

# *The Middle East*

WORLD LEADERS SYMPOSIUM

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DECEMBER 29, 2010–JANUARY 12, 2011

ABOARD THE *SILVER WIND*

FEATURING



*James A. Baker, III*



*Jehan Sadat*



*Zalmay Khalilzad*



*Bill Moyers*





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THIS WAS THE BEST  
LEARNING OPPORTUNITY  
we have ever experienced. As world events are  
unfolding, it could not have been timelier.”

—2009 Symposium Traveler

Photographs of speakers and participants on the  
2009 World Leaders Symposium in the Middle East.





# Exclusive HALLMARKS OF THIS WORLD LEADERS SYMPOSIUM

## WHY HERE? WHY NOW?

Our experienced Symposium developers are ever mindful of these two key questions in creating customized itineraries that hit all the highlights, focus on compelling and timely themes, and feature a lineup of uniquely qualified guest speakers.

## AN EXTRAORDINARY BLEND OF TRAVEL AND EDUCATION

When you *explore the world with the people who shape it*, you enjoy a rare opportunity to engage with globally significant leaders and to benefit from the valuable insights and perspectives of a team of top-level scholars and experts.

## AN ALL-INCLUSIVE JOURNEY

From arrival to departure, we've got you covered. This includes all small-group excursions; all meals; all fine wines and spirits aboard the *Silver Wind*; all tips and gratuities; on-tour transfers and charter flight; New Year's Eve festivities at the Dead Sea; pre-departure package of books and a travel guide; personal attention from professional tour managers.

## A WELL-BALANCED ITINERARY

This travel event is designed to ensure that you experience the superlative highlights you imagine, are offered the compelling options you expect, and have time to relax and enjoy the holiday you've earned.

## A PERSONALIZED TRAVEL EXPERIENCE

Enjoy the freedom to design a journey that reflects your interests by selecting from a menu of excursion options that highlight the unique aspects of each destination.

## A GRAND EXPERIENCE WITH SMALL-GROUP INTIMACY

The combination of a spacious and luxurious small ship, intimate dining and socializing opportunities, and a range of small-group excursions along the way have a way of making the grand feel quite intimate.

## EXCLUSIVE ACCESS

Specially arranged access opens doors not available to the typical tourist. In the Middle East, go behind-the-scenes at Al Jazeera, the Arab Organisations Headquarters Building, the Museum of Islamic Arts, Al Shaqab equestrian center, and Saudi Arabia's Aramco oil company.

## WORLD-CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS, DINING, AND AMENITIES

Five-star hotels, Relais & Chateaux-inspired meals and 24-hour concierge service aboard the *Silver Wind*, and the highest level of personal attention assure uninterrupted luxury and comfort throughout your journey.

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# DEAR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS,

We are delighted to announce our next World Leaders Symposium: The Middle East. As a participant, you will have the pleasure of discovering some of the region's most fascinating places and meeting some of its most interesting people in the company of those who know them best—and I can assure you that the experience will be extraordinary.

This world-class travel event features keynote speakers James A. Baker, III, 61st U.S. Secretary of State, and Jehan Sadat, widow of Egyptian president Anwar Sadat and a dedicated social activist; a host of celebrated featured speakers such as Bill Moyers, an expert on world religions; Zalmay Khalilzad, former U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan and to Iraq and most recently U.S. Ambassador to the U.N.; and Aaron David Miller, a Middle East policy advisor; and local guest speakers, all of whom will provide insight and perspective on the past, present, and future of the region.

This voyage offers a rare opportunity to see and learn more about this vital region. We hope you can join us.

Sincerely,

*Rose Sundin*

Rose Sundin  
Associate Director  
Alumni Affairs



## Keynote Speakers



**JAMES A. BAKER, III**  
61st U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE

James A. Baker, III served three U.S. presidents in a number of top government positions, including White House Chief of Staff and Secretary of the Treasury under Ronald Reagan and Secretary of State under George H.W. Bush.

During his tenure, Baker devoted much of his time to Middle East issues. He was also co-chair of the Iraq Study Group, a bipartisan congressional panel that provided recommendations for U.S. policy vis-à-vis Iraq. Baker was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1991. He is the founding chair of the James A. Baker III Institute of Public Policy at Rice University and author of *The Politics of Diplomacy: Revolution, War and Peace, 1989–1992*. (Baker will join the Symposium on January 10–11.)



