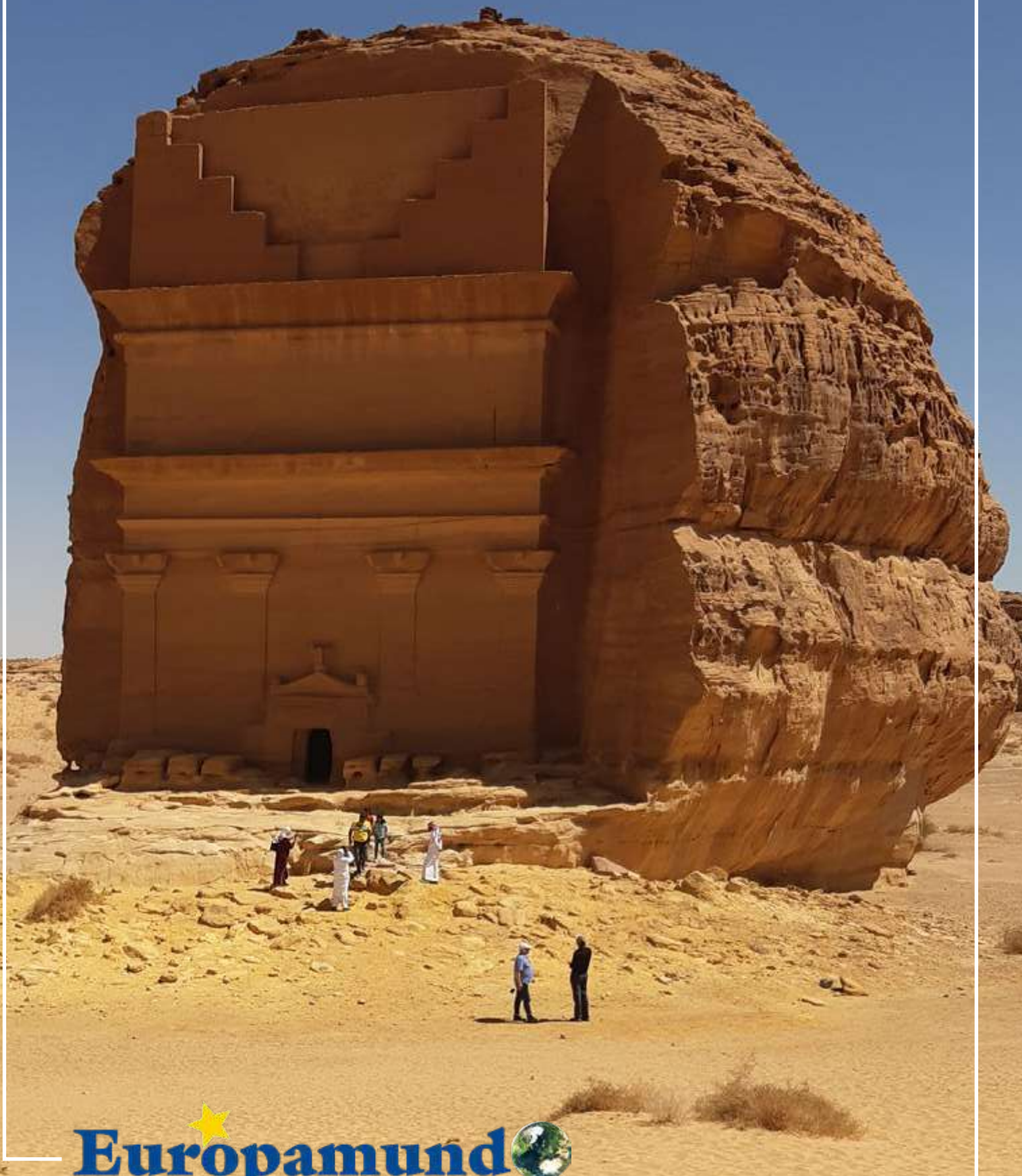


Saudi Arabia





Saudi arabia: a fascinating destination welcomes you

Saudi Arabia, its name evokes our mind. Although you may not have visited it before, if you think of Arabia you get images of **immense deserts** covered with **dunes**, traveled by **caravans of Bedouins**, **holy cities** with grandiose **mosques**, smells of incense, **bazaars** full of life, millions of **pilgrims** traveling to Mecca over the centuries, modern **metropolises** and **oases** with thousands of **palm trees**, **adobe villages** frozen in time and **camel markets**, **Lawrence of Arabia** and oil fields, **warm seas**, delicious **flavors** of its gastronomy completed with an **aromatic tea** or perhaps **Arabica coffee**.

Saudi Arabia is destined to be one of the great tourist destinations of the future; driven by multiple plans of the government that is investing – like nowhere else in the world – to recover/restore/beautify its incredible heritage.

We recommend you to travel, fast, now! **You can still enjoy a unique, authentic, different, non-crowded destination.** Some places, such as Al-Ula, will soon be iconic places of tourism. **Travel now! Before there are millions of people every year crying tears of emotion visiting these lands.**

The Arabian peninsula, located in the center of the world, a short distance from the greatest civilizations that have developed on our planet and that have somehow influenced its culture over the centuries (Egypt / Mesopotamian cultures / Mediterranean civilizations / Persian / Ottoman Empire / Nabataeans or the mythical kingdom of Saba, among others... and not so far the infinite peninsula of Hindustan).



live the experience! Awake
the five senses! Saudi
Arabia awaits you!

Saudi Arabia

- A country that underwent **a rapid process of change** these recent years, will be unrecognizable in its tourist, economic and social transformations in 2030.
 - The country **where the prophet Muhammad was born** (in the year 571), preaching the Islam religion. Currently **1800 million people practice the Muslim religion**, all of them, 5 times a day, look towards Mecca for their prayers.
 - A country that houses the two holy cities of Islam: **Mecca and Medina** (the third holy city in Islam is Jerusalem) and that every year receives almost 15 million pilgrims who fulfill one of the five pillars of the religion that every good Muslim must fulfill: the **profession of faith, prayer five times a day, alms, fasting during the month of Ramadan and pilgrimage to Mecca**
 - **A surprising culture, origin of the Arabic language** - spoken by over 300 million inhabitants.
 - A country with **just over two million square kilometers** (similar to Mexico in extension) inhabited by about 35 million people.
 - A highly developed country, one of the **twenty largest economies** on the planet (part of "The Group of 20").
 - **A country of great contrasts.** Did you know that its summits are covered with snow and that Saudi Arabia has been chosen to host the Asian Winter Games 2029?.
 - **Tradition and modernity.** Thriving cities and adobe towns, camel caravans and high-speed trains.
 - **A country determined to be at the forefront of the world.** Did you hear about Neon? Construction has already begun on this city of the future, linear, ecological, over 400 kilometers long, revolutionizing the concept of the cities of tomorrow.
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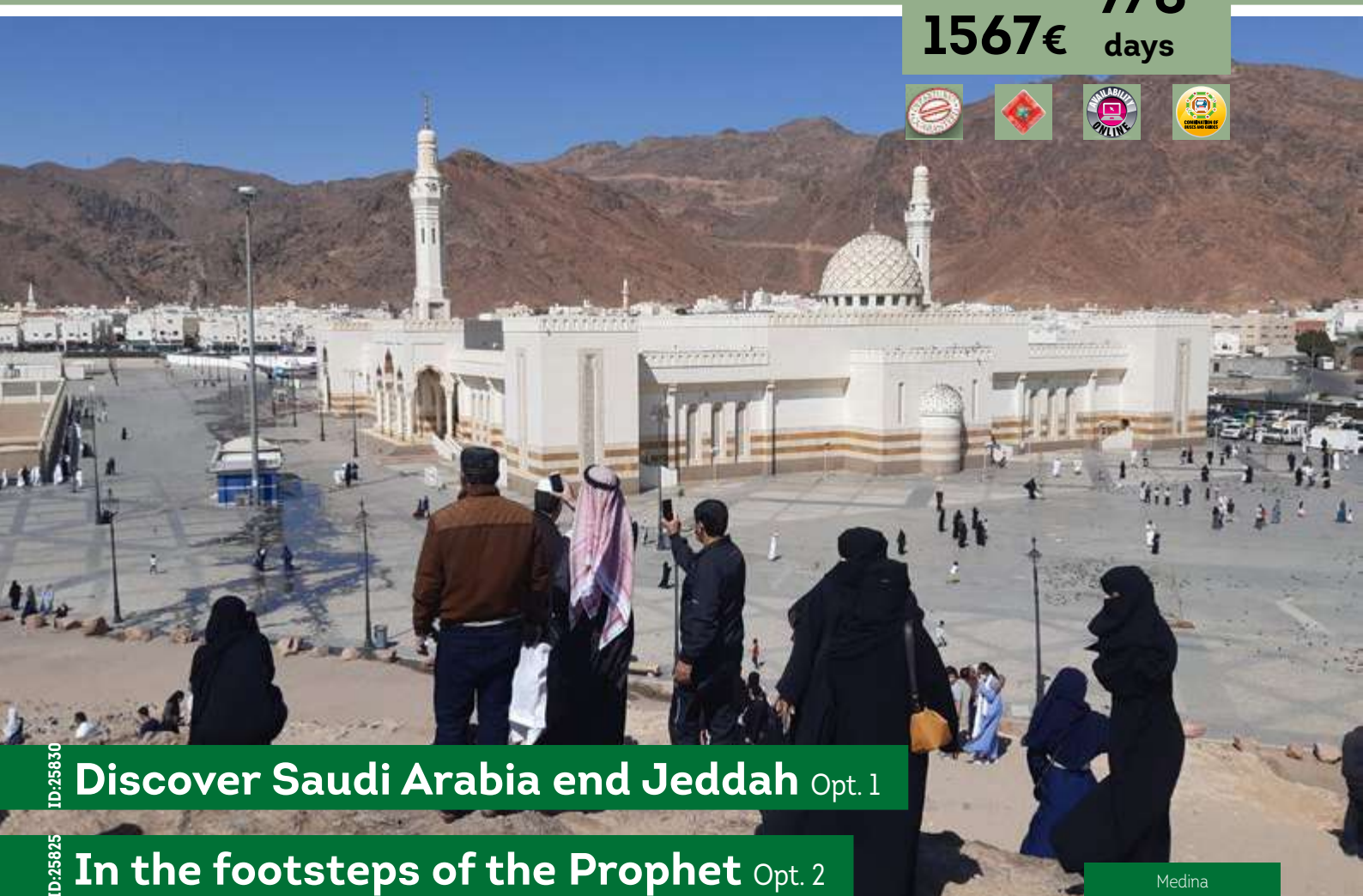
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(OPT. 1) DISCOVER SAUDI ARABIA END JEDDAH 01 THU. Riyadh.-

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In the afternoon we will move to the district of Al Turaif **DIRIYA**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This place - on the outskirts of Riyadh - was formerly the first capital of the Saudi dynasty, which we will be able to discover thanks to the vestiges of its numerous palaces and the urban complex at the edge of the oasis of Ad-Diriya.

At the end of the day, we will visit the **Al Rajhi Mosque**, the largest mosque in Riyadh with its Andalusian style architecture, where we will witness a prayer and have an introduction to Islam that will surely make us learn something about this religion. Return to hotel.

03 SAT. Riyadh - Al Qasab - Shaqra - Ushaiqer - Buraydah.-

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Kingdom Centre Tower

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depending on the time of the year- and we will be able to taste this sweet fruit of the palm tree. Afterwards, we will have time to stroll through the city center, with its vegetable market, its great mosque, its jewelry souks and its activity. **Lunch included.**

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In the afternoon we travel to **JEDDAH**, on the shores of the Red Sea, the second largest city in the country, with four million inhabitants. In the evening we will take a walk through its **historic center**, declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, with its impressive set of medieval alleys and houses made of coral and wooden balconies.

06 TUE. Jeddah.-

Full day in Jeddah. With a local guide we will visit this city that will surprise us by its contrasts. At this time, a large part of the city is

being rebuilt to make it a great world megalopolis. Among others, the construction of the Jeddah Tower, which will be the tallest building in the world with more than a thousand meters high, stands out. We will follow the Corniche, with its beautiful views, its mosques by the sea and its recreational areas. We will contemplate the King Fahd Fountain, the highest of its kind in the world, its water jets reach more than 300 meters high. We will stop at the lively and picturesque fish market. We will include the entrance to "**Tabeyat International city**" an architectural complex of great beauty with its very interesting museums of history and ethnography. We will then visit the historical center, entering through Bab Makkah - the most important gate of Jeddah - and we will also pass by the cemetery of Eve, where tradition says that Eve, Adam's wife and the first woman of humanity according to the bible, was buried. Free afternoon. We recommend a stroll through its traditional souks or its huge shopping malls.

07 WED. Jeddah.-

After breakfast, end of our services.

(OPT. 2) IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE PROPHET DAYS 1 - 6 AS IN OPT. 1

07 WED. Jeddah-Mecca- Al Hada - Taif.-

Important Note: Mecca is a city that is not accessible to non-Muslim tourists. If you are Muslim, if you wish, we can adapt our program so that you can visit it (you will stay in Taif with the rest of the members of the group and the visit of the remaining points of the day will not be included). In this case, there will be a supplement that will depend on the number of travelers who can and wish to visit Mecca.

Today we travel to Taif, a city in the province of Mecca (city not authorized for non-Muslim travelers). This city, located at almost 2000 meters above sea level, is popular for its mild climate, so every summer the Saudi Government moves to this point -not as hot as Riyadh-. The route, up the mountain, is spectacular in scenery. We will stop at **AL HADA**, with its tourist market, great views and rose fields. **Lunch included.**

TAIF, this popular city with very modern shopping malls and great amusement parks, has numerous rose gardens. On the outskirts of the city of Qadeera, we will visit the **King Faisal Park**, which hosts an annual rose festival, and experience the roses used to make local perfumes. In this city 300 million roses are produced annually in more than 900 farms. **We will visit a rose oil factory -Attar-**. We will also stroll through the central market, with



its maze of narrow streets and its different areas (honey, perfumes, jewelry...). In the evening we will go to the modern shopping mall district where you will have time to dine in one of its many restaurants of all kinds of cuisines.

08 THU. Taif- Riyadh.-

After breakfast, transfer to the airport and flight to Riyadh. End of our services.

Note: Check the time of your flight in case you need an additional night. In this case, the airport transfer to the hotel is not included and will be billed.



Expected Hotels

See the hotels provided for this trip in the final part of the brochure and on the website's "**My Trip**" page.



Price Includes

- **General Services:** Travel by bus with Spanish and English speaking guide, basic travel insurance and breakfast buffet.
- **Includes arrival transfer**
- **Includes departure transfer**
- **City tour in:** Riyadh, Medina, Jeddah.
- **Evening Transfer:** Boulevard Riyadh in Riyadh, Historic centre in Jeddah.
- **Experiences:** Kingdom Centre Tower and introduction to Islam in Al Rajhi mosque in Riyadh, Camel Market and date tasting experience in Buraydah.
- **Ticket admission:** Boulevard Riyadh, National Museum, Masmak Fortress and Al Rajhi Mosque in Riyadh, Ushaiquer Heritage Village, Tabeyat International City in Jeddah.
- **5 Lunch or Dinner Included in:** Riyadh, Ushaiquer, Buraydah, Medina, Medina

(Additional services Opt. 2)

- **Experiences:** Rose factory-Attar in Taif.
- **Ticket admission:** King Faisal park.
- **Flights included:** Taif/ Riyadh.
- **1 Lunch or Dinner Included in:** Al Hada





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AL-'ULA

(OPT. 1) SAUDI ARABIA CHARMS

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05 MON. Medina - Al-'Ula.-

Note: The Al-'Ula region is one of the most beautiful areas in the world, however its hotel infrastructure is extremely limited. On some occasions we will spend two nights in Medina (visiting in this case in the afternoon the Al Madinah Museum) leaving very early for Al-'Ula on Tuesday.

We will explore Medina. We will walk around the immense **Prophet's Mosque** (Al Masjid an Nabawi), an amazing and luminous mosque of ten minarets with a capacity for one million visitors. On the **hill of UHUD**, an important pilgrimage site, where the prophet's forces clashed with Meccan troops. You can walk through its vast esplanade and climb the hill but remember to do so in silence and respecting the hundreds of pilgrims surrounding us at any given time. At the **Mosque of Quba**, in the year 622, the prophet and his followers laid the first stone of what was to be the first mosque in history, although the present building is more recent. We will also stroll through the nearby market where you can find dates, perfumes, and other local specialties. **Lunch included.** After lunch we will have some free time in the city center to stroll around the shopping areas or -if you wish- visit the Hejaz Railway Museum (in the former Ottoman railway station).

