

Program

German Business Delegation

Baghdad & Basra | 26–29 September 2026

Focus: Energy & Oil/Gas · Infrastructure & Construction · Health

Maximum number of participants: 20

Registration deadline: 15 August 2026

Duration 4 days / 3 nights	Destinations Baghdad → Basra	Format B2B · Government · Projects
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Saturday, 26 September 2026 — Arrival in Baghdad

Time	Program
Individual	Arrival at Baghdad International Airport (BGW)
On arrival	Transfer to the Mövenpick Hotel Baghdad; check-in.
19:00	Delegation dinner at the Mövenpick Hotel Baghdad (internal) <i>Welcome to the delegation by Ambassador Dr. Krebber and a briefing on the program for the coming days</i>

Sunday, 27 September 2026 — Baghdad: B2B & Networking

Time	Program
07:00	Breakfast at the Mövenpick Hotel; check-out
09:00	Visit to the Ministry of Oil / Ministry of Construction, Housing, Municipalities and Public Works / Ministry of Health <i>Depending on the composition of the delegation; accompanied by Ambassador Dr. Krebber.</i>
11:00	B2B session hosted by the Federation of Iraqi Chambers of Commerce (FICC) <i>Introduction by Amer Khalaf Alawi, President of the FICC; moderated table discussions between German and Iraqi entrepreneurs / FICC members; location TBC</i>
13:00	Networking Lunch (B2B participants) <i>Location TBC</i>
15:00	Visits to further Iraqi partner companies / institutions <i>Depending on the composition of the delegation</i>
19:00	Departure Baghdad (BGW) → Basra (BSR) <i>Iraqi Airways, flight IA 905 · flight time approx. 1 hour</i>
20:00	Arrival at Basra International Airport (BSR)

Time	Program
21:00	Transfer to the Grand Millennium Al Seef Basra; check-in

Monday, 28 September 2026 — Basra: Government, Energy & Networking

Time	Program
07:30	Breakfast at the Grand Millennium Al Seef Basra
09:30	Meeting with the Governor of Basra Province <i>Accompanied by Ambassador Dr. Krebber</i>
11:30	Visit to Basra Oil Company (BOC) <i>Presentation of activities and infrastructure; exchange on cooperation potential; accompanied by Ambassador Dr. Krebber</i>
14:00	Visit to Rumaila Operating Organization (ROO) <i>Subject to availability and security clearance — project discussions and on-site tour; accompanied by Ambassador Dr. Krebber</i>
16:00	Transfer back to the Grand Millennium Al Seef Basra
18:00	Networking dinner with members of the Basra Chamber of Commerce <i>Location TBC</i>

Tuesday, 29 September 2026 — Basra: Port Visit & Departure

Time	Program
08:00	Breakfast at the Grand Millennium Al Seef Basra; check-out
10:00	Visit to Umm Qasr Port <i>Guided tour of the port facility; talks with the port authority and operating company; development projects and supply-chain perspectives; accompanied by Ambassador Dr. Krebber</i>
12:30	Lunch <i>Location TBC</i>
14:00	Onward travel to Kuwait City to join the German business delegation from 29 – 31 September (organized by AHK UAE) or transfer to Basra Airport (return journey)

Flight Overview for Participants

There are no direct flights from German airports to Baghdad. All connections involve one stop — usually via Istanbul, Amman, or Doha. Total travel time is approximately 7–11 hours depending on the point of departure.

Important — regional situation 2026

Following airspace closures earlier in 2026, Iraqi airspace reopened in April 2026 and the major carriers — including Turkish Airlines, Qatar Airways, and Iraqi Airways — have resumed services to Baghdad, Basra, and Erbil; Turkish Airlines increased its Istanbul–Baghdad route to three daily flights in mid-2026. The regional security situation nevertheless remains volatile, and individual routes may still be changed or suspended at short notice. All connections below are planning references only and must be reconfirmed with the airline shortly before departure, together with the current travel and security advice of the German Federal Foreign Office (Auswärtiges Amt).

Domestic flight Baghdad → Basra (27 September 2026)

Flight	Connection	Times	Note
IA 905	BGW → BSR (nonstop)	19:00 → 20:00	Selected connection (confirmed)

Outbound Germany → Baghdad (26 September 2026)

Northern Germany — Hamburg (HAM)

Choice	Route	Airline	Stopover / flight time
1.	HAM → IST → BGW	Turkish Airlines	Istanbul · approx. 8–9 hrs.
2.	HAM → SAW → BGW	Pegasus Airlines	Istanbul-Sabiha · approx. 8–9 hrs.
3.	HAM → AMM → BGW	Royal Jordanian	Amman · approx. 9–10 hrs.