**JEHAN SADAT**  
SOCIAL ACTIVIST

First lady of Egypt from 1970 to 1981, Madame Jehan Sadat has been involved in social issues since before her husband, the late Anwar Sadat, became president. In her own village of Talla, she started the Talla Society

for the personal, social, and economic empowerment of illiterate, impoverished village women. She established Wafa Wal Amal for handicapped war veterans and civilians and the S.O.S. Children's Villages in Egypt for orphans, and spearheaded civil rights reform giving more rights to women and families. Founder of the Arab-African Women's League and author of *A Woman of Egypt*, her best-selling autobiography, she continues her work in family planning programs and the eradication of illiteracy. (Sadat will join the Symposium on January 3–5.)



Learn more about the full lineup of speakers at  
**WorldLeadersTravel.com.**

# Featured Speakers



**KAREN ARMSTRONG**  
BEST-SELLING AUTHOR

Karen Armstrong is a highly sought-after lecturer often called upon by governments, universities, and church and secular organizations to educate about the world's religions and their

place in the modern world. A former Roman Catholic nun, she is a prolific author whose writings include *A History of God*; *Jerusalem: One City, Three Faiths*; *The Battle for God*; *Islam: A Short History*; *The Great Transformation: The Beginning of Our Religious Traditions*; *Muhammad: A Prophet for Our Time*; and, released in 2009, *The Case for God*. She is a 2008 TED Prize winner and has been honored around the world as a bridge builder between the Abrahamic faiths of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. (*Armstrong will join the Symposium on December 29–January 3.*)



**JOAN BROWN CAMPBELL**  
PEACE ACTIVIST AND INTERFAITH LEADER

Joan Brown Campbell, director of the Department of Religion at the Chautauqua Institution, served previously as general secretary of the National Council of Churches, USA,

and as the first female executive director of the U.S. office of the World Council of Churches. An ordained minister, she worked with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King in the Civil Rights movement, participated in the enthronement of Desmond Tutu as Archbishop of South Africa, and served as a key monitor in the election of Nelson Mandela as president of South Africa. She is co-chair of the Global Peace Initiative of Women and has led numerous peace missions to the Middle East involving major leaders in the region. (*Campbell will join the Symposium for its duration.*)



**ZALMAY KHALILZAD**  
FORMER U.S. AMBASSADOR  
TO AFGHANISTAN AND TO IRAQ

Zalmay Khalilzad served from 2007 to 2009 as the 26th U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, the highest-ranking Muslim government official in

U.S. history. Previously, as U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan (2003–2005) and to Iraq (2005–2007), he played a significant role in facilitating each country's constitution, elections, and formation of government. Ambassador

Khalilzad's first-hand knowledge and experience as a statesman in these important hot spots give him unparalleled insights into the global issues of security, state building, peace negotiation, and energy. He is the author of more than 200 books, articles, studies, and reports that have been translated into many languages. (*Khalilzad will join the Symposium on January 3–10.*)



**AARON DAVID MILLER**  
MIDDLE EAST POLICY EXPERT

Author of *The Much Too Promised Land: America's Elusive Search for Arab-Israeli Peace*, Aaron David Miller served at the Department of State as an advisor to six secretaries of state and helped

formulate U.S. policy on the Middle East. After leaving the State Department, he became president of Seeds of Peace, a nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering young leaders from regions of conflict with the leadership skills required to advance reconciliation and coexistence. Miller is currently a Public Policy Fellow at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, D.C. (*Miller will join the Symposium on January 3–10.*)



**BILL MOYERS**  
VETERAN BROADCAST JOURNALIST

Bill Moyers has long been recognized as one of the unique voices of his generation. From his early years as a cub reporter, he went on to serve as a founding organizer of the Peace

Corps, White House press secretary to President Lyndon B. Johnson, publisher of *Newsday*, public television reporter and anchor, senior correspondent for *CBS Reports*, senior news analyst for the *CBS Evening News*, and best-selling author. With his wife, he formed Public Affairs Television, which produced numerous path-breaking series and acclaimed documentaries. Moyers has received more than 30 Emmys from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences and the first honorary doctor of fine arts degree from the American Film Institute. (*Moyers will join the Symposium on January 3–10.*)

*\* Please note that keynote and featured speakers will be joining us for varying lengths of time during the program. Speakers and speaker schedules, while accurate at the time of printing, are subject to change.*

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## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

With a focus on education, cultural awareness, and responsible tourism, each World Leaders Symposium is committed to celebrating the power of travel. Your participation ensures that some of the inspiring individuals, organizations, and ideas encountered on your journey will continue to thrive.

