

Ibrahim Winter 2019/20 Itinerary

Dec 31, 2019- Jan 12, 2019

Tuesday December 31st: Day 1, Arrival in Oman

1:30am Arrival from Istanbul

Airport welcome with TAV airport service, meeting Talal, our driver, & transport to accommodation:

Hormuz Grand Hotel, Muscat P. O. Box 128, PC 111 Seeb, Sultanate of Oman

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10:00 Welcome – Zaiba Hall 1, Grand Hormuz

Meeting Richard Baltimore, former US Ambassador to Oman; Stephen Thomas OBE – CEO Renaissance Group & founder of Renaissance Village in Duqm, an accommodation with dignity for migrant workers; Mohammed Al Zadjali, Deputy GM – Outward Bound Oman

13:00

Welcome buffet lunch at Grand Hormuz, hosted by Dr. Mohammed P Ali, author of a book about entrepreneurship, & his son Mohuidin, both of whom are owners of the hotel. Invited guests: German Ambassador to Oman HE Thomas Schneider and his daughters Leila and Yasmin, students at LSE; Abdul Rahman Al Salmi – Ministry of Religious Affairs; Dr. Harub Al Kharousi and his daughter, Dr. Lamya Al Kharousi, formerly with the Oman Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Zanzibar connection); HH Azim Nasser Zia, former Afghanistan Ambassador to Oman

16:00

Road orientation tour to Muttrah Fort, Alam Palace, ending in Muttrah Souk with supper. Return trip via Ruwi

Wednesday January 1st: Day 2

9:00am Orientation with Ahmed Al Mukaini, former expert with the Oman State Council (see article on representative council in Oman)
– 12:00

13:00 – 15:00 Lunch and visit to Sultan Qaboos University, hosted by Professor Houchang Hassan Yari, HOD International Relations Department SQU. Meeting with ManBooker Prize author, Dr. Jokha Al-Harthy TBC

19:00 Buffet dinner at Diplomatic Club

Thursday January 2nd: Day 3

10:00 Visit to US Embassy with Charge d’Affairs Stephanie Hallet & her team. Possible meeting with Ambassador Leslie Tsou

Lunch – Kargeen TBC

Visit to Haramel Fishing Village with Captain Ralph Wood

Tour of New National Museum & also Parliament building TBC

Dinner - TBC

Friday January 3rd: Day 4

Day visit to the Interior of Oman – Sur, Nizwa, or Rustaq TBC

Saturday January 4th: Day 5

9:00am Visit to Grand Mosque

12:00 Lunch & afternoon on a private beach by the sea with Dr. Mohamed Al Yousef, former Financial Advisor to HM Sultan Qaboos

19:00 Visit to the Royal Opera House & performance of a new production of the Magic Flute with an Omani backdrop in the new House of Musical Arts

Sunday January 5th: Day 6

9:30am Audience with HE Abdul-Aziz Al Rowas, Advisor for Cultural Affairs

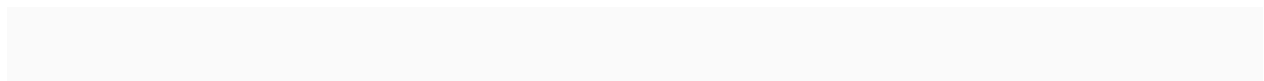
Light lunch

Afternoon free TBD

19:00 Traditional farewell dinner hosted by HE Sheikh Abdulla Al Rowas with former US Ambassador Richard Baltimore; HE Hamish Cowell, British Ambassador; Former US Ambassador Marc Sievers & his wife Huda, and other guests

Monday January 6th: Day 7

11:45am Departure to Dubai



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Ibrahim Group UAE Itinerary: January 6-12, 2020

Monday January 6th: Ibrahim Group Arrival

10:25: Arrival in Dubai airport from Muscat.

12:00-14:00 : Check-in followed by lunch (Zabeel House Mini).

14:15 Bus Departs to Dubai International Financial Center, the leading financial center in the Middle East and a top ten global financial center.

15:00 Overview and visit to the Dubai Future Foundation including the Government Accelerators/Incubators & Area 2071 at Emirates Towers.
Dubai Mall and visit to Burj Khalifah

Dinner at Ustadi

Tuesday January 7th: Full day in Abu Dhabi

9:00: Bus Departs to Abu Dhabi

11:00 - 12:30: Guided tour of Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque.

