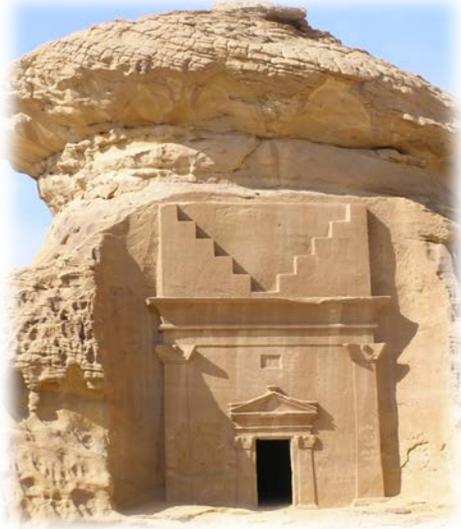




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### Day 01 - Arrive Jeddah

Depart your home country our local agent driver or Guide will meet you and transfer to your hotel for overnight. Dinner will be provided only if you arrive in Jeddah prior to 8:00 pm. **(D)**

### Day 02 – Full Day visit Jeddah

In the morning, visit some of the **old Ottoman houses**, which are mostly constructed from coral and reinforced with wooden beams that crisscross the interior walls. The most beautiful and well known is Baashen and charbatly houses and **Nasif House (*from outside*)**, built in the 1850's by the well-known Nasif Family, one of the most influential trading families in the history of Jeddah. In the 19th and early 20th centuries, the house was one of the most important buildings in Jeddah. It was here that King Abdul Aziz spent his first night in Jeddah as the guest of Mohammed Nasif after he led his victorious army into the capital of the Western Province. Lunch will be at a local restaurant, then continue to the **Corniche of Jeddah** (sea-side promenade), a major attraction that acts as an open-air museum displaying an array of modern sculptures as well as a gathering social place for the locals. Afterwards, visit **Altaybat Int'l City for Sciences and Knowledge**, also known as the **Abdul Rauf Khalil Art Museum**, a very beautiful museum that houses an endless collection of arts, ethnography and archaeology artifacts. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight. **(B,L,D)**

### Day 03 - Jeddah - Abha

Check out from the hotel and visit the colorful **Fish Market** followed by a transfer to the airport for your flight to Abha, capital city of Asir. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel for check-in, then visit the **traditional baskets' market** and the **Muftaha Village Art Gallery**. This evening visit a typical Saudi home for some personal interaction with the local people. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight. **(B,L,D)**

### Day 04 Full Day Abha and Khamis Mushayt if Rejal Alma possible will be included

Asir is a highland province that encompasses the entire southwest Saudi Arabia all the way to the Yemen border. A full day excursion takes you to **Mount Souda**, **Khamis Mushayt**, and **Bin Hamsan Village**. The first stop will be to the top of Mount Souda, located in the Hejaz Mountains ( Rejal Alma will be visited if the cable car is in operation ) continue to Khamis Mushayt an industrial city about 25 km east of Abha. The city's antique silver market is its biggest tourist draw. The last stop will be to Bin Hamsan Traditional Village, located on the outskirts of town. This village is an imaginative development that consists of a stone tower, a museum that is a replica of an Asir home from two decades ago, an auditorium, a traditional restaurant and a gift shop. Dinner at local restaurant or at Bin Hemasan then drive back to your hotel for overnight. **(B,L,D)**

**Day 05 Abha - Al Ula** 

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight to Al Ula, connecting in Jeddah or Riyadh. On arrival, transfer to your Tented camp or your hotel for check-in and lunch. Al Ula is known for its fine example of ancient Arabic architecture and this afternoon, you will visit the **old mud houses**, and the Lion Tombs from outside the magnificent iconic **Elephant Rock**. This whole region witnessed history in the making during the time of Lawrence of Arabia. Return for dinner and overnight at the camp. **(B, L,D)**

**Day 06 Full Day Al Ula** 

Start the day with an excursion to the archaeological site of **Madain Saleh**, known as "Al Hijr" during ancient times and once a stopover on a very prosperous trade route. The cities flourished over a vast area that is now quite isolated, encompassing 2000 sq. meters of relics and tombs. You'll visit the **Nabatean Well, Qasr Al Bint, Diwan Tomb, and Al Farid Palace**. Continue to **Wadi Al Ula**, the gateway to Madain Saleh and known for its Lion Tombs of the Lihyanites - predecessors of the Nabateans (100 to 500 BC). Return to the camp for dinner and overnight. **(B,L,D)**

