

Provisional Program of the Congress:

The Congress will take place at the Hotel Al Bustan, in Beyt Meri, a 20-minute drive from the centre of Beirut. Meetings will take place in the Emile Bustani Auditorium, within the hotel.

The following is the proposed program of the Congress:

Thursday June 25

Arrival and Participant Registration.

Dinner at Hotel Al Bustan.

Friday June 26

Participants program:

9h30: Registration of Participants

10h00: Official Opening Ceremony under the Patronage of High ranking official

10h30: Welcome Speech by

11h00: Coffee Break

11h30: Meet the Press

Testimonials about Countries of Emigration / discussions on communication between Boustanis abroad and at home / results of the congress and free discussions

13h00: Lunch Break

15h00: Visit to the National Museum (*optional*) and Beirut Art Center

16h00: Beirut Tour and Shopping (Souks, Downtown, Rawche...)

20h30: Dinner in Zaytouna Bay

Saturday June 27:

Tour:

Visit to the Cedars, Bqerqasha the Northern Village from where the First Boustanis Came, Bazoun, Hasroun, Byblos...

9h00: Departure from Hotel Al Bustan. Buses will take Participants to the Cedars.

13h00: Transport from the Cedars to Bqerqasha and the Traditional Garden Al-Bustan (Bqerqasha).

14h00: Lunch in Bazoun or Hasroun

16h30: Tour in Byblos – the Oldest Continuously Inhabited City of the World, an Ancient Canaanite-Phoenician City and Harbor (tour, croisière, souks, restaurants, pubs)

20h00: Return to Hotel - “Traditional Lebanese Street Food Dinner”

Sunday June 28:

Ancestral Tour:

Participants and their Spouses are invited to Visit the Ancestral Villages of the Boustani Family: Deir el Qamar and Dibbyeh.

9h00: Departure from Hotel Al Bustan. Buses Will Take Participants to Deir el Qamar, Dibbiyeh and the Barouq Cedar reserve to plant a tree.

12h00: Brunch at Dibbyeh at the Residence of Nora and Rosie Boustany

15h00: Visit to Boustany Beach Resort

16h30: Folk Show Caracalla in Beirut (optional)

21h: Farewell Gala Dinner with Entertainment at Hotel Al Bustan