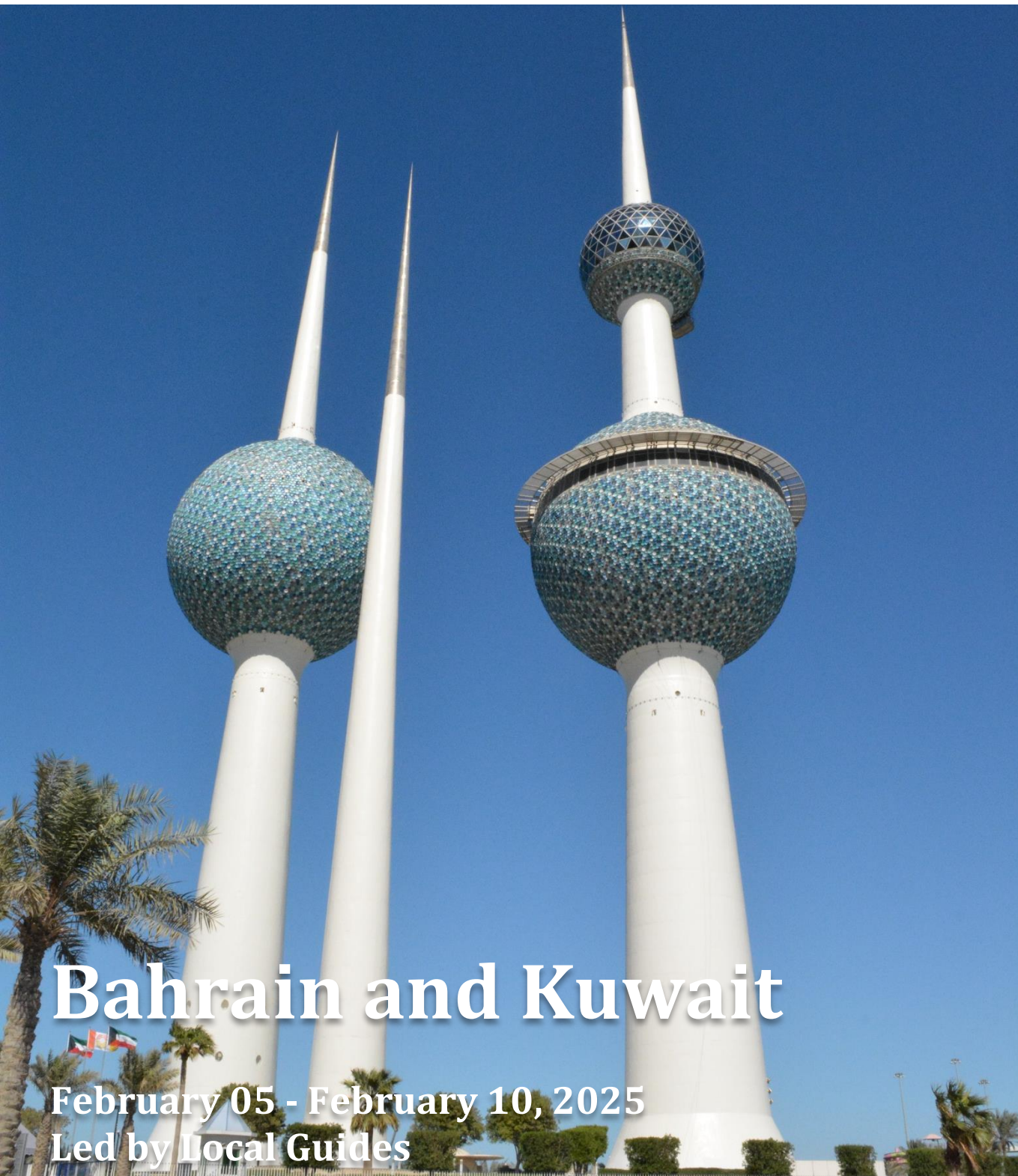


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Bahrain and Kuwait

February 05 - February 10, 2025

Led by Local Guides

Can be combined with the Saudi Arabia tour (February 10 - February 23, 2025)

