

Middle East PhoNographic Mornings #07/15

Each Morning of the World #10

Tripoli ~ Road from Beirut to Byblos ~ Baatara Waterfall ~ Baalbek ~ The Cedars of God ~ Lebanon

"Lebanese Morningscapes"

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In March 2019 I travelled with 2 friends around Lebanon for 8 days. Making fieldrecordings is very much a solitary craft and being on holiday I did not want to ask my friends to wait and be silent whenever a situation occurred that inspired me to make a recording. The better solution was to set the alarm and wake up early mornings to go out with my recording kit.

This piece is a collage of 5 different morning takes.

Part 1 - Tripoli Al-Tell square- 41°02'15.39"N 28°59'47.17"E

At 6 in the morning the Al-Tel square in Tripoli is already bustling with coffee- and food vendors and a multitude of (Mercedes!) taxis.

Part 2 - Sea Side Road from Beirut to Byblos 34.0149° N, 35.6405° E

All cities along the coastline of Lebanon are connected with one highway that never seems to calm down. 24 hours of traffic a day.

Part 3 - Baatara Waterfall - 34°10.406'N 35°52.222'E

The powerful rush of the majestic Baatara Waterfall

Part 4 - Baalbek Hotel Jammal - 34°0'22.81"N 36°12'26.36"E

The simple room in Hotel Jammal looking out over the Roman Baalbek temple complex is being heated by a noisy, primitive diesel oil stove.

Part 5 - The Cedars of God - 34°14'42"N 36°02'53"E

Higher up in the mountains near The Cedars of God the snow melts in the morning sun.

Birds as well as a jet plane break the silence.

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