## CELEBRATIONS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Ring in the New Year at an “Arabian Nights” gala event in Jordan. The following night, jaw-dropping Petra comes to life during a special candle-light evening visit.





# Customized Itinerary

**JORDAN ✦ DUBAI ✦ KUWAIT**  
**✦ SAUDI ARABIA ✦ QATAR**

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## DECEMBER

- 29 Depart home
- 30 Arrive Amman, Jordan / Dead Sea
- 31 Dead Sea (New Year's Eve Gala)

## JANUARY

- 1 Dead Sea / Petra
- 2 Petra
- 3 Petra / Aqaba / Dubai, U.A.E. (Embark)
- 4 At Sea
- 5 Kuwait City, Kuwait
- 6 At Sea
- 7 Dammam, Saudi Arabia
- 8 Doha, Qatar
- 9 Doha
- 10 Dubai (Disembark)
- 11 Dubai
- 12 Depart Dubai, arrive home

*Symposium participants will choose from an extensive list of excursion options prior to departure. Program itinerary and excursions are subject to change.*

# Optional Extensions

**CHRISTMAS IN BETHLEHEM**

DECEMBER 22–30, 2010

**OMAN**

JANUARY 12–16, 2011

**IRAN**

JANUARY 12–19, 2011

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## BEYOND THE HEADLINES

Rest assured that you'll get a glimpse of the real Middle East—from exploring serious subjects such as conflict and human rights to experiencing the rich cultural, intellectual, and artistic heritage that make this part of the world so compelling.

## THE POWER OF TRAVEL

Whether engaging James A. Baker, III on Middle East issues, hearing insights from Bill Moyers on world religions, or listening to the hopes and dreams of university students in Dubai, there's a good chance that your Symposium experience will alter the way you view the world.

## YOU WON'T FIND IT ANYWHERE ELSE

This exclusive World Leaders Symposium is completely customized. Thanks to the contributions of sponsors and special guests, one-of-a-kind means exactly that.





## Jordan

Your unforgettable journey begins in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, highly regarded as much for its wealth of historical monuments as for its leadership in waging peace in the Middle East. Among Jordan's defining icons is the World Heritage site of **PETRA**, the stunning rose-red, rock-cut city that was the capital of the Nabataean Kingdom. For those with an adventurous spirit, the wow factor continues to roll with a Jeep ride through the stunning desert landscape of **WADI RUM**. If this conjures up evocative images of Lawrence of Arabia, there's a good reason; it was here that the British Army officer joined King Faisal and local Bedouin to fight the Turks and the Germans in 1917. Lovers of history and art will also be rewarded by some of the most spectacular Byzantine mosaics near **MADABA**, **MT. NEBO**, and **UMM AR-RASAS**, and at the finely preserved Roman city of **JERASH**, complete with massive temples and ancient theaters.

✦ **THROUGHOUT YOUR JOURNEY, EXPLORE HOW FAITH AND IDEOLOGY** influence society and culture with Bill Moyers, Joan Brown Campbell, and Karen Armstrong, all experts on world religions.

✦ **CELEBRATE AN UNFORGETTABLE NEW YEAR'S EVE** on the shore of the Dead Sea, valuable as a sanctuary of rejuvenation and repose since the time of King David.