Central Germany — Frankfurt (FRA)

Choice	Route	Airline	Stopover / flight time
1.	FRA → IST → BGW	Turkish Airlines	Istanbul · approx. 7:45 hrs.
2.	FRA → AMM → BGW	Royal Jordanian	Amman · approx. 8:30 hrs.
3.	FRA → SAW → BGW	Pegasus / AJet	Istanbul-Sabiha · approx. 7:45 hrs.

Southern Germany — Munich (MUC)

Choice	Route	Airline	Stopover / flight time
1.	MUC → IST → BGW	Turkish Airlines	Istanbul · approx. 7:30–8 hrs.
2.	MUC → DOH → BGW	Qatar Airways	Doha · approx. 8–9 hrs.
3.	MUC → AMM → BGW	Royal Jordanian	Amman · approx. 9 hrs.

Return Basra → Germany (from 29 September 2026)

There are no direct flights from Basra to Europe; connections are made via a regional hub. The strongest options are Istanbul (Turkish Airlines) and Dubai (Emirates).

Choice	Route	Airline	Stopover / duration
1.	BSR → IST → FRA/MUC/HAM	Turkish Airlines	Istanbul · approx. 8–10 hrs.
2.	BSR → DXB → FRA/MUC	Emirates	Dubai · approx. 10–11 hrs.
3.	BSR → AMM → FRA	Royal Jordanian	Amman · approx. 9–10 hrs.
4.	BSR → DOH → FRA/MUC	Qatar Airways	Doha · approx. 9–10 hrs.

Participants from Dubai — Dubai ↔ Iraq

Outbound Dubai → Baghdad (26 September 2026)

Emirates, Flydubai and Iraqi Airways operate daily nonstop flights from Dubai to Baghdad (around 22 flights per week, departures between 07:50 and 20:00). Flight time approx. 2 hrs. 30–40 min.

Airline	Connection	Frequency	Note
Emirates	DXB → BGW (nonstop)	daily	Business Class available
Flydubai	DXB → BGW (nonstop)	daily	Economy / Business
Iraqi Airways	DXB → BGW (nonstop)	daily	most economical option

Return Basra → Dubai (29 September 2026)

Emirates and Flydubai fly directly from Basra to Dubai (flight time approx. 1 hr. 45 min). The direct connection allows departure on the afternoon of 29 September, after the port visit in the morning.

Airline	Route	Departure → arrival	Frequency
Emirates	BSR → DXB (nonstop)	approx. 16:25 → 18:10	Mon / Wed / Fri / Sun
Flydubai	BSR → DXB (nonstop)	approx. 16:05 → 17:50	4× / week
Iraqi Airways	BSR → DXB (nonstop)	approx. 08:55 → 10:40	several / week

Booking recommendation:

All participants should book tickets early. Capacity to Baghdad is limited, and September is a high-demand month. This applies particularly to the return from Basra (BSR), where the international flight offering is considerably smaller than from Baghdad. Given the 2026 regional situation, please reconfirm all Dubai and Basra connections with the airline before booking.

Entry, Visa & Security

Visa: German participants require a federal [direct e-visa](#) obtained in advance; visa-on-arrival is currently suspended (since March 2025). Both Baghdad and Basra fall under Federal Iraq, so the federal direct e-visa is the relevant one for this trip. Apply early (ideally 1–2 weeks in advance) via the official Iraqi government portal.

Travel documents: A passport valid for at least six months is required.

Insurance: International health, accident, and trip-cancellation insurance are strongly recommended.

Security: Please observe the current travel and security advice of the German Federal Foreign Office (Auswärtiges Amt). The respective access and security regulations apply at all program locations.

Health: Clarify recommended vaccinations early with a travel-medicine center.

Notes on Participation and Liability

AHK Iraq and the Expert Forum Iraq (EFI) organize and facilitate this business trip with great care, in order to give the participating companies, the best possible access to relevant contacts in Iraq. Participation is voluntary and undertaken at each company's own entrepreneurial responsibility.

Flights, ground transport, hotel, and other travel services are provided by independent third parties; in this respect AHK Iraq and the EFI act as organizer and intermediary, not as the service provider. For program items at ministries, companies and project sites, the respective local access and security regulations apply.

The liability of AHK Iraq and EFI, their employees and vicarious agents is limited to intent and gross negligence. This does not affect statutory liability for damage arising from injury to life, body, or health. Any liability beyond this — in particular for property damage, financial loss or consequential damage, for the conduct of third parties, and for events of force majeure (including strikes, flight cancellations, official measures, the security situation) — is excluded to the extent permitted by law.

Participants themselves are responsible for valid travel documents, the required visa, recommended vaccinations, and adequate insurance cover. Taking out international health, accident and trip-cancellation insurance is expressly recommended. We also ask you to observe the current travel and security advice of the German Federal Foreign Office.

Changes to the program for organizational, protocol-related, or security-related reasons remain reserved.

We look forward to accompanying you on this trip and are glad to assist you with any preparation questions.