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# Welcome to Kurdistan

Federasyona Ciwanên Diasporayê ya Kurdistanê

فیدراسیۆنی لاوانی رهوهندی کوردستانی

Kurdistani Diaspora Youth Federation (KDYF)



We warmly welcome our brothers and sisters from across Europe to the heart of Kurdistan. This gathering is more than an event – it is a bridge of culture, friendship, and hope. Together, under the colors of the Kurdish flag, we celebrate our identity, our history, and the strength of our youth.

Welcome to Kurdistan – Welcome Home.





Dear Participant,

The Kurdistan Diaspora Youth Federation (KDYF) – Federasyona Ciwanên Diyasporayê ya Kurdistanê – is pleased to confirm your participation in the trip to Kurdistan.

This trip aims to bring together young people from Kurdistan and the diaspora to:

- Strengthen cultural ties and mutual understanding
- Encourage dialogue and knowledge sharing
- Promote leadership, teamwork, and civic engagement
- Foster connections across communities

With best regards,

Kurdistani Diaspora Youth Federation (KDYF)

## Travel Plan: Exploration in the Autonomous Region of Kurdistan

Travel Period: October 1 – October 8, 2025

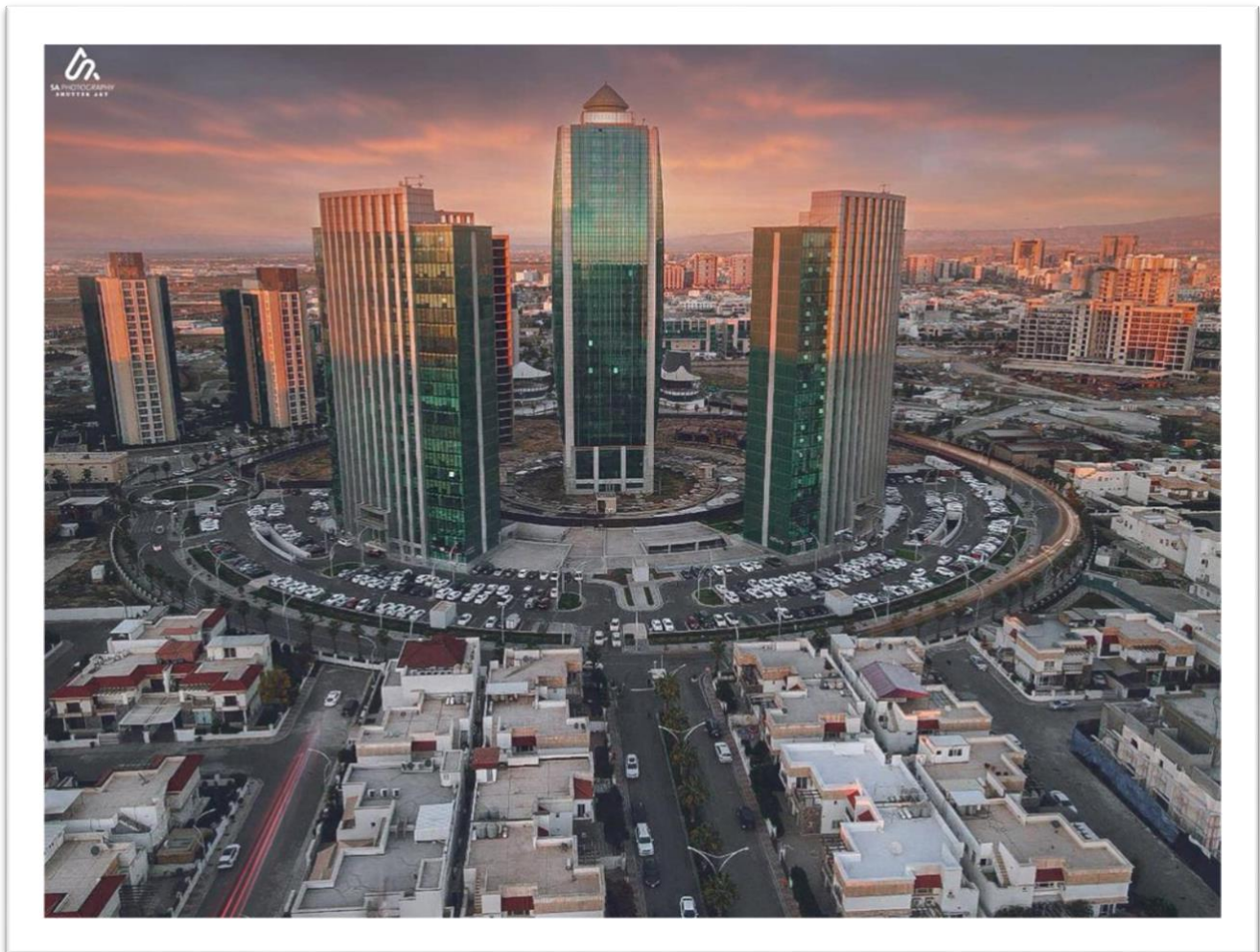


We will visit Bashur Kurdistan, also known as Southern Kurdistan. It was established as a semi-autonomous area following the Iraq-Iran War and the fall of Saddam Hussein's regime. Bashur Kurdistan encompasses several governorates, including Erbil, Duhok, Helbce, and Sulaymaniyah. It is characterized by rich cultural heritage, diverse landscapes—including mountains, plains, and forests—and a significant degree of political autonomy. The aim of the trip is to strengthen our Kurdish identity and build connections with our friends all over the world.