## Dubai

Where did Dubai come from, and even more importantly, where is it headed? This small emirate on the Persian Gulf, not content to sit idly by as its oil reserves near depletion, has catapulted itself onto the world stage in the last decade by rolling out the red carpet for the world's elite and pushing the limits of architectural audacity. The world's tallest building, the **BURJ KHALIFA**—opened in January 2010—offers lofty panoramas of this dynamic city, including a bird's-eye view

of the amazing Palm Jumeirah real estate project. Cool off at **SKI DUBAI**, an indoor winter wonderland where you can don parkas and boots for a short walk in 29-degree temperatures. Before oil ushered in the “all that money can buy” era, there was another, more traditional, Dubai, artfully captured in the **DUBAI MUSEUM IN AL FAHIDI FORT** near Dubai Creek. Fascinating exhibits detail life from the third millennium B.C. to the present. Dubai is the second-largest exporter of gold in the world, and a trip across **DUBAI CREEK** in an *abra* (water taxi) to visit the legendary **GOLD SOUK** confirms that ranking.

✦ **SOAK UP AN OFF-THE-RECORD ACCOUNT OF U.S.-MIDDLE EAST RELATIONS** from former Secretary of State James Baker, who offers insider observations on the possibilities and realities shaping the future of the region.

✦ **DURING A SPECIALLY ARRANGED VISIT TO ZAYED UNIVERSITY**, engage with administrators and small groups of female students for unique perspectives from the region's next generation of leaders.

## Kuwait

The resilient Kuwaitis have left no stone unturned in rehabilitating their country's natural and cultural resources after the disastrous economic, environmental, and public health consequences of the First Gulf War. Discover the treasures of ancient Arab and Islamic art at the **TAREQ RAJAB MUSEUM**, protected from harm during the war by curators who disguised the doorway of the museum. At the nearby **MUSEUM OF ISLAMIC CALLIGRAPHY**, beautiful exhibits trace the development of Arabic script from the advent of Islam onward, and the **NATIONAL MEMORIAL MUSEUM** honors Kuwait's struggle for liberation. A striking symbol of Kuwait's successful post-war rebuilding is the **ARAB ORGANISATIONS HEADQUARTERS BUILDING**, an inspired marriage of environmental awareness, modern technology, and traditional Arabic craftsmanship that invites exploration. Mingle with local Kuwaitis at the lively

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## LIKE-MINDED FELLOW TRAVELERS

In addition to distinguished special guests, your fellow travelers, many of them affiliated with top academic and cultural organizations and veterans of past Symposiums, add a level of sophistication and intellectual curiosity not typically associated with a group travel experience.

## GOOD REASONS TO COME EARLY AND STAY LATE

Optional extensions give you the opportunity to spend an unforgettable Christmas in Bethlehem, get a glimpse of an Iran rarely experienced by Westerners, and discover the traditional Bedouin culture of the Omani desert.

## DON'T MISS A THING

With your personal state-of-the-art headset, you'll never miss a word of the valuable commentary offered by experienced local guides during visits to historic and culturally significant sites.





**HERITAGE SOUK**, an enticing reminder of Arabia's trading heritage that also functions as a place to socialize and partake of the *shisha* (water pipe).

✦ **ASSESS THE OPPORTUNITIES THE U.S. FACES IN THE CHANGING GLOBAL LANDSCAPE** and the implications for effective U.S. strategy with Zalmay Khalilzad, most recently the U.S. Ambassador to the U.N.

✦ **RUB SHOULDERS WITH LOCAL KUWAIT CITY RESIDENTS** at the super-sized, super-clean fish market, colorfully decorated with mosaics and humming with simple, yet fascinating, routines of daily life.

## Saudi Arabia

Most visitors fortunate enough to discover this exotic destination won't enjoy the exclusive access you'll experience. On a specially arranged excursion, which a past Symposium traveler described as a "highlight in an exceptional itinerary," you'll visit the birthplace of the modern oil industry. Striking "black gold" is always a dramatic event, but never more so than on March 4, 1938, when geologists, well diggers, and oil executives gathered around Well #7 in the Saudi desert with fingers crossed. After six previous wells had failed to live up to expectations, Well #7 did not disappoint, and the course of Saudi Arabia's history was forever changed. Your access includes personal insights from Aramco officials, as well as visits to **WELL #7** and the **ARAMCO EXHIBITION CENTER**, where you'll begin to better understand the impact of this little-known place, and this fascinating country, on the world.

✦ **LEARN FROM ON-SITE EXPERTS** how energy and natural resources are intricately linked to all facets of life in the Middle East—from economics and politics to national pride.

✦ **DELVE INTO THE COMPLEX WEB OF ISSUES**—some deeply rooted in history—that influence the Middle East peace process with seasoned policy expert Aaron David Miller.

