



BAHRAIN AND KUWAIT

October 18 - October 23, 2024
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Best known for their wealth and abundance of oil, Kuwait and Bahrain are also home to some remarkable museums that display magnificent ancient Islamic art, calligraphy, pottery, embroideries, and jewelry. Bahrain with its own remarkable sites that dated back to the fourth millennium B.C and the belief that was the site of the ancient commercial kingdom of Dilmun that had traded with ancient Sumer. In Kuwait, you will see how the discovery of the oil transformed dramatically the city from a modest town to an international business hub.

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Friday, October 18

Arrive in Manama (Bahrain) 

Upon arrival in **Manama**, meet and transfer to *K- Hotel* for check-in and overnight.

Note: Standard check-in time is 3:00 pm.

Saturday, October 19

Manama 


After breakfast, begin the city tour with a visit to the **Old Palace** and the **Guest Palace**, located in the **Gudaibiya area** of **Manama**. From here, you will proceed to the island of **Muharraq**, where you will visit **Shaikh Isa House**, a fine example of a 19th century Arabian residence and close by is the 15th century **Arad Fort**, built in typical period style and occupied by the Portuguese for 100 years. Next, have the opportunity to savor the finest Arabic sweets and pastries at a typical **Arabic confectionery**. After lunch, visit the **Bahrain Fort** ruins, built by the Portuguese in the 16th century and its museum. Then, visit the **House of Qur'an**, where you see rare and precious collections of ancient Quranic manuscripts as well as Islamic works of art. Return to the *Hotel* for dinner, and overnight. **(B,L,D)**

Sunday, October 20

Manama 

After breakfast, visit to the **Al Fateh Grand Mosque**, a magnificent piece of architecture. Next, visit **Saar**, where a 3900 BC town is being excavated and then pass by **Al Jasra House**, birthplace of the Amir. After, stop at the **Al Jasra Handicraft Centre**, where you will meet locals displaying their crafts. After the visit pass by the site of **5,000-year-old burial mounds** on your back to the *Hotel* for your dinner, and overnight. **(B,L,D)**

Monday, October 21

Manama - Kuwait 

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your morning flight to Kuwait. Upon arrival, meet your guide and driver and begin your city tour with a visit to **Bait Al-Othman Historic Museum**, dedicated to the history and culture of Kuwait - from the pre-oil era to the present time. Next, pass by the **National Assembly** (Parliament House), **Seif Palace** (Amir's Office), and will stop at the **Grand Mosque** for a photograph. Continue along **Banking Street** to the traditional **Souq of Kuwait**. At around 200 years old, this souk was one of the oldest in Kuwait and was once the center of trade prior to the discovery of oil. Goods sold here include Persian silk carpets, Arabic antiques, perfumes,

fruits, meats, jewelry, and traditional clothing. Then, head down to the **Dhow Harbor** and **Fish Market** - an excellent place to take photos. Afterwards, drive back to the **Kuwait Towers** and ascend almost 400 feet to the viewing sphere for a picturesque view of the city and coastline. Transfer to the *Best Western plus Hotel* for check in dinner, and overnight. **(B,L,D)**

Tuesday, October 22

Kuwait 

After breakfast, visit **Dar al Athar al-Islamiyya** then continue to visit the privately owned **Tareq Rajab Museum**, which houses a collection of over 30,000 items collected over the last 50 years, of which approximately 10,000 are on permanent display. Then depart for a local lunch followed by a visit to the **Sheikh Abdullah Al Salem Cultural Center**, owned by the Amiri Diwan & consists of 6 components, which are Natural History Museum, Science Museum, Space Museum, Arabic Islamic Science Museum, Fine Arts Museum, etc. After the visit return to the *Hotel* for dinner, and overnight. **(B,L,D)**

Wednesday, October February 23

Kuwait - Doha (Qatar) 

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight to **Doha**. **(B)**

"We reserve the right to change the order of activities or places visited due to unforeseen schedule conflicts or in order to make the itinerary run smoothly"

Special Notes on Travel:

Active Touring - You will be covering a lot during this journey. The roads are good, and the bus is very comfortable. Some driving days are long, but there will be several restroom stops along the way. It is important to recognize the exhausting nature of some of the long sightseeing days, as well as some of the site visits where you may have to climb over uneven terrain, steps, rocks, and sand, as well as up inclines and stairs. Be prepared to travel with comfortable shoes.

You do have the option of staying in the vehicle if some sites seem difficult to you.

Tour Cost (Land Only):

2-4 travelers \$3,495.00

5-9 travelers \$2,995.00

Per person sharing in double occupancy

Single Supplement: \$495.00

*Trip Grade: II Lodging Level: *****



Tour Includes:

- Airport / Hotel / Airport transfers.
- Accommodations in Superior (4*) in centrally located hotels or similar.
- Travel by modern, air-conditioned van or minibus
- Meals as mentioned in the itinerary (B: Breakfast, L: Lunch and D: Dinner).
- All Tours as per itinerary & entrance fees to the sites and museums mentioned.
- English Speaking local guides.
- All activities described in the tour.

Trip Grade:

II Active – Some hikes, slightly more demanding walks at or to sites, few elevations, comfortable but busy schedule and some long rides and extensive drives.

Lodging Level:

****** Luxury:** Regular style - usually large - hotels, typical western standard with ample venues, and full amenities. (4 or 5 stars)

Tour does not include:

- International airfare USA-Manama / Muscat-USA
- Bahrain Visa (obtainable upon arrival for \$40.00), and Kuwait visa (free upon arrival) - **All subject to change.**
- Flight Manama - Kuwait and Kuwait - Doha.
- Items of a personal nature (camera fees, laundry, excess luggage, etc.).
- Transfers if not arriving/departing on tour dates.
- Dayroom/overnights necessitated by changes in airline schedules or misconnections.
- Gratuity to your guides, drivers, restaurant staff, etc.
- Travel protection insurance
- (HIGHLY RECOMMENDED)