12:30: Bus departs to Abu Dhabi City for lunch.

14:30: Bus departs to Saadiyat Island.

15:30 - 16:30: Visit to The Louvre Abu Dhabi.

16:30 - 17:30: Guided tour of the Architecture: Inside Out exhibition.
Bus Returns to Dubai.

Dinner at Al Fahidi District in Dubai.

Meetings at Orient Research Center

Wednesday Jan 8th: ORC Day 1

10:00- 11:00: Clash of the titans; return of geopolitical competition to the Gulf

11:00-11:30 Open Q&A

Lecturer: Dr. Samir Al-Taqi

11:30-12:00 Coffee Break

12:00-13:00: Arab-Israel Relations – Prospect for a grand settlement

13:00-13:30 Open Q&A

Lecturers: Mr. Mohamad Masharqa, Dr. Mark Heller

13:30- 14:00 Lunch Break

14:00- 15:00: Post Oil Era; Challenges & Opportunities for Economic Diversification in the GCC.

15:00-15:30: Q&A

Lecturer: Mr. Mario Vanella

16:30 Free time @ Dubai Mall

Thursday Jan 9th: ORC Day 2: Thursday Jan 9th

10:00 – 11:00: UAE Diplomacy & Conflict Mediation for Peace & Stability

11:00-11:30 Q&A

Lecturer: Mr. Mohmmad Baharoon- Bu'huth

11:30- 12:00 Coffee Break

12:00 – 13:00 Youth and Women empowerment in the UAE

13:00- 13:30 Open Q &A

Lecturer: Sheikha Najla Al Qasimi

13:30-14:00 Lunch break

14:00-15:00: After 3 months of Revolution; what's next for Lebanon?

15:00-15:30: Q&A

Lecturer: Dr. Makram Rabah

Dinner at Bayt Mariam JLT

Friday January 10th: Tolerance Day, Ibrahim Group Activities Friday

08:00: Breakfast at the hotel.

09:00 - 10:00: Walking tour of Al Fahidi Historical District with a brief history and overview by Sachin Holden.

10:30 - 12:00: Presentation by alumni Zach Narin.

12:15: Bus Departs & visit to THE VILLA with Zach Narin.

12:30 - 13:30: Community meeting.

13:30 - 15:00: Lunch.

15:00: Bus departs to Sharjah Art Museum - a cultural beacon that enhances Sharjah's identity.
Guided tour Ref # REF_UNBF0076

16:00 - 17:30: Guided tour of A Century in Flux: Highlights from the Barjeel Art Foundation Exhibition.

17:30: Bus returns to hotel.

Dinner at Al Fahidi

Saturday January 11th: ORC Day 3

10:00 -11:00: The Syrian Crisis and American Policy

11:00-11:30 Q&A

Lecturer: Dr. Sam Dalla

11:30-12:00 Coffee Break

12:00-13:00: Regional Pioneer - UAE Smart government for good governance.

13:00-13:30 Q&A

Lecturer: Mr. Rashad Kamel.

13:30-14:00 Coffee Break

14:00- 15:00 Artificial Intelligence Presentation ORC Project.

15:00-15:30 Q&A

Lecturer: Mohammad Jbaily

Wrapping Up Dr. Samir Al-Taqi

16:30: Tour of the Women's Museum.

Dinner and tour of Dubai Gold Souq.

Sunday January 12th : Ibrahim Group Activities

08:15: Bus Departs to Jebel Ali Free Zone.

09:00-11:00: Visit with Rasha Shehada - Managing Director of Diamond Line, included in the BBC's top 100 women programme & listed by Forbes ME as one of the most influential women in the region.

12:00 - 14:00: Meeting with Dr. Nabil Alkhatib - a Palestinian broadcast journalist, media entrepreneur, professor, previously was the Executive News Director at Al Arabiya. Currently the head of Asharq News Services -Bloomberg.

Lunch break

15:00 - 16:30: TBC Visit to Art Jameel or All Women Panel Discussion.
Bus returns to hotel.

19:30 Farewell Dinner