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Lebanon Tourism Photo Collection, 1969

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Descriptive Summary

Call No: Ph:LT:1969

Library catalog ID: [b18934833](#)

Collection Title: Lebanon Tourism Photo Collection, 1969.

Collection Dates: 1969

Record Creator: Fattal, Magnin, Manoug, Varoujan, and Yetenegian.

Physical Description: 17 photographic prints.

Language(s): English and French

Administrative Information

Source: National Council of Tourism in Lebanon.

Access Restrictions: No restrictions on access copy.

Photocopying Restriction: The material can be copyrighted, National Council of Tourism should be consulted.

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Scope and Content

Lebanon Tourism Photo collection consists of 17 black and white prints, 23 x 17 cm. The photos depict different historical places in Lebanon in 1969. They show Beirut the capital, its two famous hotels St. George and Phoenicia and the iconic Raoucheh (the Pigeon Rocks), the Roman architecture of Baalbeck and its International Festival. There are also Anjar Umayyad site, the 18th century Maronite monastery in Deir al-Kalaa, the famous Palace of Beiteddine, the Cedars of the Lord and its festival, Byblos one of the oldest Phoenician cities, Valley of Kadisha, St. Gilles Castle in Tripoli, the Beaufort Castle with its medieval architecture and the well-known Jezzine village. Many famous photographers were commissioned to take these touristic shots: Fattal (1), P. Magnin (5), Manoug (1), Varoujan (3), and A. Yetenegian (4).

Arrangement

The photograph collection is arranged geographically in five series. *For detailed information, see the back the photos.*

Series I: Beirut

Series II: Beqaa

Series III: Mount Lebanon

Series IV: North Lebanon

Series V: South Lebanon

Subject Heading

Cities and towns -- Lebanon -- Pictorial works.

Archaeological sites -- Lebanon -- 1960-1970.

Tourism -- Lebanon -- 1960-1970.

Format.

Photographic prints--1960-1970.

Container List

Series I: Beirut

- Aerial view of Ras Beirut.
- Aerial view of St. George, Beirut, A. Yetenegian (CNT/E21/A1/2).
- Aerial view of St. George and Phoenicia Hotels. Beirut, A. Yetenegian. (CNT/E21/A1/3).
- Beirut: Sport, two girls rowing a boat (haskie), P. Magnin (CNT/E25/A1/1).

Series II: Beqaa

- Baalbeck International Festival, Varoujan (CNT/C22/F1/2).
- Baalbeck: Temple of Bacchus, P. Magnin (CNT/H12/F1/14).
- Anjar Excavations: Umayyad Palace, A. Yetenegian (CNT/H14/F3/5)

Series III: Mount Lebanon

- Deir al-Kalaa historical remains, Beit Mery, P. Magnin (CNT/H14/D21/3).
- General view of the Beiteddine Palace, built in the 19th C by Emir Bechir II, P. Magnin (CNT /H14/E1/10).
- Byblos 12th c Frankish Castle, A. Yetenegian (CNT/H13/B1/4).
- Port of Byblos.

Series IV: North Lebanon

- Festival of the Cedars, Bsharre, Varoujan (CNT/C22/D8/3).
- The Cedars of the Lord, Bsharre, Fattal (CNT/GP12/D8/3).
- Internal view of St. Gilles Castle, Tripoli, P. Magnin (CNT/H13/B2/5)
- Valley of Kadisha, Varoujan (CNT/GP12/D/1).

Series V: South Lebanon

- Aerial view of Jezzine, P. Magnin (CNT/CH22/E14/I)
- Beaufort Castle general view (Qal'at al-Shaqif or Shaqif Arnun), Manoug (CNT/H13/E2/1). An example of a medieval military architecture.

Related Material

Photographs

- [Three American Sisters Photo Album, ca. 1900s](#)
120 black & white and sepia-toned photographs taken in the Arabic part of Ottoman Empire, mainly Lebanon, by three American Sisters.
- [Ghandour Fathallah El-Sheikh Collection, 1900-2010.](#)
154 mainly black-white and sepia low-resolution digital copies of photos. The collection portrays the life of a Muslim Sunni Beiruti family during the 20th century, family genealogy, achievements, social life, gatherings, outings around Lebanon, celebrations, wedding ceremonies.
- [Nahr Ibrahim Photo Collection](#), [1920]
27 black and white photos contains photos of landscapes of regions in Mount Lebanon, particularly Afqa Valley, cave and waterfalls.
- [Saul Rosenberg Collection, 1932-1978](#)
The albums contain 1,432 photographs taken by Dr. Rosenberg himself mostly during his days at AUB Medical School, between 1932 and 1939, along with forty-nine digital copies of colored photos that portray Saul's later visit to Beirut in 1978.
- [Middle East Photo Album, 1933-1943](#)
86 black and white photos that depict views of towns, daily life, occupations, archeological sites, landscape as well as portraits of Bedouins throughout Iraq, Transjordan, Lebanon, Syria, and Palestine, during the period from 1933 to 1943.
- The Manoug Photo Collection, 1940-1970
463 black and white photographs as well as 20,000 negatives of Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Armenia, etc. The collection mainly documents Lebanon between the 1940s to 1970s. The print collection can be checked onsite.
- [Aida Kanafani Zahar Photograph Collection, 1977-1998](#)
228 colored and black and white photos taken in Lebanon, Syria, and United Arab Emirates between 1977 and 1998.

Books

- [Office national du tourisme au Liban], (1964). *Liban = Lebanon = لبنان* Beyrouth: Office national du tourisme au Liban. [CA 915.692:L694L](#)
- Stafford, M. (1998). *Silent stories: A photographic journey through Lebanon in the sixties.* London: Saqi Books. [CA 915.692:S779s](#)

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- دباس، فؤاد. (١٩٩٤). *بيروت ذاكرتنا: جولة مصورة في المدينة القديمة*. بيروت، لبنان: بيسان. [CA:F 956.925:D286bA](#)

Maps

- Lebanon. Ministry of Tourism. (1996). General map of Lebanon. Ministry of Tourism.

Digital Collections

- [Beirut, Byblus and Mt. Lebanon : description, history and touristic guide](#) (1952)
- [Travel Books](#)
- [Travelers to the Middle East: Visual Resources, Travel Guides, and Maps](#)
- [The Fouad Debbas Collection \(Sursock Museum\)](#)

"The Fouad Debbas Collection is a photographic collection comprising over 30,000 images from the Middle East – namely Lebanon, Syria, Palestine, Egypt, and Turkey – from 1830 till the 1960s."

Postcards

- [AUB Postcard Collection](#)
- [Al Mashriq - Postcards](#)