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The Heritage Route (Riyadh to Jeddah)

Guaranteed Departure Tour

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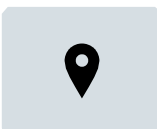
Arrival to Riyadh

Today we will be welcoming you at the airport as our guide will be waiting for you holding a sign with 88Destinations on it, we will be taking you to your hotel where you can rest for a bit.

Welcome to Riyadh, the birthplace of modern Saudi Arabia, where old-world charm meets 21st-century vision. Riyadh Province – also known as Al-Wosta – is home to the country's capital: a modern metropolis with a thriving financial and business centre, and a growing cultural scene. It's a city rich in history, boasting myriad forts, palaces and museums, and some of the country's most colorful souks.



Check in at Holiday Inn Meydan



Holiday Inn Meydan

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Day 2 - Riyadh City Tour



Riyadh city tour - Al Masmak - National Museum

First visit is Ad Diriyah, northwest of the city and the original capital of the first Saudi state is a must-see. Its Al Turaif quarter, a carefully restored mud-brick district that was named a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2010, offers a glimpse into the country's extraordinary heritage.

Please note that this site is closed for development and the visit will be from the outside

Next will start with a historical brief about the capital of Saudi, In the National Museum you will be discovering Saudi Arabia's rich past is an amazing journey that would bring you along thousands of kilometers around the whole Kingdom. An easier way to have an insight of Saudi Arabia's rich History is to visit the King Abdulaziz Historical Center in Riyadh where artifacts from all periods are exhibited and with explanations about their historical significance.

Then we will be heading to our lunch break in one of the famous traditional restaurants at Qaria Najdya

After our historical brief and lunch, we will go see some by ourselves checking out Al Masmak Fortress. Surrounded by sand, this squat fortification was built around 1865 and is like a scene out of the movies: a big fortress representing an empire. It was the site of a daring 1902 raid by Ibn Saud, during which a spear was hurled at the main entrance door with such force that the head is still lodged in the doorway. Highlights among the exhibits include maps and fascinating photographs of Saudi Arabia dating from 1912 to 1937, in galleries converted from diwans (living rooms). The roofs are covered with painted palm-tree, taramic and ethel wood and exude an old-world charm that evokes an Arabian painting. Inside, the information panels and short, chest-thumping films on the storming of the fortress and the 'reunification' of Saudi Arabia are reverential towards the Al Sauds but worth watching, nonetheless.

In the same area and only in walking distance we will find our self in Souq Al-Zal which is one of the oldest traditional markets. At the end of the tour today, will go to check out the view of the sunset from the Kingdom Centre which is a 99-story, 302.3m skyscraper. It will give you a panoramic view over the modern city of Riaydh.



Day 3 - Mud Towns Visits



Riyadh - Ushaiger - Shaqrah - Buraidah

Today we will be driving to Buraidah is the capital of Al-Qassim Region in northcentral Saudi Arabia in the heart of the Arabian Peninsula.

The road to Buraidah will be around 3 hours and a half however the plan is to make a stop on the way to see Ushaiger and Shaqra which are going to be on the way. Both towns, now small cities reflect what old cities look like. We will visit one of these towns, usually the smaller one Ushaiger which is hidden in the heart of the Najd, an oasis-dotted region 200km northwest of Riyadh, Ushaiger Heritage Village provides a glimpse of a slow-paced Saudi society of old.

During our visit we will wonder around the old town which is preserved its old mud town houses where many families started from here before they moved to Riyadh. The narrow route in between the houses, the doors, and the ruins makes the place photogenic and interesting to wonder around.

will visit one of the houses displaying the interior of the houses and how life used to be back then. A local museum where we can visit and have a break for tea.

Once we are done, we will pass by a restaurant for lunch then we drive to Buridha

Background on the Mud towns

Bedouins first settled here 1,500 years ago and Ushaiger quickly became a popular stopping point for pilgrims crossing to Makkah, thanks to its springs and low-brimmed olive and palm groves. But far from being a dusty, deserted museum piece, Ushaiger – which, in a naming quirk, means ‘little blonde’ to reflect the nearby red mountain that looms over the yellow mud houses – still has a small community of residents, making use of its schools, shops and mosques. To walk its narrow lanes is to enter a living museum, draped with traces of an ancient way of life.