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06 TUE. Al-'Ula - Tabuk.-

In the region of Al-'Ula we will visit the enclosure of **HEGRA (Madain Saleh)**, declared World Heritage by UNESCO, of Nabataean culture "the Other Petra" amazes us with its tombs excavated in the rock in a desert environment full

of mystery. **Lunch included.** We will have free time in "**Al-'Ula Heritage Village**", the old Al-'Ula, magnificently restored with its pleasant restaurants and shops. We will also have some time to walk in the magnificent **Oasis**. In the middle of the afternoon, we will leave for **TABUK**. **Dinner included.**

07 WED. Tabuk.-

We visit Tabuk, a city over half a million inhabitants, active provincial capital and one of the oldest cities in the country. We will visit the castle whose origin is 3500 years before Christ, and inside it, a museum tells the history of the castle and the city, from the great explorers who visited it, such as Ibn Battuta, to the pilgrims who stopped to drink from the fountains on their way to Mecca or Medina. After the castle we walk through the active commercial area of the center and we reach the **old train station**, today a museum that preserves the steam machines that connected Damascus with Medina.

End of the tour. Check the time of your flight in case you need an additional night.

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After the visit of Tabuk transfer to the airport. We include **flight to JEDDAH**, the second city in the country, with four million inhabitants, on the shore of the Red Sea. Transfer to your hotel and free time.

08 THU. Jeddah.-

Full day in Jeddah, with our local guide we will visit the city. We will be surprised by its contrasts, currently a large part of the city is being rebuilt to make it a great world megalopolis, highlights the construction of the Jeddah Tower that will be the tallest building in the world with over a thousand meters high. We will follow the Corniche, with its beautiful views, its mosques by the sea and its recreational areas; we will contemplate the



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09 FRI. Jeddah.-

After breakfast, end of our services.



Expected Hotels

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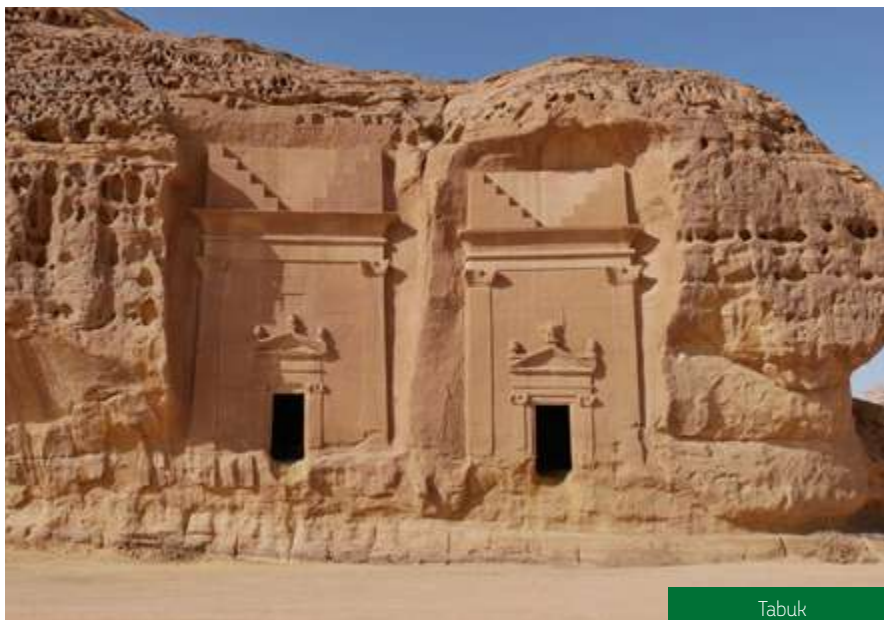


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(Additional services Opt. 2)

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- **Ticket admission:** Tabeyat International City in Jeddah.
- **Flights included:** Tabuk/ Jeddah.



Tabuk



DEPARTURES DATES EVERY TWO WEEKS ON TUESDAYS

From
1702€ **7/9**
days



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Palm trees and swords Opt. 1

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Saudi Arabia, the jewel of the desert Opt. 2

AL HOFUF

(OPT. 1) PALM TREES AND SWORDS

01 TUE. **Riyadh.-**

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02 WED. **Riyadh- Dammam - Al-Hofuf.-**

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Mid-afternoon continuation to the **oasis of AL-AHSA**, declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. Arrival at **AL-HOFUF**, the main city of the oasis. We will take a night walk through the **King Abdullah Park**, a pleasant park where its artificial lake and the fountains that dance to the rhythm of the music are a stand out.

03 THU. **Al-Hofuf- Riyadh.-**

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temperature is around 25 degrees. We also visit its museum "land of civilizations" that describes the history of the area. **Lunch included.**

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04 FRI. **Riyadh.-**

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vestiges of its numerous palaces and the urban complex at the edge of the oasis of Ad-Diriya.

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06 SUN. **Buraydah - Medina.-**

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Jeddah

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Lunch included.

In the afternoon, we continue our route by an excellent highway through the desert. Arrival in the evening to the holy city of **MEDINA**, "the luminous city". We find ourselves in an outstanding historical and religious destination as it is one of the two most sacred cities of Islam. Medina is visited by millions of pilgrims every year and has been forbidden to non-Muslims until very recently. Respect its inhabitants and beliefs and remember to use the required mode of dress. In the evening, we will go to see - today from outside - the **Al Masjid Mosque**, built by the prophet himself and the place where he is buried. We will be touched to see the thousands of people who enter at prayer time. **Dinner included.**

07 MON. Medina.-

We will **explore Medina**. We will walk around the immense Prophet's Mosque (Al Masjid an Nabawi), an amazing and luminous mosque of 10 minarets with a capacity for one million visitors. On the **hill of UHUD**, an important pilgrimage site, the prophet's forces clashed with Meccan troops. You can walk through its vast esplanade and climb the hill, but remember to do so in silence and respecting the hundreds of pilgrims who will surround us any day. At the **Quba Mosque**, in the year 622, the prophet and his followers laid the first stone of what was to be the first mosque in history, although the present building is more recent. We will also stroll through the nearby market where you can find dates, perfumes and other local specialties. **Lunch included.** After lunch we will have some free time in the city center to stroll around the shopping areas or -if you wish- visit the Hejaz Railway Museum (in the former Ottoman railway station).

End of our services. Check your flight time in case you need an extra night.

(Opt. 2) Saudi Arabia, the jewel of the desert Days 1 - 6 as in Opt. 1

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08 TUE. Jeddah.-

Full day in Jeddah. With a local guide we will visit this city that will surprise us by its contrasts. At this time, a large part of the city is being rebuilt to make it a great world metropolis. Among others, the construction of the Jeddah Tower, which will be the tallest building in the world with more than a thousand meters high, stands out. We will follow the Corniche, with its beautiful views, its mosques by the sea and its recreational areas. We will contemplate the King Fahd Fountain, the highest of its kind in the world, its water jets reach more than 300 meters high. We will stop at the lively and picturesque fish market. We will include the entrance to **"Tabeyat International city"** an architectural complex of great beauty with its very interesting museums of history and ethnography. We will then visit the historical center, entering through Bab Makkah - the most important gate of Jeddah - and we will also pass by the cemetery of Eve, where tradition says that Eve, Adam's wife and the first woman of humanity according to the bible, was buried. Free afternoon. We recommend a stroll through its traditional souks or its huge shopping malls.

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From **9/11**
2450€ days



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Salam Aleikum Arabia Opt. 1

Arabian mysteries Opt. 2

Medina

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07 MON. Medina - Al-'Ula.-

Note: The Al-'Ula region is one of the most beautiful areas in the world, however its hotel infrastructure is extremely limited. On some occasions we will spend two nights in Medina (visiting in this case in the afternoon the Al Madinah Museum) leaving very early for Al-'Ula on Tuesday.

We will explore Medina. We will walk around the immense **Prophet's Mosque** (Al Masjid an Nabawi), an amazing and luminous mosque of ten minarets with a capacity for one million visitors. On the **hill of UHUD**, an important pilgrimage site, where the prophet's forces clashed with Meccan troops. You can walk through its vast esplanade and climb the hill but remember to do so in silence and respecting the hundreds of pilgrims surrounding us at any given time. At the **Mosque of Quba**, in the year 622, the prophet and his followers laid the first stone of what was to be the first mosque in history, although the present building is more recent. We will also stroll through the nearby market where you can find dates, perfumes, and other local specialties. **Lunch included.** After lunch we will have some free time in the city center to stroll around the shopping areas or -if you wish- visit the Hejaz Railway Museum (in the former Ottoman railway station).

In the afternoon we travel to one of the most spectacular places in the world: The region and oasis of **AL-'ULA**: an authentic open-air museum surrounded by nature, where you will find rock formations, canyons and ravines that compete with the majestic treasures carved by its ancient inhabitants. After arrival we will go to **The Elephant Rock**, "Jabal Al Fil" an impressive geomorphological phenomenon, a 52 meters high rock in the shape of an Elephant. **Dinner included.**

08 TUE. Al-'Ula - Tabuk.-

In the region of Al-'Ula we will visit the enclosure of **HEGRA (Madain Saleh)**, declared World Heritage by UNESCO, of Nabataean culture "the Other Petra" amazes us with its tombs excavated in the rock in a desert environment full of mystery. **Lunch included.** We will have free time in "**Al-'Ula Heritage Village**", the old Al-'Ula, magnificently restored with its pleasant restaurants and shops. We will also have some time to walk in the magnificent **Oasis**. In the middle of the afternoon, we will leave for **TABUK**. **Dinner included.**

09 WED. Tabuk.-

We visit Tabuk, a city over half a million inhabitants, active provincial capital and one of the oldest cities in the country. We will visit the castle whose origin is 3500 years before Christ, and inside it, a museum tells the history of the castle and the city, from the great explorers who visited it, such as Ibn Battuta, to the pilgrims who stopped to drink from the fountains on their way to Mecca or Medina. After the castle we walk through the active commercial area of the center and we reach the **old train station**, today a museum that preserves the steam machines that connected Damascus with Medina.

End of the tour. Check the time of your flight in case you need an additional night.



AL ULA

(Opt. 2) Arabian mysteries Days 1 - 8 as in Opt. 1

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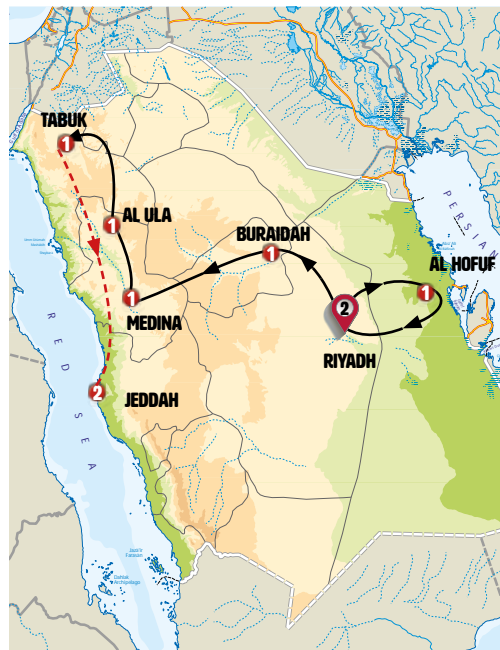
After the visit of Tabuk transfer to the airport. We include **flight to JEDDAH**, the second city in the country, with four million inhabitants, on the shore of the Red Sea. Transfer to your hotel and free time.

10 THU. Jeddah.-

Full day in Jeddah, with our local guide we will visit the city. We will be surprised by its contrasts, currently a large part of the city is being rebuilt to make it a great world megalopolis, highlights the construction of the Jeddah Tower that will be the tallest building in the world with over a thousand meters high. We will follow the Corniche, with its beautiful views, its mosques by the sea and its recreational areas; we will contemplate the Fountain of King Fahd, the highest of its kind in the world, its jets reach more than 300 meters high. We will stop at the active and picturesque fish market. We will include the entrance to "**Tabeyat International city**" very interesting museum of history and ethnography in an architectural ensemble of great beauty. We visit the historic center, declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, with its impressive set of medieval alleys and its houses made with coral and wooden balconies. Free time in the afternoon, you can stroll through its traditional souks or its immense shopping centers.

11 FRI. Jeddah.-

After breakfast, end of our services.



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(Additional services Opt. 2)

- **City tour in:** Jeddah.
- **Ticket admission:** Tabeyat International City in Jeddah.
- **Flights included:** Tabuk/ Jeddah.





DEPARTURES DATES EVERY THURSDAY

From **12/14/17**
2850€ days



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From Jerusalem to Medina Opt. 1

JERUSALEM

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Jerusalem, Jordan and Arabian Classics Opt. 2

ID:25835

Three religions, deserts and Nabataeans Opt. 3

(OPT. 1) FROM JERUSALEM TO MEDINA

01 THU. Jerusalem.-

Arrival at Tel Aviv airport. Welcome to Israel!
Border procedures and transfer to the hotel in Jerusalem. Free time.

02 FRI. Jerusalem -Bethlehem- Jerusalem.-

Breakfast. PICK UP AT THE HOTEL RECEPTION BETWEEN 07:45 HOURS (AM) AND 08:00 HOURS (AM). Excursion to visit the **New City of Jerusalem**, seeing the Shrine of the **Book in the Museum of Israel**, where the Dead Sea Scrolls are displayed, and the model that represents the city of Jerusalem at the time of Jesus. We will go through the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, then going toward Ein Karen, a picturesque neighborhood on the outskirts of the city to visit the **Shrine of Saint John the Baptist**. We will also see Yad Vashem, the **Holocaust Museum and Memorial**. In the afternoon, we will travel to **BETHLEHEM**, located behind the wall built in recent years to separate the two communities. We will take a Palestinian guide to visit the Church of the Nativity, the Grotto of the Manger and the Shepherds' Field. Return to Jerusalem and accommodation.

03 SAT. Jerusalem.-

We include a visit to the **old city of Jerusalem**. Excursion by Mount Scopus toward the **Mount of Olives**. There is an extraordinary view of the walled Holy City from the top. We then contin-



BETHLEHEM

ue to Gethsemane, the Basilica of the Agony. Departure toward the Old City. Visit to the **Western Wall (Wailing Wall)**. We will continue along the **Via Dolorosa** to arrive at Calvary, the place where Christ was crucified, and to see the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher**. We then go onward to Mount Zion to visit the **Tomb of King David**, the **Cenacle (Hall of the Last Supper)** and the **Abbey of the Dormition**. Accommodation in Jerusalem.

04 SUN. Jerusalem - Ajlun - Jerash - Amman.- Breakfast. Early departure to border of Israel and Jordan. Arrival at Sheik Hussein Bridge to complete border and visa procedures. Welcome to Jordan! We explore the **FORTRESS OF AJLUN**, an imposing castle dating back to the 12th century. In this area, Muslims and Orthodox Christians have always lived together. We visit the historic **CHURCH OF SAINT SERGIUS**. Shall we all pray for peace? **Lunch included**. We continue to **JERASH** to visit its impressive Roman archaeological site. We then travel to **AMMAN**. Arrival and accommodation.

NOTE: The Sheik Hussein border must be crossed on a special bus for this purpose. This costs around \$3 per person, which must be paid directly by the passengers themselves.

FEES: Each country requires an entry/exit fee that passengers must pay directly at their destination. For guidance purposes, these are the fees/visa fees that may apply (prices subject to change without notice): Israel: \$32 (Departure Fee to Jordan); Jordan: 40 dinars/\$60 (Sheik Hussein Border visa).

