

Middle East and Africa Tour 2026 Itinerary

January 9 – 27, 2026

Location	Date	Time	Activity	Cost
	Fri, 9	*	Depart to Doha, Qatar - [18-Day and 11-Day Option A – Travel from home city]	Included
	Sat, 10	*	Arrivals: Airport transfer to the hotel	Included
Doha, Qatar		3:00 PM	Hotel Check-In: Marriott Marquis City Center Doha Hotel	Included
	Daily	6:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Buffet Breakfasts at Crossroads Kitchen Start your day with a hearty breakfast buffet featuring a delicious blend of international favorites and Qatari classics.	Included
	Sun, 11	9:00 AM	Essence of Doha: Culture, Coastlines & Contemporary Charm <i>A Curated City Experience Through Qatar's Iconic Landmarks</i> Experience the dynamic fusion of heritage, luxury, and innovation on this expertly curated tour of Doha. Tour highlights include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Katara Cultural Village Explore a cultural haven featuring art galleries, theaters, and traditional Qatari architecture. • The Pearl-Qatar Discover the glamour of this man-made island, known for its high-end boutiques, luxury residences, and a scenic marina ideal for strolls and photos. • Doha Corniche Enjoy a scenic drive along the city's waterfront promenade with sweeping views of the skyline and the Arabian Gulf. • Souq Waqif Step into a vibrant marketplace full of life, where spices, perfumes, textiles, and handcrafted souvenirs capture the essence of Qatari tradition. • Doha Port (Mina District) Visit the revitalized marina district—a blend of leisure, and seafront dining that reflects Doha's evolving urban culture. • Museum of Islamic Art (Optional – Entry Fee Applies) Admire timeless pieces from across the Islamic world, housed in an iconic structure that merges history with modern design. 	\$100 PP

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Museum of Qatar <i>(Optional – Entry Fee Applies)</i> Journey through Qatar’s natural and cultural evolution inside this architecturally stunning, desert rose-inspired museum. 	
	Mon, 12	6:00 AM	Hotel Checkout	Included
		8:40 AM	Flight: Doha (DOH) to Cape Town (CPT)	Included
Cape Town, SA		5:25 PM	Arrival: Airport transfer to the hotel	Included
		7:00 PM	Hotel Check-In: Southern Sun Waterfront Cape Town	Included
	Daily	6:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Breakfast Buffet Start your day with a hearty breakfast buffet featuring a delicious blend of international favorites and South African classics.	Included
	Daily	9:00 AM – 10:00 PM	V&A Waterfront <i>A vibrant harbor hub blending shopping, dining, history, and seaside views.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> V&A Waterfront Explore boutique shops, enjoy fresh seafood, or simply soak in the views of Table Mountain from the lively waterfront promenade. 	Included
	Tue, 13	7:00 AM – 5:30 PM	Table Mountain, City & Bo Kaap & Robben Island <i>A journey through the city’s natural beauty, colorful culture, and powerful history.</i> Ride the cable car up Table Mountain, stroll through the vibrant streets of Bo-Kaap, and reflect on South Africa’s past with a visit to Robben Island. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30 Leave Hotel 8:00 Table Mountain & Cable Car Experience 12:00 Walking Tour of City & Bo Kaap 1:00 Robben Island Excursion by Ferry & Bus 5:30 Return to Hotel Excludes: Entrance Fees, Food & Drinks & Gratuities of: Table Mountain Cable Car R490.00 Per person (Non-SA) [Est. \$28 USD] Robben Island Ferry & Tour R1000.00 Per Person (Non-SA) [Est. \$57 USD]	\$ 80 PP