Check in at Best Western Plus Buraidah



Best Western Plus Buraidah

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Day 4 - Hail Tour - Camel Market and Art Rock



Drive to Hail

Before we head to Hail, will do a stop early morning around 8 a.m to the largest camel market where auction takes place a very authentic experience to see how bargaining works in the camel market and how locals value camels and negotiate pricing. Camels remain valuable to own and trade in Saudi

Next will drive for about 3 hours to Hail

Once we arrive start our trip right away heading to Jubbah which is 1:20 hour from Hail.

We will be visiting Jubbah; This worldwide famous site contains some of the oldest and most outstanding carvings of the Arabian Peninsula. It was recognized in 2015 as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO.

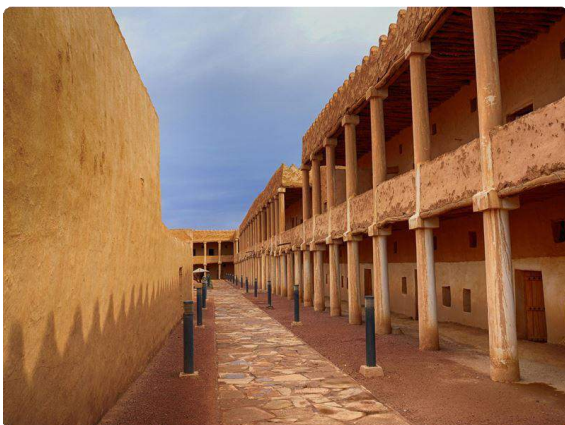
Jubbah is host of the two most emblematic carvings in Saudi Arabia. The first one is a character dominating another smaller one. Locals say that it is the representation of an ancient king handing out justice.

The second one is a chariot pulled by two horses which was for decades the only known example, but similar ones werelater found in Hail and Tabuk Provinces.

As surprising as it sounds the people trading frankincense, spices, and other precious goods coming from southern Arabian Peninsula did cross regularly the 350 km of sand dunes between these two main trade cities. The numerous so-called Thamudic inscriptions (more than 5000) testify of this intense frequentation by travelers.

After our tour in Jubbah, we will visit Airef fort on top of small hill which has a history in Hail.

Will have dinner in one of the traditional restaurants before we head to our hotel.



Check in at MILLENNIUM Hotel (ملينيوم حائل)



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Day 5 - Free Day in Al Ula



Drive to Al Ula

Today we will be driving from Hail to Al Ula, the road will take us over 4 hours and a half.

Once we arrive will visit our camp base and settle

Today is a free day in Al Ula where we can enjoy the landscape by hiking one of many trails, visiting the old town or going to one of the view points

Hail to Al Ula: 428 KM / 4 hr 43 min

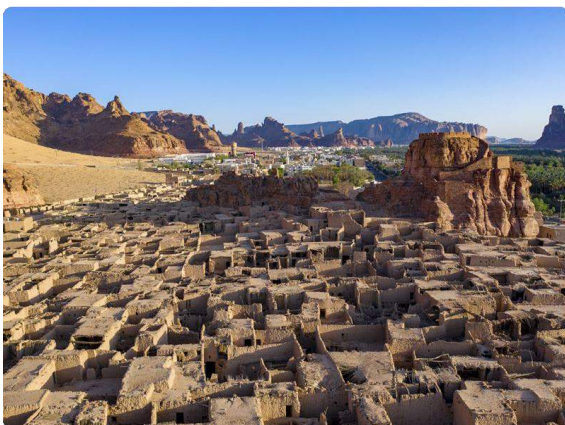


Old town tour

If the tour time is available at this day we will do the old town tour, a similar experience to what we had few days ago in the town of Ushqaer however this old mud towns have different architecture which was influenced by its surrounding and background of its people back then.

In the 12th century, AlUla Old Town became an essential settlement along the pilgrimage route from Damascus to Makkah. The city gradually replaced Qurh, to the south of AlUla, and is favorably mentioned by travelers from the 12th to the 20th centuries, when modern AlUla was constructed nearby. The houses were designed to be attached to one another, providing fortification, which hints to defense being a priority for the city's early inhabitants. At one point, the city was accessed by 14 gates, which were opened in the morning to welcome travelers, pilgrims and other visitors, and closed each evening. The ancient city's recent occupation has enabled researchers to begin to gather oral histories, painting a picture of what life was like inside its walls. These stories will one day be available to visitors who can look forward to tapping into AlUla Old Town's living memory.

