

Monday 19th April

DAY 7 MUSCAT, the pearl of Arabia in Oman in the Arabian Gulf

Pop: Approx. 1.5 million



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Muscat lies along the northern coast of Oman, a country dominated by rugged desert and waterless expanses. The city enjoys strategic proximity to Indian Ocean trade routes and has served as an important and prosperous seaport since the first century. Today it remains a key port and centre of commerce for the country.

Various powers have ruled the city at different points in history, including the Persian, Portuguese and Ottoman Empires.

Hope from God's Word:

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it." Matthew 13:45–46

- Pray that the people of Muscat will discover the pearl of great value and be drawn to Jesus Christ.
- Pray for a revival of faith in Jesus in this region where Christianity once flourished thanks to the work of Assyrian missionaries in the fourth and fifth centuries.
- Pray that Omanis who live in fear of evil spirits will discover Christ's power to overcome every evil, even death itself.
- Ask God to use technology and social media, which has a powerful influence among the people of Oman, to reach Muslim families with the message of the gospel.

Learn More

Incense has been used in worship since ancient times. But in the nation that produces the finest, Christ has yet to be praised: <https://frontiersusa.org/blog/omani-incense/>

Tuesday 20th April

DAY 8 BAKU, the city of winds in Azerbaijan in the Caucasus region

Pop: Approx. 2.3 million

Baku is the largest city in the Caucasus region and lies on the western shore of the Caspian Sea. Cold winds drive off the waters and pummel the city throughout the year.

Oil-rich Baku was once considered sacred by Zoroastrians, who worshipped near the flames that burned at natural gas vents coming out of the ground.

Wealth from the exploitation of oil and gas has transformed the city in recent decades. Today, modern architectural masterpieces rise above ancient buildings and narrow alleys tucked behind the medieval walls of the old city.

Hope from God's Word:

"Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire." Hebrews 12:28–29

- Pray that the people of Baku will turn away from idols to worship Jesus Christ who rules an unshakable Kingdom.
- Pray that Baku's citizens will lift their eyes beyond the city's modern architectural monuments to worship the Lord.
- Ask God to reveal Himself to Baku's predominantly nominal Muslims; pray they find purpose with a new life in Christ.

Learn More

Combining breathtaking mountain scenery, a history of epic conquests, and the legendary Silk Road, this land is one of the most culturally diverse regions of the world.

Discover more about the region: <https://frontiersusa.org/regions/central-asia-caucasus>

Wednesday 21st April

DAY 9: KUALA LUMPUR, the garden city of lights in Malaysia Pop: Approx. 7.6 million

Kuala Lumpur is one of the fastest-growing metropolises in Southeast Asia. What began as a humble tin mining settlement founded at the convergence of two rivers in the mid-1800s, is now a bustling, ultramodern city. The name Kuala Lumpur means "muddy confluence."



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The city owes its nickname, "Garden City of Lights," to its beautiful parks, gardens, and skyscrapers that light up the night sky.

Kuala Lumpur's population is comprised of three major ethnic groups: Malays, Chinese, and Indians.

Hope from God's Word:

"There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved." Psalm 46:4–5.

- Pray for a spiritual breakthrough in Kuala Lumpur, that people from every ethnic group will be drawn to worship the Most High God.
- Ask the Lord to call skilled lecturers to go and teach in the city's numerous universities to reach faculty, staff and students with the gospel.

- Pray that outreach media resources will bring the Word of God to Malay Muslims, who make up about 40% of the population.
- Ask God to give courage and boldness to believers as they tell Malay Muslims about Jesus despite laws that make sharing the gospel illegal.

Learn More

A South Asian Christian gives a first-hand account of how a Frontiers team is equipping her to share the gospel with Muslims in her neighbourhood: <https://frontiersusa.org/blog/my-muslim-neighbors/>

Thursday 22nd April

DAY 10 TUNIS, the smart city in Tunisia, North Africa

Pop: Approx. 2.3 million

Tunis sits on the northernmost tip of Africa. As Tunisia's capital and its centre of power, the city draws job seekers from all over the country.

Northeast of the city lie the spectacular ruins of Carthage, a UNESCO World Heritage site and a former trading hub for the Phoenician civilisation and the Roman Empire.

Tunis has recently been designated a global smart city. Similar to other smart cities, it has spearheaded initiatives to boost communication and information technologies to improve quality of life, create intelligent urban environment and fuel sustainable economic development.

Hope from God's Word:

"Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise from the end of the earth, you who go down to the sea, and all that fills it, the coastlands and their inhabitants." Isaiah 42:10

- Pray that the people of Tunis will find their purpose in praising the Lord and making Christ known to the ends of the earth.
- Ask God to raise up more workers who can bring creative, innovative and professional solutions to the city as it seeks to improve the quality of life for its people.
- Pray that young Tunisians flocking to the city will find not only work but also the hope of the gospel.

Learn More

Navida had been taught to see God as angry and distant. Now all she sees is His great love for her: <https://frontiersusa.org/blog/her-name-is-good-news/>

Friday 23rd April

DAY 11 ISFAHAN in Iran

Pop: Approx. 2.1 million



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Once the opulent capital of Persia, Isfahan was a flourishing cosmopolitan urban centre famous for its wealth. The city is filled with elegant bridges, tree-lined boulevards, and picturesque gardens. Boasting cultural riches and remarkable architecture, the city is the subject of a rhyming proverb, "Isfahan nesf-e jahan," which means "Isfahan is half the world."

Today the city continues to serve as a centre of learning and culture.

Hope from God's Word:

"Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord who practises steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the Lord." Jeremiah 9:23–24

- Pray for open doors to reach students and faculties at Isfahan's universities, and ask God to raise up a generation of men and women who seek to know Christ and practise His ways.
- Ask the Lord to start a movement of faith in Christ among the half million people who live in Isfahan's urban slums.
- Pray that God will strengthen the underground church and send out believers to spread the gospel throughout the region.

Learn More

Every day of her life, Jamila heard things about God that weren't true. But then she met a Frontiers field worker who disrupted the narrative with the truth of Jesus: <https://frontiersusa.org/blog/a-truth-that-disrupts/>

Saturday 24th April

DAY 12 DOHA, a city of rounded bays in Qatar

Pop: Approx. 960,000

Once a centre of the flourishing pearl trade, Doha has grown into a major economic and financial hub for the Middle East.

Vast oil reserves drive Doha's economy, and the city's wealth draws people from around the world in search of work. Foreign nationals make up over 90% of the labour force. Most of these expatriates come from countries in Southeast Asia, South Asia and North Africa.

In 2022, Doha will host the FIFA World Cup.

Hope from God's Word:

"Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ." Philippians 3:20

- Thank God for His global diversity and ask Him to build a unified body of believers in Doha that includes Qatari nationals and people from every nation drawn to live there.
- Pray that expatriate Muslims drawn to Doha's economic opportunities will have the chance to hear the Word and discover Jesus Christ.
- Pray that wealthy Qatari nationals, the vast majority of whom have never met a Christian, will recognise their spiritual poverty and find their riches in Jesus Christ.
- Ask God to help local believers grow in faith, boldness and maturity.

Learn More

Before oil flooded their shores with wealth, the peoples of the Arab Gulf eked out a living by diving for pearls: <https://frontiersusa.org/blog/pearl-divers/>