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	Wed, 14	8:00 AM – 6:00 PM	Full Day Cape Peninsula <i>Experience Cape Town's heart—where nature meets history and culture. Visit key destinations such as:</i> <div> Clifton & Camps Bay Twelve Apostles Llandudno Hout Bay Chapmans Peak Drive (if open) Noordhoek Ostrich Viewing Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve Cape of Good Hope Light House Boulder's Beach Penguin Colony Simons Town Muizenberg Constantia </div> Excludes: Entrance Fees, Food & Drinks & Gratuities Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve R445.00 Per Person (Non-SA) [Est. \$25 USD] Boulders Beach R215.00 Per Person (Non-SA) [Est. \$13 USD]	\$ 120 PP
	Thu, 15	8:30 AM	Hotel Check Out	Included
Johannesburg, SA		11:05 AM	Flight: Cape Town (CPT) to Johannesburg (JNB)	Included
		1:05 PM	Arrival: Airport transfer to the hotel	Included
		2:00 PM	Check-In: Sandton Sun - Sandton, South Africa	Included
	Daily	6:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Breakfast Buffet Start your day with a hearty breakfast buffet featuring a delicious blend of international favorites and South African classics.	Included
	Fri, 16	9:00 AM	Johannesburg & Soweto Landmarks Tour <i>Explore Johannesburg and Soweto where history, culture, and urban energy meet.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Constitution Hill Visit this former prison complex turned human rights precinct, now home to South Africa's Constitutional Court. 	\$ 100 PP

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	Sat, 17	8:00 AM	Hotel Check Out	Included
Accra, Ghana		10:55 AM	Flight: Johannesburg (JNB) to Accra (ACC) – [11-Day Option B – Travel from home city to Accra]	Included
		3:00 PM	Arrival: Airport transfer to the hotel	Included
		4:00 PM	Hotel Check-In: Alisa Hotel Accra, Ghana	Included
	Daily	6:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Breakfast Buffet Start your day with a hearty breakfast buffet featuring a delicious blend of international favorites and Ghanaian classics.	Included
		5:00 PM	Zen Garden Accra – Tour, Dinner & Entertainment Experience <i>Escape to Accra's serene oasis for culture, cuisine, and live entertainment.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garden Tour & Ambience Explore tranquil outdoor spaces and artistic installations that blend nature with Afro-contemporary design. • Gourmet Dinner Indulge in a chef-curated menu featuring a fusion of Ghanaian and international flavors. • Live Music & Entertainment Enjoy a fun night of rhythm and soul with live performances from some of Ghana's top musical talents. From Afro-jazz and highlife to acoustic sets and spoken word. • Cultural Touchpoints (Optional Add-ons) Enhance your evening with optional elements such as a wine tasting, artisan market pop-up, or storytelling session celebrating Ghanaian heritage. 	*

	Sun, 18	9:00 AM	<p>Accra City Tour: Journey History, Culture & Modern Life</p> <p><i>Discover Accra's rich history, culture, and urban energy in one immersive tour.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independence Arch & Black Star Square Begin your journey at the historic heart of Ghana's independence movement. • Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Park Visit the final resting place of Ghana's founding father, set within beautifully landscaped gardens. • Makola Market Experience the colorful chaos of Accra's bustling commercial center, where vendors sell everything from fabrics and beads to spices and handcrafted goods. A true sensory adventure. • Jamestown & Ussher Fort Step back in time with a walk through one of Accra's oldest districts, rich with colonial-era architecture, street art, and local fishing communities. Optional climb to the Jamestown Lighthouse for coastal views. • Arts Centre for National Culture Conclude your tour with a visit to Accra's largest craft market. Interact with artisans, shop for souvenirs, and enjoy live drumming or traditional dance demonstrations when available. 	\$ 80 PP
		5:00 PM	<p>LABUSA Signature Event: <i>Social with the Locals</i></p> <p>Accra, Ghana Dstrkt 24 Restaurant</p> <p><i>Connect. Dine. Engage.</i></p> <p>As part of LABUSA's immersive Middle East and Africa tour experience, <i>Social with the Locals</i> is our signature cultural exchange and networking event that brings together international travelers and local changemakers in a relaxed, meaningful setting.</p>	*
	Mon, 19	10:00 AM	Hotel Check Out	Included
Nairobi, Kenya		1:05 PM	Flight: Accra (ACC) to Nairobi (NBO) - [11-Day Option A – Travel to home city]	Included
		9:45 PM	Arrival: Airport transfer to the hotel	Included
		10:30 PM	Hotel Check-in: Sankara Nairobi, Autograph Collection	Included
	Daily	6:00 AM - 10:30 AM	<p>Breakfast Buffet</p> <p>Generous spread of nutritious and energizing breakfast delights, including healthy unprocessed foods, hot and cold dishes, cereals, fresh juices and smoothies, and specialty dishes from all over the world, including a local Swahili stop.</p>	Included

