

Central Beirut

📍 Top Sights

- Mohammed al-Amin Mosque B2
St George's Orthodox Cathedral..... B2

📍 Sights

- 1 Cardo Maximus B2
2 Grand Serail B2
Planet Discovery..... (see 23)
3 Robert Mouawad Private
Museum..... A2
4 Roman Baths B2
5 St George Maronite Cathedral B2
6 Sursock Museum..... D3

📍 Activities, Courses & Tours

- 7 St George Yacht Motor Club..... A1

📍 Sleeping

- 8 Hotel Albergo C4
9 InterContinental Phoenicia
Hotel A1
Pension al-Nazih..... (see 10)
10 Talal's New Hotel..... C2

📍 Eating

- 11 Abdel Wahab el-Inglesi..... C4
Al Dente (see 8)

- 12 Al-Balad..... B2
13 Aliacci..... D2
14 La Tabkha D2
15 Le Chef D2
16 Olio C2
17 Paul..... C2

📍 Drinking

- 18 Bar Louie..... C2
19 Pacífico C3
Torino Express (see 18)

📍 Entertainment

- 20 Cassino C4
21 Empire Sofil Center..... D3
22 Monnot Theatre C3

📍 Shopping

- 23 Beirut Souks B1
24 Saifi Village C2
25 Virgin Megastore..... C2

📍 Information

- 26 Australian Embassy B2
27 British Embassy A2
28 Dutch Embassy D3

great location in bustling Hamra, with super-friendly staff and a full buffet breakfast, this place is hard to beat. Suites and apartments have kitchenettes.

L'Hote Libanais HOMESTAY \$\$
(☎03-513 766; www.hotelibanais.com; s US\$60-80, d US\$78-110) If you really want to get under the skin of the country, stay with the people, an option made possible by L'Hote Libanais, which arranges B&B homestays in Beirut and beyond. Discounts for multiple-night stays and a range of accommodation are on offer. Email the helpful staff for the full list of excellent homestay options.

Hotel Albergo HOTEL \$\$\$
(Map p350; ☎339 797; www.albergobeirut.com; 137 Rue Abdel Wahab el-Inglesi, Achrafiye; d US\$310-2700; 📞@📺) If it's unequivocal luxury you're after in that most perfect of boutique settings, look beyond the hefty price tag. Attentive staff, divine Italian food at the Al Dente restaurant and a cute rooftop pool complete the plush picture in this delicious, antique-embellished old place.

InterContinental Phoenicia Hotel

HOTEL \$\$\$

(Map p350; ☎369 100; www.ichotelsgroup.com; Rue Fakhr ed-Dine, Minet al-Hosn; d/ste from US\$315/600; 📞@📺) Beirut's most prestigious pre-civil war address is now back on the luxury scene, with miles of marble and all the whistles and bells you could hope for. Heavy security is usually in place since this is the favourite haunt of Lebanese politicians and elite.

Casa d'Or

HOTEL \$\$

(Map p352; ☎746 400; www.casadorhotel.com; Rue Jeanne d'Arc, Hamra; s/d/ste US\$90/100/140; 📞@📺) One of Beirut's best midrange hotels, the Casa d'Or has bright, cheery and well-equipped rooms; equally appealing are its substantial off-season discounts.

Mayflower Hotel

HOTEL \$\$

(Map p352; ☎340 680; www.mayflowerbeirut.com; Rue Neamé Yafet, Hamra; s/d US\$90/120; 📞@📺) An old-fashioned Beirut institution, the Mayflower's rooms are looking a little weary but they're comfortable enough. The rooftop pool is a definite bonus, and a