05 MON. Amman- Castles of the Desert- Madaba- Mount Nebo- Amman.-

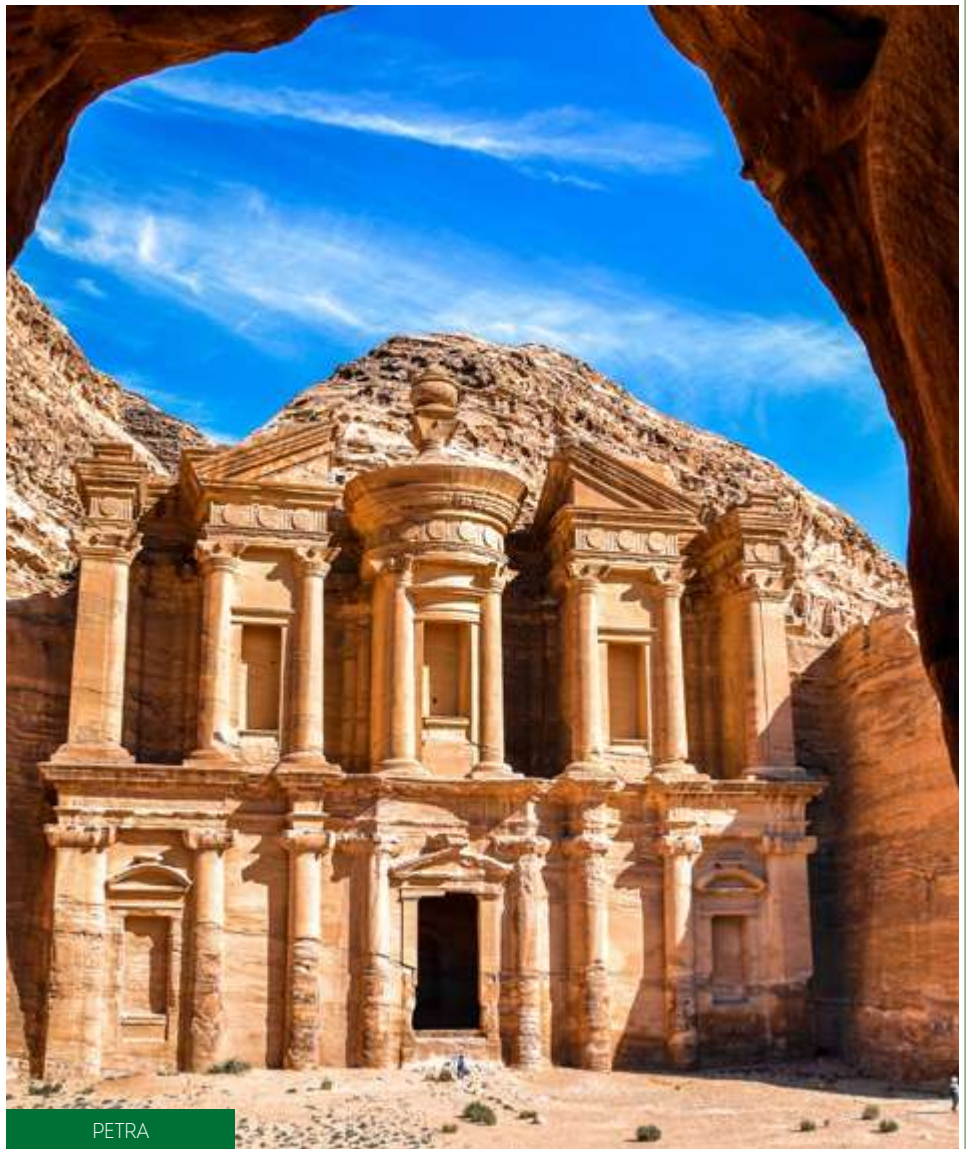
We will depart towards the **CASTLES OF THE DESERT**, built between the 7th and 8th centuries. We will visit **QASR KHARANA**, with its imposing structure of thick walls and the **QUSAYR AMRA** World Heritage Site, notable for its remarkable frescoes. Then, we travel to **MADABA**, **lunch is included**. We will visit the **Madaba Archaeological Park**, which we cross via an ancient Roman road, and the **Church of St. George**, with its fantastic 6th Century mosaic representing the oldest known map of the Holy Land. We continue to **MOUNT NEBO**, where Moses stopped to look over the Promised Land. Return to **Amman**. Arrival and free time.

06 TUE. Amman- Bethany- Panorama Complex- Dead Sea.-

We leave for **BETHANY** on the banks of the River Jordan, a UNESCO World Heritage Site; this is where John the Baptist baptised Jesus. Then we visit the **DEAD SEA MUSEUM**, which is an impressive Panorama Complex. **Lunch is included**. Arriving at our hotel at the **DEAD SEA**, do not forget to take a dip in the saltiest sea and lowest altitude on earth. **Dinner** and accommodation included.

07 WED. Dead Sea- Cave of Lot- Dana- Shobak- Petra.-

Exciting section in the heart of Jordan. Following the Dead Sea, we visit **LOT'S CAVE**, discovered in 1991, with its old Byzantine church from the 6th century. Then we ascend into the mountains to **DANA**, a small picturesque town of stone houses on a huge cliff. **Lunch is included**. We continue along the King's Route to **SHOBAK**, where we take photographs (outside only) of the great Crusader Castle. We continue to **WADI MUSA** (the site around Petra). We will explore the **MOSES SPRING**, where Moses is said to have tapped the rock with his rod and the water gushed out, and the **Petra Museum**, an excellent exhibition that enables us to learn about the history of the Nabateans and to see magnificent pieces found in the area. **Dinner** and accommodation. Any travelers who wish can go to an old Turkish bath or see a light and sound show in Petra.



PETRA

08 THU. Petra- Wadi Rum.-

Today we have the most exciting day of the trip: First, we visit the impressive archaeological site of **PETRA**, which is accessed through a narrow canyon, and discover the temples and tombs excavated on the cliffs in this city that was founded 300 years before Christ. After **lunch (included)** we leave for the impressive desert of **WADI RUM**. At the Visitor Centre we board **4x4 vehicles** to visit some of the most impressive landscapes. We stop in the town of **RUM** to visit the ruins of the Nabatean temple. We include a **45-minute camel ride** through the desert. We will also visit the **Khazali Canyon**. In this spectacular place, we will see the engravings that reveal the origins of the Arabic language. **Dinner and accommodation included in a desert camp**.

09 FRI. Wadi Rum- Tabuk.-

Today we enter a country that until very recently has been closed to tourism. Only 120 km separate us from the border of **SAUDI ARABIA** (Halat Amman). In this route we will see landscapes of great beauty in the desert. Border procedures and continuation to **TABUK**. **Lunch included**. In the afternoon we visit this city of over half a million inhabitants, active provincial capital and one of the oldest cities in the country. We will visit the **castle** whose origin is 3500 years before Christ, and inside it, a museum tells the history of the castle and the city, from the great explorers who visited it, such as Ibn Battuta, to the pilgrims who stopped to drink from the fountains on their way to Mecca or Medina. After the castle we walk through the active commercial area of the center and we reach the **old train station**, today a museum that

preserves the steam machines that connected Damascus with Medina. Free time.

10 SAT. Tabuk- Al Ula.-

Note: The Al-'Ula region is one of the most beautiful areas in the world, however its hotel infrastructure is extremely limited. On some occasions we can leave Al-'Ula around 19hrs to Medina -staying two nights in this city-.

We will leave Tabuk early, travel to one of the most spectacular places in the world: The region and oasis of **AL-'ULA**: an authentic open-air museum surrounded by nature, where you will find rock formations, canyons and ravines that compete with the majestic treasures carved by its ancient inhabitants. After landscapes of great beauty, we will visit the enclosure of **HEGRA (Mada'in Saleh)**, declared World Heritage by UNESCO, of Nabataean culture "the Other Petra" amazes us with its tombs excavated in the rock in a desert environment full of mystery. **Lunch included**. We will have free time in "**Al-'Ula Heritage Village**", the old Al-'Ula, magnificently restored with its pleasant restaurants and shops. We will also have some time to walk in the magnificent **Oasis**.

At dusk we will go to **The Elephant Rock**, "Jabal Al Fil" an impressive geomorphological phenomenon, a 52 meters high rock in the shape of an Elephant. **Dinner included**.

11 SUN. Al-'Ula - Medina.-

We will leave in the morning, still enjoying the beautiful landscapes of the Al-'Ula region. We travel to the holy city of **MEDINA**, "the luminous city". We are in an imposing historical destination, one of the two most sacred cities of Islam,



a destination to which millions of pilgrims arrive every year and a city forbidden for non-Muslims until very recently; respect for its inhabitants and beliefs and proper dress code is required. Arrival and **lunch included**. In the afternoon we will visit the **Al Madinah Museum** that allows us to understand a little the history of the city. At the end of the afternoon, we will go to see -from outside- the **Al Masjid mosque**, built by the prophet himself and place where he is buried, we will not be able to avoid feeling a surge of emotions when we observe the thousands of people who enter at the time of prayer. **Dinner included**.

12 MON. Medina.-

We will explore Medina. We will walk around the immense **Prophet's Mosque (Al Masjid an Nabawi)**, an amazing and luminous mosque of ten minarets with a capacity for one million visitors.. On the **hill of UHUD**, an important pilgrimage site, where the prophet's forces clashed with Meccan troops. You can walk through its vast esplanade and climb the hill but remember to do so in silence and respecting the hundreds of pilgrims surrounding us at any given time. At the **Mosque of Quba**, in the year 622, the prophet and his followers laid the first stone of what was to be the first mosque in history, although the present building is more recent. We will also stroll through the nearby market where you can find dates, perfumes, and other local specialties. **Lunch included**. After lunch we will have some free time in the city center to stroll around the shopping areas or -if you wish- visit the Hejaz Railway Museum (in the former Ottoman railway station).

End of the tour. Check the time of your flight in case you need an additional night.

(Opt. 2) Jerusalem, Jordan and Arabian Classics

Days 1 - 11 as in Opt. 1

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In the afternoon we travel to **JEDDAH**, on the shores of the Red Sea, the second largest city in the country, with four million inhabitants. In the evening we will take a walk through its **historic center**, declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, with its impressive set of medieval alleys and houses made of coral and wooden balconies.

13 TUE. Jeddah.-

Full day in Jeddah. With a local guide we will visit this city that will surprise us by its contrasts. At this time, a large part of the city is being rebuilt to make it a great world megalopolis. Among others, the construction of the Jeddah Tower, which will be the tallest building in the world with more than a thousand meters high, stands out. We will follow the Corniche, with its beautiful views, its mosques by the sea and its recreational areas. We will contemplate the King Fahd Fountain, the highest of its kind in the world, its water jets reach more than 300 meters high. We will stop at the lively and picturesque fish market. We will include the entrance to "**Tabeyat International city**" an architectural complex of great beauty with its very interesting museums of history and ethnography. We will then visit the historical center, entering through Bab Makkah - the most important gate of Jeddah - and we will also pass by the cemetery of Eve, where tradition says that Eve, Adam's wife and the first woman of humanity according to the bible, was buried. Free afternoon. We recommend a stroll through its traditional souks or its huge shopping malls.

14 WED. Jeddah.-

After breakfast, end of our services.



(Opt. 3) Three religions, deserts and Nabataeans

Days 1 - 13 as in Opt. 2

14 WED. Jeddah-Mecca- Al Hada - Taif.-

Important Note: Mecca is a city that is not accessible to non-Muslim tourists. If you are Muslim, if you wish, we can adapt your program so that you can visit it (you will stay in Taif with the rest of the members of the group and the visit of the remaining points of the day will not be included). In this case, there will be a supplement that will depend on the number of travelers who can and wish to visit Mecca.

Today we travel to Taif, a city in the province of Mecca (city not authorized for non-Muslim travelers). This city, located at almost 2000 meters above sea level, is popular for its mild climate, so every summer the Saudi Government moves to this point -not as hot as Riyadh-. The route, up the mountain, is spectacular in scenery. We will stop at **AL HADA**, with its tourist market, great views and rose fields. **Lunch included.**

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15 THU. Taif- Riyadh.-

Transfer to the airport and flight to **RIYADH** and transfer to your hotel.

In the evening, we will include a transfer with entrance **ticket to Boulevard Riyadh**, the largest park in the kingdom, which will surprise you with its animation and life. The park has curious attractions, numerous restaurants with specialties from many different countries, live shows and, above all, a fountains eye-catching show with colored water. Free time to stroll around, enjoy the place and dine in one of its restaurants. Return to the hotel.

16 FRI. Riyadh.-

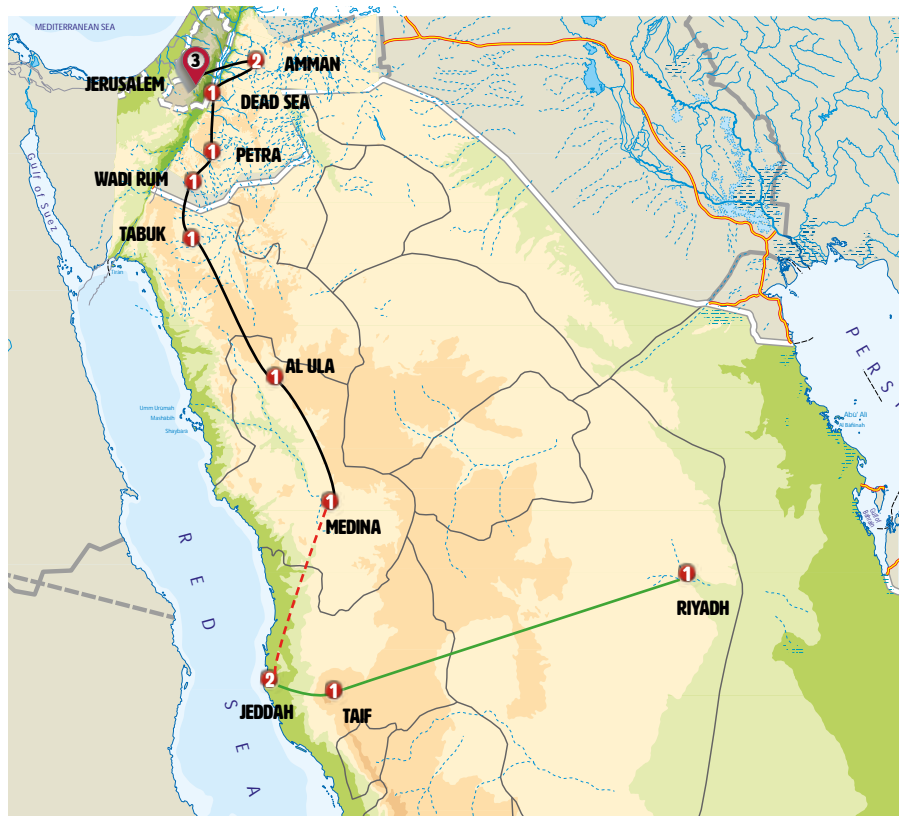
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In the afternoon we will move to the district of Al Turaif **DIRIYA**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This place - on the outskirts of Riyadh - was formerly the first capital of the Saudi dynasty, which we will be able to discover thanks to the vestiges of its numerous palaces and the urban complex at the edge of the oasis of Ad-Diriya.

At the end of the day, we will visit the **Al Rajhi Mosque**, the largest mosque in Riyadh with its Andalusian style architecture, where **we will witness a prayer and have an introduction to Islam** that will surely make us learn something about this religion. Return to hotel.

17 SAT. Riyadh.-

After breakfast, end of our services.



Price Includes

- **General Services:** Travel by bus with Spanish and English speaking guide, basic travel insurance and breakfast buffet.
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- **Includes departure transfer**
- **Excursion:** Bethlehem in Jerusalem, 4x4 vehicles, camel rides in Wadi Rum.
- **City tour in:** Jerusalem, Medina.
- **Evening Transfer:** Elephant Rock in Al Ula.
- **Ticket admission:** Book in the Museum of Israel, Holocaust Museum and Memorial, Church of the Nativity, in Bethlehem, Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Tomb of King David, Cenacle (Hall of the Last Supper), Abbey of the Dormition, Fortress and Church of Saint Sergius in Ajlun, Archaeological site in Jerash; Castle of Qasr Kharana and Castle of Qusayr Amra in Castles of the Desert; Church of St. George, Madaba Archaeological Park in Madaba, Archeological Site in Bethany, Dead Sea Museum and Panorama Complex in Dead Sea, Moses Springs and Petra Museum, Archeological Site in Petra, Visitor Centre, 4x4 vehicles and camel rides in Wadi Rum, Castle and old train station in Tabuk, Hegra, Heritage Village and the Elephant Rock in Al Ula, Al Madinah Museum in Medina.
- **14 Lunch or Dinner Included in:** Jerash, Madaba, Dead Sea, Dead Sea, Shoubak, Petra, Petra, Wadi Rum, Tabuk, Al Ula, Al Ula, Medina, Medina, Medina.

(Additional services Opt. 2)

- **City tour in:** Medina, Jeddah.
- **Evening Transfer:** Historic centre in Jeddah.
- **Ticket admission:** Tabayat International City in Jeddah.
- **1 Lunch or Dinner Included in:** Medina.

