

10D7N EXPLORE SAUDI ARABIA

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COUNTRY FOCUSED

Saudi Arabia, also known as a secretive kingdom, is a land full of wonders and abundant natural beauty - take in its mountainous landscapes and sculpted sand dunes in all its golden glory!



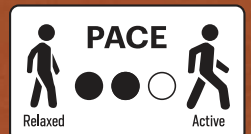
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ELEPHANT ROCK NEAR AL ULA SAUDI ARABIA



Whisper
System



Relaxed

PACE



Active

HIGHLIGHTS

JEDDAH

- Al-Balad
- Beit Nassif
- Abdul Raouf Khalil Museum
- Jeddah Corniche

TAIF

- The Rashid Husain Al Qorashei Rose Farm and Factory
- Strawberry Plantation Farm
- cable car ride
- Ah Hada Mountain
- Taif's central market

MEDINA

- Prophet's Mosque
- The Al Bagee
- Uhud Battlefield and The Trench Battlefield
- Dar Al Medina Museum

ALULA

- Elephant Rock
- Hegra Heritage Site
- Dadan & Jabal Iqmah

HAIL

- A'Arif Fort

JUBBAH

- Rock Carving Site

USHAIGER

- Ushaiger Heritage Village

RIYADH

- Kingdom Center
- Sky Bridge
- Masmak Fortress
- Al Zal traditional Flee Market & Dira Souq National Museum

AL AHSA

- Palm Oasis
- Princes School
- Al-Qarah Mountain



DELICACIES

Meal Plan

7 Breakfasts, 8 Lunches, 7 Dinners

4★ HOTELS

JEDDAH Holiday In Gateway

MEDINA Le Meirdien

ALULA Sahary AlULA

HAIL Holiday Villa

RIYADH Centro Waha

*Note: Hotels subject to final confirmation. Should there be changes, customers will be offered similar accommodations as stated in this list.



01 HOME ▶ JEDDAH

Meals on Board

Assemble at the airport for your flight to **Jeddah**, city is known as the "Bride of the Red Sea" and one of the most beautiful cities in Saudi Arabia.

02 JEDDAH

Lunch, Dinner

Start the day off with a visit to Jeddah's historical downtown area **Al-Balad** which is the historical area well known as the "Old Town", where many of the oldest families used to live and work. It boasts of old buildings, a traditional souk and many restaurants. While visiting Al-Balad, you will be taken to see **Beit Nassif**, one of the prominent structures in the old city dating back to the mid 1800's. The five-story building provides a rare opportunity for the visitors to experience the blend of traditional architecture with modernity. Next up, we shall visit the famous **Floating Mosque**, the Al Rahma Mosque, which is amongst the most prominent mosques and the local landmarks in Jeddah. Also known as Fatima Al-Zahra Mosque, it is present on the northern tip of Jeddah's waterfront and covers a massive area of 2,400 m². Thereafter, visit one of the most famous ancient museums of Jeddah, **Abdul Raouf Khalil Museum** that showcases 2,500-year-old history of the city. Displaying the history of the pre-Islamic era, pre-modern civilisations, and the rich Islamic cultural heritage, it exhibits ancient archaeological collections related to Saudi heritage and Ottoman Empire. Take a stroll along the **Jeddah Corniche**, the shore of the Red Sea, where the corniche features a coastal road, recreation areas, pavilions, and large-scale civic sculptures for all to enjoy and take pictures.

03 JEDDAH ▶ TAIF ▶ JEDDAH

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Heading towards **Taif**, a city and governorate in the Makkah Province of Saudi Arabia. Taif is often dubbed the "City of Roses". Visit **The Rashid Husain Al Qorashei Rose Farm and Factory**, a famous spot for seeing rose perfumes being made. Make a stop at the popular local **Strawberry Plantation Farm** located in Al-Hada area producing high-quality strawberries and strawberry-made products. Experience Saudi's longest **cable car ride** to descend from **Ah Hada Mountain**. A serpentine road

sweeping elegantly down the mountainside, as do ancient zig-zagging camel trails and passing through the old pedestrian road towards the tourist village of Alkar at the bottom of the mountain. **Taif's central market** is a labyrinth of narrow alleys, which snake through sand-coloured buildings to peaceful plazas. Laid out in themed areas, explore sections devoted to rich local honey, perfume, Islamic clothing, and jewellery. Head back to Jeddah for dinner in the hotel.



HERITAGE VILLAGES, USHAIGER,

04 JEDDAH ▶ MEDINA

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

After breakfast, depart via a high-speed train to **Medinah**. Start your visit with a **Medinah** city tour and prepare to be amazed by the city's most stunning architecture. Drive along and marvel the striking **Prophet's Mosque**; one of the most dominating buildings along Al Madinah's skyline. Continue along to the **Al Baqee**, a cemetery famous for being the resting place of Islamic Prophet Mohammed's many relatives and companions. Explore the sights along the Red Route, including the **Uhud Battlefield and The Trench Battlefield**. Both locations are known for where two of the Muslim Army's biggest battles have taken place. Visit **Dar Al Medina Museum**, which focuses on the history of Medina and its role during the post-Hijrah Muslim period. The museum exhibits around 2,000 exhibits that capture the heritage and culture of al-Madinah and document the landscape, the people and how it has been shaped over the years.