## Qatar

Qatar just might surprise you. Often overlooked in the company of its flashier neighbors, Qatar is a rising star in the Middle East focused on shrewdly investing revenues from its abundant supply of natural gas in educating its citizens. A private, behind-the-scenes look at **EDUCATION CITY**, a futuristic and decidedly international campus, demonstrates Qatar's success, and pride, in its transformation from a society of fishermen and pearl divers to one at the forefront of science and technology. You'll experience more of the nation's pride and passion at **AL SHAQBAB HORSE STABLES**, where Qatar's famous, and magnificent, Arabian horses get the attention they deserve. Take advantage of a different style of horse power on a thrilling, four-wheel-drive adventure over the towering sand dunes surrounding Qatar's "**INLAND SEA**"—**KHOR AL-ADAID**. For fans of art and architecture, the recently opened **MUSEUM OF ISLAMIC ART**, designed by I.M. Pei, is the newest national icon in the capital, Doha, and well on its way to amassing the largest collection of Islamic art in the world. The **OLD SOUK** is full of the color and vibrancy that one might expect, but with an added twist: the **FALCON MARKET**, a shop-cum-museum-cum-medical clinic for these impressive birds, whose breeding is deeply rooted in Qatari society.

✦ **DISCOVER THE REGION'S WEALTH OF SCENIC BEAUTY** and natural history—from vast seas of sand to superlative Arabian horses—that define a uniquely Middle Eastern way of life.

✦ **DEEPEN YOUR UNDERSTANDING** of how the role of women, and women's rights, is woven into society, culture, and religion with Jehan Sadat, widow of Egyptian president Anwar Sadat and a leader in advancing civil and human rights.

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## UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES CAPTURED AND PRESERVED

More than just made, your memories will be captured. A professional photographer will record your journey and provide a selection of high-quality images for you to share, and to keep forever.

## IT KEEPS GETTING BETTER

We are always looking for ways to make the Symposium as special and memorable as possible. New and exciting features—beyond what's included on these pages—will continue to be added up until departure, and even during the program itself.

## Optional Extensions



### CHRISTMAS IN BETHLEHEM

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Experience **CHRISTMAS IN BETHLEHEM**, a joyous time for the town's Palestinian Christian

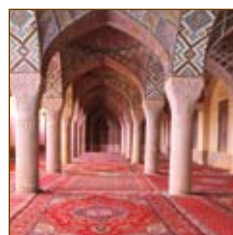
population. Observe the religious significance of Jerusalem to all three Abrahamic faiths as you explore the Jewish, Muslim, and Christian quarters of the **OLD CITY**, including the Temple Mount, the most hotly contested piece of real estate in the world. Travel to historic **NAZARETH** and the **SEA OF GALILEE**, and visit sites associated with the Galilean ministry of Jesus.



### OMAN

JANUARY 12-16, 2011

Explore the Bedouin culture of the desert; the famous souk and colorful goat market in **NIZWA**, heart of the country's jewelry and craft industries; and the lovely capital city of **MUSCAT**. With its traditional architecture and fascinating history, Muscat has much to offer: the 16th-century Jelali Fortress, the palace of Sultan Qaboos, the majestic Grand Mosque—the primary place of worship in the Sultanate, and the renowned Muttrah Souk. For a change of pace, board small boats to watch dolphins at play in the **GULF OF OMAN**.



### IRAN

JANUARY 12-19, 2011

In 2009, World Leaders Travel brought the largest group of American citizens to Iran since the 1979 revolution. Since only approximately 500 Americans visit Iran as tourists each year, it is one of the last “unexplored” countries for U.S. citizens and, as such, provides the setting for a truly unique experience. In this exceptionally rich educational travel destination, visit important cultural and religious sites in **TEHRAN**, **SHIRAZ**, and **ESFAHAN** and explore the impressive UNESCO World Heritage site of **PERSEPOLIS**.

