

*Itinerary for*  
**MR I HARRIS & MISS J WORMLEIGHTON**  
*The Lebanon, Syria, Jordan & Israel*

**Sunday, 02 March**  
**LONDON - BEIRUT BA 107**

ECONOMY CLASS AIR TRAVEL  
SEAT NOS 29 A/B REQUESTED

YOUR FLIGHT IS NORMALLY  
SCHEDULED TO OPERATE NON-STOP

Please proceed to London Heathrow  
Airport, Terminal 4, to check-in for  
your British Airways flight to Beirut.

Check-in: ..... 1305 hours

Depart: ..... 1505 hours

Arrive: ..... 2140 hours

On completion of customs and  
immigration formalities, you will be  
met by a representative from Rida  
Travel and transferred to the Bristol  
Hotel.

Two nights' accommodation in a twin  
room (double bed requested  
throughout) with private facilities on a  
bed and breakfast basis.

BRISTOL HOTEL

**Monday, 03 March**  
**BEIRUT**

Morning sightseeing of Beirut, once  
the social and commercial hub of the  
Levant, and Sidon in the south,  
allegedly dating from Old Testament  
times, and with fascinating souks and  
ancient Crusader and Islamic  
buildings.

BRISTOL HOTEL

**Tuesday, 04 March**  
**BEIRUT - BYBLOS**

Today you will be driven to Byblos  
once a powerful city-state before the  
heyday of Greece and Rome and still  
with many relics from the past. Also  
visit the celebrated Cedars of Lebanon  
in the north (about 400 in number),  
some said to have originated in the  
time of King Solomon, and many over  
1,500 years old.

Two nights' accommodation in a twin  
room with private facilities on a bed  
and breakfast basis.

BYBLOS SUR MER HOTEL

**Wednesday, 05 March**  
**BYBLOS**

Today, full day excursion to the fertile  
Beqa'a Valley (centre of the Lebanese  
wine-industry), where stands one of  
the world's greatest historical sites;  
the Roman temples of Ba'albeck -  
awe-inspiring in their size, and  
unforgettable in the artistry of their  
structure. Also visit Anjar.

BYBLOS SUR MER HOTEL

**Thursday, 06 March**  
**BYBLOS - HOMS**

Today you will visit Tripoli, founded by  
the Phoenicians and with monuments  
originating from the Islamic era.

Cross the border into Syria, clearing  
customs and immigration formalities.  
Continue to the celebrated Krak des  
Chevaliers, one of the finest surviving  
Crusader castles, standing some  
2,000 feet high, amid green hills, and  
dating back to the 12th century.

Continue to Homs and the Safir Hotel.

One night's accommodation in a twin  
room with private facilities on a bed  
and breakfast basis.

SAFIR HOTEL

**Friday, 07 March**  
**HOMS - ALEPPO**

Today drive to Aleppo and the Shabha  
Cham Hotel.

Two nights' accommodation in a twin  
room with private facilities on a bed  
and breakfast basis.

SHAHBA CHAM PALACE HOTEL

**Saturday, 08 March**  
**ALEPPO**

First established in the 8th Century  
BC, Aleppo is famous for its  
magnificent Citadel that towers over  
the city, the Umayyad Mosque, and its  
medieval souks. Traditionally a city of  
trade, this charming oriental city used  
to link Europe and Asia, especially

before the construction of the Suez  
Canal. Various styles of architecture  
are evident, like the caravanserais,  
Koranic schools and Hammams  
(Turkish baths) in the old city. Visit  
the National Museum and the old  
town's bustling souks (closed Fridays)  
built beneath limestone arches.

SHAHBA CHAM PALACE HOTEL

**Sunday, 09 March**  
**ALEPPO - PALMYRA**

Today the journey continues via the  
ethereal Church of St Simeon (where  
the saint spent 42 years on top of a  
column to be nearer to Heaven).

Drive on to Palmyra, a two-thousand-  
years-old city and oasis deep in the  
middle of the Syrian desert. Overnight  
at the Cham Palace Hotel.

(Approximate distance Aleppo/Palmyra  
is 375 kms and takes 6½ hours,  
including stops).

Two nights' accommodation in a twin  
room with private facilities on a bed  
and breakfast basis.

CHAM PALACE HOTEL

**Monday, 10 March**  
**PALMYRA**

Palmyra has been famous ever since  
a female monarch, the Queen  
Zenobia, challenged the Roman  
emperor Aurelian and dominated  
lands east of the Mediterranean and  
Egypt. The ruins of Palmyra give an  
idea of the important role played at its  
height, collecting taxes and defending  
the Eastern border of the Roman  
Empire from the Persians. Visit the  
famous archaeological site of Queen  
Zenobia's city, with its beautiful  
columns, funeral towers and  
subterranean tombs.

