CHOCOLATE AND ICE CREAM

### B.1. PÂTISSERIES AND SWEETS

- B.1.1 **Al-Antabli** | Leon St. 01-739326  
It is a classic place for homemade Lebanese desserts like mughli and riz bi haleeb (rice pudding) and all kinds of juices especially jellab and lemonade.
- B.1.2 **Al Baba Sweets** | (Off the map) Kraytem highway 01-787178  
[www.albaba-sweets.com](http://www.albaba-sweets.com)  
One of the best places for Oriental sweets and baklava pastries with great travel packaging.
- B.1.3 **Amal Bohsali** | Alfred Nobel St. 01-354400  
[www.abohsali.com.lb/home](http://www.abohsali.com.lb/home)  
One of the first established families in the oriental pastry industry with mouth-watering baklava and worldwide door to door service by special courier!
- B.1.4 **Crunchy Flakes** | Hamra St. 01-748188, 81-201818  
The first cereal café in Beirut where kids and adults alike can create their own cereal bowl!
- B.1.5 **Curli-Q** | Souraty St. 01-747857, 03-177227   
It is a patisserie with a developed and altered Japanese cake concept. Their specialty is the sweet cinnamon and lemon poppy seed curli-Q cake besides a great hot chocolate. They also offer gluten-free, sugar-free treats.
- B.1.6 **Gustav** | Antoun Gemayel St. 01-747199, 71-499961  
[www.gustav.ws](http://www.gustav.ws)   
Chefs Khaled Kara and Noor Ramlawi have created some heavenly cakes, tarts and ice creams or "innovations sucrées" as they like to call them. The shop has a small mezzanine for eating in.

- B.1.7 **La Cigale** | Nehme Jafet St. 01-344155  
Since 1981, they have been serving tasty tarts and cakes alongside their great catering service.
- B.1.8 **Papabubble** | Cairo St. 71-004126 | [www.papabubble.com](http://www.papabubble.com)  
This is a highly recommended candy store that offers amazing flavored artisanal hard candy. All candies are vegan and gluten-free. You can watch Karim and Wissam create their candy in a live show most afternoons.
- B.1.9 **Taj Al-Moulouk** | Bliss St. 01-365797  
An established oriental sweets shop whose outstanding (and fattening) warm cheese kunafé is served on kaak every morning, and their sesame cookies (barazi) are excellent.

## B.2. CHOCOLATE

- B.2.1 **Alpina** | Abdul Aziz St. 01-344846  
Though a chocolate shop, they have great seasonal ice cream in pre-packaged cones and squares, and half kilo tubs.
- B.2.2 **Nougatini Chocolatier** | Jeanne d'Arc St. 01-343759  
[www.blogbaladi.com/nougatini-fine-chocolate-since-1968](http://www.blogbaladi.com/nougatini-fine-chocolate-since-1968)  
Sisters Rima and Karima el-Barrage continue their father's business established in 1968, offering exquisite chocolates, chocolate-dipped fruits, marron glacé and marzipan, perfect for gifts.
- B.2.3 **Particulier Chocolatier** | Sidani St. 01-740611  
They sell vegan artisanal chocolates and homemade cakes.

## B.3. ICE CREAM

- B.3.1 **Bliss House** | Bliss St. 01-366290  
They are known for Beirut's historical, soft "Merry Cream" ice cream: chocolate, strawberry, vanilla, or mixed. They also serve yummy milkshakes, fresh fruit juices and cocktails.

- B.3.2 **Bouzet Jeddo** | Bliss St. 70-007575 | [www.bouzetjeddo.com](http://www.bouzetjeddo.com)  
An ice cream parlor in a traditional 150 year-old house dressed in pink, yellow, purple and blue. The artisanal homemade ice cream follows the closely-kept secret recipes of the owner's late grandfather, Anis Daouk.
- B.3.3 **Hanna Mitri Ice Cream** | (Off the map) Achrafieh, St. Nicolas St. 01-322723  
This little homemade ice Cream place, which survived the civil war, was listed by the New York Times as one of the best ice cream places in the world.
- B.3.4 **Oslo** | (Off the map) Kraytem highway, 01-793196  
[www.osloicecream.com](http://www.osloicecream.com)  
Beirut's most delicious ice cream using only natural top-grade fruits and ingredients - based in Gemmayze - is now available in Verdun next to Marquet supermarket. Taste their legendary salted caramel and amazing sorbets.

## C. EATING AND DINING OUT

### C.1. BAKERIES

- C.1.1 **Abdul Aziz Bakery** | Abdul Aziz St. 01-735030  
This place is famous for the veggie mankousheh, and opens 24/7.
- C.1.2 **Abou Shady Saj** | Najib Ardati St. 03-684334, 71-212210  
Abou Shady is famous for his creative Manakeesh and amazing dough.
- C.1.3 **Faysal's Snack** | Bliss St. 01-367281  
A great place for manaqeesh: oven-baked dough with zaatar mixture, cheese, and other condiments, usually eaten for breakfast. Opposite the Ras Beirut Police Station.

C.1.4 **Ichkhanian Bakery** | Zokak El Blatt 01-375178, 03-216012  
Madame Ichkhanian's bakery is located in an old building next to the (German) Orient Institute. She makes the best Armenian meat pizzas (lahm bi-ajine) in Beirut. Try the pomegranate version. Open until 2pm, Tues-Sun.

## C.2. SNACKS AND SANDWICHES

- C.2.1 **Abu Naji - Bliss d'Or** | Bliss St. 01-365409  
A small market that also offers all types of sandwiches for breakfast or lunch, including vegetarian choices like fries, cauliflower, chili potatoes, and hummus sandwiches.
- C.2.2 **Bakkar Sandwiches** | Jeanne d'Arc St. 01-342003, 03-896345  
A lovely family run place offering manakish, falafel, lahem bi ajine, baked potato and vegetarian sandwiches. They also have a daily homemade dish which they can deliver.
- C.2.3 **Bliss House** | Bliss St. 01-366290  
One of the best shawarma places in town. Great fresh juices next door.
- C.2.4 **Falafel Karim Sahyoun** | Sidani St. 70-225995  
Famous for their crunchy falafel, they now have the falafel fattah which is worth a try.
- C.2.5 **Falafel Tabbara** | Lyon St. 01-350821  
This is the oldest and best falafel place in the neighborhood but they close at noon.

## C.3. COFFEE SHOPS

C.3.1 **Bristol Hotel, Les Gourmandises Coffee Shop** | Mme Curie St. 01-351400    
Enjoy a meal or refreshments overlooking the busy street outside this landmark hotel. They serve excellent plats du jour, salads, and pastries. Good for a quiet conversation.