Best known for their wealth and abundance of oil, the Gulf States also house some remarkable museums that display magnificent ancient Islamic art, calligraphy, pottery, embroideries, and jewelry. In Qatar, you will saunter around the Old Souq (market) and down to the nearby Dhow Harbor to see some of the Gulf's traditional and distinctive trading vessels. In the UAE, you will marvel at Abu Dhabi's unique architecture as one of the most futuristic cities in the world. When in Dubai, an emirate that has transformed itself in the last few decades from an obscure pearl-fishing village into one of the world's most important trading hubs and a land of luxuries, you will visit its Old town. Oman is one of Arabia's true gems - a land of rugged coastlines and vast deserts where tradition and progress go hand in hand. This wonderful adventure takes us from the heart of its picturesque capital, deep into its desert.

Ihab Zaki
Managing Director

Thursday, February 05



Arrive in Kuwait (KUWAIT)

Upon arrival in **Kuwait**, meet and transfer to *Radisson Blue Hotel* or similar for check in and overnight.

Friday, February 06

Kuwait



After breakfast, head to visit **Bait Al-Othman Historic Museum**, dedicated to the history and culture of Kuwait - from the pre-oil era to the present time. Pass by the **National Assembly** (Parliament House) and **Seif Palace** (Amir's Office), then 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 before the discovery of oil. Goods sold here include Persian silk carpets, Arabic antiques, perfumes, fruits, meats, jewelry, and traditional clothing. Head down to the **Dhow Harbor** and **Fish Market** - an excellent place to take photos. Drive back to the **Kuwait Towers** and ascend almost 400 feet to the viewing sphere for a picturesque view of the city and coastline. Return to the *Hotel* for dinner and overnight. **(B,L,D)**

Saturday, February 07

Kuwait



After breakfast, head to 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. Enjoy a local lunch, then head to visit 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. Return to the *Hotel* for dinner and overnight. **(B,L,D)**

Wednesday, February 08

Kuwait - Manama (Bahrain)



After breakfast, transfer to the airport for our flight to **Manama**. Upon arrival, meet and begin the city tour with a visit to the **Al**

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

Sunday, February 09

Manama



After breakfast, begin the day with a visit to the **Old Palace** and the **Guest Palace**, located in the **Gudaibiya area of Manama**. Continue to the island of Muharraq and 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. Get the opportunity to savor the finest Arabic sweets and pastries at a typical Arabic confectionery. After lunch, head to visit the **Bahrain Fort ruins**, built by the Portuguese in the 16th century, and its museum. Visit the **House of Qur'an** and see rare and precious collections of ancient Quranic manuscripts and Islamic works of art. Return to the *Hotel* for dinner and overnight. **(B,L,D)**

Monday, February 10

Manama - Riyadh (SAUDI ARABIA)



After breakfast, begin the drive along the magnificent causeway that connect Manama to Saudi Arabia, upon arrival transfer to the *Rosh Rayhaan by Rotana Hotel*, check-in and overnight. **(B)**

"We reserve the right to change the order of activities/visits or sites due to unexpected events such as flight cancellations or changes of schedule, or any other reasons beyond our control. We will do our best to ensure that any necessary changes when/if needed to meet the needs of our clients".

Tour Cost (Land Only):

2-4 travelers \$2,795.00

5-7 travelers \$2,495.00

Per person sharing in double occupancy

Single Supplement: \$595.00

Price based on group size minimum of 2 participants and maximum of 7 participants

Trip Grade: II Lodging Level: ****



Tour Includes:

- Airport / Hotel / Airport transfers.
- Accommodations in (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:

********* : Regular style - usually large - hotels, typical western standard with ample venues, and full amenities.

Tour does not include:

- International airfare USA-Kuwait / Manama-USA.
- Visas: **Bahrain** (obtainable on arrival - \$40.00), and Kuwait (free on arrival) - **All subject to change.**
- 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)

