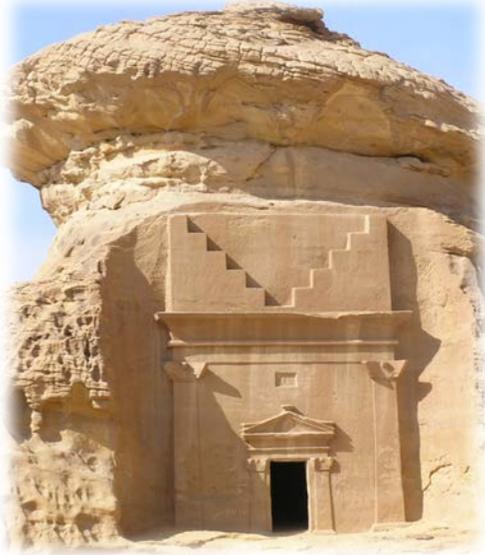




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Though people of various cultures have lived on the Arabian Peninsula over a span of more than 5,000 years, the harsh climate historically prevented much settlement, except in major oases. Most of the great empires of the ancient world traded with the Arabian Kingdoms that commanded the important spice trade routes in the peninsula. The country's main attraction and its hidden treasure is the UNESCO World Heritage site of Madain Saleh. It is considered second only to the famous Petra in Jordan in terms of Nabatean architectural remains. Colorful markets, desert landscapes, coral reefs, rock engravings, ancient monuments, the country has so much to offer to those who choose to venture in it and explore a nation that is seldom exposed to the eyes of the outsiders.

Day 01 – Arrive Riyadh

Arrive at Riyadh international airport from your home country, meet and transfer to your hotel for check in.

Day 02 - Riyadh – Full day

Morning visit to **Diriyah**, one of the most important sites, from where the history of Al Saud Dynasty began. It is situated in the eastern part of the so-called Najd area in the valley known as Wadi Hanifa, **Musmak Fort** and **Dira Souq** one of the most important monuments in important historic landmark in the city of Riyadh. This palace was built during the reign of Abdullah bin Rashid in the year 1895 A.D. as military garrison for his army, which operated under a Governor in Riyadh from Hail. Ibn Saud on the 15th January 1902 captured the fort and start the unification of the Kingdom of Saudi arabia . Lunch at local Restaurant then **National Museum**, a place of learning and discovery, meant to kindle pride in the Arab heritage and reverence for Islam. This national Landmark is composed of eight galleries telling the complete story of Arabian History from the creation of the universe to our modern era, **Murabba Palace** is among the most important palace built by King Abdulaziz in the year 1937 A.D. Built to accommodate his family, the palace was composed of a number of a residential palaces, service buildings and King Abdulaziz Diwan. That same year the King and his family moved in this palace. This palace was built on the local traditional Najid style by using local building material only drive to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 03 - Riyadh Al Ula

Morning drive to airport then fly to AL ULA direct flight or via Madinah or Tabuk arrive visit the Mud Village and then drive to your hotel or tented camp for dinner and overnight.

Day 04 - Full Day Al Ula and Madain Saleh

Full day excursion to archaeological site of **Madain Saleh** visiting **Hijaz Railway Station**, Nabatean Well, Qasr Al Bint, Diwan and Al Farid Palace. Wadi Al Ula, gateway to Madain Saleh is known for its Lion of the Lihyanites - predecessors of the Nabataea's (100 to 500 BC). Madain Saleh was known as "Al Hijr" in the ancient times and served as a stopover on a very prosperous trade route. The cities lie on 9 sq kms in an area of isolation about 845 Km from Jeddah in the northwestern part of the kingdom between Tabouk and Madinah. Dinner and overnight at the hotel **(B,L,D)**

Day 05 - Al Ula – Jeddah

This morning visit Khuraiba elephant rock then take your flight to Jeddah direct or via Madinah or Tabuk arrive transfer and overnight at your hotel **(B,L,D)**



Day 06 – Jeddah - Full day visiting Jeddah

A morning visit to some of the old **Ottoman houses**, mostly constructed from coral and reinforced with wood so that beams criss-cross the interior walls. The most beautiful & well known is **Nasif House**, which was built during the 1850s 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. Then visit **Altaybat Int'l City for Sciences and Knowledge** which is a very beautiful museum that houses endless collections of arts, ethnography, and archaeology artifacts

Day 07 - Jeddah

More visits at Jeddah for open Museum and kingdom tower and drive to Makkah road where the none Muslim sign Drive back to hotel for some refreshment then have dinner and transfer to airport for your flight back home after midnight

Note:

Saudi Arabia is a dry country. Alcohol is absolutely forbidden (as are narcotics and pornographic materials). Dress is modest and women do NOT need to cover their heads but have to wear long gowns (abayas) at all times (which will be provided by the agency in Saudi Arabia). Be advised that you will be fingerprinted and undergo a retinal scan upon arrival in the country. Also be aware that everything in the Kingdom shuts down between noon and 3 pm every day as well as several other times during prayers and often the group will be returned to the hotel for some free time during these periods. In addition, sometimes sites can be closed for no foreseen reasons or authorities can also deny visit of certain places without prior notice and we are not responsible for any such events/acts.

"We reserve the right to change hotels, restaurants or the order of activities if needed"