**Day 07 Al Ula - Al Jouf** 

This morning, drive to Al Jouf via Taima, where you will see the **Haddaj Water Well, Al Hamra Palace, and Radham Fort**. Continue with the drive to **Dowmat Al Jandal**, an ancient stone fortress also known as **Marid Castle**. At 610 meters (2,000 ft) high, this ancient structure was built with stones on a hill that majestically overlooks the old city. In the city, visit **Omar's Mosque**, named after the second Moslem Caliph - Omar Ibn Al Khatab. Arrive in Al Jouf and transfer to your hotel for check-in, dinner and overnight. **(B,L,D)**

**Day 08 Al Jouf - Hail** 

The day begins with a visit to **Sakaka Fort**, situated on high ground overlooking the town of Sakaka from the northwest. It is the center of many legends, but it's widely believed that this fortress was built in the seventh century B.C. Known as **Zaa'bal Fortress** or **Zaa'bal Palace**, mud construction was added to it during the third century AD. Next, visit **Al-Rajajil** - the site of a group of standing stone pillars that date back to the Chalcolithic period. Continue to **Ha'il** via the **Nafud Desert**, stopping en-route at **Jubbah** to see the magnificent rock carvings and petroglyphs showing camels, lions, and other wildlife that existed in this region millennia ago. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel for check-in, dinner and overnight. **(B,L,D)**

**Day 09 Hail – Qassim Uyoon Al Jawa** 

In the morning, view the **Oraif** and **Qishla Forts** "from the outside" (as some of the historical forts might be under renovation), then drive to arrive and Visit Uyoon Al Jawa Mosawgef Souq and Shenana Tower then drive to your hotel for dinner and overnight. **(B,L,D)**

**Day 10 Ushaiger - Shagra - Riyadh** 

Today you'll make the drive to **Ushaiger** one the way to Riyadh a small village located about 200 km northwest of Riyadh. This village is one of the oldest towns in the Saudi region of Najd and was a major stopping point for pilgrims coming from Kuwait, Iraq, and Iran to perform Hajj. Ushaiger historical village was restored to preserve its heritage and contains a museum that displays various relics and pieces from the village. After lunch at a local restaurant, continue to **Shagra** where you'll visit the **old walls**, which were used

to protect the city from attacks. Built in the early 18th century, the walls were still in use up until the mid-20th century. Continue to Riyadh for dinner and overnight at your hotel. **(B,L,D)**

## Day 11 Full Day city of Riyadh



Start your day by visiting **Diriyyah**, one of the most important sites where the history of Al Saud Dynasty began. You'll take a walk through the **old town** to see its ruins including the palace, houses and marketplace. Continue to **Musmak Fort**, which was built during the reign of Abdullah bin Rashid in the year 1895 A.D. Afterwards, explore the **Dira Souq**, then stop for lunch at a local restaurant. Next, visit the **National Museum**, meant to kindle pride in the Arab heritage and reverence for Islam. This national landmark is composed of eight galleries that tell the complete story of Arabian history - from the creation of the universe to our modern era. Continue to visit **Murabba Palace**, one of the most important palaces built by King Abdulaziz in the year 1937 A.D. Built to accommodate his family, it was composed of a number of a smaller palaces, service buildings, and the Royal Diwan. The palace was also built on the local traditional Najid style by only using local building materials. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight. **(B,L,D)**

## Day 12 Riyadh – Al Hafuf



This morning departs to **Al Ahsa / Al Hafuf**, considered the largest oasis in the world. Visit the **Qara Caves**, which consist of calcareous sandstone and sedimentary rock of clay and lime. The **Jabal Al-Qarah Hills** rise about 225 meters (738 ft) above sea level and include a complex set of passageways. The site has iron railings and smooth walkways to allow visitors to safely navigate small portions of the intricate caves. Continue to the 17th century AD **Ottoman Turkish Fort** ( From Outside Only ) and the mosque it houses within its walls built in 1571 A.D. Also, visit **Al Qausaryyah Souq** and the oldest Souq of Hafouf, before transferring to your hotel for check in and overnight. **(B,L,D)**

## Day 13 Al Hafuf – Dammam



Morning, drive to Dammam, to visit the **King Abdulaziz Center for World Culture** “Ithraa”. Afterwards, transfer to your hotel for check in and overnight. **(B,L,D)**

## Day 14 Dammam - departure



Transfer to the airport for your flight back home. **(B)**