(Additional services Opt. 3)

- **City tour in:** Riyadh.
- **Evening Transfer:** Boulevard Riyadh in Riyadh.
- **Experiences:** Rose factory-Attar in Taif, Kingdom Centre Tower and introduction to Islam in Al Rajhi mosque in Riyadh.
- **Ticket admission:** King Faisal park, Boulevard Riyadh, National Museum, Masmak Fortress and Al Rajhi Mosque in Riyadh.
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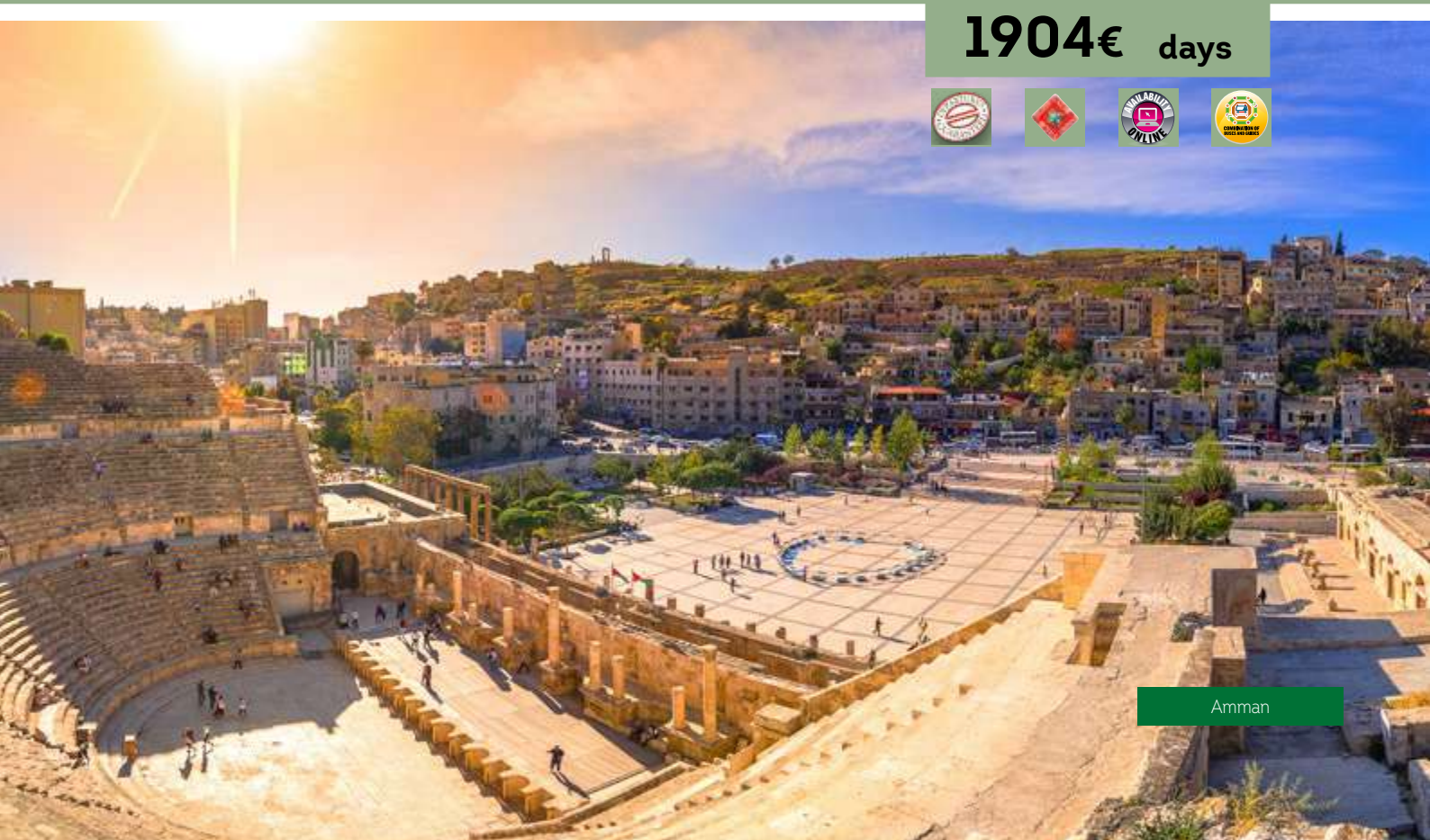




DEPARTURES DATES EVERY SUNDAY

From **9/11/14**

1904€ days



Amman

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Dreams of Jordan and magic of Arabia end Medina Opt. 1

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(OPT. 1) DREAMS OF JORDAN AND MAGIC OF ARABIA END MEDINA

01 SUN. Amman.-

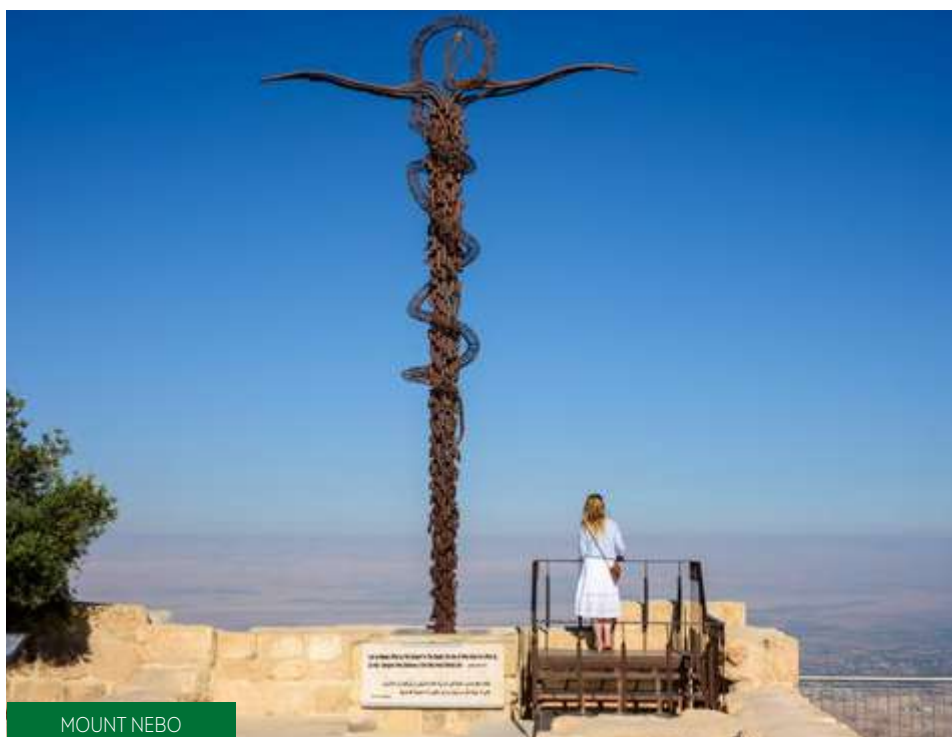
Arrival at Amman airport. Welcome to Jordan!. Border procedures and transfer to the hotel. Free time.

02 MON. Amman- Castles of the Desert- Madaba- Mount Nebo- Amman.-

We will depart towards the **CASTLES OF THE DESERT**, built between the 7th and 8th centuries. We will visit **QASR KHARANA**, with its imposing structure of thick walls and the **QUSAYR AMRA** World Heritage Site, notable for its remarkable frescoes. Then, we travel to **MADABA**, lunch is included. We will visit the **Madaba Archaeological Park**, which we cross via an ancient Roman road, and the **Church of St. George**, with its fantastic 6th Century mosaic representing the oldest known map of the Holy Land. We continue to **MOUNT NEBO**, where Moses stopped to look over the Promised Land. Return to **Amman**. Arrival and free time.

03 TUE. Amman- Bethany- Panorama Complex- Dead Sea.-

We leave for **BETHANY** on the banks of the River Jordan, a UNESCO World Heritage Site; this is where John the Baptist baptised Jesus. Then we visit the **DEAD SEA MUSEUM**, which an impressive Panorama Complex. **Lunch is included**. Arriving at our hotel at the **DEAD SEA**, do



MOUNT NEBO

not forget to take a dip in the saltiest sea and lowest altitude on earth. **Dinner** and accommodation included.

04 WED. Dead Sea- Cave of Lot- Dana- Shobak- Petra.-

Exciting section in the heart of Jordan. Following the Dead Sea, we visit **LOT'S CAVE**, discovered in 1991, with its old Byzantine church from the 6th century. Then we ascend into the mountains to **DANA**, a small picturesque town of stone houses on a huge cliff. **Lunch is included.** We continue along the King's Route to **SHOBAK**, where we take photographs (outside only) of the great Crusader Castle. We continue to **WADI MUSA** (the site around Petra). We will explore the **MOSES SPRING**, where Moses is said to have tapped the rock with his rod and the water gushed out, and the **Petra Museum**, an excellent exhibition that enables us to learn about the history of the Nabateans and to see magnificent pieces found in the area. **Dinner** and accommodation. Any travelers who wish can go to an old Turkish bath or see a light and sound show in Petra.

05 THU. Petra- Wadi Rum.-

Today we have the most exciting day of the trip: First, we visit the impressive archaeological site of **PETRA**, which is accessed through a narrow canyon, and discover the temples and tombs excavated on the cliffs in this city that was founded 300 years before Christ. After **lunch (included)** we leave for the impressive desert of **WADI RUM**. At the Visitor Centre we board **4x4 vehicles** to visit some of the most impressive landscapes. We stop in the town of **RUM** to visit the ruins of the Nabatean temple. We include a **45-minute camel ride** through the desert. We will also visit the **Khazali Canyon**. In this spectacular place, we will see the engravings that reveal the origins of the Arabic language. **Dinner and accommodation included in a desert camp.**

06 FRI. Wadi Rum- Tabuk.-

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07 SAT. Tabuk- Al Ula.-

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mystery. **Lunch included.** We will have free time in "**Al-'Ula Heritage Village**", the old Al-'Ula, magnificently restored with its pleasant restaurants and shops. We will also have some time to walk in the magnificent **Oasis**.

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08 SUN. Al-'Ula - Medina.-

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End of the tour. Check the time of your flight in case you need an additional night.

(Opt. 2) Dreams of Jordan and magic of Arabia end Jeddah

Days 1 - 8 as in Opt. 1

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11 WED. Jeddah.-

After breakfast, end of our services.

(Opt. 3) Dreams of Jordan and magic of Arabia

Days 1 - 10 as in Opt. 2

11 WED. Jeddah-Mecca- Al Hada - Taif.-

Important Note: Mecca is a city that is not accessible to non-Muslim tourists. If you are Muslim, if you wish, we can adapt your program so that you can visit it (you will stay in Taif with the rest of the members of the group and the visit of the remaining points of the day will not be included). In this case, there will be a supplement that will depend on the number of travelers who can and wish to visit Mecca. Today we travel to Taif, a city in the province of Mecca (city not authorized for non-Muslim travelers). This city, located at almost 2000 meters above sea level, is popular for its mild climate, so every summer the Saudi Government moves to this point -not as hot as Riyadh-. The route, up the mountain, is spectacular in scenery. We will stop at **AL HADA**, with its tourist market, great views and rose fields. **Lunch included.**

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Al-Ula



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JEDDAH

12 THU. Taif- Riyadh.-

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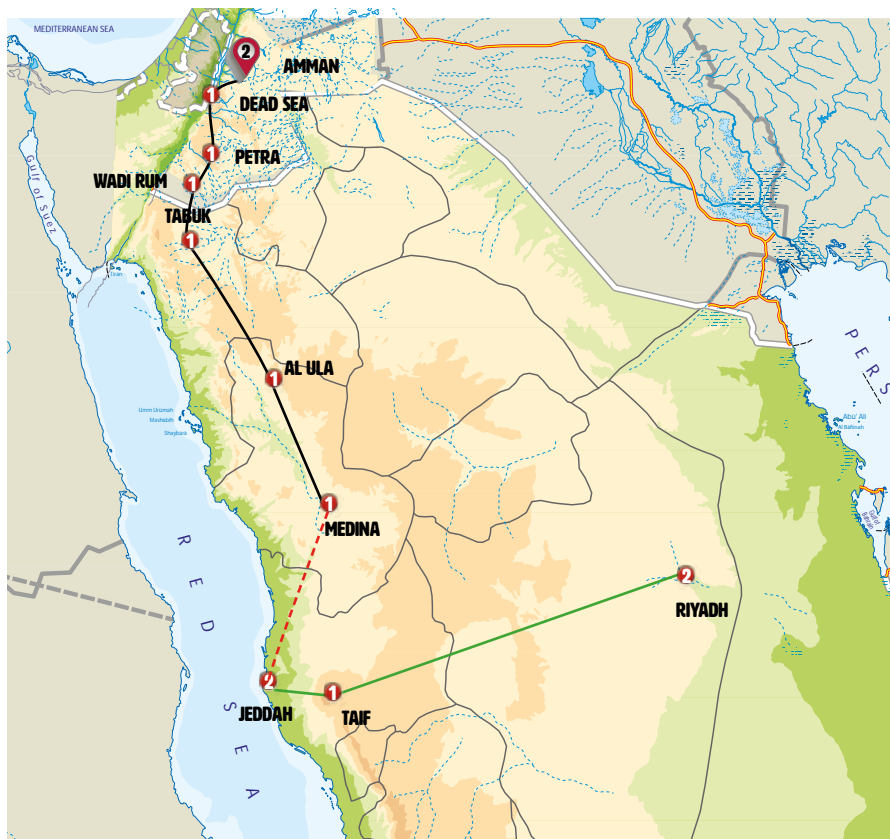
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14 SAT. Riyadh.-

After breakfast, end of our services.



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(Additional services Opt. 2)

- **City tour in:** Jeddah.
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- **1 Lunch or Dinner Included in:** Medina

(Additional services Opt. 3)

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- **Flights included:** Taif/ Riyadh.
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Jerash

From Jerusalem to Dubai with Jordan and Arabia Opt. 1

From Jerusalem to Doha with Jordan, Arabia and the Emirates Opt. 2

Great Eastern Road from Jerusalem to Bahrain Opt. 3

(OPT. 1) FROM JERUSALEM TO DUBAI WITH JORDAN AND ARABIA

01 THU. Jerusalem.-

Arrival at Tel Aviv airport. Welcome to Israel! Border procedures and transfer to the hotel in Jerusalem. Free time.

02 FRI. Jerusalem -Bethlehem- Jerusalem.-

Breakfast. PICK UP AT THE HOTEL RECEPTION BETWEEN 07:45 HOURS (AM) AND 08:00 HOURS (AM). Excursion to visit the **New City of Jerusalem**, seeing the Shrine of the **Book in the Museum of Israel**, where the Dead Sea Scrolls are displayed, and the model that represents the city of Jerusalem at the time of Jesus. We will go through the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, then going toward Ein Karen, a picturesque neighborhood on the outskirts of the city to visit the **Shrine of Saint John the Baptist**. We will also see Yad Vashem, the **Holocaust Museum and Memorial**. In the afternoon, we will travel to **BETHLEHEM**, located behind the wall built in recent years to separate the two communities. We will take a Palestinian guide to visit the Church of the Nativity, the Grotto of the Manger and the Shepherds' Field. Return to Jerusalem and accommodation.

03 SAT. Jerusalem.-

We include a visit to the **old city of Jerusalem**. Excursion by Mount Scopus toward the **Mount of Olives**. There is an extraordinary view of

the walled Holy City from the top. We then continue to Gethsemane, the Basilica of the Agony. Departure toward the Old City. Visit to the **Western Wall (Wailing Wall)**. We will continue along the **Via Dolorosa** to arrive at Calvary, the place where Christ was crucified, and to see the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher**. We then go onward to Mount Zion to visit the **Tomb of King David**, the **Cenacle (Hall of the Last Supper)** and the **Abbey of the Dormition**. Accommodation in Jerusalem.

04 SUN. Jerusalem - Ajlun - Jerash - Amman.-

Breakfast. Early departure to border of Israel and Jordan. Arrival at Sheik Hussein Bridge to complete border and visa procedures. Welcome to Jordan! We explore the **FORTRESS OF AJLUN**, an imposing castle dating back to the 12th century. In this area, Muslims and Orthodox Christians have always lived together. We visit the historic **CHURCH OF SAINT SERGIUS**. Shall we all pray for peace? **Lunch included**. We continue to **JERASH** to visit its impressive Roman archaeological site. We then travel to **AMMAN**. Arrival and accommodation.