	Daily	9:00 AM - 11:30 PM	Sarit Centre Mall Sarit is a shopping center in the Westlands neighborhood of Nairobi, Kenya and next door to the hotel.	Included
	Tue, 20	9:00 AM	Nairobi National Park, Giraffe Centre & Maasai Market Tour <i>Wildlife, Conservation & Culture in the Heart of Nairobi</i> Experience a dynamic blend of nature, conservation, and vibrant local culture on this unforgettable day tour in Kenya's capital. Tour Highlights: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nairobi National Park Start your day with a game drive in the only wildlife park. Spot iconic African wildlife such as lions, giraffes, zebras, rhinos, set against the backdrop of Nairobi's modern skyline. • Giraffe Centre Visit the world-renowned Giraffe Centre, home to the endangered Rothschild's giraffe. Enjoy up-close encounters while learning about conservation efforts in Kenya. • Maasai Market Conclude your experience with a stop at the bustling Maasai Market—a colorful open-air bazaar where you can shop for handcrafted jewelry, beaded accessories, textiles, carvings, and souvenirs directly from local artisans. 	\$ 150 PP
	Wed, 21	9:00 AM	Hotel Check Out	Included
<i>Dar Es Salaam, TZ</i>		12:50 PM	Flight: Nairobi (NBO) to Dar Es Salaam (DAR) - Tanzania	Included
		2:15 PM	Arrival: Airport transfer to the hotel	Included
		3:00 PM	Hotel Check-In: Four Points by Sheraton Dar es Salaam New Africa	Included
	Daily	6:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Breakfast Buffet Enjoy a flavorful multicuisine dining experience with stunning harbor views at this Tanzania restaurant—where every meal comes with a spectacular scene.	Included
		4:00 PM	Evening Exploration Tour – Downtown Dar es Salaam <i>Discover the Charm and Pulse of Tanzania's Coastal Capital After Dark</i> Unwind and uncover the rich culture of Dar es Salaam with an enchanting evening city tour. Tour Highlights:	\$ 80 PP

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scenic Drive Through the City Center Begin your evening with a panoramic drive through downtown Dar es Salaam. • Kivukoni Waterfront & Ferry Point Stroll along the harbor front where local fishing dhows dock. Visit the iconic Kivukoni Fish Market and the bustling ferry terminal that connects Zanzibar to the mainland. • Cultural Landmarks & Markets View landmarks such as the Askari Monument, St. Joseph's Cathedral, and the historic Azania Front Lutheran Church. Pass by night markets offering colorful crafts, local street food, and Tanzanian textiles. • Local Dining Experience (Optional Add-on) Enhance your evening with a stop at a recommended local restaurant or rooftop lounge for Swahili cuisine, fresh seafood, and a panoramic city skyline. 	
	Thu, 22	9:00 AM	<p>Full-Day Cultural Insights & Community Engagement Tour <i>Discover. Connect. Contribute.</i></p> <p>Immerse yourself in the cultural heartbeat of Dar es Salaam with this enriching full-day experience that blends heritage exploration, artistic encounters, and purposeful community connection.</p> <p>Morning: Cultural Discovery & City Highlights Begin your journey with a guided sightseeing experience through the vibrant streets of Dar es Salaam.</p> <p>Afternoon: Heritage & Handcrafted Traditions Visit the Village Museum, where traditional homesteads and live performances showcase the customs of various ethnic groups. Continue to the Mwenge Woodcarvers Market, a thriving artisan hub where you can observe skilled woodworkers in action and support local craftsmanship.</p> <p>Evening: Community Engagement & Impact Conclude your day with a hands-on community initiative led by local partners.</p>	Included
	Fri, 23	12:00 PM	Hotel Check Out	Included
Kigali, Rwanda		4:55 PM	Flight: Dar Es Salaam (DAR) to Kigali (KGL)	Included
		5:55 PM	Arrival: Airport transfer to the hotel	Included
		6:30 PM	Hotel Check-In: Kigali Marriott Hotel	Included

