

Cedars – Ehden – Becharreh – Bnashii lake

The Cedars of God is one of the last vestiges of the extensive forests of the Cedars of Lebanon that thrived across Mount Lebanon in ancient times. Their timber was exploited by the Phoenicians, the Assyrians, Babylonians and Persians. The wood was prized by Egyptians for shipbuilding; the Ottoman Empire also used the cedars in railway construction.



Ehden

Ehden is a mountainous town situated in the heart of the northern mountains of Lebanon and on the southwestern slopes of Mount Makmal in the Mount Lebanon Range. Its residents are the people of Zgharta, as it is within the Zgharta District.

Becharreh

Bsharri is a town at an altitude of about 1,500 m (4,900 ft) in the Kadisha Valley in northern Lebanon. It is located in the Bsharri District of the North Governorate.

Bsharri is the town of the only remaining Original Cedars of Lebanon, and is the birthplace of the famous poet, painter and sculptor Khalil Gibran who now has a museum in the town to honor him.



Gibran Khalil Gibran Museum

The Gibran Museum, formerly the Monastery of Mar Sarkis, is a biographical museum in Bsharri, Lebanon, 120 kilometres from Beirut. It is dedicated to the Lebanese artist, writer and philosopher Khalil Gibran.

Founded in 1935, the Gibran Museum possesses 440 original paintings and drawings of Gibran and his tomb. It also includes his furniture and belongings from his studio when he lived in New York and his private manuscripts.

The building which houses the museum and his tomb was bought by his sister in 1931 under Gibran's request, having spiritual significance as a monastery dating back to the 7th century when it was the Mar Sarkis (Saint Serge) hermitage.

In 1975, the Gibran National Committee restored and expanded the monastery to house more exhibits and again expanded it in 1995.



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Benashii Lake

Bnashii is a village located in the Zgharta District in the North Governorate of Lebanon.

Bnachii lake project was actively implemented in mid 90's. Upon its completion, the entire region donned a new attire of luster and beauty, a thing which encouraged the owners of restaurants and amusement shops to offer tourists an array of activities upon the lake's magnificent banks.

Bnachii attained great fame in light of the technical, social, and recreational activities. Words are not enough to portray the splendor of Bnachii's picturesque landscape and the nature that adorns this place.