NOTE: The Sheik Hussein border must be crossed on a special bus for this purpose. This costs around \$3 per person, which must be paid directly by the passengers themselves.

FEES: Each country requires an entry/exit fee that passengers must pay directly at their destination. For guidance purposes, these are the

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05 MON. Amman- Castles of the Desert- Madaba- Mount Nebo- Amman.-

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06 TUE. Amman- Bethany- Panorama Complex- Dead Sea.-

We leave for **BETHANY** on the banks of the River Jordan, a UNESCO World Heritage Site; this is where John the Baptist baptised Jesus. Then we visit the **DEAD SEA MUSEUM**, which an impressive Panorama Complex. **Lunch is included**. Arriving at our hotel at the **DEAD SEA**, do not forget to take a dip in the saltiest sea and lowest altitude on earth. **Dinner** and accommodation included.

07 WED. Dead Sea- Cave of Lot- Dana- Shobak- Petra.-

Exciting section in the heart of Jordan. Following the Dead Sea, we visit **LOT'S CAVE**, discovered in 1991, with its old Byzantine church from the 6th century. Then we ascend into the mountains to **DANA**, a small picturesque town of stone houses on a huge cliff. **Lunch is included.** We continue along the King's Route to **SHOBAK**, where we take photographs (outside only) of the great Crusader Castle. We continue to **WADI MUSA** (the site around Petra). We will explore the **MOSES SPRING**, where Moses is said to have tapped the rock with his rod and the water gushed out, and the **Petra Museum**, an excellent exhibition that enables us to learn about the history of the Nabateans and to see magnificent pieces found in the area. **Dinner** and accommodation. Any travelers who wish can go to an old Turkish bath or see a light and sound show in Petra.

08 THU. Petra- Wadi Rum.-

Today we have the most exciting day of the trip: First, we visit the impressive archaeological site of **PETRA**, which is accessed through a narrow canyon, and discover the temples and tombs excavated on the cliffs in this city that was founded 300 years before Christ. After **lunch (included)** we leave for the impressive desert of **WADI RUM**. At the Visitor Centre we board **4x4 vehicles** to visit some of the most impressive landscapes. We stop in the town of **RUM** to visit the ruins of the Nabatean temple. We include a **45-minute camel ride** through the desert. We will also visit the **Khazali Canyon**. In this spectacular place, we will see the engravings that reveal the origins of the Arabic language. **Dinner and accommodation included in a desert camp.**

09 FRI. Wadi Rum- Tabuk.-

Today we enter a country that until very recently has been closed to tourism. Only 120 km separate us from the border of **SAUDI ARABIA** (Halat Ammar). In this route we will see landscapes of great beauty in the desert. Border procedures and continuation to **TABUK**. **Lunch included.**

In the afternoon we visit this city of over half a million inhabitants, active provincial capital and one of the oldest cities in the country. We will visit the **castle** whose origin is 3500 years before Christ, and inside it, a museum tells the history of the castle and the city, from the great explorers who visited it, such as Ibn Battuta, to the pilgrims who stopped to drink from the fountains on their way to Mecca or Medina. After the castle we walk through the active commercial area of the center and we reach the **old train station**, today a museum that preserves the steam machines that connected Damascus with Medina. Free time.

10 SAT. Tabuk- Al Ula.-

Note: The Al-'Ula region is one of the most beautiful areas in the world, however its hotel infrastructure is extremely limited. On some occasions we can leave Al-'Ula around 19hrs to Medina -staying two nights in this city-. We will leave Tabuk early, travel to one of the most spectacular places in the world: The region and oasis of **AL-'ULA**: an authentic open-air museum surrounded by nature, where you will find rock formations, canyons and ravines that compete with the majestic treasures carved by its ancient inhabitants. After landscapes of great beauty, we will visit the enclosure of **HEGRA (Madain Saleh)**, declared World Heritage by UNESCO, of Nabataean culture "the Other Petra" amazes us with its tombs excavated in the rock in a desert environment full of mystery. **Lunch included.** We will have free time in "**Al-'Ula Heritage Village**", the old Al-'Ula, magnificently restored with its pleasant



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restaurants and shops. We will also have some time to walk in the magnificent **Oasis**.

At dusk we will go to **The Elephant Rock**, "Jabal Al Fil" an impressive geomorphological phenomenon, a 52 meters high rock in the shape of an Elephant. **Dinner included.**

11 SUN. Al-'Ula - Medina.-

We will leave in the morning, still enjoying the beautiful landscapes of the Al-'Ula region. We travel to the holy city of **MEDINA**, "the luminous city". We are in an imposing historical destination, one of the two most sacred cities of Islam, a destination to which millions of pilgrims arrive every year and a city forbidden for non-Muslims until very recently; respect for its inhabitants and beliefs and proper dress code is required. Arrival and **lunch included.** In the afternoon we will visit the **Al Madinah Museum** that allows us to understand a little the history of the city. At the end of the afternoon, we will go to see -from outside- the **Al Masjid mosque**, built by the prophet himself and place where he is buried, we will not be able to avoid feeling a surge of emotions when we observe the thousands of people who enter at the time of prayer. **Dinner included.**

12 MON. Medina - Jeddah.-

We will explore Medina. We will walk around the immense **Prophet's Mosque** (Al Masjid an Nabawi), an amazing and luminous mosque of 10 minarets with a capacity for one million visitors. On the **hill of UHUD**, an important pilgrimage site, the prophet's forces clashed with Meccan troops. You can walk through its vast esplanade and climb the hill, but remember to do so in silence and respecting the hundreds of pilgrims who will surround us any day. At the **Quba Mosque**, in the year 622, the prophet and his followers laid the first stone of what was to be the first mosque in history, although the

present building is more recent. We will also stroll through the nearby market where you can find dates, perfumes and other local specialties. **Lunch included.** After lunch we will have some free time in the city center to stroll around the shopping areas or -if you wish- visit the Hejaz Railway Museum (in the former Ottoman railway station).

In the afternoon we travel to **JEDDAH**, on the shores of the Red Sea, the second largest city in the country, with four million inhabitants. In the evening we will take a walk through its **historic center**, declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, with its impressive set of medieval alleys and houses made of coral and wooden balconies.

13 TUE. Jeddah.-

Full day in Jeddah. With a local guide we will visit this city that will surprise us by its contrasts. At this time, a large part of the city is being rebuilt to make it a great world metropolis. Among others, the construction of the Jeddah Tower, which will be the tallest building in the world with more than a thousand meters high, stands out. We will follow the Corniche, with its beautiful views, its mosques by the sea and its recreational areas. We will contemplate the King Fahd Fountain, the highest of its kind in the world, its water jets reach more than 300 meters high. We will stop at the lively and picturesque fish market. We will include the entrance to "**Tabeyat International city**" an architectural complex of great beauty with its very interesting museums of history and ethnography. We will then visit the historical center, entering through Bab Makkah - the most important gate of Jeddah - and we will also pass by the cemetery of Eve, where tradition says that Eve, Adam's wife and the first woman of humanity according to the bible,

was buried. Free afternoon. We recommend a stroll through its traditional souks or its huge shopping malls.

14 WED. Jeddah- Dubai.-

After breakfast, transfer to the airport and **flight to DUBAI**. Arrival and transfer to the hotel.

At the end of the afternoon, we will be transferred to visit the impressive city of Dubai that shines in the night. We will go to witness the show of "**Dubai Fountain**", where the water dances to the rhythm of music and light; we are at the foot of Burj Khalifa which with its 828 meters is the tallest tower in the world; free time to walk and dine (dinner not included) in the immense Dubai Mall. Return to the hotel.

15 THU. Dubai.-

Today we have a spectacular day getting to know Dubai. We include going up the spectacular tower "**Dubai Frame**" with its spectacular bridge shape and its view at 150 meters high. Afterwards we go to the old part of Dubai, a walk through the souk of Bur Dubai and the spice souk. We will take an **Abra (traditional boat of the Emirates)** to move to the historic neighborhood of **Al Fahidi** and the center for cultural understanding (with its motto "open minds, open doors"), in this area we will include in a traditional building, a **typical meal** of the country; if the group is more than 15 travelers they will give us an explanation to get to know better the gastronomy of the Emirates.

In the afternoon we will have time in **Madinat Jumeirah**, which offers us a contemporary version of a traditional Arab village with its souk, its canals, and its colorful villas.

16 FRI. Dubai- Abu Dhabi.-

We still have all morning to get to know Dubai. We will have a **panoramic tour** in which we will pass in front of the great mosque of Jumeirah, afterwards we continue passing by Burj Al Arab, a spectacular hotel in the form of a sail; the island of "Palm Jumeirah" in the shape of a palm tree. We will take the very modern monorail. A walk through the area of The Marina. We then have free time next to the most popular and active beach in Dubai: JBR beach. If you wish you can bathe in the warm waters of the Persian Gulf, or if you prefer you can stroll through its many luxury shops. Time to bathe or rest and have lunch (not included). After lunch we will continue our route to **ABU DHABI**, the most important Emirate and capital of the country. Before entering the city, we will stop at Ferrari World, a theme park dedicated to Ferrari racing cars (stop to see outdoor areas). After that we visit the **Sheikh Zayed Mosque**, a beautiful white mosque, the largest in the Emirates, with an area of more than 12 hectares, a point that seeks the encounter with other cultures and people of other religions. We will pass in front of Capital Gate, a 160-meter-high building known for being the steepest skyscraper in the world. From the beautiful "Corniche", by the sea, we will get a great panoramic view of the city. Already, after dark we will go to **The Founders Memorial**, built in memory of Zayed, the first sultan of the Emirates; **The Constellation** stands out, with its magnificent night lighting.

17 SAT. Abu Dhabi.-

In the morning we continue our visit of the city. We will visit (entrance included) the **Heritage Village**, this place allows us to understand the traditional life in the Emirates, we enjoy its views, we can buy in its craft shops and visit its small museums that illustrate us about the history of the Emirates. After that we include a visit and entry into **Qasr Al Watan**, the presidential palace of the Emirates, magnificent construction of white granite profusely dec-



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orated, highlights its dome of 37 meters and its chandelier lamp of 350,000 pieces of glass. After that we go to the "**cultural district**" where there are several museums, highlights the Louvre, with its spectacular architecture by the sea and an incredible collection. You have the opportunity if you wish to visit one of the museums or enjoy your free time in the area. **Lunch included.**
After lunch, end of our services.

(Opt. 2) From Jerusalem to Doha with Jordan, Arabia and the Emirates
Days 1 - 16 as in Opt. 1

17 SAT. Abu Dhabi- Doha.-

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In the afternoon, transfer to the airport, we include the **flight to DOHA**, the capital of **QATAR**. Arrival and transfer to the hotel.

18 SUN. Doha.-

We discover an exciting city. In this city's **city tour** we will visit the Corniche, with its line of skyscrapers and its beaches; we will get to see the very modern football stadium of Al Thumama, host of the 2022 World Cup; we will pass by the National Museum with its impressive architecture

and include an entrance and visit of the Museum of Islamic Art, that houses the largest collection of Islamic art in the world. Uniting modernity and tradition we visit the Souk of the Falcons where we will understand the importance of falconry in this country; a time to walk in the Waqif Souk, built on the site of the old market remodeled to have the appearance of a nineteenth-century souk, nearby we will pass by the stables where the neighbors house Arabian horses. At lunchtime we will go to "The Pearl of Qatar" an artificial archipelago, here we will see Porto Arabia and we will have free time in Qanat, a shopping area inspired by Venice. **Lunch included.**

At the end of the day, we move to **KATARA**, a cultural village that has architectural replicas from all over the world, with several places to eat, its opera and its amphitheater.

19 MON. Doha.-

After breakfast, end of our services.

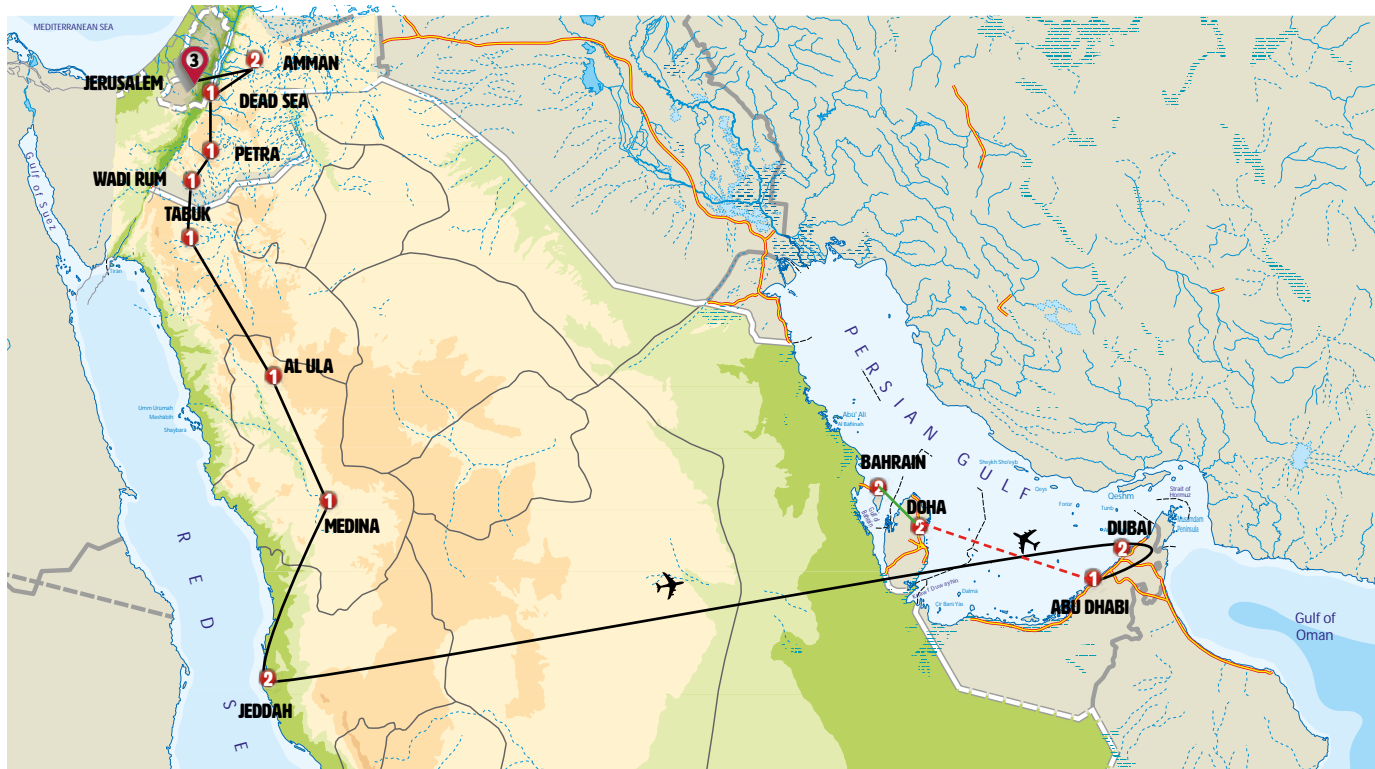
(Opt. 3) Great Eastern Road from Jerusalem to Bahrain

Days 1 - 18 as in Opt. 2

19 MON. Doha- Bahrain.-

Important note: Until 2019 there was a ferry linking Qatar with Bahrain significantly reducing travel time between the two points and avoiding transit through Saudi Arabia. It is possible that that ferry line will be restored, in which case the trip would be made by ferry. If the route is not restored, it passes through Saudi Arabia; please check that you have the visa for this country (in case your trip from Bahrain continues to Saudi Arabia please apply for the double or multiple entry visa).

We will travel through the road, 120 km of modern highway through the desert separates us



from the border of Saudi Arabia. Transit through **Saudi Arabia**, we travel to **BAHRAIN**, a small country located on an island in the Persian Gulf, we pass by the 25 km friendship bridge that connects Arabia with Bahrain. Border procedures. Bahrain is a small country of 765 Km2 inhabited by just under two million inhabitants that always had great historical importance. **MANAMA**, arrival in the middle of the afternoon. Upon arrival we will know the historic neighborhood of **Muharraq**, in its pedestrian alleys are some of the most beautiful historical buildings in the country: royal residences and houses of rich pearl merchants very well restored.