CHAM PALACE HOTEL

**Tuesday, 11 March**  
**PALMYRA - DAMASCUS**

Continue south to Damascus to stay  
at the Cham Palace Hotel.

(Approximate distance  
Palmyra/Damascus is 207 kms and



takes 3 hours, including stops).

Two nights' accommodation in a twin room with private facilities on a bed and breakfast basis

CHAM PALACE HOTEL

**Wednesday, 12 March  
DAMASCUS**

This morning visit Damascus, the world's oldest continuously inhabited city where many civilisations have left their mark including Aramaen, Greek, Roman, Byzantine and Arab. Visit the Omayyad Mosque (largest in the world), Azem Palace, the superb National Museum, the House of Hananias and St Paul's Window.

CHAM PALACE HOTEL

**Thursday, 13 March  
DAMASCUS - BOSRA**

Today continue to Bosra, an historic Nabatean city dating back to the 14th century BC. Once the capital of the Roman Province of Arabia, it has a beautifully preserved Roman amphitheatre. You will also visit Shahiba (Philippopolis), destroyed by a volcano 1,600 years ago, and Sweida. In 244 AD a Syrian born in Shahiba, Philip the Arab, was proclaimed emperor of the Roman Empire, and Shahiba consequently developed into an important centre. A Roman theatre and a small museum of mosaics along with other various ruins remain today.

One night's accommodation in a twin room with private facilities on a bed and breakfast basis.

CHAM PALACE HOTEL

**Friday, 14 March  
BOSRA - AMMAN**

Today Syritour will drive you across the Jordanian border, visiting the beautifully preserved Greco-Roman city of Jerash, the 'Pompeii of the Middle East', with visits to the theatre, Forum and Streets of Columns.

Continue to Amman and the Philadelphia Hotel.

(Approximate distance Bosra/Amman is 160 kms and takes 4 hours, including stops).

One night's accommodation in a twin room with private facilities on a bed and breakfast basis.

PHILADELPHIA HOTEL

**Saturday, 15 March  
AMMAN - PETRA**

Leave by car in the morning via the ancient 'King's Highway' for Madeba and Mount Nebo, once-flourishing Byzantine towns with fascinating churches and mosaics. From Mount Nebo, there is a spectacular view of the Jordan Valley. From here Moses is said to have seen the 'Promised Land'. Visit the Crusader Castle at Kerak before reaching Petra and the Petra Forum Hotel.

(Approximate distance Amman/Petra is 340 kms and takes 7 hours, including stops).

Two nights' accommodation in a twin room with private facilities on a bed and breakfast basis.

PETRA FORUM HOTEL

**Sunday, 16 March  
PETRA**

A full day guided tour of this marvellous re-discovered 'Rose Red City' of rock-carved tombs and temples, reached by a short horse ride and a walk through a narrow, 'siq' fissure in the mountains. Nabateans, omans and Crusaders all left their mark upon this unique historical site, hewn from the red rocks, abandoned in the 4th Century and quite unforgettable in its impact.

Your visit will include the Treasury, Royal Tombs, Amphitheatre and Roman City. Additionally your tour can include a climb to the Monastery (1200 steps) and High Places (920 steps) if time allows.

PETRA FORUM HOTEL

**Monday, 17 March  
PETRA - WADI RUM - EILAT**

Morning visit to Little Petra before continuing south to the desert-sands and dramatic lunar landscapes of Wadi Rum made famous by Lawrence of Arabia, where your arrangements include a short desert journey by 4-wheel drive vehicle. Continue to Aqaba and the border crossing into Israel (at approximately 1400 hours). Here you will be met by a representative from Guiding Star or the Princess Hotel and transferred to the Princess Hotel in Eilat.

(Approximate distance Petra/Wadi Rum/Eilat is 190 kms and takes 4½ hours, including stops).

Six nights' accommodation in a twin

room with private facilities on a bed and Israeli breakfast basis.

EILAT PRINCESS HOTEL

**Tuesday, 18 March  
to  
Saturday, 22 March  
EILAT**

Five days to relax and enjoy the many facilities of the Eilat Princess Hotel. It lies amid its own beautiful landscaped leisure complex, with gardens, palm trees, pools, streams, grottoes and waterfalls.

EILAT PRINCESS HOTEL

**Sunday, 23 March  
EILAT - TEL AVIV LY**

ECONOMY CLASS AIR TRAVEL

Today, you will be transferred to the airport to check-in for your flight to Tel Aviv.