- C.3.2 **Café Rawda** | Manara, 01-743348  
This traditional family place right under the Luna Park by the sea offers the perfect spot to have breakfast with mint tea or drink lemonade and watch the sunset. Children can run around and enjoy their swings and play area.
- C.3.3 **Café Younes** | Nehme Jafet St. 01-750975    
Acclaimed specialty roaster Café Younes has been roasting and brewing quality artisanal coffee since 1935. It is a family-run business selling coffee beans of various origins, and brewed coffee in a pleasant open air café.
- C.3.4 **Café Younes** | Abdul Aziz St. 01-741654    
Amin Younes did AUB a great favor by creating a new branch of his enormously successful café near the Medical Gate, a students' favorite with its art deco vintage tiles and open façade onto the sidewalk.
- C.3.5 **HŌM Café** | Jeanne d'Arc St. 70-817802    
Just off Jeanne d'Arc Street, there is a renovated heritage building with yellow and blue windows housing 16 furnished studios, café and library. Bound by Arabesque tiles and earthy woods, you can have your coffee or meal, work quietly or grab a book off the shelf and read.
- C.3.6 **MedCafe - Casper and Gambini's** | Abdul Aziz St. 01-364064    
A neat café/restaurant right next to AUBMC and the Saab Medical Library. The salad bar is excellent. AUB IDs get 15% discount.
- C.3.7 **Paul** | Bliss St. 01-376769    
Hop in for great croissants, French breads, pastries and omelets. They serve "American coffee" especially for AUB.
- C.3.8 **Urbanista** | Bliss St. 01-367871    
The Bliss sister of a trendy Gemayzeh café, with great working atmosphere. A favorite place for meetings and group celebrations.

## C.4. RESTAURANTS

- C.4.1 **Abu Hassan** | Salah el Din St. 01-741725  
An old school restaurant with casual street type food and authentic Lebanese mezzes.
- C.4.2 **Al Soussi** | (Off the map) Mar Elias, Zaydaniyeh St. 01-312145  
Hidden in a dead end in Mar Elias is a place that was voted as CNN's world's best breakfast destination. Prepared with passion by Ahmad and Raji, the hummus, balila, mousabbaha, fatteh and foul are a must try.
- C.4.3 **Appetito Trattoria** | Mahatma Ghandi St. 01-347346   
A friendly Italian restaurant with good salads and pastas in a rural Italian ambience.
- C.4.4 **Bagatelle** | Jean d'Arc St. 01-342842  
[www.bagatellebeirut.com](http://www.bagatellebeirut.com)   
A charming restaurant serving exquisite Mediterranean cuisine in a renovated 1930's house with a small garden: one of those places where the tree is much bigger than the house!
- C.4.5 **Bayt Em Nazih** | Abdul Baki St. 01-742390  
[www.hamragardens.com/en/café](http://www.hamragardens.com/en/café)   
"Em Nazih" is the cook who diligently prepares the Plat du Jour and entrées her own way; she makes dishes on par with those she was brought up eating at home, those she made to feed her own children.
- C.4.6 **Blue Note** | Makhoul St. 01-743857   
This classic restaurant pub with good daily specials, and great live jazz evenings is a landmark neighborhood place. Their best appetizers are chicken liver in pomegranate molasses and spicy fried feta cheese.
- C.4.7 **Bread Republic** | Hamra St. 01-739040   
This artisan bakery/eatery with some tables on the sidewalk is a great meeting place in an alleyway off Hamra. They serves soups, sandwiches, and all day breakfasts with freshly baked bagels and homemade ice teas. Open from 7:30 am.
- C.4.8 **Casablanca** | Dar El Mreisseh St. 01-369334   
Fusion with an Asian touch in an atmospheric traditional triple arched house overlooking the sea. Great weekend brunch and a high end dining experience. Grilled octopus is a must!
- C.4.9 **Cheikha** | Leon St. 01-351565, 01-351656   
Big portions, inexpensive take out with quick delivery service. Traditional kebab and chicken sandwiches, kafta arayes and grilled meat platters.
- C.4.10 **Dar Bistro and Books** | Rome St. 01-373348   
In the alley behind Interdesign building in Wardieh, this hidden authentic café is situated in a renovated old house with a lovely garden. They offer light meals and Oslo ice cream in a relaxed atmosphere. Their boutique bookshop has an interesting hand-picked selection.
- C.4.11 **Dottore Lantica Pizzeria** | Antoun Gemayel St. 01-349379   
Cute small place with pizza and other Italian dishes at affordable prices with Italian songs playing in the background.
- C.4.12 **Fiber** | Sidani St. 01-735935 | [www.fiberresto.com](http://www.fiberresto.com)   
Great healthy low-fat food and monthly packages planned by their expert dietitian.
- C.4.13 **Gruen Eatery** | Clemenceau St. 01-737344   
Named after the modernist architect of the Gefinor center, they offer International cuisine. With owner Amal Zein as your attentive host, it is a great place for a quiet morning coffee, a business lunch, an afternoon tea or an early evening drink. A favorite for weekend brunches. Do not miss their thyme mankousheh.
- C.4.14 **Istambouli** | Baalbeck St. 01-352049, 01-353029   
It is an old school Lebanese restaurant; the decor is not exciting, but the food is solid and it is reminiscent of a different time. It's also quite cheap for an authentic Lebanese meal.

- C.4.15 **Jai** | Mexico St. 01-341940, 71-541311 🚫  
This is the best Asian fusion cuisine in the area, healthy and fragrant with succulent flavors. Founded by Chef Wael Lazkani, Jai is an open delivery kitchen where you can enjoy a meal watching the busy beehive in a space full of fresh aromas.
- C.4.16 **Kabab-ji** | Bliss St. 01-375999 🚫  
Hidden in the alley facing the Main Gate, they serve good quality kebabs and mezzes. Very popular with AUB faculty, staff and students. Packed and noisy at lunch; empty at night.
- C.4.17 **L'Autre Bistro** | Makhoul St. 01-742501 🚫  
Located in one of the oldest houses remaining in Makhoul, L'Autre combines tradition and trend. Known as the “Mokhtar” house/office for many generations, the location is a historical landmark in the neighborhood and is deeply rooted in its collective memory. They serve French-Italian dishes in a very cozy and relaxing atmosphere.
- C.4.18 **Le Pecheur (Al-Sayyad)** | Ain El Mreisseh, 01-374752/3/4  
[www.alssayad.com](http://www.alssayad.com) 🆓📶  
A great fish place where you get to sit right at the seaside, pick your fish and have a delicious and pleasant evening. It's on the pricey side but definitely worth it. Try their crispy bizri fish that is placed in a fried bread bowl.
- C.4.19 **Malek Al-Foul** | Antoine Gemayel St. 01-341589  
This hole-in-the-wall place serves delicious foul and Fattah, mornings through early afternoon. Eat in or take away.
- C.4.20 **Mado Turkish Restaurant** | Hamra St. 01-347734 🆓📶  
Affordable Turkish food recommended for its great authentic Turkish ice cream.
- C.4.21 **Marrouche** | Manara, 01-360509, 76-383883 🚫  
Their legendary chicken sandwich is a classic. The shop has recently moved from Hamra to the sea side but the food is just as good. Grab that sandwich and take a walk on the Corniche and that makes for a pleasant Beirut evening.