At the end of the day, we will walk through the **souk of Manama**, with its active life and through **Little India**, over 300 000 inhabitants of Bahrain were born in India, this neighborhood preserves its life, the temple of Krishna and numerous small Indian restaurants.

20 TUE. Bahrain.-

We will get to know thoroughly this small country; by coach we follow the coast, we include the entrance to **Beit Al Qur'an**, museum on the Qur'an, the Muslims' holy book. We also visit the fantastic **Bahrain National Museum** that allows us to see the art, ethnography and traditions of this country and understand the importance it had throughout history. We will visit with a guide the impressive **Al Fatih Mosque** the most important in the country. **Lunch included.**

In the afternoon we will leave Manama, on the outskirts is located **QALAT AL BARHEIN**, declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, an impressive fortress by the sea inhabited for 4000 years (the current castle was built by the Portuguese). We enter one of the most important oil production areas in the world, between refineries and pipelines we will stop next to the first oil extraction well opened in the country. We will also stop at the **"tree of life"**, which with its more than 500 years being alive in the desert is a symbol of this country. Return to Manama, free time.

21 WED. Bahrain.-

After breakfast, end of our services.



Price Includes

- **General Services:** Travel by bus with Spanish and English speaking guide, basic travel insurance and breakfast buffet.
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- **Includes departure transfer**
- **Excursion:** Bethlehem in Jerusalem, 4x4 vehicles, camel rides in Wadi Rum.
- **Boat:** Dow in Dubai.
- **City tour in:** Jerusalem, Medina, Jeddah, Dubai, Abu Dhabi.
- **Evening Transfer:** Elephant Rock in Al Ula, Historic centre in Jeddah, Dubai Fountain in Dubai, The Founders Memoria in Abu Dabi.
- **Experiences:** Monorail, Dubai Frame and explanation about the gastronomy of Emirates in Dubai.
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- **Flights included:** Jeddah/ Dubai.
- **16 Lunch or Dinner Included in:** Jerash, Madaba, Dead Sea, Dead Sea, Shoubak, Petra, Petra, Wadi Rum, Tabuk, Al Ula, Al Ula, Medina, Medina, Medina, Dubai, Abu Dhabi.

(Additional services Opt. 2)

- **City tour in:** Doha.
- **Evening Transfer:** Katara in Doha.
- **Experiences:** Souk of the falcons in Doha.
- **Ticket admission:** Al Thumama football stadium, islamic museum, and Katara in Doha.
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- **2 Lunch or Dinner Included in:** Abu Dhabi, Doha.

(Additional services Opt. 3)

- **Evening Transfer:** Little India in Manama.
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Expected Hotels

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(OPT. 1) JORDAN, SAUDI ARABIA, DUBAI AND ABU DHABI

01 SUN. Amman.-

Arrival at Amman airport. Welcome to Jordan!. Border procedures and transfer to the hotel. Free time.

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After lunch, end of our services.

(Opt. 2) Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Dubai and Doha

Days 1 - 13 as in Opt. 1

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16 MON. Doha.-

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(Opt. 3) Jordan, Saudi Arabia and Beauties of the Persian Gulf

Days 1 - 15 as in Opt. 2

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of Bahrain were born in India, this neighborhood preserves its life, the temple of Krishna and numerous small Indian restaurants.

17 TUE. Bahrain.-

We will get to know thoroughly this small country; by coach we follow the coast, we include the entrance to **Beit Al Qur' An**, museum on the Qur'an, the Muslims' holy book. We also visit the fantastic **Bahrain National Museum** that allows us to see the art, ethnography and traditions of this country and understand the importance it had throughout history. We will visit with a guide the impressive **Al Fatih Mosque** the most important in the country. **Lunch included.**

In the afternoon we will leave Manama, on the outskirts is located **QALAT AL BARHEIN**, declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, an impressive fortress by the sea inhabited for 4000 years (the current castle was built by the Portuguese). We enter one of the most important oil production areas in the world, between refineries and pipelines we will stop next to the first oil extraction well opened in the country. We will also stop at the **"tree of life"**, which with its more than 500 years being alive in the desert is a symbol of this country. Return to Manama, free time.

18 WED. Bahrain.-

After breakfast, end of our services.

(Opt. 4) Jordan, Saudi Arabia and Beauties of the Persian Gulf end Riyadh

Days 1 - 17 as in Opt. 3

18 WED. Bahrain- Dammam - Al-Hofuf.-

We leave in the morning from Manama, take the long bridge of 25 km that separates this country from **SAUDI ARABIA**. Border procedures. We enter a country that until very recently has been closed to tourism.

We will be surprised by the city of **DAMMAM**, provincial capital with almost a million inhabitants. By the sea we get the chance to take a photo of the water tower of Khobar. Following its modern maritime strip we follow the Heritage Village, next to the sea, in the form of a fortress we'll visit its small **museum of ancient objects** (including its collection of historical cars); **Lunch included.** We continue towards the impressive Ithra site and its very modern King Abdulaziz center for world

Culture - an architecturally very striking place (being rock shaped), with its leisure areas, its museums, its library.

Mid-afternoon continuation to the oasis of **AL-AHSA**, declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. Arrival at **AL-HOFUF**, the main city of the oasis. We will take a night walk through the **King Abdullah Park**, a pleasant park where its artificial lake and the fountains that dance to the rhythm of the music are a stand out.

19 THU. Al-Hofuf- Riyadh.-

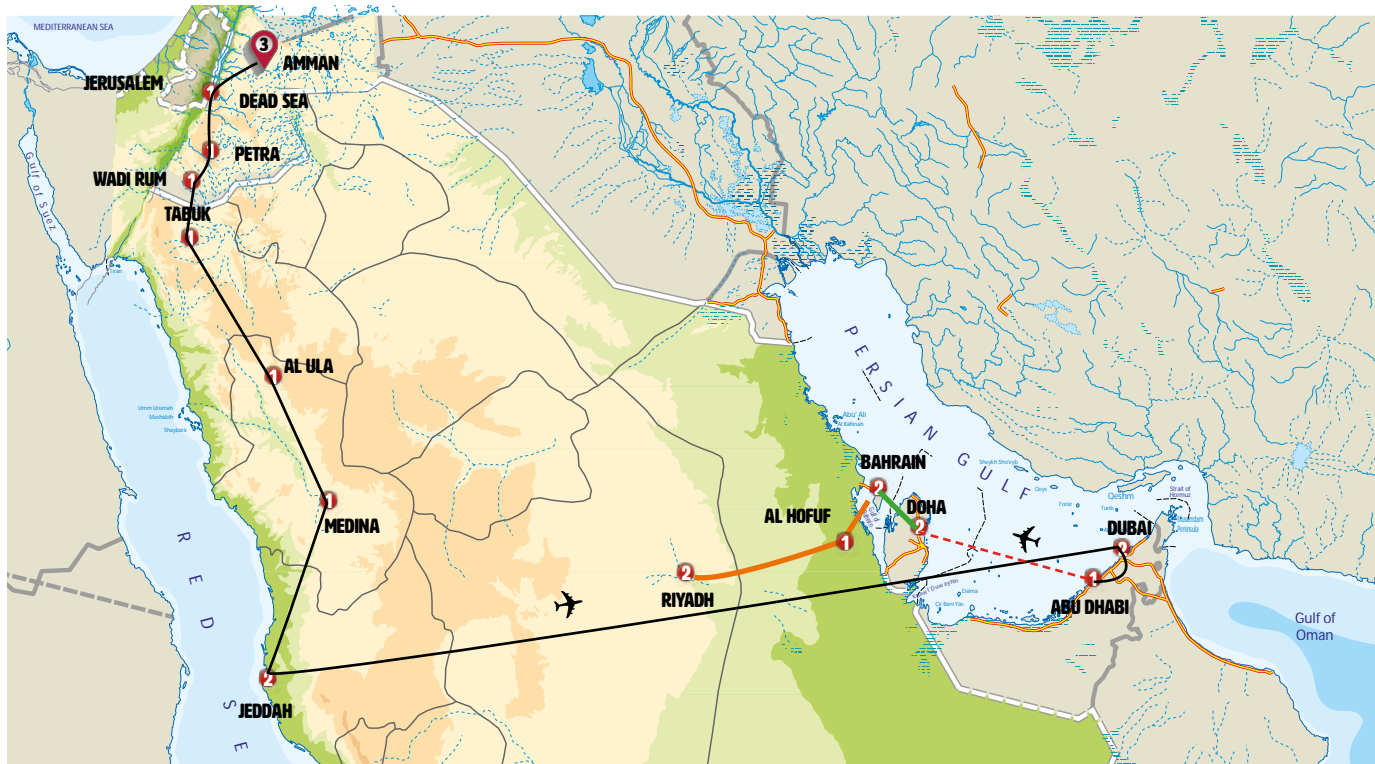
We visit the Oasis of **AL AHSA**, with its gardens, canals, wells. Inhabited since the Neolithic; it is considered the largest oasis in the world with its almost 3 million date palms. In the center of Al-Hofuf we visit the **Ibrahim Palace**, historical fortress (World Heritage Site) dominated by its white mosque, built in 1556 by the Ottomans. After that we visit the "House of Allegiance" that shows us a small palace characteristic of the oasis. Later we travel through the oasis, we go to **AL QARA**, a spectacular landscape area, labyrinth of mini-gorges-caves in the mountain, and a historical site; it will seem that "you penetrate the mountain", all year round the temperature is around 25 degrees. We also visit its museum "land of civilizations" that describes the history of the area. **Lunch included.**

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20 FRI. Riyadh.-

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sive capital of Saudi Arabia. We will include the climb to the tower of just over 300 m high, the "Kingdom Centre", with its beautiful design and its "bridge-shaped" viewpoint that offers spectacular views over the city. We will also visit, surrounded by a beautiful park, the **National Museum**, the largest museum in the country, where we will learn about the history, culture, and art of the Kingdom. After that we will visit the **Masmak Fortress**, the ancient fortress of the city, whose interior allows us to understand the incredible change that took place in this city during the last century. Afterwards, we will have time to stroll through the neighborhood, with its souks and commercial life. **Lunch included.**

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At the end of the day, we will visit the **Al Rajhi Mosque**, the largest mosque in Riyadh with its Andalusian style architecture, where **we will witness a prayer and have an introduction to Islam** that will surely make us learn something about this religion. Return to hotel.

21 SAT. Riyadh.-

After breakfast, end of our services.



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Price Includes

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(Additional services Opt. 4)

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Expected Hotels

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Dubai

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Beauties of the Persian Gulf and Mysteries of Arabia Opt. 3

(OPT. 1) EMIRATES, QATAR, BAHRAIN AND DREAMS OF ARABIA

01 WED. Dubai.-

Welcome to Emirates! Arrival at the airport and transfer to the hotel.

At the end of the afternoon, we will be transferred to visit the impressive city of **DUBAI** that shines in the night. We will go to witness the show of "**Dubai Fountain**", where the water dances to the rhythm of music and light; we are at the foot of Burj Khalifa which with its 828 meters is the tallest tower in the world; free time to walk and dine (dinner not included) in the immense Dubai Mall. Return to the hotel.

02 THU. Dubai.-

Today we have a spectacular day getting to know Dubai. We include going up the spectacular tower "**Dubai Frame**" with its spectacular bridge shape and its view at 150 meters high. Afterwards we go to the old part of Dubai, a walk through the souk of Bur Dubai and the spice souk. We will take an **Abra (traditional boat of the Emirates)** to move to the historic neighborhood of **Al Fahidi** and the center for cultural understanding (with its motto "open minds, open doors"), in this area we will include in a traditional building, a **typical meal** of the country; if the group is more than 15 travelers they will give us an explanation to get to know better the gastronomy of the Emirates.

In the afternoon we will have time in **Madinat Jumeirah**, which offers us a contemporary version of a traditional Arab village with its souk, its canals, and its colorful villas.

03 FRI. Dubai- Abu Dhabi.-

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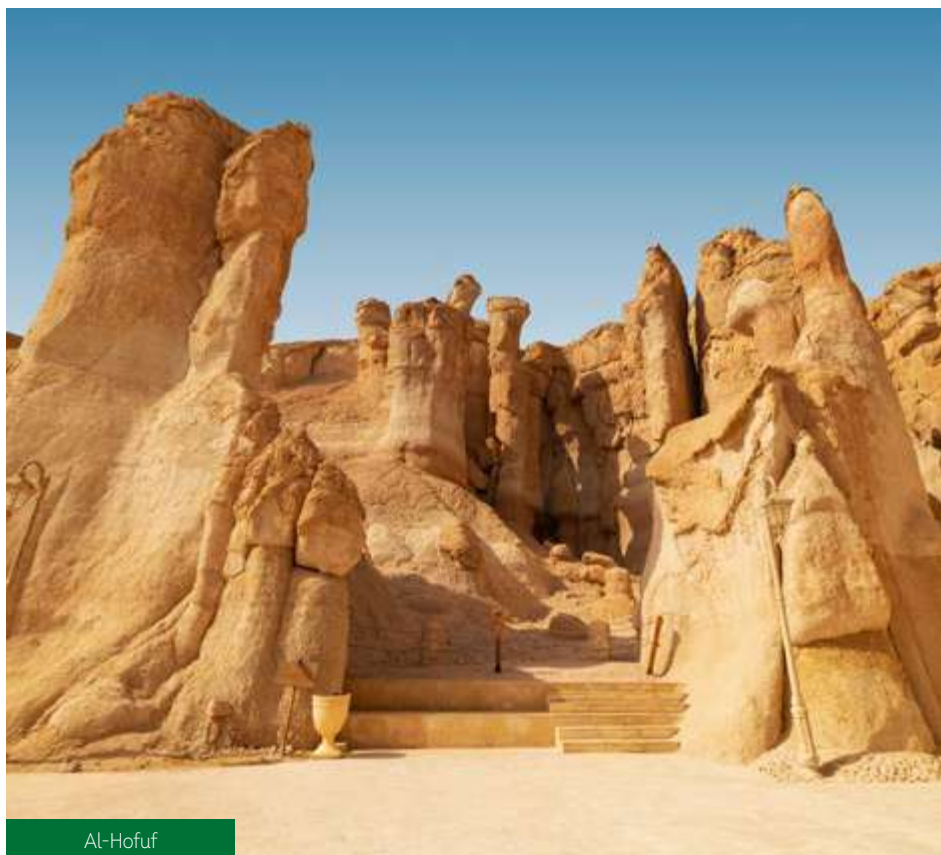
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Al-Hofuf

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11 SAT. Riyadh - Al Qasab - Shaqra - Ushaiqer - Buraydah.-

Today we follow the ancient route of pilgrims traveling from Iraq to Mecca, with its many historic towns in small oases. **AL QASAB** was known since ancient times for its salt and wheat production, also for its poets. We will visit the walled city and the small salt ponds where 200,000 tons of salt are still produced each year.

Desert landscapes of dunes lead us to **SHAQRA**, a city that is growing along with its university. We visit the well-fortified ancient city, with its picturesque old market and adobe alleys. Continue to **USHAIQER**. **Lunch included** before transferring to **Ushaiqer Heritage Village**, a village that was an important stop for pilgrims because of its springs and the beauty of its oasis. We will also visit its small museum and its Najdi architecture houses with its carved wooden doors, its beautiful windows and triangular roofs. Continuation to **BURAYDAH**, capital of the province of El Kasim with more than 600 000 inhabitants located in a large oasis. Arrival in the late afternoon and free time.

12 SUN. Buraydah – Medina.-

Early in the morning we will visit the largest **Camel Market** in the world, located in Buraydah – a city that also houses a camel hospital. The city's economy is also based on agriculture of oasis products (dates, lemons, oranges, wheat), and annually, around August, holds a huge date market that attracts many people from different places to buy their date annual requirement. We will visit "the city of dates" – more or less active depending on the time of the year – and we will be able to taste this sweet fruit of the palm tree. Afterwards, we will have time to stroll through the city center, with its vegetable market, its great mosque, its jewelry souks and its activity. **Lunch included.**

In the afternoon, we continue our route by an excellent highway through the desert. Arrival in the evening to the holy city of **MEDINA**, "the luminous city". We find ourselves in an outstanding historical and religious destination as it is one of the two most sacred cities of Islam. Medina is visited by millions of pilgrims every year and has been forbidden to non-Muslims until very recently. Respect its inhabitants and beliefs and remember to use the required mode of dress. In the evening, we will go to see – today from outside – the **Al Masjid Mosque**, built by the prophet himself and the place where he is buried. We will be touched to see the thousands of people who enter at prayer time. **Dinner included.**

13 MON. Medina – Jeddah.-

We will explore Medina. We will walk around the immense **Prophet's Mosque** (Al Masjid an Nabawi), an amazing and luminous mosque of 10 minarets with a capacity for one million visitors. On the **hill of UHUD**, an important pilgrimage site, the prophet's forces clashed with Meccan troops. You can walk through its vast esplanade and climb the hill, but remember to do so in silence and respecting the hundreds of pilgrims who will surround us any day. At the **Quba Mosque**, in the year 622, the prophet and his followers laid the first stone of what was to be the first mosque in history, although the present building is more recent. We will also stroll through the nearby market where you can find dates, perfumes and other local specialties. **Lunch included.** After lunch we will have some free time in the city center to stroll around the shopping areas or –if you wish– visit the Hejaz Railway Museum (in the former Ottoman railway station).

