## Characteristics of the valley

- The Valley is characterized by its environmental diversity. It is distinguished by its seasons:
  - During spring, a lot of picturesque waterfalls come to life like the Bkerkacha and the Bsharre waterfalls, and nature wears its brightest green colors where rare flowers bloom.
  - During fall: the valley is more like a painting were red, yellow and green blend harmoniously
  - In summer, it is relatively hot in the Valley but aficionados of walking practice their hobby in the afternoon and for those who love the midnight walk enjoy it best during the Full moon hiking
  - In winter, the Valley is quieter as snow covers its scenery and reaches deep to its soil which increases its beauty and the diversity of its natural landscape.
- It offers the possibility of rappelling and mountaineering in a gorgeous natural setting.
- The people of Bcharre Caza are known for their favorite hobby which is picking wild herbs during their season (thyme, mushrooms, and other green leaves...)
- The Valley still keeps annual traditions and occasions close at heart:
  - St. Marina Festival (17 July)
  - Stations of the Cross (St. Eliseus)
  - Holy Week and Easter celebrations (Our Lady of Qannoubine)
  - Epiphany (Our Lady of Qannoubine)
  - Ascetic days (Our Lady of Qannoubine)
- The Valley offers a rare opportunity to learn about distinct and unique people such as
  the Colombian hermit father in the Monastery of Our Lady of Houqa and the Antonine
  Sisters (Our Lady of Qannoubine) who never leave the valley neither in summer nor in
  winter, despite the harsh conditions, the difficulty of movement and provision of their
  needs.
- The valley is a place for everyone. One may visit it within a group, with family or even alone in a quest for self or for missing peace. Just like the Cedars, the Holy Valley is the window to the soul.