- C.4.22 **Mezyan** | Hamra St. 01-740608, 71-293015 🚫  
before midnight 🆓📶  
Great tapas/mezze restaurant with specialty dishes like Itch (a great Armenian salad), Halloumi with Carrot, and great Moroccan Tagines in a super casual ambiance.
- C.4.23 **ONNO Bistro** | Ibrahim Abdul Aal St. 01-740948, 70-383203 🚫  
Traditional home-cooked Armenian dishes cooked with skill and passion. Do not miss the Ras Asfour karaz (meat with cherry glaze) or their Basterma with quail eggs, another classic.
- C.4.24 **Salon Beyrouth** | Abdul Baki St. 01-739317, 79-185790 🚫 🆓📶  
Great ambiance in a garden setting for brunch, drinks or dinner. Roasted chicken and baked aubergine are recommended. Check out their Wednesday jazz nights, their monthly ceilidh nights with traditional Scottish dancing and their amazing whiskey collection.
- C.4.25 **Smoking bun** | Abdul Baki St. 71-329393  
A small place serving only one kind of juicy burger made to perfection with different toppings, fries and a great dipping sauce, all out of a refurbished garage.
- C.4.26 **Socrate** | Sadat St. 01-846646 🚫 🆓📶  
Famous for its Lebanese homemade food and catering services, this is a cheery place for lunch, with daily dishes and a mezze-salad bar. Delivery hotline 1530.
- C.4.27 **T-Marbouta** | Hamra St. 01-350274 🚫 🆓📶  
Funky community gathering place and an activist hub with great food and atmosphere. They have an upstairs lending library and meeting room, and an outdoor seating area. They host events, exhibitions and film screenings.
- C.4.28 **The J's** | Makdessi St. 01-742433 🚫  
An urban upscale diner offering a unique blend of taste and flavors as well as their signature amazing potato buns sliders. They give a 10% discount for AUB staff and students.

## C.5. BARS

- C.5.1 **Bricks** | Makdessi St. 01-344565  
Experiment some of the funkiest cocktails, hip music and good food with a lovely outdoor area.
- C.5.2 **Cru** | Makdessi St. 01-344565 🚫  
This small wine bar is family run and offers good food and an extensive wine list with interesting new Lebanese wines.
- C.5.3 **Dany's** | Hamra, 01-383681, 76-997992 🆓  
A friendly simple neighborhood bar with outdoor seating, the first to open in this popular little alley perpendicular to Hamra.
- C.5.4 **De Prague** | Makdessi St. 01-744864 🆓  
This café-bar always has a buzz, and combines good food, drink and occasional exhibitions. Casual sofas, jazz tunes and moody lighting.
- C.5.5 **Ferdinand** | Mahatma Ghandi St. 01-355955, 03-882470  
A great bar to have a beer with friends and a unique juicy burger with blue berry jam! Creative cocktails and super friendly staff.

## D. HOUSEHOLD

- D.1.1 **A&P Chemali Stores** | Souraty St. 01-346958  
Wide selection of small household appliances, tableware, candles, cooking pots and utensils, on the expensive side. Owners are charming and helpful.
- D.1.2 **Abou Hassan Houseware** | Sadat St.  
Helpful staff in a small jam-packed shop with inexpensive kitchen utensils, glasses, plastic containers, and more.
- D.1.3 **Beyrouthi Freres** | Mahatma Ghandi St. 01-349411  
Lamps and lampshades that are an alternative to expensive ready-made lamps. Mr. Roger Beyrouthi can transform a pot or jug into a beautiful lamp.

- D.1.4 **Chehab Gas Delivery and Installation** | Baalbeck St.  
01-742015, 03-882953  
All kinds of gas bottles including camping gaz. Prompt service, maintenance, fair prices.
- D.1.5 **Domtex** | Abdul Aziz St. 01-345901  
A Hamra institution for towels and bed linens. Mrs. Liliane Shamsi and her colleagues offer moderately priced, locally made products, most are pure cotton.
- D.1.6 **Melki Knitting and Sewing Supplies** | Makdessi St. 01-343709  
This 52 year old haberdashery is a veritable Aladdin's cave of buttons, ribbons, thread and sewing accessories.
- D.1.7 **Metal and Wood** | Rome St. 01-361480/90  
Furniture pieces, bold graphic textiles and home goods with a Scandinavian touch.
- D.1.8 **Moustafa Abdullatif Arakji and Sons** | Manara, 03-838430  
Ahmad Arakji runs this family business of basic picture framing and mirrors at good prices.
- D.1.9 **Reslan Upholstery** | Omar Daouk St. 01-379048, 03-873772  
Abdul Hafiz Reslan offers an upholstery service for all types of furniture as well as cushions and bamboo works.
- D.1.10 **Senteurs d'Orient** | Clemenceau St. 01-744762  
This shop sells locally made soaps with local scents, elegantly presented for great gifts. It opens onto the Gefinor Center lower plaza.
- D.1.11 **Tabbara Homeline** | Mahatma Ghandi St. 01-739551  
A large variety of appliances of different brands at affordable prices.
- D.1.12 **Tony Naufal's shop** | Ibrahim Abdul Aal St. 03-366445  
Tony has a small shop full of all sorts of useful electrical and other household stuff, and he can get what he doesn't have. Exceptionally friendly.

D.1.13 **Warde for Curtains and Upholstery** | Antoun Gemayel St.  
01-748400

Incredible range of mostly imported fabrics of all ranges.  
Their Solderie has good bargains.

D.1.14 **Xxe Siecle** | Ibrahim Abdul Aal St. 01-742020

[www.xxesieclegalerie.com](http://www.xxesieclegalerie.com)

Founded by Design enthusiasts and connoisseurs Souheil and Hala Hanna, this is a great showroom for beautiful vintage furniture and art objects by famous Mid-Century designers.

## E. FLOWERS AND PLANTS

E.1.1 **California Flowers** | Jeanne d'Arc St. 70-868297, 01-343617

A large extended-family flower business stretches on one side of Jeanne d'Arc Street. The corner shop is run by Ibrahim Takkoush, a gentle old man reputed to be a former movie star.

E.1.2 **Jacaranda** | Rome St. 01-374466

Layla's shop specializes in artistic arrangements and a wide unusual flower selection.

E.1.3 **Violetta Flowers** | Sidani St. 01-353553, 03-414647

Besides flower bouquets, this shop delivers plants, soil and pots to your home.

## F. SERVICES

### F.1. DRY CLEANING

F.1.1 **Immediate Service Dry cleaning** | Makdessi St. 01-347638,  
01-347640, 71-719530

Most up-to-date cleaning machines. You can trust them with your most sensitive pieces.

F.1.2 **Saeedi Cleaners** | Nehme Jafet St.

Laundry manager Ahmad (Abou Tawfiq) Hamdan runs an efficient service at a very reasonable price. Home delivery.

### F.2. REPAIRS / OTHER SERVICES

F.2.1 **Baydoun "Stoppeur"** | Antoun Gemayel St. 03-372304

The place to go when your pretty dress or favorite pants is ripped and you need it invisibly but expensively repaired!

F.2.2 **Electrical repairs** | 76-339303

Nizar Fanous is an electrical technician and will answer you calls.

F.2.3 **Hassan's Hardware** | Antoun Gemayel, 01-342411

Besides all sorts of hardware essentials, Hassan can also recommend reliable plumbers and others for household repairs.

F.2.4 **Hisham Stouhi** | Cairo St. 01-738534

He does all types of alterations and repairs at a very reasonable price, but he speaks no English! Colisée Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.

