

Friends of the Manial Palace Trip to Bahrain & Kuwait

Day 1) Friday - March 19th, 2010

Fly to Manama

1415 GF 070 CAI/BAH

1815 - Arrival Manama –

Transfer to the Golden Tulip Hotel

Dinner at the hotel

Day 2) Saturday - March 20th, 2010

Breakfast

Lecture #1 by Tarek Swelim: *“The Middle East, Bahrain & Kuwait”*

Visit the Portuguese Fort of Bahrain & Museum next to it -

Visit the National Museum of Bahrain

Visit the handicrafts center

Lunch at a local restaurant

Visit the House of “Beit Asma” - owned by HH Shaykha Hussah al-Sabbah in Muharaq - the old capital Bahrain. Take a most fascinating walk in the old quarters of Muharaq; namely the rehabilitated old mud houses which are now converted to cultural centers by Sheikha Mai al-Khalifa, the Minister of Culture and Information. The area is surrounded by a museum of handicrafts, music, pearls, history of journalism, beit of poetry, Mutar House, beit of coffee and Sheikh Ibrahim Centre.

Special opportunity to meet Shaykha Mai Al-Khalifa, the Minister of Culture & Information
HH Shaykha Hussah has also offered that we might meet with her friend Shaykha Mai

Back to the hotel

Dinner at the wonderful Mezzaluna Restaurant at the Sheraton – (French Cuisine)

Day 3) Sunday - March 21st, 2010

Breakfast

Visit the Bayt al-Qur’an Museum –

- Tarek Swelim will give a short talk at the Museum

Special Visit to the grounds of Formula One –

- Permissions would be made through Mr. Mohamed Nisfer

Drive to the First Oil Well in the entire Gulf Region – very short stop

Drive to the King Fahd Causeway
Lunch at the Tower of the Causeway

Back to town
Time to visit the Souq at Bab al-Bahrain & mosque next to it built by the Yateem family

Back to the hotel

Lecture #2 by Tarek Swelim:
“Traditional Cairene Domestic Architecture Relative to the Arab Organization Buildings”

Dinner at the charming atmosphere of the Veranda Restaurant

Day 4) Monday - March 22nd, 2010

Breakfast
Fly to Kuwait
0940 GF 213 BAH/KWI
1045 Arrival Kuwait

Transfer to Le Meridien Tower Hotel
Lunch at the hotel

Visit Dar al-Funoon Art Gallery of Contemporary Art – owned by Shaykha Hussa Sa’ad - and meet the Director of the Gallery.

Walk across to the offices of Dar al-Athar al-Islamiyya (DAI), located at the Old American Hospital, next to the Evangelic Church. A short talk will be given by their director.

From there, we visit the National Museum & Al-Sadu Textile Museum www.darmuseum.org.ku

- Tarek Swelim will give a short talk at the museum

Visit the Modern Art Gallery of Farida Al-Sultan

Back to the hotel to freshen-up
Dinner at the Chairman’s Club – hosted generously by HH Shaykha Hussah al-Sabbah

Day 5) Tuesday - March 23rd, 2010

Breakfast

Special Visit the splendid Building of the Arab Organizations: www.arabfund.org/AOHQ/kuwait
Visit the Scientific Center

Lunch at the Marina Crescent

Visit the Tareq Rajab Museums of Islamic Arts & that of Calligraphy – www.trmkt.com

- Tarek Swelim will give a short talk at the museum

Very Special invitation by HH Shaykha Hussah, to visit her splendid home (designed & built by renowned architect Hasan Fathy)

View the privately owned Al-Sabbah Collection of Islamic Arts at her home.
This will be followed by a casual buffet dinner in the garden of Shaykha Hussah's Home.

What a magnificent day this will be!

Day 6) Wednesday - March 24th, 2010

Breakfast

10:00 AM – Leave to the Port of Salmiyah

11:00 AM - Take the Ferry to the Failaka Island to visit: Neolithic, Hellenistic, Byzantine & Islamic sites.

Lunch on the Island

03:00 PM – Ferry back & straight to the hotel

05:30 PM – Leave to visit the Al-Maidan Cultural Centre

07:00 PM – Attend a lecture by Farah Behbehani, who is young Kuwaiti Artist

Dinner at the hotel – or at the Boom Restaurant (?)

Day 7) Thursday - March 25th, 2010

Breakfast

Flight back to Cairo

1355 MS 611 KWI CAI 3

1600 Arrival Cairo & home