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## Day 1: Wednesday, October 1, 2025 – Arrival in Erbil

- Arrival at Erbil International Airport
- Transfer to the hotel, check-in, and brief refreshment
- Leisure time for acclimatization and exploring the surroundings
- Welcome evening with introduction and greeting meeting



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Day 2: Thursday, October 2, 2025 – Historic and Political Erbil

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Visit to the Erbil Citadel: one of the world's oldest continuously inhabited settlements
- Tour of the Kurdistan Regional Parliament building: insight into the regional political system
- Lunch at a local restaurant
- Cultural activities, historical workshops and interactive dialogues
- Overnight stay at the camp



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Day 3: Friday, October 3, 2025 – Nature and Mountain Landscapes

(Barzani Nemir camping)

- Breakfast at the camp
- Explore surrounding mountain regions
- A variety of activities
- Staying in Nature
- Dinner at the camp and overnight stay



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Day 4: Saturday, October 4, 2025 – Staying in Barzan then return to Erbil

- Morning: Leisure time at the camp
- Visit to Barzani National Memorials Yadgeha Barzani and the site of the Anfal campaign: deepen understanding of Kurdistan's recent history
- Return to the hotel in Erbil in the afternoon
- Free time or optional city tour



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## Day 5: Sunday, October 5, 2025 – Political Encounters

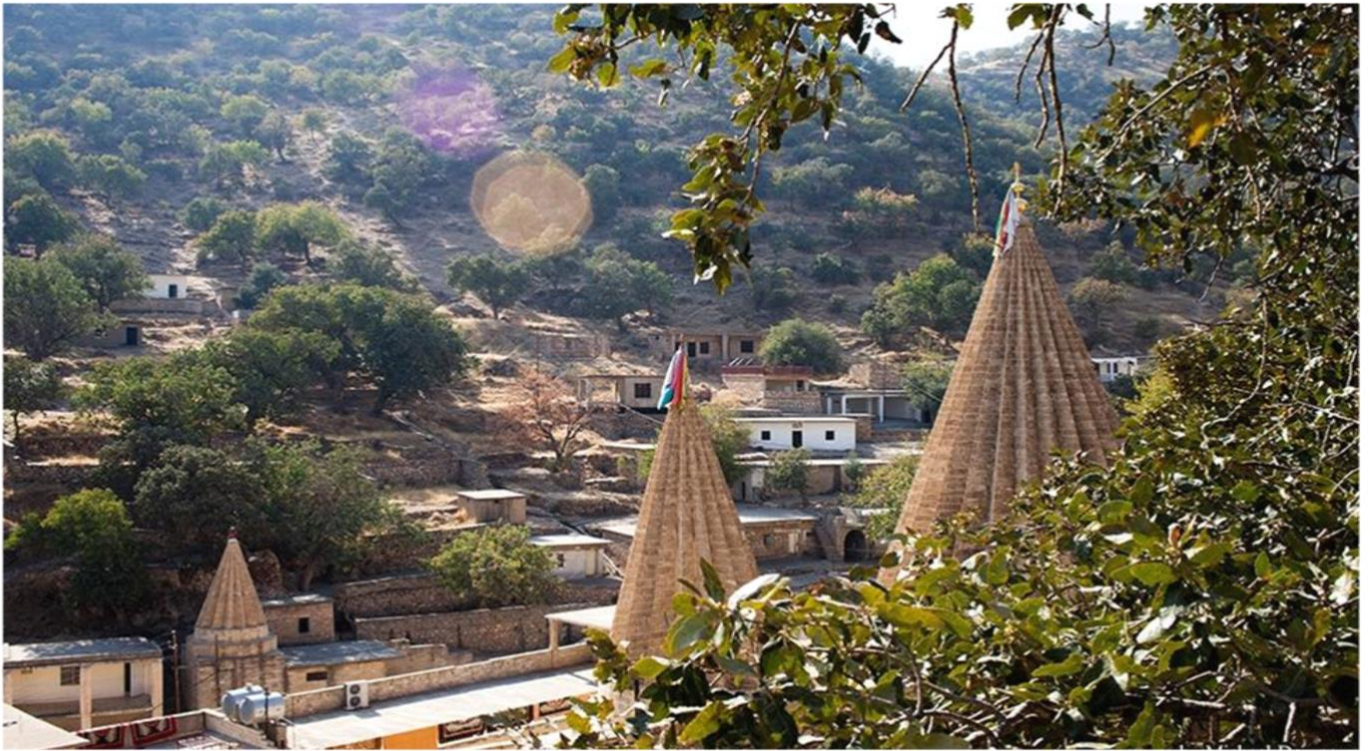
- Possibility of meeting with leading political representatives, with his excellency Serok Masud Barzani and Prime Minister Mr Masrour Barzani of the region and President of the Region Mr Nechirvan Barzani.
- A dialogue and conversation with Mr Masrour Barzani
- Afternoon: free time or optional city sightseeing



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## Day 6: Monday, October 6, 2025 – Spiritual Journey to Lalish

- Trip to Lalish, the holiest site for the Yazidi community
- Pilgrimage, insights into Yazidi culture and religion
- Lunch time
- Return to Erbil in the afternoon
- Leisure time in Erbil: exploring bazaars, local craftsmanship, or coffee culture



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## Day 7: Tuesday, October 7, 2025 – Intercultural Exchange

- Visit to the Cultural Center of the University of Erbil
- Participation in academic programs with professors and students
- Exchange on educational systems and culture
- Opportunity to network and deepen intercultural contacts
- Farewell evening with cultural program



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Day 8: Wednesday, October 8, 2025 – Departure

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Check-out and transfer to Erbil Airport
- Departure with enriched impressions and new perspectives



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