F.2.5 **Jean Satjian – Watch Repairs** | Mahatma Ghandi St. 01-739547

Mr. Jean Satjian offers friendly prompt watch repair and battery replacement service. He also sells watches, clocks, and jewelry.

F.2.6 **Maya Gold** | Hamra St. 03-570399

Mr. Abdul Ghani Kobrosli repairs all kinds of jewelry and accessories and welds broken rings and earrings at reasonable prices.

F.2.7 **Nader Shoes** | Jeanne d'Arc St. 01-347285, 70-008372

Mr. Nader repairs shoes, dyes leather and offers very good quality work.

F.2.8 **Ras Beirut Shoes – Cobbler** | Makhoul St.

Since 1976, known as the expensive cobbler, Hajj Moustafa Mehdi is very dedicated to finish his work and does not like customers to distract him while working. So be fast in explaining your problem!

- F.2.9 **Said Nader – Leather repairs** | 01-348347, 03-053496  
Said Nader is the best for repairs of bags, belts and other leather goods. Opposite Café Younes, Hamra Center.
- F.2.10 **Samia Gharzouzi – Tailor** | Nehme Yafet St. 01-342410  
An old “nouveau-té” shop where Mrs. Samia Gharzouzi specializes in repairs and alterations to bathing suits!
- F.2.11 **Samir Haddad – Electrical Repairs** | Sidani St. 03-151053  
Mr. Haddad repairs all electrical appliances in a classical music ambience! Opposite Socrates.
- F.2.12 **Samuel Mozian – Locksmith** | Antoun Gemayel St. 01-343955, 03-810460  
Mr Mozian and his colleague Mike change locks and cut new keys. Opposite Decoratex.
- F.2.13 **Varoujan Khozian – Cobbler** | Omar Daouk St. 76-476969  
In his tiny shop in front of which his electrical motorcycle is always being charged, Varouj can fix almost any shoe and give it a new life for a very reasonable price.

### F.3. FINANCE AND MAIL

- F.3.1 **Akkawi Services** | Najib Ardati St.  
They offer all types of services: money transfer, insurance policies, paying phone and water bills, getting legal documents, car rental, delivering packages and more.
- F.3.2 **Aramex** | Clemenceau St. 01-741538
- F.3.3 **Liban Post** | Makdessi St. 01-354706  
[www.libanpost.com/english/individuals](http://www.libanpost.com/english/individuals)  
Liban Post offers great service for national or international mail delivery, paying phone bills, private car “mechanique” fees, car parking tickets and many other services.
- F.3.4 **Nabil Shouman Exchange Co.** | Jeanne d’Arc St. 01-736801  
Reda and Khaled warmly welcome you at this OMT money transfer and exchange place inside the Strand Bldg.  
They exchange money for good values.

- F.3.5 **Western Union – Money transfer service** | Mahatma Ghandi St.
- F.3.6 **Western Union – Money transfer service** | Makdessi St.

### F.4. TRAVEL AGENCIES

- F.4.1 **Five Stars Tours** | Roosevelt St. 01-347773, 70-347773  
Great for charter flights, travel packages, ticketing and hotel reservation. They offer local and private tours with family and student packages.
- F.4.2 **Ghazi Travel** | Bliss St. 01-365705 | [www.ghazitravel.com](http://www.ghazitravel.com)  
Consult with Lilian for airline tickets and travel packages.
- F.4.3 **Tania Travel** | Sidani St. 01-739682, 03-686121  
Consult with Mary Petrakian for airline tickets, travel packages and reasonable day tours in Lebanon.

### F.5. PRINTING AND PHOTO SERVICES

- F.5.1 **Digital Horizon** | Jeanne d’Arc St. 01-744265  
Photocopying, printing and binding, well known among AUB architecture and graphic design students for their good quality work, fast service and good prices.
- F.5.2 **Doculand** | Bliss St. 01-365025 | [www.doculand.com.lb](http://www.doculand.com.lb)  
A print and copy center with a wide range of services including gift ideas, promotional items and office supplies.
- F.5.3 **Malik’s** | Bliss St. 01-741975 ext. 221 | [www.maliks.com](http://www.maliks.com)  
Established by Malik Barakat in 1987, this was the first print and copy center on Bliss, now with a wide range of services including typing and translation, gift ideas and stationary.
- F.5.4 **Photo Naji** | Sadat St. 01-740474  
Good for family photos, portraits, and passport photos.
- F.5.5 **Trihaus** | Abdul Aziz St. 01-750849 | [www.trihauslb.com](http://www.trihauslb.com)  
A space for 3D printing, 3D scanning, laser cutting all while having your coffee!

F.5.6 **3ind Riad** | Makhoul St. 01-341079  
Riad's great hospitality complements his excellent and reasonably priced photocopying, printing and binding services. He sometimes extends his working hours to help finish projects on time!

## F.6. TECHNOLOGY

F.6.1 **Chico – Video Rental** | Sidani St. 01-743855  
Diran Mardirian and colleagues are movie buffs and have an excellent collection of art house, Hollywood, regional and educational films. They can also transfer from old tapes to DVD.

F.6.2 **Micro-city** | Leon St. 01-742223, 01-739941  
[www.gomicrocity.com](http://www.gomicrocity.com)  
A good selection of laptops, printers and all computer accessories at very competitive prices.

F.6.3 **Micro-tech** | Kalaa St. 01-800142  
Moustapha Char runs this computer store with good prices and friendly customer service especially for maintenance and repairs, including data retrieval that can be lifesaving!

F.6.4 **The Phone Zone** | Jeanne d'Arc St. 01-365980, 71-339439, 03-415887  
Mahmoud can fix your phone while Ayman handles your laptop!

## F.7. NURSERIES

F.7.1 **Garderie 3 à 3 Chez Caroline** | Sadat St. 03-219145  
[www.de3a3chezcaroline.com](http://www.de3a3chezcaroline.com)  
Caroline Saikali runs this very homey French spoken nursery for children aged from 3 months to three years.

F.7.2 **Innocent Minds** | Bliss - Maysalloun St. 01-360026  
Sanayeh - Anis Tabbara St. 01-747995  
[www.innocentminds.com/en](http://www.innocentminds.com/en)  
This nursery follows the Maria Montessori system of education as well as other teaching methods in both English and French. Directed by Mrs. Maha Sabbagh, they offer high quality childcare for children aged 11 months to 4 years.

F.7.3 **Nursery Kalila** | Najib Ardati St. 01-747903, 70-816091  
[www.kalila-nursery.com/maison](http://www.kalila-nursery.com/maison)  
A new pre-school and child care service in an adorable setting with a lovely garden for children aged 2 months to 3.5 years.

## F.8. BEAUTY

F.8.1 **Derma Care Clinic** | Sidani St. 01-737488  
Call Adele for an appointment for a facial or a massage. The service is excellent.

F.8.2 **Odile Salon** | Makdessi St. 01-345884  
Odile is a long time French resident of Beirut, famous for good cuts and speaks only French. Next to Blom Bank.

F.8.3 **Salon Nasri** | Makhoul St. 01-354883  
Beauty women's hair salons favorite of the AUB community and they are good with children too.