In the afternoon we travel to **JEDDAH**, on the shores of the Red Sea, the second largest city in the country, with four million inhabitants. In the evening we will take a walk through its **historic center**, declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, with its impressive set of medieval alleys and houses made of coral and wooden balconies.

14 TUE. Jeddah.-

Full day in Jeddah. With a local guide we will visit this city that will surprise us by its contrasts. At this time, a large part of the city is being rebuilt to make it a great world megalopolis. Among others, the construction of the Jeddah Tower, which will be the tallest building in the world with more than a thousand meters high, stands out. We will follow the Corniche, with its beautiful views, its mosques by the sea and its recreational areas. We will contemplate the King Fahd Fountain, the highest of its kind in the world, its water jets reach more than 300 meters high. We will stop at the lively and picturesque fish market. We will include the entrance to "Tabayat International city" an architectural complex of great beauty with its very interesting museums of history and ethnography. We will then visit the historical center, entering



Medina

through Bab Makkah – the most important gate of Jeddah – and we will also pass by the cemetery of Eve, where tradition says that Eve, Adam's wife and the first woman of humanity according to the bible, was buried. Free afternoon. We recommend a stroll through its traditional souks or its huge shopping malls.

15 WED. Jeddah.-

After breakfast, end of our services.

(Opt. 2) Emirates, Qatar, Bahrain and Arabia Unforgettable

Days 1 – 14 as in Opt. 1

15 WED. Jeddah-Mecca- Al Hada – Taif.-

Important Note: Mecca is a city that is not accessible to non-Muslim tourists. If you are Muslim, if you wish, we can adapt your program so that you can visit it (you will stay in Taif with the rest of the members of the group and the visit of the remaining points of the day will not be included). In this case, there will be a supplement that will depend on the number of travelers who can and wish to visit Mecca.

Today we travel to Taif, a city in the province of Mecca (city not authorized for non-Muslim travelers). This city, located at almost 2000 meters above sea level, is popular for its mild climate, so every summer the Saudi Government moves to this point – not as hot as Riyadh –. The route, up the mountain, is spectacular in scenery. We will stop at **AL HADA**, with its tourist market, great views and rose fields. **Lunch included.**

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16 THU. Taif- Riyadh.-

After breakfast, transfer to the airport and flight to Riyadh. End of our services.

Note: Check the time of your flight in case you need an additional night. In this case, the airport transfer to the hotel is not included and will be billed.

(Opt. 3) Beauties of the Persian Gulf and Mysteries of Arabia

Days 1 – 12 as in Opt. 2

13 MON. Medina – Al-'Ula.-

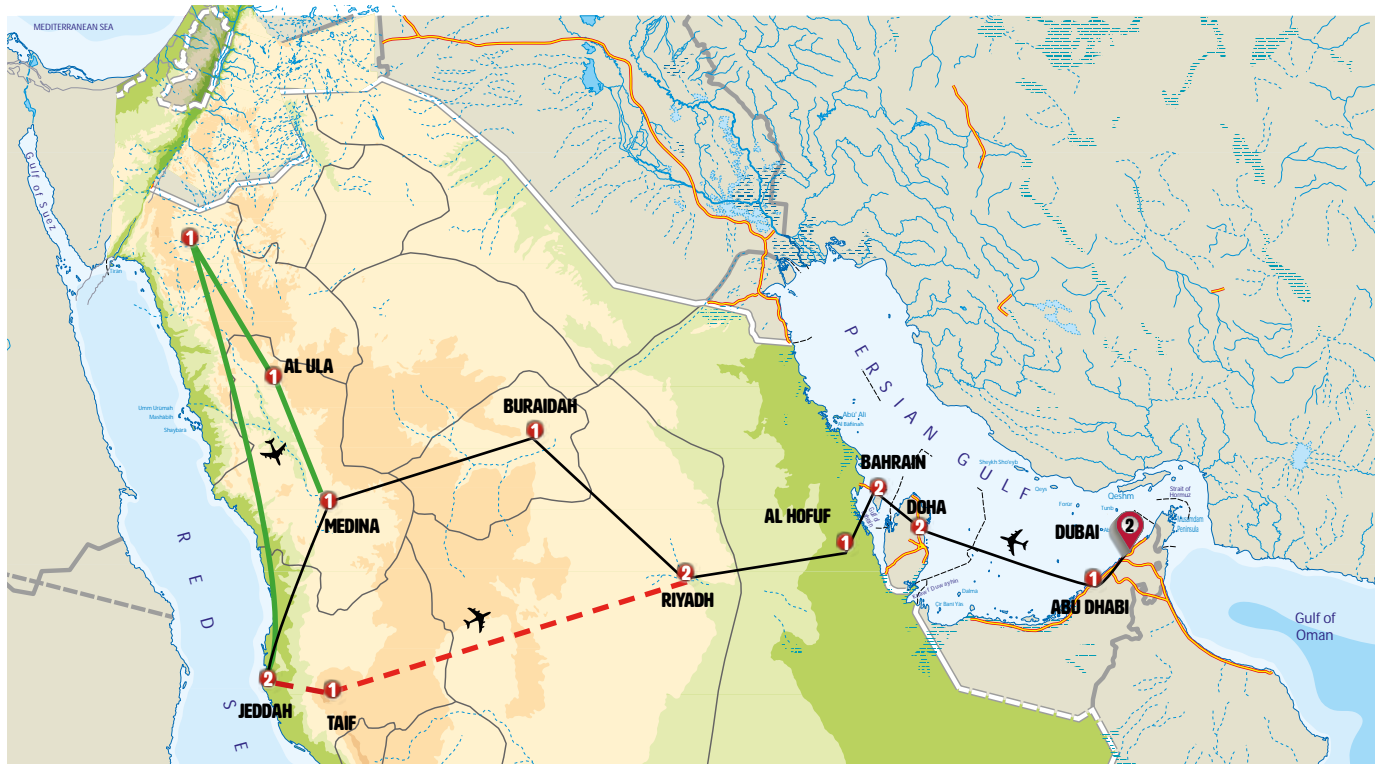
Note: The Al-'Ula region is one of the most beautiful areas in the world, however its hotel infrastructure is extremely limited. On some occasions we will spend two nights in Medina (visiting in this case in the afternoon the Al Madinah Museum) leaving very early for Al-'Ula on Tuesday.

We will explore Medina. We will walk around the immense **Prophet's Mosque** (Al Masjid an Nabawi), an amazing and luminous mosque of ten minarets with a capacity for one million visitors.. On the **hill of UHUD**, an important pilgrimage site, where the prophet's forces clashed with Meccan troops. You can walk through its vast esplanade and climb the hill but remember to do so in silence and respecting the hundreds of pilgrims surrounding us at any given time. At the **Mosque of Quba**, in the year 622, the prophet and his followers laid the first stone of what was to be the first mosque in history, although the present building is more recent. We will also stroll through the nearby market where you can find dates, perfumes, and other local specialties. **Lunch included.** After lunch we will have some free time in the city center to stroll around the shopping areas or –if you wish– visit the Hejaz Railway Museum (in the former Ottoman railway station).

In the afternoon we travel to one of the most spectacular places in the world: The region and oasis of **AL-'ULA**: an authentic open-air museum surrounded by nature, where you will find rock formations, canyons and ravines that compete with the majestic treasures carved by its ancient inhabitants. After arrival we will go to **The Elephant Rock**, "Jabal Al Fil" an impressive geomorphological phenomenon, a 52 meters high rock in the shape of an Elephant. **Dinner included.**

14 TUE. Al-'Ula – Tabuk.-

In the region of Al-'Ula we will visit the enclosure of **HEGRA (Mada'in Saleh)**, declared World Heritage by UNESCO, of Nabataean culture "the Other Petra" amazes us with its tombs excavated in the rock in a desert environment full of mystery. **Lunch included.** We will have free time in "Al-'Ula Heritage Village", the old Al-'Ula, magnificently restored with its pleasant restaurants and shops. We will also have some time to walk in the magnificent **Oasis**. In the middle of



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the afternoon, we will leave for **TABUK**. Dinner included.

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We visit **Tabuk**, a city over half a million inhabitants, active provincial capital and one of the oldest cities in the country. We will visit **the castle** whose origin is 3500 years before Christ, and inside it, a museum tells the history of the castle and the city, from the great explorers who visited it, such as Ibn Battuta, to the pilgrims who stopped to drink from the fountains on their way to Mecca or Medina. After the castle we walk through the active commercial area of the center and we reach the old train station, today a museum that preserves the steam machines that connected Damascus with Medina. After the visit of Tabuk transfer to the airport. We include **flight to JEDDAH**, the second city in the country, with four million inhabitants, on the shore of the Red Sea. Transfer to your hotel and free time.

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Full day in Jeddah, with our local guide we will visit **the city**. We will be surprised by its contrasts, currently a large part of the city is being rebuilt to make it a great world megalopolis, highlights the construction of the Jeddah Tower that will be the tallest building in the world with over a thousand meters high. We will follow the Corniche, with its beautiful views, its mosques by the sea and its recreational areas; we will contemplate the Fountain of King Fahd, the highest of its kind in the world, its jets reach more than 300 meters high. We will stop at the active and picturesque fish market. We will include the entrance to **"Tabeyat International city"** very interesting museum of history and ethnography in an architectural ensemble of great beauty. We visit the historic center, declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, with its impressive set of medieval alleys and its houses made with coral and wooden balconies.

Free time in the afternoon, you can stroll through its traditional souks or its immense shopping centers.

17 FRI. Jeddah.-

After breakfast, end of our services.

- **General Services:** Travel by bus with Spanish and English speaking guide, basic travel insurance and breakfast buffet.
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- **Includes departure transfer**
- **Boat:** Dow in Dubai.
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- **Evening Transfer:** Dubai Fountain in Dubai, The Founders Memoria in Abu Dabi, Katara in Doha, Little India in Manama, King Abdullah Park in Al Hofuf, Boulevard Riyadh in Riyadh, Historic centre in Jeddah.
- **Experiences:** Monorail, Dubai Frame and explanation about the gastronomy of Emirates in Dubai, Souk of the falcons in Doha, Kingdom Centre Tower and introduction to Islam in Al Rajhi mosque in Riyadh, Camel Market and date tasting experience in Buraydah.
- **Ticket admission:** Madinat Jumeirah in Dubai, Heritage Village, Sheikh Zayed mosque, Qasr al Watan and the Founders Memorial in Abu Dabi, Al Thumama football stadium, islamic museum, and Katara in Doha, Beit al Quram museum, Al Fatih mosque and national museum of Bahrain in Manama; Qalat al Barhein fortress, Heritage Village and King Abdulaziz Center for World Culture in Dammam, King Abdullah Park, Ibrahim palace, House of Allegiance, Al Qara and Land of civilizations museum in Al Hofuf, Boulevard Riyadh, National Museum, Masmak Fortress and Al Rajhi Mosque in Riyadh, Ushaiger Heritage Village, Tabeyat International City in Jeddah.
- **High Speed Train:** Al Hofuf/ Riyadh.
- **Flights included:** Doha/ Qatar.
- **9 Lunch or Dinner Included in:** Abu Dhabi, Doha, Dammam, Bahrain, Al-Hofuf, Riyadh, Al Qasab, Buraydah, Medina, Medina.

(Additional services Opt. 2)

- **Experiences:** Rose factory-Attar in Taif.
- **Ticket admission:** King Faisal park.
- **Flights included:** Taif/ Riyadh.
- **1 Lunch or Dinner Included in:** Al Hada.

(Additional services Opt. 3)

- **Evening Transfer:** Elephant Rock in Al Ula.
- **Ticket admission:** Hegra, Heritage Village and the Elephant Rock in Al Ula, Castle and old train station in Tabuk.
- **Flights included:** Tabuk/Jeddah.
- **4 Lunch or Dinner Included in:** Medina, Al-'Ula, Al-'Ula, Tabuk.



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Doha

Doha, Bahrain, Oasis and Dream Arabia end Jeddah Opt. 1

Doha, Bahrain, Oasis and Arabia Dream Opt. 2

Doha, Bahrain and Arabian Mysteries Opt. 3

(OPT. 1) DOHA, BAHRAIN, OASIS AND DREAM ARABIA END JEDDAH

01 SAT. Doha.-

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS: Arrival Reception. **Transfer to hotel** and free time. You will receive information about the start of the circuit during the afternoon, or you can check the informative panels in the hotel reception area.

02 SUN. Doha.-

We discover an exciting city. In this city's **city tour** we will visit the Corniche, with its line of skyscrapers and its beaches; we will get to see the very modern football stadium of Al Thumama, host of the 2022 World Cup; we will pass by the National Museum with its impressive architecture and include an entrance and visit of the Museum of Islamic Art, that houses the largest collection of Islamic art in the world. Uniting modernity and tradition we visit the Souk of the Falcons where we will understand the importance of falconry in this country; a time to walk in the Waqif Souk, built on the site of the old market remodeled to have the appearance of a nineteenth-century souk, nearby we will pass by the stables where the neighbors house Arabian horses. At lunchtime we will go to "The Pearl of Qatar" an artificial archipelago, here we will see Porto Arabia and we will have free time in Qanat, a shopping area inspired by Venice. **Lunch included.**

At the end of the day, we move to **KATARA**, a cultural village that has architectural replicas from all over the world, with several places to eat, its opera and its amphitheater.

03 MON. Doha- Bahrain.-

Important note: Until 2019 there was a ferry linking Qatar with Bahrain significantly reducing travel time between the two points and avoiding transit through Saudi Arabia. It is possible that that ferry line will be restored, in which case the trip would be made by ferry. If the route is not restored, it passes through Saudi Arabia; please check that you have the visa for this country (in case your trip from Bahrain continues to Saudi Arabia please apply for the double or multiple entry visa).

We will travel through the road, 120 km of modern highway through the desert separates us from the border of Saudi Arabia. Transit through **Saudi Arabia**, we travel to **BAHRAIN**, a small country located on an island in the Persian Gulf, we pass by the 25 km friendship bridge that connects Arabia with Bahrain. Border procedures. Bahrain is a small country of 765 Km2 inhabited by just under two million inhabitants that always had great historical importance.

MANAMA, arrival in the middle of the afternoon. Upon arrival we will know the historic neighborhood of **Muharraq**, in its pedestrian alleys are some of the most beautiful historical buildings in the country: royal residences and houses of rich pearl merchants very well restored.

At the end of the day, we will walk through the **souk of Manama**, with its active life and through **Little India**, over 300 000 inhabitants of Bahrain were born in India, this neighborhood preserves its life, the temple of Krishna and numerous small Indian restaurants.

04 TUE. Bahrain.-

We will get to know thoroughly this small country; by coach we follow the coast, we include the entrance to **Beit Al Qur'an**, museum on the Qur'an, the Muslims' holy book. We also visit the fantastic **Bahrain National Museum** that allows us to see the art, ethnography and traditions of this country and understand the importance it had throughout history. We will visit with a guide the impressive **Al Fatih Mosque** the most important in the country. **Lunch included.**

In the afternoon we will leave Manama, on the outskirts is located **QALAT AL BARHEIN**, declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, an impressive fortress by the sea inhabited for 4000 years (the current castle was built by the Portuguese). We enter one of the most important oil production areas in the world, between refineries and pipelines we will stop next to the first oil extraction well opened in the country. We will also stop at the **"tree of life"**, which with its more than 500 years being alive in the desert is a symbol of this country. Return to Manama, free time.

05 WED. Bahrain- Dammam - Al-Hofuf.-

We leave in the morning from Manama, take the long bridge of 25 km that separates this country from **SAUDI ARABIA**. Border procedures. We enter a country that until very recently has been closed to tourism.

