

Synopsis of the Study Tour

AMMAN – *Intercontinental Amman Hotel* – 4 nights

- Briefing at US Ambassador David Hale's residence
- Lunch at the American Center of Oriental Research
- View the home of Widad Kawar to view her superb collection of Bedouin traditional costumes, textiles and jewelry
- Private cocktail reception and dinner at the Dar Al Anda gallery
- Dinner with members of the Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature

PETRA – *Taybet Zaman Hotel* – 2 nights

- Private dinner outside Little Petra
- Visit Mt. Nebo, where Moses is said to be buried
- Learn how to cook traditional food
- Meeting with the Petra National Trust
- Enjoy a one-hour jeep ride into the spectacular landscape of Wadi Rum

DEAD SEA – *Kempinski Hotel Ishtar* – 1 night

- A chance to explore this unique body of water – the lowest point on earth.

DUBAI – *Hilton Dubai Jumeirah Resort*– 3 nights

- Enjoy a very unique presentation “*Open Hearts, Open Minds,*” at the Jumeirah Mosque
- Tour of Sharjah—the UNESCO Capital of Arab culture
- Meeting with developers of the Palm Islands and The World developments

MUSCAT – *Shangri-La's Barr Al Jissah Resort and Spa*– 4 nights

- Visit the private Beit Al Zubair Museum with director Sarah White
- Special guided tour through the wonderful Grand Mosque
- Reception at the US Embassy
- Meet with successful Omani entrepreneur, Salem Ben Nesser Al-Ismaily



“In coming to understand modern Oman and it's structures of power. I was inspired not only by my own political inclinations, but also by my admiration for the beauty of Oman's use of it's own past. Key to any understanding of the central value of the modern Sultanate - its vitality and flexibility - is a recognition of the continuing utility of its age-old institutions of power and its cultural traditions.”

*Sergey Plekhanov, author of **A Reformer on the Throne***

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INSIDE JORDAN, DUBAI AND OMAN

LED BY DR. TAREK SWELIM

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Accompanied by Harvard-educated, Dr. Tarek Swelim, an Arabian and Islamic scholar, explore the three countries of Jordan, Dubai and Oman. Our program sets out to unravel the histories, cultures and economies of these three stable nations that have taken very different approaches to development. From ancient Petra to the modern metropolis of Dubai and the seafaring nation of Oman, discover the contrast between the Arabia of myth – deserts and souks and frankincense - and the Arabia of today.

Our trip begins in Amman, Jordan's cosmopolitan capital. Visit the restored amphitheater and enjoy lunch at the American Center of Oriental Research, an organization committed to the preservation of sites important to Jordan's rich and varied cultural heritage. Discover Jerash, a remarkably well-preserved Roman provincial city. In Petra explore a city built over two thousand years ago by the Nabateans. Enjoy a Bedouin lunch in Wadi Rum, a starkly beautiful valley where pillars of sandstone rock rise abruptly and majestically from the sandy desert floor.

After spending a night at the newly opened Kempinski Ishtar Dead Sea Hotel fly to Dubai - one of the seven emirates that makes up the United Arab Emirates. Enjoy a very unique presentation "**Open Hearts, Open Minds,**" at the Jumeirah Mosque. Head east to Sharjah which UNESCO recently selected as the Capital of Arab Culture.

End the trip in Muscat, Oman's capital city. Wander through the Grand Mosque – a superb example of contemporary Islamic architecture. Enjoy a tour of the Beit al Zubair Museum where director, Sarah White, will give a lecture on Oman's cultural heritage. Explore Oman's interior with stops at Nizwa and the magnificent fortress at Jabrin, whose brilliant architectural design with its maze of courtyards, painted ceilings and false floors never ceases to impress.

Throughout this program a series of high-level briefings and meetings with local leaders from a variety of backgrounds will be offered.

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Tour Cost includes:

- Accommodations in double occupancy rooms at hotels as listed
- All internal land travel
- Breakfast daily, 11 lunches, 9 dinners
- Services of local guides in Jordan, Dubai and Oman
- Council escort and Distant Horizons escort with minimum group size
- Sightseeing and entrance fees
- Porterage
- Gratuities

Not Included are:

- International airfares to Amman, Amman to Dubai, Dubai to Muscat and returning from Muscat (Apprx. \$1,890 from JFK)
- Airport departure taxes
- Passports and visa fees
- Personal insurance for health, baggage and trip cancellation
- Items of a purely personal nature



Your deposit is refundable up to 90 days prior to departure, less a \$400 per person administrative fee.

For more information, any questions or a detailed itinerary, please call **World Affairs Council of Philadelphia** at **800.942.5004**, outside the Philadelphia area **215.561.4700**, within the Philadelphia area or email travel@wacphila.org

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Room Arrangements

- Single supplement
- Double occupancy, I will be sharing a room with _____
- I would prefer a roommate, but will pay the single supplement if one is not available.

Travel Arrangements

- I/we wish to be booked on the group flight from Philadelphia.
- I/we wish to be booked on a flight departing from: _____
- I/we will make other travel arrangements to arrive in Amman on October 11, 2008.

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