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	Daily	6:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Breakfast Buffet Start your day with a hearty breakfast buffet featuring a delicious blend of international favorites and Rwandan classics.	Included
		7:00 PM	VIP Meet & Greet – Kigali Marriott Hotel Lobby <i>Connect with Global Travelers & Local Changemakers</i> Begin your Kigali experience with a VIP meet & greet in the elegant lobby of the Kigali Marriott Hotel. This exclusive gathering brings together international travelers and local professionals, entrepreneurs, and cultural ambassadors for an evening of conversation and connection.	Included
		*	Travelers will have the option to either remain in Kigali for a weekend of rest and relaxation, enjoying the city's culture, cuisine, and comforts, or to embark on an unforgettable excursion to Volcanoes National Park for the Gorilla Trekking Experience. For those choosing the excursion, please pack a small 2-day overnight bag . Large luggage will be securely stored in your Kigali hotel room during the trip.	Included
	Sat, 24: Option A	8:00 AM	Classic Kigali City Tour Begin with a moving visit to the Kigali Genocide Memorial to reflect on Rwanda's history. Then, enjoy a guided city tour showcasing the country's remarkable journey of unity and progress—passing landmarks like the Kigali Golf Course, and the BK Arena. End with stops at the vibrant Kimironko Market, Kigali Convention Centre, and the Kimihurura Ecopark.	\$ 50 PP
	Sat, 24: Option B	8:00 AM	Kigali to Volcanoes National Park Cultural Immersion Tour <i>From Rwanda's Capital to the Heart of Tradition</i> Embark on a journey from Kigali to Volcanoes National Park, where natural beauty meets meaningful cultural exchange. This unique tour blends scenic travel with immersive, hands-on experiences that connect you directly with the rhythms of daily Rwandan life. Tour Highlights: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scenic Transfer from Kigali to Volcanoes Region Travel through Rwanda's lush countryside, enjoying breathtaking landscapes and glimpses of local village life. • Authentic Local Engagements Spend the day engaging in traditional Rwandan activities that reflect the heart of rural life: 	\$ 150 PP

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Farming with Locals: Try your hand at tending to crops and learn about indigenous farming techniques. ○ Cattle Care & Grass Gathering: Join local herders in the fields, collecting fresh grass to feed their cattle and learning about the cultural significance of livestock. ○ Water Fetching Experience: Participate in the daily routine of collecting water using traditional yellow jerrycans. ○ Basket Weaving Workshop: Learn the art of weaving with local artisans and gain appreciation for Rwanda's iconic craftsmanship. ○ Traditional Cooking Class: Prepare a local meal alongside community members, using fresh ingredients and age-old recipes passed down through generations. (Optional) ● Shared Community Lunch Conclude the experience by enjoying the meal you've helped prepare. Dine with your hosts and fellow travelers in a warm, communal setting. 	
		4:00 PM	Hotel Check-In: Gorillas Volcanoes Hotel	Included
	Sun, 25 Option B		<p>Volcanoes National Park & Gorilla Trekking Experience</p> <p><i>Encounter the Majestic Mountain Gorillas of Rwanda</i></p> <p>Journey into the mist-covered mountains of Volcanoes National Park, one of Africa's most iconic wildlife sanctuaries, for a once-in-a-lifetime encounter with the endangered mountain gorillas.</p> <p>Tour Highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Guided Gorilla Trekking Expedition Accompanied by experienced park rangers and trackers, embark on a moderate to strenuous hike through dense bamboo forests, volcanic slopes, and mossy jungle paths. ● Scenic Beauty of Volcanoes National Park Take in the breathtaking landscapes of the park, home to five of the eight Virunga volcanoes. ● Conservation & Community Connection Learn about Rwanda's internationally acclaimed conservation efforts and the vital role local communities play in protecting these majestic creatures. A portion of your permit fee directly supports wildlife protection and community development. <p>Important Information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Gorilla Trekking Permit: Required in advance (non-refundable). ● Fitness Level: Trekking duration varies from 1 to 5 hours depending on the gorilla family's location; moderate physical fitness is recommended. ● Group Size: Limited to 8 visitors per gorilla family per day for conservation purposes. 	\$1,500 PP

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	Mon, 26	12:00 PM	Hotel Check Out	Included
		*	Departure to home cities	Included

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Trip Options:

- 18-Day Full Trip: Jan. 9–27 {Qatar, South Africa (Cape Town & Johannesburg), Ghana, Kenya, Tanzania, and Rwanda}
- 11-Day Option A: Jan. 9–19 {Qatar, South Africa (Cape Town & Johannesburg), and Ghana}
- 11-Day Option B: Jan. 17–27 {Ghana, Kenya, Tanzania, and Rwanda}

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