

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
<i>Doha, Qatar</i>		3:00 PM	Hotel Check-In: Marriott Marquis City Center Doha Hotel	Included
	Sun, 11	9:00 AM	<p>Essence of Doha: Culture, Coastlines & Contemporary Charm</p> <p><i>A Curated City Experience Through Qatar's Iconic Landmarks</i></p> <p>Experience the dynamic fusion of heritage, luxury, and innovation on this expertly curated tour of Doha.</p> <p>Tour Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Katara Cultural Village Explore a cultural haven featuring art galleries, theaters, and traditional Qatari architecture—a true celebration of heritage and creativity. • 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, design, and seafront dining that reflects Doha's evolving urban culture. • Museum of Islamic Art <i>(Optional – Entry Fee Applies)</i> Admire timeless pieces from across the Islamic world, housed in an iconic structure that merges history with modern design. • 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. 	\$100 PP
		9:00 PM	Hotel Checkout	Included

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	Mon, 12	1:45 AM	Flight: Doha (DOH) to Cape Town (CPT)	Included
<i>Cape Town, SA</i>		10:30 AM	Arrival: Airport transfer to the hotel	Included
		2:00 PM	Hotel Check-In: Southern Sun Waterfront Cape Town	Included
		5:30 PM	African Drumming & Dinner Show at GOLD Restaurant <i>Experience culture through rhythm, flavor, and storytelling.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive African Drumming Session Begin your evening with an energetic djembe drumming circle led by skilled performers, inviting you to feel the heartbeat of Africa through rhythm. • Multi-Course African Dinner Savor a 14-dish tasting menu celebrating the diverse culinary heritage of the continent—from fragrant North African spices to rich Southern African stews—crafted with authentic ingredients and bold flavors. • Live Cultural Performances Enjoy a vibrant showcase of traditional music, dance, puppetry, and song from across Africa, performed in dazzling costume and accompanied by engaging storytelling. 	*
	Tue, 13	9:00 AM	V&A Waterfront and Robben Island Cruise (Historic Tour) <i>Explore South Africa's rich maritime and political history.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • V&A Waterfront Begin your journey at Cape Town's vibrant harbor front hub, known for its historic charm, diverse dining, shopping, and entertainment offerings, all set against the stunning backdrop of Table Mountain. • Cruise to Robben Island Board a ferry for a scenic cruise across Table Bay to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Robben Island. Gain profound insight into South Africa's struggle for freedom with a guided tour of the prison where Nelson Mandela was incarcerated. 	\$ 80 PP
	Wed, 14		Cape Town City Tour (Historic & Scenic) <i>Experience Cape Town's heart—where nature meets history and culture.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Table Mountain & Cable Car Experience Begin your adventure with a scenic ride on the Table Mountain Aerial Cableway. Enjoy panoramic views of the city, coastline, and surrounding mountains from one of the New 7 Wonders of Nature. 	\$ 100 PP

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	Thu, 15	8:30 AM	Hotel Check Out	Included
<i>Johannesburg, SA</i>		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
		4:00 PM	Nelson Mandela Square Sightseeing Tour <i>Experience the blend of luxury and heritage at Nelson Mandela Square.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nelson Mandela Statue Begin your visit with a photo opportunity at the towering bronze statue of Nelson Mandela, a symbol of South Africa's journey toward freedom and unity. • Luxury Shopping & Dining Stroll through the elegant piazza lined with world-class boutiques, local artisan stores, and a diverse selection of cafés and fine-dining restaurants. • Cultural & Historical Insight Learn about the square's significance and its dedication to Madiba's legacy. Your guide will share stories that connect the square's cosmopolitan energy with South Africa's transformative history. • Art & Architecture Admire the European-style architecture and artistic features throughout the square, making it a vibrant cultural and social hub. 	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. Gain deep insight into the country's legal transformation and struggle for justice. 	\$ 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]	Included
		3:00 PM	Arrival: Airport transfer to the hotel	Included
		4:00 PM	Hotel Check-In: Alisa Hotel Accra, Ghana	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 Begin your experience with a guided introduction to the lush tropical setting of Zen Garden. Explore its tranquil outdoor spaces, vibrant greenery, 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. Choose from a selection of locally inspired appetizers, main courses, and decadent desserts—all served in a relaxed, al fresco dining setting. • Live Music & Entertainment Enjoy an unforgettable 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. Learn about the nation's path to freedom while taking in the symbolic monuments and ceremonial grounds. Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Park Visit the final resting place of Ghana's founding father, set within beautifully landscaped gardens. The museum offers deep insights into Nkrumah's life and the Pan-African movement. 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> <p>Event Overview: Join us at Dstrkt 24, one of Accra's premier contemporary restaurants, for an evening of fine dining and cross-cultural dialogue. This exclusive gathering is designed to foster insightful conversations around politics, culture, and business—bridging global perspectives with authentic local insight.</p> <p>What to Expect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome Reception & Networking Arrive to a warm Ghanaian welcome and enjoy light refreshments as you mingle with fellow travelers, local professionals, creatives, and community leaders. 	*