F.8.4 **Salon Safar** | Bliss St. 01-365979  
This small barbershop with a vintage blue framed vitrine was established in 1930 by Elias Safar, whose son Philippe now runs the shop. Among his clients are high-profile figures, ambassadors and the Presidents of AUB.

## F.9. PHARMACIES

F.9.1 **Abiad Pharmacy** | Makdessi St. 01-745593

F.9.2 **City Pharmacy** | Hamra St. 01-349349  
Well-stocked, newly renovated. Open 24/7. Facing Crowne Plaza Hotel.

- F.9.3 **College Pharmacy** | Kennedy St. 01-367900
- F.9.4 **Kaddoura Pharmacy** | Maamari St. 03-397145
- F.9.5 **Khayat Pharmacy** | Clemenceau St. 01-343385
- F.9.6 **Kutteh Pharmacy** | Sidani St. 01-342355, 01-347355
- F.9.7 **Richani Pharmacy** | Maamari St. 01-342831
- F.9.8 **Wardieh Pharmacy** | Sidani St. 01-751343, 03-179757  
Wide range of products including cosmetics. Open 24/7

## F.10. VETERINARIAN SERVICES

- F.10.1 **Canicat Veterinary Clinic** | Tannoukhiyen St. 03-904013, 01-736431  
A great clinic where the vets are very caring and professional. They offer regular care, special care in case of sickness, surgeries and operations, and great advice on pet care. They can also take care of your pets while you are away.
- F.10.2 **Pet Care** | Souraty St. 01-752343, 03-623083  
Founded by Dr. Ali Hemade, their services include hospitalization, quarantine, surgery, X-Ray, Lab analysis, grooming, boarding and vaccination.

## F.11. HEALTH CARE

- F.11.1 **AUBMC - American University of Beirut Medical Center**  
Maamari St. 01-350000 | [www.aubmc.org](http://www.aubmc.org)
- F.11.2 **Bekhazi Medical Center** | Abdul Aziz St. 01-742140  
[www.bmg.com.lb](http://www.bmg.com.lb)
- F.11.3 **Children Cancer Center** | Clemenceau St. 01-351515, 70-351515
- F.11.4 **Clemenceau Medical Center** | Clemenceau St. 01-372888  
[www.cmc.com.lb](http://www.cmc.com.lb)
- F.11.5 **Najjar Hospital** | Mohammad Abdul Baki St. 01-340626
- F.11.6 **Trad Hospital** | America St. 01-366130 | [www.hopitaltrad.com](http://www.hopitaltrad.com)

- F.11.7 **Health Line Shop** | Cairo St. 01-351333, 01-752552  
[www.healthlineshop.com/eshop](http://www.healthlineshop.com/eshop)  
Health Line Shop is a distributor of healthcare products and medical equipment.

## F.12. EMERGENCY

- F.12.1 **Lebanese Red Cross** | Spears St. 01-368681, Hotline 140  
Call the Red Cross for emergency, blood donation, or ambulance support.
- F.12.2 **Ras Beirut Police Station** | Bliss St. 01-740942  
Hotline 01-736082  
Our very friendly police station was redesigned recently with a proper reception and a waiting room and they are ready to act upon any reported incident. They recently introduced the cool Corniche policemen on bikes!

## G. SHOPPING

### G.1. CLOTHES AND ACCESSORIES

- G.1.1 **Ants** | Makhoul St. 03-184211  
This shop, especially popular with young people, has developed a cult following for its Indian clothes, ethnic beads and jewelry.
- G.1.2 **Ashekman** | Jeanne d'Arc St. 03-696941 | [www.ashekman.com](http://www.ashekman.com)  
Twin brothers Mohamed and Omar Kabbani's store provides a range of street wear with creative graffiti prints based on the concept of reviving Arabic calligraphy with graffiti.
- G.1.3 **Haber Sport** | Jeanne d'Arc St. 01-342434  
A family business selling sports clothes and equipment since 1958.
- G.1.4 **Hallak Opticians** | Abdul Aziz St. 01-736765  
High standard of eye care offering on site vision screening service and vast choice of frames.

- G.1.5 **House on Mars** | Abdul Aziz St. 01-749746  
[www.houseonmars.com](http://www.houseonmars.com)  
 “A cornucopia of global delights”, House on Mars is a great place for clothing, accessories, bracelets, anklets, bags, pins, and gift items. They also do piercings and tattoos.
- G.1.6 **Kalabsha** | Makdessi St. 01-352951  
 On the 4th floor of Abdul Baki Bldg. in Hamra, this shop sells beautifully hand-crafted designer clothing for women by local designer Loulwa Abdul Baki.
- G.1.7 **Space Vision Eyeglasses** | Abdul Aziz St. 01-353126  
 Rana and Ali Ajouz help you choose from a good selection of eye glasses and offer prompt prescription service.

## G.2. ARTISANAT AND HANDCRAFTS

- G.2.1 **Al-Badia** | Makdessi St. 01-746430  
 A great selection of cushion covers, purses and shawls with Palestinian embroidery produced by women in the Palestinian camps of Lebanon.
- G.2.2 **Amir** | Hamra St. 01-345968  
 This oriental little shop offers a variety of hand crafted items from accessories, clothing, shawls, and fabric and much more with a great range of prices.
- G.2.3 **Artisans Du Liban et d’Orient** | Ain El Mreisseh 01-362610  
 High end Lebanese one-of-a-kind handicrafts, clothes, footwear and jewelry in this 30 year old hidden shop on the Corniche with amazing displays and a superb sea view.
- G.2.4 **Barjis** | Hamra St. 01-350933, 03-210348  
[www.barjisdesign.com](http://www.barjisdesign.com)  
 Fabrics come to life in the blooming artwork created by Lebanese owner/designer Hala Habib from original furniture, to home accessories and gifts including the famous popular barjis game.

- G.2.5 **Hamra Vintage** | Antoun Gemayel St. 71-499722  
 A vintage store with antiques and vintage items including old cinema posters.
- G.2.6 **Henry’s Handmade** | Hamra St. 03-854671  
 For all accessory lovers, Henry Loussian himself makes unique bracelets, earrings, anklets, necklaces, rings and key chains with a sense of identity and patriotism. You can even ask for a personalized inscription for a special gift.
- G.2.7 **Hodaj** | Nehme Jafet St. 01-340659  
 This shop sells affordable handicrafts from around the world, but notably Palestinian pottery and Syrian scarves. Check the next door no-name toy shop with all the plastic fantastic cheap toys.
- G.2.8 **Inaash** | Off Sidani St. 01-740609 | [www.inaash.org/index.php](http://www.inaash.org/index.php)  
 Hidden in an alley at the beginning of the street, you can find the most elegant and pricey of the Palestinian embroidery projects, specializing in modern designs and colors on jackets and shawls as well as clutches and trays.
- G.2.9 **Kudu for Arts** | Rome St. 01-363070 | [www.kuduforarts.com](http://www.kuduforarts.com)  
 Maher Darwiche specializes in sandblasting Arabic calligraphy on glass cups and glasses. You can order your own tea set with your name! Great for a personalized gift.
- G.2.10 **L’Artisan du Liban** | Clemenceau St. 01-564907  
[www.lartisanduliban.com](http://www.lartisanduliban.com)  
 Basic handicrafts and inexpensive gifts and souvenirs. Opposite the Ecole Superieure des Affaires.
- G.2.11 **Life in Color** | Antoun Gemayel St. 03-812493  
 Azmi Kawwas, a life time friend of the famous Lebanese artist Hussein Madi, sells T-shirts and cushions with prints of the artist’s signature paintings alongside textiles and cushions from all over the world. Also he offers to make custom pillows and furniture upholstery.