This is a self-guided tour that will be taken with a group and done by a third party. Tour typical time is about 1 hour and can be longer depends on how much time your will spend. There is a fort at the top of the Hill named " Musa Bin Nussier" one of the prophet Mohammed companions who at one point settled in this town. This fort has a nice viewpoint over the old town.



Hiking Al Ula Oasis Trail 3KM

This is a nice trail that can last for 2 hours suitable for anyone to enjoy the palms, mud houses and the surrounding oasis. This site is next to the old town where we can walk to and wonder around it



Check in at Serviced Guest rooms in Farms or Camp

The camp site consists of Arabian Tents with beds, sheets, heater and shared clean shower /toilet. Each tent can have upto 2 guests

This is an experience where the guest will stay in authentic tents at the top of the hill overlooking farms. The site also has interesting ancient inscription in some of its rocks, consider it an exclusive access! also the guest can enjoy a walk in the farm and wonder around it to see what locals grow and what style of agriculture they do.

The camp will serve breakfast and hot drinks where you can enjoy it around the campfire or any many nice viewpoints since the camp is located at the top of the hill.

Day 6 - Al Ula Tour



Madain Saleh - Deden - Elephant rock

Today we will do 2 guided tours then end the tour with visiting the elephant rock to relax

Tour 1: Hegra tour (the tomb) and Hejaz Railway

The importance of Madain Saleh is ostensibly displayed by its 111 monumental tombs, among which 94 were decorated with majestic facades on the sandstone massifs of the area, especially the Jibal Ithlib. The smallest tomb is barely 2,7 meters tall but the biggest reaches an impressive 21,5 meters! Madain Saleh was the second largest city of the Nabatean kingdom whose capital was Petra (in today's Jordan) where the Nabatean people created more than 600 tombs. What most people dont know that there are many other fascinating archeological sites attest to the thousands of years of human occupation of the area thanks to the underground water available for millennia. Dont worry we are showing everything you need to see!

We will visit the Hejaz Railway, In the early 19th century CE the Ottomans built a railway station at Madain Saleh that was along the Hejaz Railway linking Damascus to the holy city of Makkah. You will have the chance to see the triclinium (or diwan in Arabic) that were once dedicated to banquets and rituals. They are composed of three benches where people used to seat while musicians were playing. At least six of them were found in Madain Saleh with the names of owners.

Tour 2: Dedan, is also of great interest, not only for the extent of the remains of this ancient oasis city that once thrived there, but also because its history is much older than the neighboring Madain Saleh. The most famous oases of the 1st millennium BCE the oasis of Dedan, where excavations on extensive archeological sites have revealed the existence of large, fortified cities. These kingdoms developed their own culture including a specific language and alphabet, that resulted in a mix of Arabian traditions and strong influences from the surrounding empires. In the ancient oasis Dedan,

Elephant Rock

Before we head to our last stop, we will pass by the Elephant Rock, also known as Jabal AlFil, one of AlUla's many geological marvels. This is a seating area with nice coffee to relax and enjoy the scenery. Best time to visit is usually at 4 to 5 PM with the sunset

Please note that Hegra and Dedan/Ikma mountain are guided tours by Bus and last each 2 to 3 hours max. These tours are done by Al Ula Tourism Board which is a third party and as such sometimes the inclusions of these tours or and timeline changes by the operator. In such incidents we will do our best to inform you about these changes as much as we can



Day 7 - The Dissa Valley



Day Trip to Wadi Dissa with Lunch - 9 am to 6 pm

Our trip is going to be to Wadi Al Dissa near Tabuk, our drive will be around 2 hours and a half to 3 hours. An SUV can arrive at the camp to collect guests and start the day trip tour. This excursion will include lunch box so don't worry about it.

We will take you on a walking tour inside this gorgeous valley and explore Wadi Dissah which is a 15-kilometer-long canyon running through the Jebel Qaraqir, a sandstone massif lying about 80 kilometers south of the city of Tabuk.