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	Mon, 19	10:00 AM	Hotel Check Out	Included
<i>Nairobi, Kenya</i>		1:05 PM	Flight: Accra (ACC) to Nairobi (NBO) - [11-Day Option B – Travel to home city]	Included
		9:45 PM	Arrival: Airport transfer to the hotel	Included
		10:30 PM	Sankara Nairobi, Autograph Collection	Included
	Tue, 20	9:00 AM	<p>Nairobi National Park, Giraffe Centre & Maasai Market Tour</p> <p><i>Wildlife, Conservation & Culture in the Heart of Nairobi</i></p> <p>Experience a dynamic blend of nature, conservation, and vibrant local culture on this unforgettable day tour in Kenya's capital.</p> <p>Tour Highlights:</p> <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, and more—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 and even hand-feed these majestic animals while learning about conservation efforts in Kenya. 	\$ 150 PP

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	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
		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 cultural tapestry of Dar es Salaam with an enchanting evening city tour. Tour Highlights: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scenic Drive Through the City Center Begin your evening with a panoramic drive through downtown Dar es Salaam. Witness colonial-era architecture and lively commercial streets. Kivukoni Waterfront & Ferry Point Stroll along the breezy harborfront where local fishing dhows dock and the city’s maritime spirit comes alive. See the iconic Kivukoni Fish Market and the bustling ferry terminal that connects Zanzibar and 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. 	\$ 80 PP
	Thu, 22	9:00 AM	Full-Day Cultural Insights & Community Engagement Tour <i>Discover. Connect. Contribute.</i> 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. Morning: Cultural Discovery & City Highlights	Included

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	Fri, 23	12:00 PM	Hotel Check Out	Included
<i>Kigali, Rwanda</i>		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
		7:00 PM	<p>VIP Meet & Greet – Kigali Marriott Hotel Lobby <i>Connect with Global Travelers & Local Changemakers</i></p> <p>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 introductions, conversation, and connection. Enjoy a warm Rwandan welcome, light refreshments, and curated networking opportunities in a relaxed and upscale setting.</p>	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 at your Kigali hotel during the trip.	Included
	Sat, 24	8:00 AM	<p>Kigali to Volcanoes National Park Cultural Immersion Tour <i>From Rwanda's Capital to the Heart of Tradition</i></p> <p>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.</p>	\$ 150 PP

			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: <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—a powerful insight into the resilience and rhythm of rural households. ○ 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—a celebration of connection, culture, and shared stories. 	
		4:00 PM	Hotel Check-In: Mountain Gorilla View Lodge	Included
	Sun, 25		Volcanoes National Park & Gorilla Trekking Experience <i>Encounter the Majestic Mountain Gorillas of Rwanda</i> 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 . This immersive trekking experience is both awe-inspiring and deeply moving—connecting you with nature, conservation, and one of the world's most powerful primates in their natural habitat. Tour Highlights: <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. Once the gorilla family is located, spend a magical hour observing their behavior—playful juveniles, protective silverbacks, and nurturing mothers—in respectful silence. 	\$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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