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Damascus and Palmyra



The glorious ruins of Palmyra

DAY 1 – Arrive Damascus.

On arrival in Damascus you will be met by a representative of World Discovery outside immigration and customs and taken by private car to your hotel.

DAY 2 - Damascus.

After breakfast your guide will meet you at the hotel and take you for a morning's sightseeing in a city that is believed to be the oldest continually inhabited in the world. You will visit the old city including the **Omayyad Mosque**, originally built in the 8th century as a Byzantine Cathedral, and also the **Tomb of Saladin** dating from 1193. The afternoon is at leisure.

Meals included: Full breakfast.

DAY 3 - Damascus.

Further visits this morning will include the **Street Called Straight**, mentioned in the Bible, the **National Museum** and the **Azem Palace**, a magnificently decorated former home of the Governor of Damascus (18th century). The afternoon is at leisure.

Meals included: Full breakfast.

DAY 4 - Palmyra.

A full day excursion to the impressive ruins of Palmyra, city of Queen Zenobia, an extensive site in a superb desert setting with an abandoned hilltop Arab castle as a dramatic backdrop. This great caravan city flourished under the Assyrians, Greeks and Romans and has a wealth of attractions including the Temple of Bel, an impressive colonnaded street entered through a monumental arch, and a well-preserved theatre. You will also visit the Necropolis with its unique tower tombs. Return to Damascus in the late afternoon.

Meals included: Full breakfast, lunch.

DAY 5 - Depart for home.

Private transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Meals included: Full breakfast.