This natural wonder was for a long time a well-kept secret among explorers, before the road leading to the nearby city of Dissah was built and satellite images were available to the public, which made it quite difficult to find and reach. Let us tell you a little bit about this valley before we start our hike, so you prepare yourself and to get astonished! The first striking feature of this wadi is its dimensions: at the eastern entrance of the canyon the side cliffs are already higher than 100 meters, but at the western entrance the gap between the bottom of the wadi and the tallest cliffs reaches as high as 500 meters! It is there, from the massive rocky peaks, standing on both sides of the canyon, that one can admire the most dramatic scenery of this magical place.

The second - and most unexpected - amazing feature of Wadi Qaraqir is a water stream that runs through the western part of the canyon towards the city of Dissah. While you are exploring Wadi Qaraqir from the eastern entrance will find abundant palm trees growing naturally along the wadi bed. But once half-way through the canyon underground water tops up all year long. As a result, lush vegetation made of 3-meter-high grass, numerous palm trees and bushes, flourishes in between the majestic cliffs of the canyon! We head back to Tabuk but with a final stop on our way to have the last look on one of the beautiful viewpoints and then will drive to our camp in AlUla.

Time of the trip is indication which could be slightly changed depending on each group and weather conditions.



Day 8 - Madinah City tour and overnight



Drive to Madinah - City tour

Today after breakfast we will drive to Madinah which is around 4 hours.

After our arrival we will start with our tour in here, this city is considered as break on the way from Al Ula.

We will visit one of the museums displaying the history, historical items and the importance of the city in the Islamic world. Museums closes on Fridays

Next will have lunch in Tabakha souq which is an open local market famous for sea food and kabbab, will have lunch there before we walk to visit the Grand Moaque " the prophet mosque" the landmark of Madinah and the 2nd holiest place in Islam.

Will end the tour in Qiba Street which connect two Mosques, the grand Mosque and Qiba Mosque which both have significant importance in Islamic history in which the first was the house that prophet Mohammed lived and eventually it's his grave visited by. The second was the first Mosque ever built. you will have a general overview how the city was built and shaped throughout the 1400 years.

If we are lucky and one of the Art exhibitions is displaying art at the time of the visit, we will visit the exhibition where it will show local arts about the city and culture. All the work is done by Saudi youth artist, and it will show a different prospective about the art scene

An overnight in Madinah



Check in at **GACINE HOTEL (فندق غسن)**



GACINE HOTEL (فندق غسن)

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Day 9 - Drive to Jeddah



Drive to Jeddah light City Tour - Al Balad Tour (Jeddah Historical City)

Today we will either drive or take the train depending on the train schedule to Jeddah in the morning this is a 2-hour journey by Train or 4 hours by car will lead us to the 2nd largest city in Saudi and a melting hub of different cultures and nationalities.

Once we arrive, we will have a light tour around the city to check out the main landmarks such as the tallest fountain, the floating mosque and Jeddah waterfront and the F1 circuit which is the longest in the world

We have lunch in one of the local places and get ready to visit the old town of Jeddah around 4 PM

We will start our tour in Al Balad as local call it which means “the town” as reference to the base of Jeddah. Al-Balad was founded in the 7th century and historically served as the center of Jeddah. Al-Balad's defensive walls were torn down in the 1940s. In the 1970s and 1980s, when Jeddah began to become wealthier due to the oil boom, many Jeddawis moved north, away from Al-Balad Al Balad is registered as a world heritage UNISCO site and since then the old buildings with its unique window designs and doors are being preserved along with its unique buildings which some have been built using seashells and stones! The old buildings once housed the famous Jeddah families and hosted the founder the late King Abdulaziz when first entered Jeddah. Our tour will go through the history of these building including going inside one of the buildings to see the interior designs , furniture and life back then Will also explain the historical importance of some sites and locations while we wonder around the narrow streets to explain how merchants used to sell their goods and how pilgrims used to get their supplies of cloth and food before they head to Makkah through the Makkah Gate in Al Balad.

The old Mosques is another tourist attraction where some were founded over 300 years ago and still functional as a mosque. The main attraction in this tour is the food and snacks of Al Balad where we will pass by some famous vendors known to offer the best local snacks such as the local drink made of bread “Sobia” and the old bakery which its famous for its fresh bread. Another local snack that consists of Bean and pickles “Balillah”. We will stop for rest in one of the local coffeopen air places and try famous local tea mixed with milk and herbs We will move to visit the center of Al Balad to see the first hotel built in Jeddah influenced by Italian architecture then pass by the first school built in Saudi. We will also visit one of the art houses and museum offering its unique local art collection and antiques.

