



## FESTIVE OFFERS AT JUMEIRAH MESSILAH BEACH

For a memorable festive season and New Year celebrations, enjoy a luxury break and feast with family and friends at the Jumeirah Messilah Beach Hotel & Spa.

Take your pick from the resort's restaurants and welcome in the New Year with the 'Festive Season Package' at the Talise Spa. This includes a traditional massage, an oxygen awakening facial treatment, plus a Dead Sea body scrub. Complete your break with a stay in a Grand Deluxe room with breakfast at the Garden Café for two.

On Dec 24, try a lavish buffet with international and traditional cuisine including a turkey carving section at the Garden Café. To celebrate this season of gift-giving, presents will be offered to children.

Both Olio, the hotel's signature Italian restaurant and Pepper, the hotel's premium steakhouse, will offer a three-course set menu with welcome drinks.

At the Tea Lounge, guests can try a 'Holiday Afternoon Tea Buffet' on 24 and 25 December with traditional sandwiches, cakes, cookies, scones and tea or coffee accompanied by live piano entertainment.

As the year 2013 comes to a close, guests can celebrate at the hotel's Garden Café with an extravagant selection of buffets and grills offering Indian, Italian, Arabic dishes and an impressive selection of desserts.

Celebrate the New Year 'family style' at Pepper with a stylish five course set menu or for Italian flavours head to Olio for a four course set menu.



## AIP OFFICIALS VISIT NEW INDIAN AMBASSADOR

Executive Committee Members of the Association of Indian Professionals (AIP) welcomed the Ambassador of India, Sunil Jain by a recent courtesy visit to his office. General Secretary of AIP, Umesh Sharma welcomed the ambassador and extended all possible support to the embassy as and when required. Sharma apprised the envoy of the welfare activities AIP undertakes exclusively for the Indian Community in Kuwait and particularly Indian students in Kuwait. AIP is a unique organization that functions regardless of the profession, religion, politics or region.

Dr Kamlesh Kumari apprised the ambassador of the facilities for higher education in Kuwait and the standard of the education and stated that most of the Indian students prefer to pursue their education outside of Kuwait after 10+2. Jadish Joshi enumerated the role of Indian Chartered Accountants and general working environment in Kuwait.

Jain commended the services rendered by AIP to the Indian community in Kuwait and suggested to explore new dimensions to boost up bilateral relations between India and Kuwait. In addition, he suggested to AIP to probe possibilities and facilities of higher education in Kuwait for Indian students after 10+2 especially in the light of the new massive construction of Kuwait University City undertaken by the Government of Kuwait.



AIP officials are seen in the photograph with Indian Ambassador Sunil Jain

## MARINA HOTEL OFFERS UNIQUE EXPERIENCES



From a New Year's Eve reception and dinner to rejuvenating accommodation package, Marina Hotel Kuwait is offering unique experiences for guests to welcome 2014. The Hotel offers the perfect venue for the festive celebration with your family, friends and loved ones under the twinkling lights and the cool breeze of the Arabian coast.

This year Marina Hotel Kuwait has fabulous feasts lined up with mouth-watering

menus and special entertainment to make your holiday's unforgettable. Guests can celebrate the end of 2013 in style at the Six Palms restaurant or the Atlantis restaurant.

Six Palms restaurant will host an evening to remember with an extravagant selection from the International buffet dinner, a live Oriental band and shisha available, all in true Marina style. The countdown of the festivities also features a buffet dinner with Oriental music and cotillions at

the Atlantis restaurant. Stimulate your appetite with a mouth-watering assortment of appetizers, soups, signature dishes as well as desserts prepared by team of culinary experts.

Indulge in a deserving year-end getaway with your loved one with a host of privileges which includes a New Year room package of one night stay starting from KD 145 inclusive of buffet breakfast and buffet dinner at the Six Palms restaurant or

Atlantis restaurant for two persons.

What better way than to start the first day of the year with your loved-ones through a delectable selection of special treats and surprises for the entire family at a delightful lunch buffet at the Atlantis restaurant. At Marina Hotel Kuwait each distinctive restaurant, unique in its culinary mastery, will enchant guests with specially-designed menus amid an atmosphere of good cheer and company.

## IOMF COMPLETES 40 MERCY HOMES PROJECT



Indian Orthodox Mercy Fellowship (IOMF) a charitable and spiritual organization of the St.Gregorios Orthodox Maha Edavaka, Kuwait completed Mercy Homes-2012, a project under which 40 houses were given to 40 poor people who did not have a house of their own. Of these 40 houses 38 are located at various places in the state of Kerala and the others in the states of Goa and Madhya Pradesh. The project was jointly executed by IOMF and MGOCSM of India.

In the closing function held at Rajdhani Palace Hotel on 23rd November 2013, the chief Guest HG Dr. Joseph Mar Dionysius, Metropolitan, Calcutta Diocese congratulated the

IOMF members on completing such a humanitarian project and exhorted the members to undertake similar projects to help the fellow human beings in future. His Grace formally closed the project by symbolically receiving the project file from Mr.P.C. George(General Convenor) and handing over to Mr.Samkutty George(Vice president). Sponsors who contributed towards the project and advertisers in the Mercy Homes Souvenir were the guests of honour at the function.