*Extension details and pricing information will be sent to confirmed participants.*



# Luxury Accommodations

## SILVER WIND

The luxurious *Silver Wind*, one of the highest-rated cruise vessels afloat, features an all-inclusive policy that spares no expense, impeccable service from a courteous and efficient crew, and unparalleled onboard amenities. All-suite accommodations include butler service, ocean views and a wide range of features, from walk-in closets and flat-screen televisions to 24-hour room service and Wi-Fi Internet access. All bathrooms have marble tiles, shower/bathtub combinations, hair dryers, and terry-cloth robes. Of the ship's 149 suites, 115 feature private verandas. There are eight suite categories, ranging in size from the 240-square-foot Vista Suites to the 1,019-square-foot Grand Suites. The *Silver Wind*'s venues include the top-deck Observation Lounge, offering spectacular ocean views, and the two-deck-high Show Lounge. There is a small, well-stocked library, Internet Center, gym with stair climbers and treadmills, a pool and two whirlpools, jogging track, full-service spa, and beauty salon. The ship's primary dining venue, The Restaurant, features signature dishes by Relais & Chateaux. Le Champagne, the Wine Restaurant by Relais & Chateaux, pairs some of the world's rarest vintages with a six-course menu, and La Terrazza specializes in authentic Italian cuisine.

## HOTELS

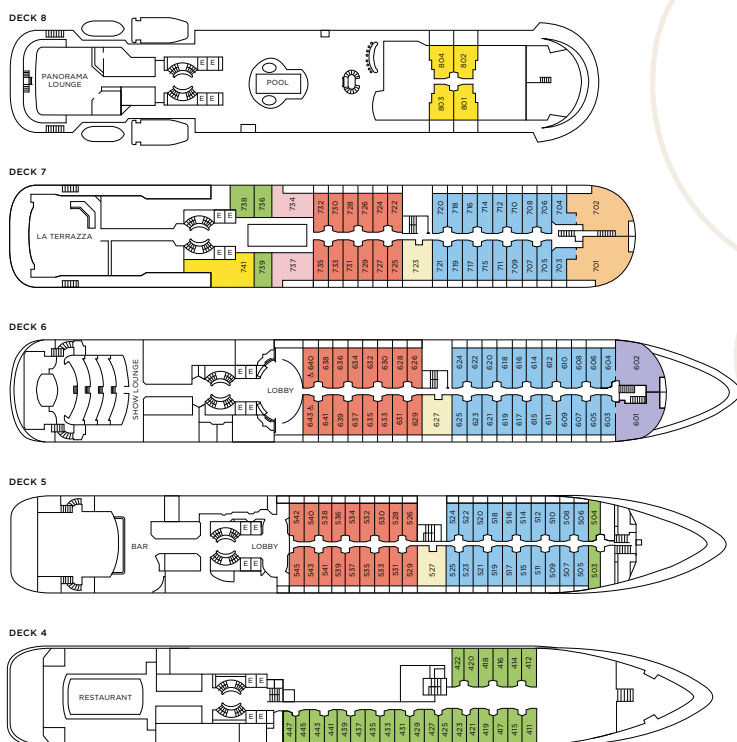
The luxurious KEMPINSKI HOTEL ISHTAR on the shore of the Dead Sea, the world's oldest spa, enjoys a lush garden setting with lagoons and waterfalls. The hotel has a large private beach and a thorough understanding of the benefits of whirlpools, saunas, and steam rooms at the end of a long day of touring.

The MÖVENPICK RESORT PETRA is the only hotel located at the entrance of the magnificent ancient Nabataean city of Petra, a special advantage that travelers will appreciate. The hotel's roof garden terrace also offers guests a beautiful view of the surrounding hills.

Dubai's wave-shaped JUMEIRAH BEACH HOTEL received a 2009 *Condé Nast Traveler* Readers' Choice Award as "Top Hotel in the Middle East." All rooms have spectacular views of the Gulf and the iconic Burj al Arab. Built in the shape of a breaking wave, the hotel incorporates the four elements of nature in its striking design and color palette.



