



**Middle East  
Association**



# Iraqi Kurdistan

28 April—3 May 2013

*Trade Mission to Erbil and Duhok*

**The Middle East Association, in partnership with the Kurdistan Regional Government, will be leading a Trade Delegation to Iraqi Kurdistan from 28<sup>th</sup> April to 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2013, visiting Erbil and Duhok.**



The Kurdistan region remains one of the MEA's major success stories. Last October we took another large UK trade delegation to the region with 39 companies to attend the Erbil International Trade Fair and pursue a full programme of calls in the public and private sectors.

Our mission will be multi-sector, but priority for the Kurds is in healthcare, education, infrastructure, hydroelectric power generation, agriculture and water treatment. Each of these areas of interest will have a comprehensive sector-specific mission programme organised by the KRG.



The stable security situation in Kurdistan is driving itself to business prosperity. Economically, the region is moving rapidly ahead of the rest of Iraq, and the economy's growth this year is expected to be over 7%. It also has one of the friendliest investment laws in the Middle East. Currently, 97 UK companies are registered in Kurdistan, making the UK the fifth largest foreign presence in the region. British-Kurdish relations are strong, and British business is welcomed and encouraged for the high quality of its skills, expertise, and products.



Kurdistan remains a very attractive hub for British businesses to export their products, skills and services; they will receive a very warm welcome. We strongly recommend that you explore this emerging market and the wide range of business opportunities.



To register your interest for the Trade Mission, please return a registration form overleaf to our Mission Managers, CT Group Travel, [mea@ctgrouptravel.co.uk](mailto:mea@ctgrouptravel.co.uk). Leading the mission will be David Lloyd, Senior Consultant at the MEA, who has lead numerous missions to Iraqi Kurdistan.

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Business Sector Activity \_\_\_\_\_

Where did you hear about this mission? \_\_\_\_\_

*The MEA and CT Group Travel reserve the right to select delegates in order to ensure a successful mission.  
Please also note that foreign-owned companies must have an active subsidiary in the UK to qualify for the mission.*