During this tour you will pass by many shops where they offer different merchandise such as perfumes, cloth, jewelry, antiques and souvenirs where you can buy and bargain! we will also introduce you to some local shops to see some crafts being made such as the local sandals, perfumes and gold jewelry crafts. You will pass by different local communities within Al Balad which each community gather for tea and chat, kids playing around and street cats strolling for food!



Check in at Centro Hotel



Centro Hotel

Salama Jeddah, 23443 جدة منطقة مكة المكرمة لرياضة

Day 10 - Free Day and Optional Tours Snorkeling and Half Day Boat trip



Optional 1: Diving and snorkeling - Boat trip

Jeddah is known to have one of the best corals around the world. For the last day, we will be spending the day on a boat cruising around the beach. Doing all water activities like snorkeling, diving, swimming, tanning, and having a light lunch on the boat. Moving on, our major lunch would be at one of the famous and well-known sea food restaurants.

If weather does not allow us we pick option 2



Option 2: Day trip in Taif

Over the Hada Mountains above Mecca and on the eastern slopes of the Al-Sarawat mountains, lies The City of Taif, the cool and green Summer Capital located in the western part of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. People come here for the weather (much cooler than Jeddah in the summer months), beautiful scenery and the town's relaxed atmosphere.

Driving along the winding roads to escape the steamy heat of Jeddah or entering from the east away from the dry desert climate of the Najd, visitors to Taif are greeted by a fresh, cool breeze as they ascend to the city. Set in a hollow between granite hills rising from the eastern slope of the Hejaz in the southwest region of the Kingdom, this city is a magnet that draws visitors from across Saudi Arabia.

In this day trip will pass by the highlight of this city, by first visiting by the old palaces which was built by the elite. These palaces are now abandoned and not well maintained but still preserve its original design which will give an idea how these palaces look like back in the 1920s

The first one is built by Mohammed Bin Abdul Wahed in 1897, this historic building features a mix of Hejazi and Roman architecture with Islamic flourishes. Last occupied as a residence in 1968, it has been home to Taif's top officials, including King Faisal, when he served as a viceroy of the Hejaz region. The building is now closed and in desperate need of restoration

We will pass by two more palaces which each one has its unique story, it will give you an idea about the history of this region including the famous Shobra House which is a city's museum occupies a beautiful house built in 1905 on the orders of Sharif Ali Pasha. The palace is the most stunning vestige of old Taif, with latticework windows and balconies, and interior marble from Carrara. King Abdul Aziz used to stay here, and the palace was later the residence of King Faisal.

Will visit one of the local farms known to plant and produce Rose. Taif has the right weather to grow roses and it has a dedicated season to celebrate its production. You will have the chance to learn about the origins which goes back to the Ottoman rule in this region when they brought the seeds with them, and you will learn more about how they process it and extract the oil that used in perfumes

At this time will do a quick visit to nearby mountain area named "Al Hada" where the landscape and scenery are different and cloudy due to its altitude. We will stop at few vintage points and enjoy the scenery but beware as baboons might join you! we will pass by the small fruit venders in this area and see different fruit produced in this area including the unique fruit called "Barshomi" which you will have the to try it

we will pass by the old Souq or market. It's the old part of the town, small market offers different types of merchandise including an old bakery which will let you try some treats and enjoy a quick walk before we call it a day and head to Jeddah



Day 11 - Departure



Departure

Today where we say goodbye to beautiful Saudi, we will be dropping you off to the airport according to your flight schedule.

Information & Documents



Entry Requirements

Full vaccination (two doses)

Saudi Visa which can be applied through (<https://www.visitsaudi.com/en>)

Insurance



INCLUSION & EXCLUSION

Inclusion:

- Airport Pick up/Drop off
- Accommodation in 3,4- and 5-stars hotels upon availabilities with BF
- Camp/Guest room for 2 nights in Al Ula (Fully equipped camp site in a farm offers clean facilities and toilets)
- Activities as mentioned and Al Ula tickets including the snorkeling trip
- 2 Lunch
- Local guides and local leader with the group all days
- Private transportation in a Bus/SUV in Tabuk
- VAT 15%

Exclusion:

- International flights
- Visa
- Insurance
- Activities and meals other than mentioned
- Personal expenses