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10 DAYS



Jewels of Saudi Arabia



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DAY 1 DEPART FOR RIYADH, SAUDI ARABIA

Depart for Riyadh, the capital of Saudi Arabia.

DAY 2 RIYADH (2N)

(L, D)

Riyadh city tour.

Step back in time and view the old city of **Diriyah**. It is where the Saudi Dynasty began and you will see beautiful examples of traditional Najdi architecture.

Dira Souq is famous for its variety of old copper and brass objects including silver daggers, silver Bedouins Jewelry and dresses. Dira Souq is worth buying antique carpets and other useful Saudi heritage antiques.

Musmak Fort is one of the most important monuments in Saudi Arabia from where the modern Saudi History begins. It is an 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.

Afternoon visit **National Museum** followed by visit to **Kingdom Tower Sky Bridge** for a panoramic view of Riyadh.

DAY 3 USHAIGER HERITAGE VILLAGE

(B, L, D)

Ushaiger Heritage Village Excursion

A stunning example of traditional Najdi architecture, that was once a stopping point on the Hajj pilgrim route. Visit one of the village's heritage museums and wander through the Ushaiger's warren of shaded winding alleys where you'll find many fine examples of traditional mudbrick buildings and also the traditional market. Feast at a traditional lunch.

DAY 4 RIYADH – ABHA (2N)

(B, D)

Abha Experience I

Domestic flight to **Abha**, in the mountainous region near the Red Sea in southwest Saudi Arabia.

Proceed to **Al-Muftaha** district which has a traditional market where we shop for different kinds of crafts. The Muftaha Village that was in a state of neglect was re-built based on inspirations from Asir's heritage and culture.

Enjoy a **cable car ride on Green Mountain**. A trip to Abha wouldn't be complete without a ride on the town's iconic cable cars, with panoramic views of the surrounding.

DAY 5 ABHA

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Abha Experience II

The UNESCO World Heritage Site of **Rijal Almaa** is famous for its multi-story Yemen-styled stone buildings clustered on a hillside. Explore peaceful lanes, visit the local museums that are housed in several of the "forts"

Visit **Jabal Sawda** which is the highest point in Saudi Arabia. It is 3,000 meters above sea level. Then we will visit **El Sahab Park**. The literal translation of 'Sahab' is 'cloud'. And that's what this place is. You will have a chance to walk into clouds Cornish.

Continue to the 400-years-old "hanging village" of **Habala**, dramatically located part the way down a sheer cliff.

Visit the traditional village of **Tamniah** and one of the most fascinating of **Asir's heritage museum**.

DAY 6 ABHA – AL ULA (2N)

(B, D)

*The oasis of **Al Ula** has been called one of the world's great natural masterpieces. This historical rich valley at the crossroads of the Silk Road and the Incense Route is one of the world's largest living museums and is a place of extraordinary beauty.*

Flight to Al Ula. Enjoy dinner At **MIRAYA Concert Hall**. Exterior visit of the giant mirrored cube that is the **Miraya Concert Hall**. This spectacular 500-seat venue that reflects the surrounding desertscape and is the largest mirror-clad building in the world.)

DAY 7 AL ULA

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Al Ula Exploration

Drive to **Herga** (formerly known as **Madain Saleh**). Start from the **Railway Station on the Ottoman built Hijaz Railway** where you will see a German-built steam locomotive and numerous buildings that date to the early 20th century.

Continue to the archaeological site of **Dadan** to see the famous **Lion Tombs** that are chiselled into the cliff-face & **Jabal Ikmah** to see the rock-art that tells the stories of travellers that have passed by the spot for millennia.

Built by the Nabatean Arabs, Herga is set in a spectacular desert landscape studded with sandstone monoliths. While many people have heard of Nabatean capital, Petra in Jordan, Madain Saleh, the Nabateans' second-largest city and a **Unesco World Heritage Site**, remains relatively unknown. Once a thriving city along the ancient spice route, it played a crucial role in building a trade empire. But today its monumental stone-hewn tombs are some of the last, and best preserved, remains of a lost kingdom.

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Explore **Al Ula Old Town** for gift shopping.

Elephant Rock, where you will sit back to enjoy the sight of Al Ula's most famous geological rock formations and the magnificent **Madakhil Desert** and the great span of the **Madakhil Rock Arch** (also known as Rainbow Arch). The bridge shaped structure resembles a rainbow flanked by two clouds.

Drive to **Hurat Alouird** for amazing views of Al Ula city from the top of the highest mountain.

DAY 8 AL ULA – MADINAH – JEDDAH (1N)

(B, L, D)

Madinah Highlights

Drive to Madinah. Enroute, visit the early battlefield site of **Jabal Uhud**, viewing the **Qiblatain Mosque**, seeing the location of the "**Battle of the Trench**".

A highlight of your Medina experience will be the vast **Al-Masjid an-Nabawi (Prophet's Mosque)**, a major Islamic pilgrimage site. Exterior view the mosque. Its striking Green Dome rises above the tombs of the Prophet Muhammad and early Islamic leaders Abu Bakr and Umar. The Masjid al-Qiblatain (Qiblatain Mosque) is known as the site where the Prophet Muhammad received the command to change the direction of prayer to Mecca.

Transfer to **Medina Railway Station** from where you will travel to **Jeddah** - the "bride of the Red Sea", a historic city that for centuries has been a gateway of annual Hajj pilgrimage.

DAY 9 DEPART JEDDAH

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Jeddah Discovery

Walking tour of the **Old Town of Al-Balad** with its houses which are constructed from coral and reinforced with wood. Visit **Naseef House** which was built during the 1850's by the well known Nassef family. Its' importance being that King Abdul Aziz spent his first night in Jeddah after he led his victorious army into the capital.

We will then head to Jeddah's famous fish market for lunch. In the afternoon, view **Sharbatly House**, **sections of the Jeddah Wall**, **The Al Rahmah Floating Mosque**, this single domed architectural marvel that sits literally on the sea. Continue to the **Jeddah Corniche** located along the Red Sea, the corniche features a coastal road, recreation areas, pavilions and large-scale civic sculptures as well as **King Fahd's Fountain**, the highest fountain in the world.

Transfer to airport for flight home.

DAY 10 ARRIVE HOME