- G.2.12 **Maison de L'Artisan** | Corniche Ain El Mreisseh, 01-368461, 01-368488 | [www.mda.gov.lb](http://www.mda.gov.lb)  
Souvenirs and handicrafts by Lebanese artisans in a beautiful exhibition space right by the sea.
- G.2.13 **Massabeh** | Rome St. 01-744272  
A legacy profession from Cheikho Remmo to his beloved son Samir Remmo. A shop selling all kinds of genuine massabeh (prayer beads), bracelets, necklaces, gemstones, silver, gold and other antique items.
- G.2.14 **Orient 499** | Omar Daouk St. 01-369499  
This elegant and expensive shop is an aesthetic treasure where you should go even if just to enjoy the beautiful space and exquisite products. Despite first appearances, it is possible to find affordable items. Opposite the Holiday Inn Hotel.
- G.2.15 **Waw Design** | Kennedy St. 01-379099 | [www.wawdesigns.com](http://www.wawdesigns.com)  
This unique concept store showcases hand painted and hand engraved home accessories as well as women's and children's clothing and accessories designed by the WAW Design team and proudly executed by local artisans in Lebanon.

### G.3. GIFTS, GADGETS & MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

- G.3.1 **Bargain Box** | AUB Women's auxiliary  
Three days a week, the Bargain Box in AUBMC opens its doors to sell used items like jewels, books, clothing, bags, and appliances which they receive as donations. These are sold at discounted prices to raise funds for needy children in the care of the Pediatrics Department. It is run by "ladies in pink" who volunteer as active members in the Women's Auxiliary of AUB.
- G.3.2 **Chahine SAL** | America St. 01-361992  
All kinds of musical instruments as well as recommendations for teachers and repairs.
- G.3.3 **Dany wool** | Makdessi St. 01-347743, 71-474653  
Dany Wool is famous for costumes for all occasions, as well as gadgets and gifts and a large collection of wool for knitting.

- G.3.4 **Electro Music shop** | Abdul Aziz St. 03-361049, 01-341790  
Open since 1970 as a family business, this little shop offers a great collection of musical instruments from guitars, oud, violins, keyboards, drums, and many others.
- G.3.5 **Football Shop** | Makdessi St. 01-739908  
A specialty football store for the true fan selling everything from authentic team jerseys to team key chains, bags, towels and more.
- G.3.6 **Gift Mania** | Bliss St. 03-019303, 01-379788  
A collectibles shop, from anime figurines and merchandise all the way from the East, to action figures, posters, swords, T-shirts and memorabilia from favorite cartoons and movies.
- G.3.7 **Joyce's** | Cairo St. 01-341027, 03-220593  
A gift shop with a range of home accessories and baby gifts. They are famous for their hand painted personalized porcelain sets and mugs.
- G.3.8 **PEER** | Bliss St. 01-370031  
This concept store has trendy gifts, WASTE bags made from recycled banners and D&D handmade accessories whose revenues are channeled towards supporting underprivileged families in Lebanon.
- G.3.9 **Wild Willy Toys** | Souraty St. 01-741809  
At this local toy store established in 1985, Anto is your friendly and helpful toy advisor to help you choose amongst a great variety of toys for all ages.

## H. CULTURAL

### H.1. BOOKS AND STATIONARY

- H.1.1 **Antoine Library** | Hamra St. 01-341470  
The most extensive selection of books and magazines in Beirut.

- H.1.2 **Ayad's Bookshop** | Nehme Yafet St. 01-346383, 03-234753  
A treasure trove with a large and varied selection including old rare books.
- H.1.3 **Bissan Library** | Mahatma Ghandi St. 01-351291  
Bissan Library is a modest library known for its huge collection of Arabic books of all kinds.
- H.1.4 **Book Bazar** | Sidani St. 01-740072, 03-910383  
This old book shop buys and sells used books. The owner can be contacted through WhatsApp if you are looking for a book or planning to sell one.
- H.1.5 **Books and Pens** | Jeanne d'Arc St. 01-741975 ext. 126
- H.1.6 **City Stationary** | Jeanne d'Arc St. 01-354352  
A small shop with a comprehensive range of art paper and art supplies. Ali is very helpful and offers knowledgeable advice.
- H.1.7 **Diabco Stationary** | Tannoukiyen St. 01-739439  
Hussein Diab and his super helpful son Ali run this cavernous basement of school, office and art supplies.
- H.1.8 **Gilar Bookshop** | Hamra St. 01-343101  
A friendly stationery store with a wide range of local and imported items.
- H.1.9 **Librairie du Liban Publishers** | Bliss St. 01-373204  
[www.ldlp.com](http://www.ldlp.com)  
Their publications include the popular Ladybird series of children stories in English and Arabic.
- H.1.10 **Librarie Internationale** | Clemenceau St. 01-43285  
Antranik Helvadjian has an especially good collection of ME politics, art/design and cook books. There is always classical music in the background. Gefinor Center next to MEA.
- H.1.11 **The Little Bookshop** | Basra St. 03-833493, 01-740270  
A charming small shop offering a very personal book shopping experience. An eclectic selection of literature, poetry, English fiction and politics picked by owner Adib Rahhal outside of the mainstream offerings.

## H.2. ART GALLERIES

- H.2.1 **Agial Gallery** | Abdul Aziz St. 01-345213 | [www.agialart.com](http://www.agialart.com)  
This gallery owned by Saleh Barakat showcases a broad spectrum of regional art, from the most established to promising emerging artists. The permanent collection of the gallery is host to an important historical survey of Middle Eastern art.
- H.2.2 **ArtSpace Hamra** | Cairo St. 01-736516, 76-703572  
[www.artspacehamra.com](http://www.artspacehamra.com)  
Artspace Hamra is home to both a commercial art gallery and a nonprofit organization which supports non-commercial art projects and events.
- H.2.3 **Dar El-Nimer for Arts and Culture** | America St. 01-367013  
[www.darelnimer.org/en](http://www.darelnimer.org/en)  
Founded by art collector Rami El-Nimer, this is an interactive art and cultural space dedicated to historical, modern, and contemporary cultural productions from Palestine and the Levant. Alongside annual exhibitions, the space is open for lectures and discussion panels, film-screenings, musical performances, theatre and workshops.
- H.2.4 **Gallery Janine Rubeiz** | Raouche St. 01-868290  
This gallery is worth visiting for its excellent shows, interesting collection and great openings.
- H.2.5 **Letitia** | Roosevelt St. 01-353222  
A new art gallery that offers an interesting collection of contemporary paintings and sculptures.
- H.2.6 **Ministry of Tourism, Glass Hall** | Hamra St.  
The Glass Hall at the Ministry of Tourism has pamphlets and brochures about Lebanese cities and mountain trails, and is occasionally open for exhibitions and installations. The Ministry has an impressive photo archive that can be consulted.

