

DAAD Project Religious Diversity Potsdam-Erbil 2018/2019



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German-Iraqi Partnership Project - Academic Workshop / Study Trip Program 2018

27. March – 6. April 2018 Program (changes reserved)

1. day: **Sulaimaniyah**

Arrival 01:30 ISU Airport. Check-in Hotel. 11:30 Visit Sulaimaniyah Governor. Lunch by General Directorate of Colleges. 14:00 Amna Suraka Prison/Museum. Bazaar. Azmar mountain. Dinner with Islamic Music and Poets. Overnight in Sulaimaniyah.

2. day: **Sulaimaniyah**

Official visits in Sulaimaniyah. 10:00 Meeting with P. Jens Petzold, Deir Maryam Al-Adhra (Chaldean Church). 12:15 Visit Horizon NGO. Lunch. 15:30 Visit Religion Faculty of Slemani University. Dinner at local private houses. Overnight in Sulaimaniyah.

3. day: **Halabja**

09:30 Departure to Halabja. Trip to the Province of Halabja near Iranian Border. In Halabja Memorial Cemetery to the Victims of Gas Attack in 1988. Hawar Village. Meeting with Representatives of Kakai Community. One night in private houses in the Halabja Region.

4. day: **Halabja – Sulaimaniyah - Erbil**

Halabja Region – Sulaimaniyah. Friday Prayer Darussalam Mosque. Dukan Lake. In the afternoon arrival in Erbil. Check-in Hotel Cristal. Invitation to Dinner. Five nights in Erbil.

5. day: **Erbil**

Sightseeing, Visit to City Center. Citadel, Kayseri-Bazar. 11:30 Joint Prayer in Citadel Auditorium. Official Visits. Dinner. 21:30 Meeting with Archbishop Warda at St. Joseph's Cathedral in Ainkawa. 22:00 Easter Liturgy.

6. day: **Erbil** – official meetings

Official visits. 10:00 Visit Erbil Governor. Religious and Political Authorities. In the afternoon free time disposal for students – preparation for conference. Dinner in Erbil.

7. day: **Erbil** – Conference University

09:00 Academic Conference with Ishik University, Catholic University and Salahaddin University in Erbil (v. invitation, academic schedule). Reception. Overnight in Erbil.

8. day: **Erbil** – Workshop University

10:00 Academic Workshop for Students and Lecturers (v. separate panel program). Overnight in Erbil.

9. day: German-Iraqi Joint Trip – **Erbil - Lalish – Amedi - Dohuk**

Joint study trip for all academic participants to the North of Iraq: departure early in the morning to Yazidi Sanctuary of Lalish, evtl. meeting with Baba Sheikh. Lunch near Amedi. In the afternoon arrival at Amadiya/Amedi town (Qubhan-Islam-School from 17. century; casual climbing the 500 years old Minaret tower). In the afternoon arrival at Dohuk, visit St. Ith Llaha Church (viewpoint). Check-in Hotel in Dohuk. Dinner Banquet.

10. day: German-Iraqi Joint Trip – **Dohuk – Alqosh – Rabban Hormizd - Erbil**

Evtl. 10:00 Visit Dohuk Governor. Departure 11:00 to Alqosh. Lunch. Meeting in Bishop's House with Father Aram Qayea, Father Dr. Salar Kajo, Nineveh Reconstruction Committee. Visit Synagogue, tomb of Prophet Nahum. Walk 3 km to Eastsyrian Monastery Rabban Hormizd (7th century). In the evening arrival in Erbil. Dinner. 23:00 Departure to Erbil Airport. Arrival Erbil Airport 23:30.

11. day **Erbil** Flight departure from Erbil 02:30. Arrival TXL 15:00.

Legal Advice for German Citizens: <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/DE/Laenderinformationen/00-SiHi/IrakSicherheit.html>

Voluntary Registration in Crisis Response List (according to Art. 6 chapter 3 German Consular Law) before departure: <https://elefand.diplo.de/elefandextern/home/login!form.action>