05 MEDINA ▶ ALULA

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

This morning heads to Alula, nestled within the Wadi Al-Qura in the heart of the region. Visit **Elephant Rock**, this spectacular rock formation resembles an elephant with its trunk touching

the ground, is one of Alula's geomorphological wonders and one of Alula iconic landmarks. Visit **Hegra Heritage Site**, the first World Heritage property to be inscribed in Saudi Arabia and the largest conserved site of the civilization of the Nabataeans south of Petra in Jordan. It features well-preserved monumental tombs with decorated facades dating from the 1st century BC to the 1st century AD. Proceed to **Dadan & Jabal Iqmah**, a mountain near to the ancient city of Dadan, the capital of Dadanite and Lihyanite Kingdoms, which has been described as a huge open-air library.



AL-BALAD

06 ALULA ▶ HAIL ▶ JUBBAH ▶ HAIL

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Kick off to **Hail**, capital of the eponymous province, is located in the center of northern Arabian Peninsula on the eastern side of the massive Jibal Aga and at the fringe of the vast desert of the Rub' Al-Khali. Visit the **A'arif Fort** and the nearby heritage museum before taking a walk at the traditional market where we will find the local delicacies. Continue, our journey next to **Jubbah** that lies on an ancient lake. Several archaeological sites of human settlement from the Middle Paleolithic period were found around the margin of the paleolake. Jubbah is also the most important **Rock Carving Site** in Saudi Arabia. There are copious rock arts that still endure till today, illustrating strange secret codes, images and pictures that are left by the nomadic and other ethnic groups who had once colonized this area.

07 HAIL ▶ USHAIGER ▶ RIYADH

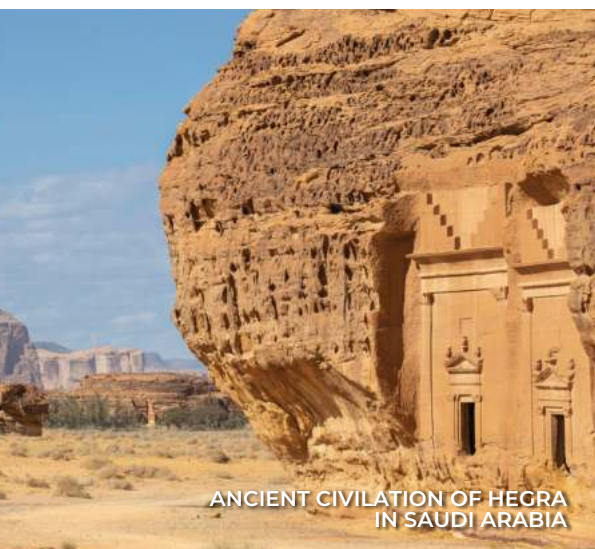
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

After breakfast, head off to **Ushaiger** which is one of the oldest towns in the Saudi region of Najd and a major stopping point for pilgrims. Pay a visit to the

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ANCIENT CIVILIZATION OF HEGRA IN SAUDI ARABIA

Ushaiger heritage village, takes a stroll along the shaded and charming pathways that meander between the 400 mud houses and 25 mosques the village hosts. Some of the houses that still today carry the name of the family that lived in them were renovated. Drives back to Riyadh city. Upon arrival, take the high-speed lift to the 99th floor of the iconic **Kingdom Center** for access to Riyadh's best urban panorama. Suspended 300 meters above the city, the tower's curved **Sky Bridge** offers spectacular views across the Riyadh skyline. End of the day, have some free time shopping in **Kingdom Mall** and is one of the unique and distinctive landmarks of the city of Riyadh.

08 RIYADH ▶ AL AHSA ▶ RIYADH

Breakfast, Lunch, Chinese Dinner
After breakfast, transfer to Riyadh train station for a trip to Hofuf Al Asha Oasis (2.5h by Train). Visit the UNESCO World Heritage site **Al Asha**, the city known as the home to one of the world's largest natural Oasis. Drive around **Palm Oasis**, which is not just palm oasis but also its own civilization, culture, mountains, and people providing the city with a unique identity. Visit the **Princes School**, the oldest public school in Saudi Arabia and linked to the history and accomplishments of King Abdulaziz Al Saud. Move towards **Al-Qarah Mountain**, located to the east of Al-Ahsa, a major tourism attraction and natural and historical landmark in the Kingdom. You may scale this limestone mesa and will be able to hear the latter while witnessing the lush green impact of the former. Recently, Al-Ahsa Oasis has been nominated as one of the seven wonders of the world. Thereafter, tuck-up your dinner at the local restaurant before your train journey back to Riyadh.

09 RIYADH ▶ HOME

Breakfast, Lunch
Start our tour today with a visit to the **Masmak Fortress** who was built using mud and clay and is an incredible structure with a huge wall. This large fortress is

Service Fee Guideline: (based on 10D7N)

- USD120 per person

Notes:

- A minimum group size of 15 passengers is required for a confirmed departure.
- The sequence of the itinerary, flight schedules and hotels are subject to change without prior notice in the event of unforeseen circumstances.
- Activities are subject to prevailing weather conditions.
- During major events, accommodation may be relocated without prior notice.

historically significant as it has witnessed the Battle of Riyadh, where Al Saud gained control over Riyadh. Continue to **Al Zal traditional Flee Market & Dira Souq**, a treasure trove of traditional Eastern artefacts, the souk is one of the major tourist attractions. While entering from the main access, one always gets to smell sandalwood fragrance. Dira Souq is worth buying antique carpets and other useful Saudi heritage antiques. Thereafter, visit **National Museum** followed by visit to UNESCO Heritage Site of historical Diriyah (view from outside). Thereafter, transfer to the airport for your flight home.

10 HOME SWEET HOME

We hope you enjoyed your vacation with our company. We look forward to seeing you again for your next trip.