H.2.7 **Saleh Barakat Gallery** | Clemenceau St. 01-365615  
[www.agialart.com](http://www.agialart.com)  
The new Saleh Barakat Gallery is in one of Beirut's emblematic historical cultural locations, the former Cinema Clemenceau - later Masrah Al-Madina, that is now transformed into a truly modern art gallery by today's best professional standards.

H.2.8 **Zaman Art Gallery** | Sadat St. 01-745571  
An older gallery featuring Middle Eastern artists in a small alley off Sadat Street, south of Hamra.

### H.3. THEATERS

H.3.1 **Masrah al-Madina/Madina Theatre** | Hamra St. 01-753011  
A Hamra institution, the first 1960s movie complex to be renovated post-War for use as exhibition space and theatre for music, theatre and dance performances.

H.3.2 **Metro Madina** | Hamra St. 01-76309363  
[www.metromadina.com](http://www.metromadina.com)  
A theater hall for performances and concerts with a friendly cocktail bar to enjoy a drink and a bite before the show. Check out their after-party dance nights.

### H.4. ALTERNATIVE

H.4.1 **Antwork** | Spears St. 01-345645 | [www.antwork.com](http://www.antwork.com)  
Fostering a new work culture, Antwork is enabling agile workspaces in the form of open spaces, shared desk spaces and flexible private offices with smart tools, seamless services and evolving programs. Kitchenlab cooking classes too!

H.4.2 **AUB Alumni Club** | Rome St. 01-363445 | [alumni.aub.edu.lb](http://alumni.aub.edu.lb)  
The Worldwide Alumni Association of AUB (WAAAUB), which includes a growing number of alumni chapters and branches around the world, represents AUB alumni who play a critically important role at the University.

H.4.3 **Dar Al Moussawir** | Rome St. 01-373347 | [www.zakira.org](http://www.zakira.org)  
This is a prime hub for photography in Beirut offering photography training programs, equipment, exhibitions and lectures in a charming traditional old building.

H.4.4 **Irab Association for Arabic Music** | Abdul Minhem Riad St. 03-284715  
Basel Kassem, founded this N.G.O. and he himself is a walking archive of Arabic music heritage. 3600 hours of music dating from 1930 to 1945 were migrated from analog to digital technology and archived on special software. In his cluttered shop/office, he can make you a CD copy of rare Arabic music and songs. He is not always there so you better call him first.

H.4.5 **Mansion** | (Off the Map) Zokak El Blatt, Abdul Kader St. 03-412659  
A multi-purpose collective space, hosting film screenings, discussions, performances and exhibitions for the public, as well as offering 10 working studios for permanent residents. A library and reading space is open for public use. There is also a silk-screen print station, a sound studio, and on the second level, hot desks welcoming short-time users and a large wooden floor regularly hosting dance and theatre rehearsals, performances and yoga classes.

H.4.6 **Zico House** | Spears St. 03-590269 | [www.zicohouse.org](http://www.zicohouse.org)  
This beautiful heritage house near the Sanayeh public garden has an exhibition space, garden café and bar and offices of NGOs such as Helem, LADE and Greenline.

## I. ACTIVITIES AND RECREATION

- I.1.1 **Ain El Mreisseh Fishermen's Port** | Graham St. 03-977870  
Fisherman Adnan El-Oud arranges for boat trips and charges 50\$ for 5 passengers. The tour starts from Ain El Mreisseh Port all the way to Manara reaching Raouche and Dalieh and takes approximately an hour. For a 100\$, Adnan will give you a long relaxed tour where you can listen to Dictaphone's "The Sea is Mine" audio recording on the illegal developments along the coast of Beirut.
- I.1.2 **Banque du Liban Museum** | Hamra St. | [www.bdl.gov.lb](http://www.bdl.gov.lb)  
A captivating museum of the history of banknotes and coins in Lebanon and the region.
- I.1.3 **Beirut by Bike** | Graham St. 01-365524, 03-435524, 71-435524  
All week long, you can drop by Beirut by Bike in Ain El Mreisseh and rent a bike to ride around the Corniche or anywhere in the city. They also have specialists for bike repair and have another rental shop on the Corniche near Marrouche. Open every day from 7:00 am to 12:00 am
- I.1.4 **Body Care Club** | Hamra St. 01-746830, 03-063345  
Soha Rebeiz offers great aromatherapy while Emma Ghanem offers stretching and Yoga classes as well as personal training in a cozy and relaxing atmosphere. Broadway Center, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor.
- I.1.5 **Contours** | Clemenceau St. 01-361520, 03-843000  
[www.contours-wellness.com](http://www.contours-wellness.com)  
A leading Pilates, Kinesis and personal training studio with a special discount for AUB.
- I.1.6 **Dalieh Fishermen's Port** | Corniche el Raouche, 03-696876  
Dalieh fisherman Abou Adal (Amer Mahfouz) offers tours in his fishing boat with capacity up to 20 people from Dalieh to Sporting Club including the Raouche Rock and the caves in the cliffs. He charges 5,000 L.L - 10,000 per person depending on the number of people interested in the tour.
- I.1.7 **Houna Holistic Center** | Hamra St. 03-936350  
[www.hounacenter.com](http://www.hounacenter.com)  
They offer Yoga, Tai Chi, Pilates, Barre, Zumba, Capoeira, Dance, Massage therapy and Art classes and workshops.
- I.1.8 **Jall el Bahr Fishermen's Port**  
Corniche facing Riviera Hotel 03-046282  
Fisherman Abdo's boat is licensed for fishing, diving and boat tours and is equipped with life jackets. He can take you to Raouche and back ,capacity up to ten people, for 10,000 L.L. each or for a longer tour all the way to St. Georges Hotel for a 100\$.
- I.1.9 **Multiverse Board Games** | Emile Edde St. 01-741148  
[www.multiverselb.com](http://www.multiverselb.com)  
Multiverse is a super fun board game café and a pop culture store for card games, collectibles, original art, and a variety of other fantasy, anime, manga, science-fiction and comics merchandise.
- I.1.10 **Pool d'Etat – Hamra Urban Gardens** | Abdul Baki St. 03-786977  
[www.hamragardens.com/en/rooftop](http://www.hamragardens.com/en/rooftop)  
A pool in a rooftop oasis where you can swim, drink and eat with friends and family. A great way of getting away from it all while still being smack in the middle of it!
- I.1.11 **Score Bowling Center** | Hamra St. 01-751127  
If you enjoy bowling, this is the right place to go for some entertainment with friends or family. You can take one of their standard packages or customize your own.

I.1.12 **The Art Workshop** | Adonis St. 01-749646

[www.theartworkshop.net](http://www.theartworkshop.net)

Lebanese artist Omayma Soubra has designed a varied program of artistic courses (painting, drawing, pottery, calligraphy, mosaics...).