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CABIN TYPE	Program rates, per person	DOUBLE	SINGLE
<span style="color: green;">■</span> VISTA SUITE		\$19,990	\$33,320
240 sq. ft. with picture window. (Suite 738 is 325 sq. ft.)			
<span style="color: blue;">■</span> VERANDA SUITE (pictured above)		\$24,990	\$41,660
295 sq. ft. including teak veranda with floor-to-ceiling glass doors			
<span style="color: red;">■</span> MIDSHIP VERANDA SUITE		\$25,990	—
295 sq. ft. including teak veranda with floor-to-ceiling glass doors			
<span style="color: yellow;">■</span> MEDALLION SUITE		\$30,990	—
490 sq. ft. including teak veranda with floor-to-ceiling glass doors. (Suite 741 is 667 sq. ft. and does not have a veranda.)			
<span style="color: gold;">■</span> SILVER SUITE		\$32,990	—
541 sq. ft. including teak veranda with floor-to-ceiling glass doors			
<span style="color: purple;">■</span> ROYAL SUITE		\$36,990	—
736 sq. ft. including teak veranda with floor-to-ceiling glass doors			
<span style="color: orange;">■</span> GRAND SUITE		\$37,990	—
1,019 sq. ft. including teak veranda with floor-to-ceiling glass doors			
<span style="color: pink;">■</span> OWNER'S SUITE		\$39,990	—
587 sq. ft. including teak veranda with floor-to-ceiling glass doors			

Prices quoted are in U.S. dollars.

## Prices Include

- ✦ Two nights at the **KEMPINSKI HOTEL ISHTAR** at the Dead Sea
- ✦ Two nights at the **MÖVENPICK RESORT PETRA**
- ✦ Two nights at the **JUMEIRAH BEACH HOTEL** in Dubai
- ✦ Seven-night **SILVER WIND CRUISE**
- ✦ Comprehensive program of **LECTURES BY EXPERTS**
- ✦ All **SHORE EXCURSIONS** and **SPECIAL EVENTS**
- ✦ **EXPERIENCED TOUR MANAGERS** to oversee the logistics and safety of the program
- ✦ **ALL ON-TOUR TRANSPORTATION**, including a charter flight from Aqaba to Dubai.
- ✦ **ALL GRATUITIES FOR GROUP SERVICES** to guides, porters, drivers, and ship's crew
- ✦ 24-hour room service and **ALL BEER, WINE, AND COCKTAILS ON BOARD SHIP**

✦ State-of-the-art headsets for clear reception of expert commentary during excursions ✦ Bottled water throughout the program ✦ 13 breakfasts, 13 lunches, 13 dinners ✦ Alcoholic beverages including beer, wine, and cocktails at gala events in Jordan and Dubai (please note that alcoholic beverages are not available in Kuwait and Saudi Arabia due to local custom) ✦ Soft drinks and local beer during lunches off the ship ✦ Arrival transfers and baggage handling between the Amman airport and the Kempinski Hotel Ishtar ✦ Departure transfer and baggage handling between the Jumeirah Beach Hotel and the Dubai airport ✦ Complete packet of pre-departure information including suggested reading list, complimentary book package, and luggage tags ✦ Visas for U.S. citizens

**AIRFARE** Round-trip international airfare to Amman, Jordan, with return from Dubai, is not included in the program rates. As of March 2010, round-trip economy-class airfare is estimated at \$1,490 per person from Boston, Washington, D.C., or New York (JFK/EWR airports); \$1,267 per person from Houston; and \$1,640 per person from Los Angeles or San Francisco. Fares are subject to availability and change without notice. All on-tour air is included. Our tour operator is happy to assist you with your air travel arrangements.

**SPECIAL BUSINESS-CLASS FARES** Negotiated business-class fares (valid on select flights from the U.S.) will be available and offer savings compared to published business-class rates. As of March 2010, round-trip business-class airfare is estimated at \$5,400 per person from Boston, Washington, D.C., or New York (JFK/EWR airports); \$5,358 per person from Houston; and \$5,800 per person from Los Angeles or San Francisco. Fares are subject to availability and change without notice.





**NOT INCLUDED** U.S. domestic and international airfare from the U.S. to Jordan with return from Dubai to the U.S. • Passport fees • Immunization costs • Airport security fees imposed by the government or airline • Accident, baggage, and cancellation insurance • Excess baggage charges • Spa and salon services • Personal items such as laundry, telephone, room service in hotels, fax/email/Internet charges, gratuities for non-group services, and other items not specified as included

**WHAT TO EXPECT** This is a moderately strenuous program that is at times physically demanding and busy. Daily programs can involve up to one mile of walking, often on uneven terrain where stairs are unavailable or do not have handrails. Participants must be physically fit and in active good health. In December/January, average temperatures range from the 40s °F in Jordan to the high 70s °F in the Persian Gulf, with occasional rain.