Check-in: ..... 1140 hours

Depart: ..... 1240 hours

Arrive: ..... 1320 hours

**TEL AVIV - LONDON BA 2655**

ECONOMY CLASS AIR TRAVEL  
SEAT REQUESTS AT CHECK-IN

YOUR FLIGHT IS NORMALLY  
SCHEDULED TO OPERATE NON-STOP

On arrival, please remain at the airport to check-in for your British Airways flight to London Gatwick Airport, North Terminal.

Check-in: ..... 1705 hours

Depart: ..... 1905 hours

Arrive: ..... 2145 hours

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**AIRPORT REPRESENTATION**

Abercrombie & Kent have a 24-hour representation service at Heathrow, Gatwick, Stansted and Manchester Airports offering assistance in the event of last-minute queries when our London office is closed. You may contact them as follows:



**LONDON-HEATHROW:**

**Heathrow Reps:**

- \* Airport office number STD code (0181) 751-3371
- \* Airport mobile Cellnet number 0860-518507

Tannoy calls via the public address system can be made by contacting BAA information desks which are situated in all Terminals.

**LONDON GATWICK, MANCHESTER & STANSTED:**

Please use telephone numbers as shown above.

You do not have to dial the STD code if dialling within the area, except Cellnet. Cellnet calls are charged at 50p for one-and-a-half minutes airtime and may be made from any telephone.

Our representatives will be on duty at check-in two-and-three-quarter hours prior to the scheduled flight departure time.

Please call the above numbers should you be severely delayed for your departure or in the event of last-minute cancellation due to illness.

UK clients connecting from Domestic or European flights can also call the above numbers should they experience delays in relation to their connecting long-haul flights.

**Please note that these lines are for client use only. Relatives of passengers requiring flight information should contact the relevant airline direct.**

**LEBANON  
HEALTH REQUIREMENTS**

**Yellow Fever** - a valid inoculation certificate is required if arriving from or via an endemic or infected area.

**Hepatitis A, Typhoid, Tetanus and Polio** - valid vaccinations are recommended, but not compulsory. (Diphtheria and hepatitis B are recommended in some circumstances - seek further advice).

Full details of the latest health requirements should be obtained from an authorised medical source, such as British Airways immunisation centres or your doctor.

**SYRIA  
PASSPORT & VISA REQUIREMENTS**

A visa is required by British passport-holders for entry into Syria.

Abercrombie & Kent London can assist with obtaining visas. Details and fees will gladly be supplied. Other passport-holders should check with Abercrombie & Kent London.

Further to this, Syria will not permit entry to people with Israeli stamps or any other mention in their passports.

**JORDAN  
VISA REQUIREMENTS**

A visa is required by British passport-holders for entry into Jordan. Abercrombie & Kent London can assist with obtaining visas. Details and fees will gladly be supplied. Other passport-holders should check with Abercrombie & Kent London.

Holders of Israeli passports must obtain a visa prior to arrival from a Jordanian Embassy.

Holders of passports of other nationalities, which have an Israeli stamp, are allowed entry into Jordan.

**ARRIVAL IN ISRAEL**

It is advisable on arrival in Israel to request the Israeli immigration authorities to stamp your visa on a separate sheet.

**LEBANON  
VISA REQUIREMENTS**

A visa is required by British passport-holders for entry into Lebanon. Abercrombie & Kent London can assist with obtaining visas. Details and fees will gladly be supplied. Other passport-holders should check with Abercrombie & Kent London.

Entry and transit is refused to holders of Israeli passports or passports containing valid or expired Israeli visas/stamps, with the exception of non-Israeli passport holders who are in direct transit without leaving the airport.

Should you enter Israel prior to travelling to Lebanon, the relevant immigration authorities should be requested to stamp a separate sheet.

**SYRIA  
HEALTH REQUIREMENTS**

**Yellow Fever** - a valid inoculation certificate is required if arriving from or via an infected area.

**Hepatitis A, Typhoid, Tetanus and Polio** - valid vaccinations are recommended, but not compulsory.

**JORDAN  
HEALTH REQUIREMENTS**

**Yellow Fever** - a valid inoculation certificate is required if arriving from or via an endemic or infected area.

**Hepatitis A, Typhoid, Tetanus and Polio** - valid vaccinations are recommended, but not compulsory. Full details of the latest health requirements should be obtained from an authorised medical source, such as British Airways immunisation centres or your doctor.

**ISRAEL  
HEALTH REQUIREMENTS**

No vaccinations required.

**Hepatitis A, Typhoid, Tetanus and Polio** - valid vaccinations are recommended, but not compulsory. Full details of the latest health requirements should be obtained from an authorised medical source, such as British Airways immunisation centres or your doctor.

**AIRPORT DEPARTURE TAX**

The following taxes (per person) are payable locally on departure and are subject to alteration without notice:

**Syria:** SYP 200

**Jordan:** JDN 10