## Recommendations for online service websites

- To navigate Beirut through an innovative interactive map:  
[www.zawarib.org](http://www.zawarib.org)
- To place free ads to sell and buy anything you can think of:  
[www.olxliban.com](http://www.olxliban.com)
- To search for cars, real estate, jobs and furniture:  
[lb.waseet.net/en/site/beirut/offers](http://lb.waseet.net/en/site/beirut/offers)
- To post second hand items for sale on a Facebook page with around 50,000 members:  
[www.facebook.com/groups/therealsecondhandbeirut](http://www.facebook.com/groups/therealsecondhandbeirut)
- To search and get reviews for Restaurants:  
[www.zomato.com/beirut](http://www.zomato.com/beirut)

## Recommendations for activities and walks in Ras Beirut

- Visit the **AUB archaeological Museum**. It is a must!
- Take a walk with your kids on campus and check the **AUBotanic** information plates hanging on our trees and plants.
- Just round the corner from the Medical Gate, check the amazing 19<sup>th</sup> century **Sinno House** with its engraved marble triple arches and arcaded galleria, then take the **Van Dyck Stairway** facing it down to Ain El Mreisseh to visit the **Fishermen's Port**.

- On **John Kennedy Street**, take the renovated **Ain El Mreisseh Stairway** down to **Arsalan Sinno Street**. There you will notice a white washed two floor house with an open staircase and a lovely terrace filled with jasmine and gardenia trees, brass antique lamps and bird cages. On the second floor, you can see a sign that reads “**Souffleur**”. This is **Ibrahim Najem**’s house-turned-museum where his vast collection of seashells, stuffed fish, antique diving suits, coins and treasures found during his many diving adventures is kept. Sadly, Ibrahim died last July, leaving behind his 40-year-old collection of underwater marvels and antiques in addition to a rare photographic archive that documents the history of Ain El Mreisseh and its people. Please call his lovely sister Nawal or his brother Adel on **01-365813** to check if you can visit.  
[now.mmedia.me/lb/en/reportsfeatures/le-souffleur](http://now.mmedia.me/lb/en/reportsfeatures/le-souffleur)
- On **Abdul Aziz Street**, you can donate clothes and shoes to the needy. Just hang them on our **Wall of Kindness!**
- Take a walk along **Hamra Street** to experience the hustle and bustle of this commercial hub, check **Yazan Halawani**’s iconic graffiti mural of our late singer Sabah on the **Costa Café** building, step into **Farah center** facing Antoine Library to discover the amazing ceramic mural by the late Lebanese sculptor **Dorothy Salhab Kazemi**, then check the massive graffiti by **Chilean artist Inti El Caudillo** towards the end of the street.
- Take your kids to ride their bikes around the **Sanayeh Garden**, preferably on weekdays as weekends are overcrowded. Check out the newly renovated **eclectic building** next to the small mosque, with its unique façade that resembles a wooden toy block construction with black and white checkered tile patterns and decorative brick panels.
- Enjoy an early morning run on the **Corniche** or an afternoon stroll with a thyme Kaake.
- Ride the ferris wheel in the **Manara Luna Park** for a bird’s eye view of Beirut, then enjoy a mint tea in **Rawda Café**. You can continue to watch the sunset over a cup of coffee or a Lebanese dinner in the **Sporting Club** on the terrace overlooking the sea, watching people basking in the sun or swimming in the pools.

- From the **Grudge Building** in **Manara**, walk to the **Lighthouse**, and if Victor Chebli is there, you can ask him to go up and have a bird’s eye view onto the city. When you go down, do not forget to check out the **Pink House** with its pretty arcades, a legendary landmark soon to be renovated by the Jaroudi family.  
[365daysoflebanon.com/2016/07/27/beiruts-old-manara](http://365daysoflebanon.com/2016/07/27/beiruts-old-manara)  
[www.independent.co.uk/voices/restoring-beirut-s-pink-house-is-a-cheering-idea-amid-destruction-a6817751.html](http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/restoring-beirut-s-pink-house-is-a-cheering-idea-amid-destruction-a6817751.html)
- Grab a kunafé in a Kaake from **Ahmad Aouni Hallab Sweets** facing the **Raouche Pigeon Rocks**, then cross the Corniche and take a walk down to **Dalieh**, fly a kite or just experience looking back at the city from the natural rocky shore. Note the flint formations on the rocks as this was a Stone Age flint tool factory. A boat ride through Raouche and into the caves is an unforgettable experience.
- Discover the **Basta Antiques Market** where you get lost in vintage items and art deco furniture.
- Discover the two **Love Thy Neighbor NOT!** Buildings:
  - » The **Grudge Building** in Manara is the thinnest building you can come across in the city, the edge of which is no wider than one meter. It was built by one brother to block his brother’s property’s sea view. Read the full story here:  
[www.jadaliyya.com/pages/index/17430/inhabiting-a-grudge](http://www.jadaliyya.com/pages/index/17430/inhabiting-a-grudge)
  - » The **Kettaneh Building** in May Ziadeh Street is one of the most beautiful heritage buildings in Clemenceau with its twin circular colonnaded balconies and corner turret. But, it is also the only one with a four storey high free standing wall that was built to block the neighbors’ from looking onto the garden.
- Walk around Ras Beirut following the trails on the map to discover some shortcuts, urban stairs and hidden architectural treasures in **Clemenceau, Ain El Mreisseh and Zokak el Blatt:**

- » In **Clemenceau**, walk down **May Ziadeh Street** to discover one of the few remaining heritage clusters in Ras Beirut: the renovated **Haigazian University Bldg.**, the two beautiful pink French mandate buildings (one original and one renovated) and the beautiful Art Deco **Kettaneh Building** with its free standing wall. Continue down the Daouk Descent to check out the amazing yellow heritage **Daouk Building** with its colored glass windows and one-of-a-kind corner turret, and the imposing **Red Daouk Palace** down on **Omar Daouk Street**.
  - » In **Ain El Mreisseh**, on **Omar Daouk Street**, you cannot miss the lovely **Said Junblat Palace** with its lush gardens filled with gardenia trees and white gazebo overlooking the street. Just up the road from the palace, discover the 19<sup>th</sup> century **Ladki House** with its sandstone walls, unique tower, elegant triple arches, red tiled roof and spiral stone staircase wrapping around the old cypress tree. You should try going down to **Dabbous Street** using the improvised stairway made by Varouj - the cobbler - out of old wooden shutters and reused planks. Once there, check **Varouj's** creative handmade surveillance system of mirrors!
  - » In **Zokak el Blatt**, facing the mosque, check out the tallest heritage building in Beirut, six floors of beautiful arcaded balconies and unique architecture. As **Maurice Barres Street** wraps around, you can see the beautiful pink French Mandate officers' buildings. Then head towards **Ichkanian Bakery**, grab a delicious Armenian Lahm bi ajeen with the Ayran yoghurt drink, discover the 200 year old **Ziadeh, Heneine and Akar Palaces**, and walk up to relax in Mansion's garden under the Jacaranda tree.
- Check this interesting photo essay and video on Ras Beirut by Hossein Shahidi  
[iranian.com/main/blog/hossein-shahidi/my-friends-ras-beirut.html](http://iranian.com/main/blog/hossein-shahidi/my-friends-ras-beirut.html)
  - Watch Mahmoud Hojeij's excellent documentary "Memories of Ras Beirut, Wish You Were Here"  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=0kArIT6nbsw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0kArIT6nbsw)

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