



الكلية اليمنية لدراسات الشرق الأوسط
YEMEN COLLEGE OF MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES

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Arabic Language & Culture Program in Yemen

Trips to Historical Sites, Arabic Classes and Cultural Events
3 weeks (Saturday-Saturday)

Full Package:

Package includes RT airfare from America, 44 hours of Arabic instruction, housing in a shared room at YCMES facilities, breakfast and lunch while at YCMES facilities and all meals on trips, 4-day trip to Hadhramout, overnight trip to Manakha, and one day trip, cultural activities, administration fees, Yemeni visa, and other various services.

Possible Tentative Schedule

Week One

Saturday Evening – Arrive in Sana’a, with dinner hosted at YCMES

Sunday – Orientation, Tour of the Old City of Sana’a, and begin Arabic Classes (4 hours)

Monday – Arabic classes (4 hours) with cultural evening event

Tuesday – Arabic classes (4 hours)

Visit to National Museum and Military Museum

Wednesday – Arabic classes (4 hours) with evening free

Thursday – **Trip to Manakha, al-Hajjarah, and al-Hoteib**

10:00am Depart for trip to Manakha.

1:00pm Arrive in Manakha for traditional lunch

2:00pm Depart for a visit to the old Jewish village of al-Hajjarah, with walk back to Manakha

7:30pm Dinner at the hotel, followed by live traditional Yemeni music and dancing.

Friday –

8:00am Breakfast at hotel

9:00am Visit the Isma’eli site of al-Hoteib

Proceed to go hiking through the Harazi Mountains in the morning with a stop at al-Kahil village and descending into Manakha.

2:00pm Lunch back at the hotel

4:00pm Depart for Return to Sana’a

Week Two

Saturday – Arabic classes (4 hours) with evening free

Sunday – Arabic classes (4 hours) with cultural evening event

Monday – Arabic classes (4 hours) with evening free

Tuesday – Arabic classes (4 hours) with evening free

Wednesday – **Trip to Ma’rib & Hadhramout**

7:30am Breakfast at the YCMES Kitchen
8:15am Depart YCMES
12:00pm Arrive at Ma’rib and visit the Old Dam
1:00pm Picnic lunch by the New Dam and Depart for Seyoun
There will be a desert stop along the way
7:00pm Arrive at hotel and check-in to rooms
8:00pm Dinner at hotel, with the rest of the evening free

Thursday –

7:30am Breakfast at hotel
8:30am Depart hotel and visit the handicraft market in Seyoun
9:30am Visit to the National Museum, the Qala’ castle and the souq
12:30pm Lunch in Seyoun
1:30pm Rest and swimming at hotel
3:30pm Depart for Tarim, visit the city and the Shafi’ library
6:00pm Depart Tarim for Seyoun with dinner, then return to hotel
Evening is free for relaxing and/or swimming

Friday –

7:30am Breakfast at hotel
8:30am Depart hotel for al-Hajjerain, tour honey shops, and small walk overlooking city
1:00pm Traditional Hajjeraini Lunch
3:00pm Depart for a short trek with photo opportunity of the old city of Shibam
6:00pm Depart Shibam and return hotel
8:00pm Dinner, with evening free afterwards 6:00am Breakfast at hotel

Week Three

Saturday – **Continuation of Hadhramout Trip**

6:30am Checkout from hotel and depart
11:30am Arrive at Ma’rib. Visit Temple ‘Awam, ‘Arsh Bilqis, Mahram Bilqis, and the Old City.
1:30pm Lunch
2:30pm Depart Ma’rib for Sana’a
6:30pm Arrive back at YCMES

Sunday – Arabic classes (4 hours) with cultural evening event

Monday –Arabic classes (4 hours) with evening free

Tuesday –Arabic classes (4 hours) with cultural evening event

Wednesday – Arabic Classes (4 hours) with evening free

Thursday – **Day trip to Thulla, Kowkabaun, and Shibam**

7:00am Breakfast at YCMES
8:00am Depart for Wadi Dhar
8:30am Views over Wadi Dhar, then proceed to Dar al-Hajr
9:00am Tour Dar al-Hajr
10:00am Depart Dar al-Hajr for Thulla
10:30am Tour Thulla Village
1:00pm Traditional Lunch in Kowkabaun
3:00pm Hike down to Shibam
4:30pm Depart Shibam for Sana'a

Friday – **Last day free**

11:00pm Depart for Airport