

# SHORE EXCURSIONS

## BAHRAIN CULTURAL TOUR



**Difficulty Level:** Easy

**Duration:** 4½ Hours

**ADULT:** \$111 per person

**CHILD:** \$81 per person

**Excursion code:** BAH03



Designed to shine a light on Bahrain's rich cultural history, this half-day tour begins at the Bahrain National Museum, whose collection includes a relocated burial mound from 2800 B.C., artefacts from the Dilmun era as well as 19th- and 20th-century exhibits related to the pearl trade. A short boat trip will then take you to Bu Maher Fort on Muharraq island. The 16th-century Portuguese-built fort forms the start of the "Bahrain Pearling Trail", a UNESCO World Heritage Site comprising 17 buildings and 3 nearshore oyster beds that go to chart Bahrain's once lucrative pearl trade. Next up is Muharraq city - home to narrow lanes with beautifully restored old houses - to visit the recently renovated Shaikh Ebrahim Bin Mohammed Al Khalifa Center, a cultural landmark featuring the Kurar house dedicated to the time-honored craft of gold embroidery and the Iqra Children's Library. A chance to rub shoulders with locals then follows at Muharraq Souq, the perfect place to browse among the numerous shops selling traditional perfumes, local sweets, spices and traditional Arabic medicine before you return to the ship.

**Please note:** Guides for languages other than English are limited. Should a tour guide for your language be unavailable, the tour will be in English only. The boat ride to Bu Maher Fort is subject to weather conditions. This tour is not suitable for guests using a wheelchair or with walking difficulties.