

HIGHLIGHTS OF IRAQ

DAY 1: BAGHDAD ARRIVAL DAY

- Arrive in Baghdad any time and check into your hotel
- Depending on when you arrive, you might start exploring some of the most famous sights in Baghdad, such as:
 - The National Museum of Iraq
 - Al Khadimiya mosque and shrine
 - Zawra Park (including “save the Iraqi culture monument”)
 - The Abbasid Palace (with Mustansiriya Madrassa)
 - The copper market Souk al-Safareen
- ...and the small shops, cafés etc that Baghdad is famous for



DAY 2: BAGHDAD-TAQ KASHRAH-BAGHDAD

- Early departure to Taq Kasra - “the Arch of Ctesiphon”. The drive might take one to two hours depending on traffic.
- Upon returning to Baghdad you will stop at the Martyrs Monument, also known as “Al Shaheed Momument”.
- Optional stops by statues from the stories “thousand and one nights” which are iconic to the newer parts of Baghdad.
- After heading back to the hotel you will have some time to get ready before heading out for a late night dinner



DAY 3: BAGHDAD- BABYLON- NAJAF

- Upon arrival at Babylon you will have a one to two hours guided tour of the historical site with an English speaking guide.
- After the visit, you will head to Saddams Palace; A huge mansion on top of a hill overlooking the archeological site of Babylon. If time permits, we can have a quick boat ride on the Shatt Al Hilla, one of the Euphrates River branches.
- Drive to Borsippa, known as the birthplace of Abraham.
- Finish the day with some sights in Najaf where you will have dinner and spend the night



DAY 4: NAJAF-KIFL-KUFA-NAJAF

- Explore the area around the hotel located right next to the Najaf Sea, including the Wadi as Salaam, the “valley of the peace” which is considered to be the largest cemetery in the World
- Visit the tomb of prophet Ezekiel in the city of Al Kifl.
- Finally, visit the shrine of Imam Ali in Najaf before making a stop at The Great Mosque of Kufa, or Masjid al-Kufa, which is one of the earliest and holiest surviving mosques in the world.
- Overnight in Najaf



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DAY 5: KARBALA/DIWANIYAH- BAGHDAD

- Long drive back to Baghdad, stopping either in the holy city of Karbala or in Al Diwaniyah, where we can have a photo opportunity with a monument of the Worlds biggest Iraqi flag.
- From Karbala/ Al Diwanyah, drive back to Baghdad to explore some more of the city sights
- The sights of Baghdad will be spread over several days, as it is impossible to visit all in just a day or two.
- Overnight in Baghdad



DAY 6: TALL AKARKUF-SAMARRA-BAGHDAD

- Drive to a Ziggurat (Sumerian temple considered the pre successor of the Egyptian Pyramids) called Tall Akarkuf
- From Tall Akarkuf we will continue the drive North, stopping to Samarra where we will explore the iconic minaret and see the site where the largest mosque in the World was located.
- Return to Baghdad where you will spend the night.



DAY 7: BAGHDAD DEPARTURE DAY

- Today there are no activities planned
- Depart at any time with an included transfer back to the airport
- Plan enough time to get through security and immigration, as Baghdad Airport has much tighter security controls than other airports in the World.



OPTIONAL EXTRA: ADD-ONS

Feel like exploring some more? What about hopping on the train to Basra? Or visiting another ziggurat in the city of Ur? Or go on a boat ride on the iraqi marshes around Chibayish? Or visit Mosul?

Simply let us know your wishes and we can tailormake an itinerary that fits your needs. Although, keep in mind that the South is quite far from the rest of the itinerary, so expect some driving time.



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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS



Walk through the busy streets of Baghdad



Possible photo ops with Iraqi soldiers



See the sunset from Saddam's palace



Visit the Martyrs Monument in Baghdad



Walk through the ancient city of Babylon



Visit holy shrines



Visit the ziggurat of Tall Akarkuf



Eat amazing local food



See the famous minaret of Samarra

...AND THERE ARE MANY MORE!

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POSSIBLE DATES:

ANY TIME, WHENEVER YOU WANT

MAIN SEASON:

OCTOBER-APRIL



NOTES

A deposit will be required to confirm the trip and the remaining balance will have to be paid in cash on arrival.

The order of the sights, activities and campsites will vary based on weather, police checkpoints and road conditions.

You will need to arrange your own flights and visas. Most European nationalities will be able to get the visa on arrival.



INCLUDED

- All accommodation (in 3-4 star hotels)
- Some breakfasts (where the hotels include this)
- All transport
- Local, English speaking guide/driver



NOT INCLUDED

- Visa fee (expect 50-70\$)
- Flights
- Travel insurance
- Meals
- Tips to drivers, guides etc (budget 50-100\$)