## TERMS & CONDITIONS

**RESERVATIONS** Participants may confirm spaces immediately by calling the Association of Rice Alumni at 713-348-4678 or 800-742-3258, with a major credit card number. You may, if you prefer, send a check (payable to World Leaders Travel), or your credit card information, with the completed reservation form to Office of Alumni Affairs—MS 520, P.O. Box 1892, Houston, TX 77251-1892 or fax it to 713-348-5210. We cannot confirm reservations without a deposit. Failure to complete payments by the final payment date may result in the cancellation of your reservation, in which case the cancellation penalties as outlined below will apply. All tour prices and airfares quoted in this brochure are based on tariffs, costs, and exchange rates of the United States dollar that were in effect at the time of publication. Consequently, prices herein are subject to change. Due to fluctuations in oil prices, a fuel surcharge may be added to your tour fee. Details and costs will be advised prior to your departure.

## PAYMENTS

- Bookings received on or before May 30, 2010: First deposit of \$2,500 per person to hold reservation. Second deposit of \$2,500 per person due May 31, 2010. Final payment due August 31, 2010.
- Bookings received between May 31 and August 30, 2010: Deposit of \$5,000 per person to hold reservation. Final payment due August 31, 2010.
- Bookings received on or after final payment deadline of August 31, 2010: All deposits and final payments due at time of booking.

## CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

Notification of cancellation must be received in writing from the participant. Deposits are fully refundable if a written notice of cancellation is received within 14 days of receipt of deposit. This 14-day grace period applies to all bookings received before the final payment date of August 31, 2010. **On or after August 31, 2010, all deposits and final payments are completely nonrefundable, regardless of date of deposit.** Aside from the aforementioned grace period, the following cancellation penalties apply:

- Cancellations on or before May 30, 2010: All deposits are subject to a \$500 per person cancellation fee.
- Cancellations between May 31, 2010, and August 30, 2010: All deposits are 100% non-refundable.
- Cancellations on or after August 31, 2010 (final payment date): All deposits and final payments are 100% nonrefundable.

Please note that there will be no exceptions made to this cancellation policy.

**INSURANCE** For your protection, we strongly encourage you to purchase cancellation/interruption insurance; information about insurance will be sent to you upon receipt of deposit. Refunds cannot be made to passengers who do not complete the tour for any reason at all. World Leaders Travel reserves the right, without penalty, to require any participant to withdraw from a tour at any time at his/her own expense, when such action is determined by tour staff to be in the best interest of the health, safety, or general welfare of the tour group or the individual participant.

**HEALTH** All participants should be in good health and capable of walking over rough terrain. By forwarding the deposit for passage, the passenger certifies that he/she does not have any physical or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other passengers.

**RESPONSIBILITY** We and the Tour Operator (T) act only as an agent for the suppliers and contractors providing transportation and/or all other travel-related services and do not assume any responsibility for travel, activities, and other travel-related services supplied by third parties that cause personal injury or for personal or property damage or loss in connection with any service. In no event will we or the TO be liable for an amount exceeding the aggregate amount paid by the tour participant to us, or for special, consequential, incidental, punitive, or indirect damages. The scheduled itinerary (including departure and arrival times) is not guaranteed. Any part of this itinerary is subject to delay, modification, or port-of-call cancellation for any reason, including, but not limited to, stress of weather, exigencies of safe navigation, navigation through regulated waters, ports, and channels, *force majeure*, acts of God, labor conflicts, hostilities, blockages, strikes aboard or ashore, breakdown of the ship, or any other cause, without refund or allowance. We and the TO reserve the right to alter, change, and/or omit any feature or part of the tour, in our discretion, without allowance or refund. Occasionally, unforeseen changes or other matters necessitate a change in the tour or cause a tour to be extended beyond its scheduled completion; any extra costs incurred in such cases are the responsibility of the passenger. We and the TO also reserve the right to decline to accept any person as a member of the tour, or to require any person to withdraw from the tour at any time, when such action is determined by our representatives to be in the best interests of the health, safety and general welfare of the tour group or the individual participant. Personal effects are the sole responsibility of the owners at all times.

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