Rev. Fr.Jose Mathew in his presidential address lauded the achievements of IOMF during the past 40 years of its existence. The General Convenor, in his project report, explained the various stages of the project and its funding. A

video presentation of the project was done by IOMF secretary Mr. James Peter. Felicitation speeches were given by Rev. Fr. P.T. Thomas and Rev. Fr. Reji C Varghese. The musical treat by Deena, Rinie, Mariam and Lavenia added colour to the function. Mementos were presented to the top sponsors by the chief guest assisted by the sponsorship convenor Mr.Jacob Zachariah. IOMF vice president Mr.Samkutty George welcomed the audience and Mr. Ninan Joseph convenor of Closing function presented the vote of thanks. IOMF treasurer Mr. Mathews Varghese handed over "kaimuthu" to the Chief Guest. The programme was efficiently compered by IOMF member Mr.Shibu Alex.

## Embassy

### Information

#### EMBASSY OF AUSTRALIA

The Embassy of Australia has announced that Kuwait citizens can apply for and receive visit visas in 10 working days through [www.immi.gov.au](http://www.immi.gov.au). All other processing of visas and Immigration matters are handled by the Australian Visa Application Centre located in Al Banwan Building, 4B, 1st Floor, Al Qibla Area, Ali Al Salem Street, Kuwait City. Visit: [www.vfs-au-gcc.com](http://www.vfs-au-gcc.com) for more info. The Embassy of Australia does not have a visa or immigration department. All processing of visas and immigration matters is conducted by the Australian Consulate-General in Dubai. Email: [Info.ausdx@vfshelpline.com](mailto:Info.ausdx@vfshelpline.com) (VIS), [immigration.dubai@dfat.gov.au](mailto:immigration.dubai@dfat.gov.au) (Visa Office), Tel: +971 4 205 5900 (VFS), Fax: + 971 4 355 0708 (Visa Office). Notary and passport services are available by appointment. Appointments can be made by calling the Embassy on 22322422.



#### EMBASSY OF SOUTH AFRICA

The Embassy of the Republic of South Africa has the honour to inform that on the occasion of the Christmas and New Year, the Embassy will remain closed from 24 December 2013 and will reopen again on 5th January 2014.



#### EMBASSY OF SLOVAK

The Embassy of the Slovak Republic in Kuwait would like to inform the public that on the occasion of the Christmas holidays the Embassy will be closed on Monday 24, Tuesday 25 and Wednesday 26, December 2013, on the occasion of the New Year and the Independence Day of the Slovak Republic, the Embassy will be closed on Tuesday, December 31, 2013 and on Wednesday, January 01, 2014 and on the occasion of Catholic Epiphany Holiday, the Embassy will be closed on Monday, January 06.



#### EMBASSY OF INDIA

India and Kuwait have enjoyed historically close, warm and friendly ties. The visit of His Highness Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, Prime Minister of Kuwait to India in November 2013 has imparted a new thrust to the strengthening further of the bilateral ties. To facilitate travel of Kuwaiti nationals to India for business, tourism, medical and study purposes, the embassy has adopted the following visa structure for Kuwaiti nationals with immediate effect:



S.No.	Type of visa	Duration	No. of entries	Indian Visa fee in KD(*)
(i)	Business	5 Year	Multiple	63.100
(ii)	Business	1 Year	Multiple	38.100
(iii)	Tourism	6 months	Multiple	13.100
(iv)	Medical	1 Year	Multiple	38.100
(v)	Student	Period of study	As required	24.100

Please apply Indian visa online at [www.bls-international.com](http://www.bls-international.com) and deposit visa application, with applicable visa fee and service charge, at either M/s. BLS International Services, Emad Commercial Centre, Basement floor Ahmed Al-Jaber Street, Sharq, Kuwait city (Telephone: 22986607 - Fax: 22470006) or M/s. BLS International Services, Mujamma Unood, 4th floor, Office No.25-26 Makka Street, Entrance 5, Fahaheel, Kuwait (Telephone: 22986607 - Fax: 22470006). For additional information, please contact Second Secretary (Consular) in the Embassy at [sscons@indembkw.org](mailto:sscons@indembkw.org).

In addition, a service charge of KD 5 will also apply for each visa service provided.

#### EMBASSY OF US

The US Embassy in Kuwait has new procedures for obtaining appointments and picking up passports after visa issuance. We now provide an online visa appointment system, live call center, and in-person pick-up facilities in Kuwait. Please monitor our website and social media for additional information. This new system offers more flexibility for travelers to the US and to meet the increase in demand for visa appointments.



The general application steps on the new visa appointment system are:

1. Go to [www.ustraveldocs.com/kw](http://www.ustraveldocs.com/kw) (if this is the first time on [ustraveldocs.com](http://ustraveldocs.com), you will need to create a profile to login).
2. Please complete your DS-160 Online Visa Application which is available at [ceac.state.gov/genNIV](http://ceac.state.gov/genNIV).
3. Please print and take your deposit slip to any Burgan Bank location to pay your visa application fee.
4. Schedule an appointment for your visa interview online at [www.ustraveldocs.com/kw](http://www.ustraveldocs.com/kw) or by phone through the Call Center (at +965-2227-1673).
5. If you need to change or cancel your appointment, please do so 24 hours beforehand, as a courtesy to other applicants. For more information, please visit the US Embassy website - [kuwait.usembassy.gov](http://kuwait.usembassy.gov) - as it is the best source of information regarding these changes.

#### EMBASSY OF VATICAN

The Apostolic Nunciature Embassy of the Holy See, Vatican in Kuwait has moved to a new location in Kuwait City. Please find below the new address: Yarmouk, Block 1, Street 2, Villa No: 1. P.O.Box 29724, Safat 13158, Kuwait. Tel: 965 25337767, Fax: 965 25342066. Email: [nuntiuskuwait@gmail.com](mailto:nuntiuskuwait@gmail.com).

