Preliminary Itinerary
(subject to amendment)

Day 1 – Thursday, March 19, 2009  
Gateway City
- Depart the USA for Dubai.  
  (Appropriate in-flight meals)

Day 2 – Friday, March 20, 2009  
Dubai
- Upon arrival at the Dubai International Airport this evening, transfer to the Jumeirah Beach Hotel.  
- Check into your room overlooking the azure waters of the Arabian Gulf.  
  (Appropriate in-flight meals)  
  Jumeirah Beach Hotel

Day 3 – Saturday, March 21, 2009  
Dubai
- The morning begins with a welcome orientation and lecture, followed by an excursion of your choice, including lunch at a local restaurant.  
- Excursion choices during the time in Dubai will include visits to all-women Sheikh Zayed University, Sharjah Wildlife Park, Palm Jumeirah and the Gold Souk.  
- Convene for an exclusive welcome reception and dinner this evening at the hotel.  
  (B, L, R, D)  
  Jumeirah Beach Hotel

Day 4 – Sunday, March 22, 2009  
Dubai
- Start the day with your choice of excursions followed by lunch at a local restaurant.  
- The lecture program continues this afternoon, starting with a keynote address by former Secretary of State James Baker, III.  
- Gather this evening for dinner at the hotel.  
  (B, L, D)  
  Jumeirah Beach Hotel

Day 5 – Monday, March 23, 2009  
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia or Abu Dhabi, U.A.E.
- Symposium participants have a choice today of flying by charter plane to Riyadh, the capital city of Saudi Arabia, or driving to the neighboring Emirate of Abu Dhabi.  
- In Riyadh, participants will meet with local dignitaries and visit the National Museum.
• In Abu Dhabi, symposium participants will also meet with local dignitaries and get a behind-the-scenes look at Abu Dhabi’s educational museum projects currently in development.
• Return to Dubai this evening.
(B, L, D)         Jumeirah Beach Hotel

Day 6 – Tuesday, March 24, 2009         Dubai/Embarkation
• Enjoy lectures and a panel discussion by speakers before lunch at the hotel.
• This afternoon, embark on the luxurious Silver Wind and cruise northwest toward Bahrain.
(B, L, D)         Silver Wind

Day 7 – Wednesday, March 25, 2009        Manama, Bahrain
• Enjoy the lecture program onboard the Silver Wind.
• This afternoon enjoy your choice of excursions in Bahrain, including a discussion of Islam and Qur’an at Bait al Qur’an Museum, the Al Fatch Mosque, a discussion of the ancient Dilmun civilization at Qa’alat al-Bahrain, and the National Museum.
• This evening, gather for the captain’s welcome reception.
(B, L, D)         Silver Wind

Day 8 – Thursday, March 26, 2009        Manama, Bahrain or Dammam, Saudi Arabia
• After breakfast, participants have the choice of continuing their exploration of the island state of Bahrain with a choice of excursions, or traveling by coach over the impressive 26-mile-long King Fahd Causeway to the Aramco oil compound and Well #7, the birthplace of the “oil era” in modern Arabia.
• Return to the ship for dinner.
(B, L, D)         Silver Wind

Day 9 – Friday, March 27, 2009          At Sea
• Enjoy the onboard lecture and discussion program as the ship navigates north to Kuwait.
(B, L, D)         Silver Wind

Day 10 – Saturday, March 28, 2009       Kuwait City, Kuwait
• Take your choice of excursions, including a tour of the architecturally impressive Arab Organizations Headquarters Building, the Calligraphy Museum, fish market and old-town souk, and the Martyr’s Museum dedicated to the fallen of the Persian Gulf War
(B, L, D)         Silver Wind

Day 11 – Sunday, March 29, 2009         At Sea
• Enjoy the onboard lecture and discussion program as the ship navigates south to Qatar.
(B, L, D)         Silver Wind
Day 12 – Monday, March 30, 2009
Doha, Qatar

• This morning enjoy your choice of excursions including a meeting with personnel from the Al Jazeera television network, Arabian horse stables, a dune drive along spectacular sand dunes, and Education City.
• Continue the lecture program this afternoon as the Silver Wind steers toward Dubai.

(B, L, D)

Day 13 – Tuesday, March 31, 2009
Dubai, U.A.E./Muscat, Oman

• Disembark the Silver Wind this morning and transfer to Dubai International Airport for a charter flight to Muscat, Oman.
• Upon arrival, transfer to the Al Bustan Palace Hotel overlooking the Gulf of Oman.

(B, L, D)

Day 14 – Wednesday, April 1, 2009
Muscat

• After breakfast, choose from several excursions, including Mutrah Souk, Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque, Beit al-Zubair Museum, and the Beit al-Baranda Museum.
• This afternoon, enjoy lectures by our speakers before dinner at the hotel.

(B, L, D)

Day 15 – Thursday, April 2, 2009
Muscat

• The morning is dedicated to exploring Muscat through your choice of excursion, or drive early this morning to Nizwa for the lively goat market.
• After the final lecture this afternoon, enjoy a farewell reception and dinner.

(B, L, D)

Day 16 – Friday, April 3, 2009
Muscat/Home

• Depart this morning for flights back to the U.S.

(B, appropriate in-flight meals)