We will be surprised by the city of **DAMMAM**, provincial capital with almost a million inhabitants. By the sea we get the chance to take a photo of the water tower of Khobar. Following its

modern maritime strip we follow the Heritage Village, next to the sea, in the form of a fortress we'll visit its small **museum of ancient objects** (including its collection of historical cars); **Lunch included.** We continue towards the impressive Ithra site and its very modern King Abdulaziz center for world Culture - an architecturally very striking place (being rock shaped), with its leisure areas, its museums, its library.

Mid-afternoon continuation to the oasis of AL-AHSA, declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. Arrival at **AL-HOFUF**, the main city of the oasis. We will take a night walk through the **King Abdullah Park**, a pleasant park where its artificial lake and the fountains that dance to the rhythm of the music are a stand out.

06 THU. Al-Hofuf- Riyadh.-

We visit the Oasis of **AL AHSA**, with its gardens, canals, wells. Inhabited since the Neolithic; it is considered the largest oasis in the world with its almost 3 million date palms. In the center of Al-Hofuf we visit the **Ibrahim Palace**, historical fortress (World Heritage Site) dominated by its white mosque, built in 1556 by the Ottomans. After that we visit the "House of Allegiance" that shows us a small palace characteristic of the oasis. Later we travel through the oasis, we go to **AL QARA**, a spectacular landscape area, labyrinth of mini-gorges-caves in the mountain, and a historical site; it will seem that "you penetrate the mountain", all year round the temperature is around 25 degrees. We also visit its museum "land of civilizations" that describes the history of the area. **Lunch included.**

Note: At the time of writing this itinerary, the Ibrahim Palace was closed for restoration. During the period when it is closed, the palace will be visited from the outside and time will be given to the Qaisariah souk.

In the afternoon we take a modern **high-speed train**, in two hours and 20 minutes we travel almost 350 kilometers of desert that separate us from Riyadh.- **RIYADH**, arrival. To end the day, we will include transfer and entrance to the **Boulevard Riyadh**, you will be surprised by its life and activity, the attractions, the numerous restaurants with specialties from numerous countries, its live shows, and -above all- the spectacle of colorful fountains. Time to stroll, dine (dinner not included) and enjoy this place. Return to the hotel.

07 FRI. Riyadh.-

Today (the order of activities may vary depending on the time of year) we will visit the impressive capital of Saudi Arabia. We will include the climb to the tower of just over 300 m high, the "**Kingdom Centre**", with its beautiful design and its "bridge-shaped" viewpoint that offers spectacular views over the city. We will also visit, surrounded by a beautiful park, the **National Museum**, the largest museum in the country, where we will learn about the history, culture, and art of the Kingdom. After that we will visit the **Masmak Fortress**, the ancient fortress of the city, whose interior allows us to understand the incredible change that took place in this city during the last century. Afterwards, we will have time to stroll through the neighborhood, with its souks and commercial life. **Lunch included.**

In the afternoon we will move to the district of Al Turaif **DIRIYA**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This place - on the outskirts of Riyadh - was formerly the first capital of the Saudi dynasty, which we will be able to discover thanks to the vestiges of its numerous palaces and the urban complex at the edge of the oasis of Ad-Diriya. At the end of the day, we will visit the **Al Rajhi Mosque**, the largest mosque in Riyadh with its Andalusian style architecture, where **we will witness a prayer and have an introduction to Islam** that will surely make us learn something about this religion. Return to hotel.

08 SAT. Riyadh - Al Qasab - Shaqra - Ushaiqer - Buraydah.-

Today we follow the ancient route of pilgrims traveling from Iraq to Mecca, with its many historic towns in small oases. **AL QASAB** was known since ancient times for its salt and wheat production, also for its poets. We will visit the walled city and the small salt ponds where 200,000 tons of salt are still produced each year.

Desert landscapes of dunes lead us to **SHAQRA**, a city that is growing along with its university. We visit the well-fortified ancient city, with its picturesque old market and adobe alleys. Continue to **USHAIQER**. **Lunch included** before transferring to **Ushaiqer Heritage Village**, a village that was an important stop for pilgrims because of its springs and the beauty of its oasis. We will also visit its small museum and its Najdi architecture houses with its carved wooden doors, its beautiful windows and triangular roofs. Continuation to **BURAYDAH**, capital of the province of El Kasim with more than 600 000 inhabitants located in a large oasis. Arrival in the late afternoon and free time.

09 SUN. Buraydah - Medina.-

Early in the morning we will visit the largest **Camel Market** in the world, located in Buraydah - a city that also houses a camel hospital. The city's economy is also based on agriculture of oasis products (dates, lemons, oranges, wheat), and annually, around August, holds a huge date market that attracts many people from different places to buy their date annual requirement. We will visit "**the city of dates**" -more or less active depending on the time of the year- and we will be able to taste this sweet fruit of the palm tree. Afterwards, we will have time to

stroll through the city center, with its vegetable market, its great mosque, its jewelry souks and its activity. **Lunch included.**

In the afternoon, we continue our route by an excellent highway through the desert. Arrival in the evening to the holy city of **MEDINA**, "the luminous city". We find ourselves in an outstanding historical and religious destination as it is one of the two most sacred cities of Islam. Medina is visited by millions of pilgrims every year and has been forbidden to non-Muslims until very recently. Respect its inhabitants and beliefs and remember to use the required mode of dress. In the evening, we will go to see - today from outside - the **Al Masjid Mosque**, built by the prophet himself and the place where he is buried. We will be touched to see the thousands of people who enter at prayer time. **Dinner included.**

10 MON. Medina - Jeddah.-

We will explore Medina. We will walk around the immense **Prophet's Mosque** (Al Masjid an Nabawi), an amazing and luminous mosque of 10 minarets with a capacity for one million visitors. On the **hill of UHUD**, an important pilgrimage site, the prophet's forces clashed with Meccan troops. You can walk through its vast esplanade and climb the hill, but remember to do so in silence and respecting the hundreds of pilgrims who will surround us any day. At the **Quba Mosque**, in the year 622, the prophet and his followers laid the first stone of what was to be the first mosque in history, although the present building is more recent. We will also stroll through the nearby market where you can find dates, perfumes and other local specialties. **Lunch included.** After lunch we will have some free time in the city center to stroll around the



shopping areas or -if you wish- visit the Hejaz Railway Museum (in the former Ottoman railway station).

In the afternoon we travel to **JEDDAH**, on the shores of the Red Sea, the second largest city in the country, with four million inhabitants. In the evening we will take a walk through its **historic center**, declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, with its impressive set of medieval alleys and houses made of coral and wooden balconies.

11 TUE. Jeddah.-

Full day in Jeddah. With a local guide we will visit this city that will surprise us by its contrasts. At this time, a large part of the city is being rebuilt to make it a great world megalopolis. Among others, the construction of the Jeddah Tower, which will be the tallest building in the world with more than a thousand meters high, stands out. We will follow the Corniche, with its beautiful views, its mosques by the sea and its recreational areas. We will contemplate the King Fahd Fountain, the highest of its kind in the world, its water jets reach more than 300 meters high. We will stop at the lively and picturesque fish market. We will include the entrance to "**Tabeyat International city**" an architectural complex of great beauty with its very interesting museums of history and ethnography. We will then visit the historical center, entering through Bab Makkah - the most important gate of Jeddah - and we will also pass by the cemetery of Eve, where tradition says that Eve, Adam's wife and the first woman of humanity according to the bible, was buried. Free afternoon. We recommend a stroll through its traditional souks or its huge shopping malls.

12 WED. Jeddah.-

After breakfast, end of our services.

(Opt. 2) Doha, Bahrain, Oasis and Arabia Dream

Days 1 - 11 as in Opt. 1

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13 THU. Taif- Riyadh.-

After breakfast, transfer to the airport and flight to Riyadh. End of our services.

Note: Check the time of your flight in case you



Al-'Ula

need an additional night. In this case, the airport transfer to the hotel is not included and will be billed.

(Opt. 3) Doha, Bahrain and Arabian Mysteries

Days 1 - 9 as in Opt. 2

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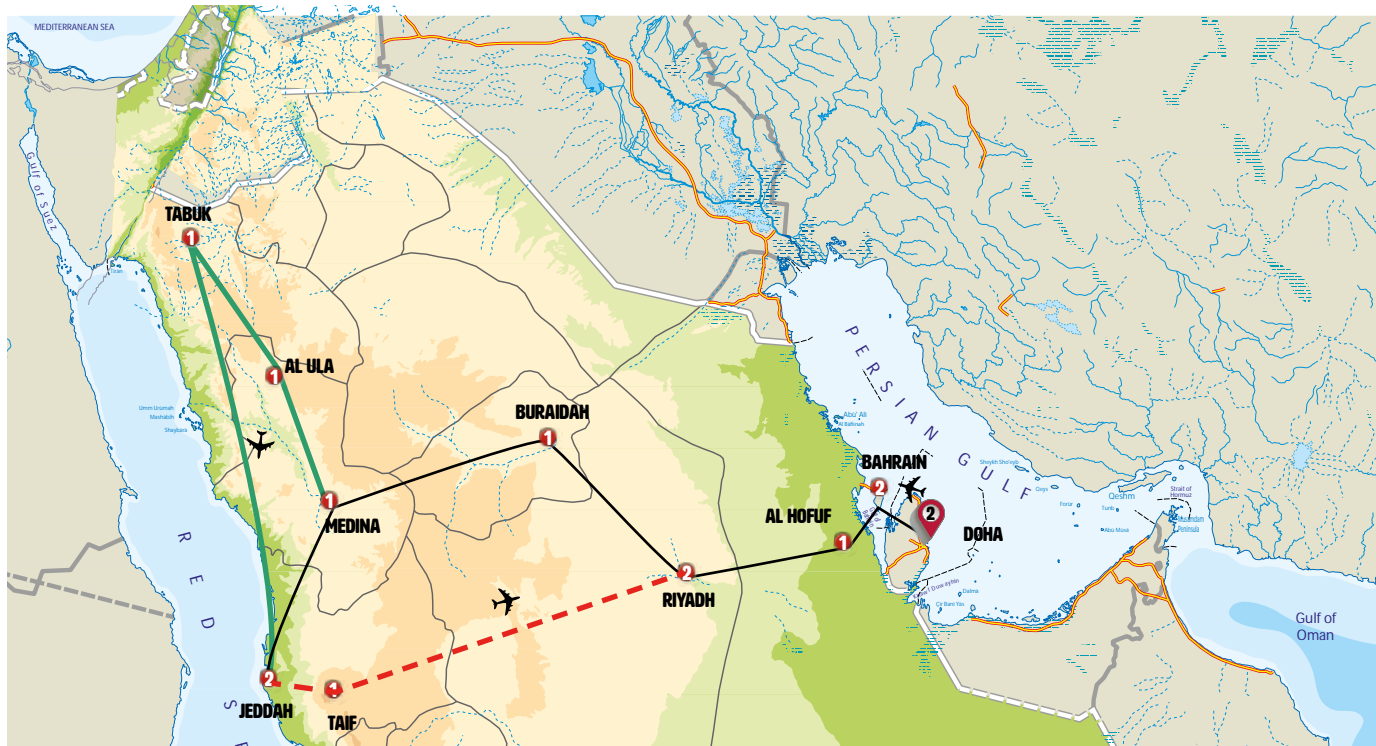
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Dubai, oasis and Mysteries of Arabia Opt. 3

(OPT. 1) DUBAI, ABU DHABI AND ARABIA END JEDDAH

01 SAT. Dubai.-

Welcome to Emirates! Arrival at the airport and transfer to the hotel.

At the end of the afternoon, we will be transferred to visit the impressive city of **DUBAI** that shines in the night. We will go to witness the show of "**Dubai Fountain**", where the water dances to the rhythm of music and light; we are at the foot of Burj Khalifa which with its 828 meters is the tallest tower in the world; free time to walk and dine (dinner not included) in the immense Dubai Mall. Return to the hotel.

02 SUN. Dubai.-

Today we have a spectacular day getting to know Dubai. We will have a **panoramic tour** in which we will pass in front of the great mosque of Jumeirah, afterwards we continue passing by Burj Al Arab, a spectacular hotel in the form of a sail; the island of "Palm Jumeirah" in the shape of a palm tree. We will take the very **modern monorail**. A walk through the area of The Marina. We then have free time next to the most popular and active beach in Dubai: JBR beach. If you wish you can bathe in the warm waters of the Persian Gulf, or if you prefer you can stroll through its several luxury shops. Time to bathe or rest and have lunch (not included). In the afternoon we will have time in **Madinat Jumeirah**, which offers us a contemporary version of a traditional Arab village with its souk, its canals, and its colorful villas.

03 MON. Dubai - Abu Dhabi.-

We still have all morning to get to know Dubai. We include going up the spectacular tower "**Dubai Frame**" with its spectacular bridge shape and its view at 150 meters high. Afterwards we go to the old part of Dubai, a walk through the souk of Bur Dubai and the spice souk. We will take an **Abra** (traditional boat of the Emirates) to move to the **historic neighborhood of Al Fahidi** and the center for cultural understanding (with its motto "open minds, open doors"), in this area we will include in a traditional building, a **typical meal** of the country; if the group is more than 15 travelers they will give us an explanation to get to know better the gastronomy of the Emirates. After lunch we will continue our route to **ABU DHABI**, the most important Emirate and capital of the country. Before entering the city, we will stop at Ferrari World, a theme park dedicated to Ferrari racing cars (stop to see outdoor areas). After that we visit the **Sheikh Zayed Mosque**, a beautiful white mosque, the largest in the Emirates, with an area of more than 12 hectares, a point that seeks the encounter with other cultures and people of other religions. We will pass in front of Capital Gate, a 160-meter-high building known for being the steepest skyscraper in the world. From the beautiful "Corniche", by the sea, we will get a great panoramic view of the city. Already, after dark we will go to The Founders Memorial, built in memory of Zayed, the first sultan of the Emirates; **The Constellation** stands out, with its magnificent night lighting.

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Free time to relax in the hotel, you can enjoy its white sand beach, its pool or snorkel in the waters of the Persian Gulf. **Lunch included.** After lunch we enter a country that until very recently has been closed to tourism. Only 130 km separate us from the border of **SAUDI ARABIA** (Al Batha). Border procedures and continuation of

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08 SAT. Riyadh - Al Qasab - Shaqra - Ushaiquer - Buraydah.-

Today we will follow the ancient route of pilgrims traveling from Iraq to Mecca, with its many historic towns in small oases. **AL QASAB** was known since ancient times for its salt and wheat production, also for its poets. We will

visit the walled city and the small salt ponds where 200,000 tons of salt are still produced each year.

Desert landscapes of dunes lead us to **SHAQRA**, a city that is growing along with its university. We visit the well-fortified ancient city, with its picturesque old market and adobe alleys. Continue to **USHAIQER**. **Lunch included** before transferring to **Ushaiquer Heritage Village**, a village that was an important stop for pilgrims because of its springs and the beauty of its oasis. We will also visit its small museum and its Najdi architecture houses with its carved wooden doors, its beautiful windows and triangular roofs. Continuation to **BURAYDAH**, capital of the province of El Kasim with more than 600 000 inhabitants located in a large oasis. Arrival in the late afternoon and free time.

09 SUN. Buraydah - Medina.-

Early in the morning we will visit the largest **Camel Market** in the world, located in Buraydah - a city that also houses a camel hospital. The city's economy is also based on agriculture of oasis products (dates, lemons, oranges, wheat), and annually, around August, holds a huge date market that attracts many people from different places to buy their date annual requirement. We will visit **"the city of dates"** -more or less active depending on the time of the year- and we will be able to taste this sweet fruit of the palm tree. Afterwards, we will have time to stroll through the city center, with its vegetable market, its great mosque, its jewelry souks and its activity. **Lunch included.**

In the afternoon, we continue our route by an excellent highway through the desert. Arrival in the evening to the holy city of **MEDINA**, "the luminous city". We find ourselves in an outstanding historical and religious destination as it is one of the two most sacred cities of Islam. Medina is visited by millions of pilgrims every year and has been forbidden to non-Muslims until very recently. Respect its inhabitants and beliefs and remember to use the required mode of dress. In the evening, we will go to see - today

from outside - the **Al Masjid Mosque**, built by the prophet himself and the place where he is buried. We will be touched to see the thousands of people who enter at prayer time. **Dinner included.**

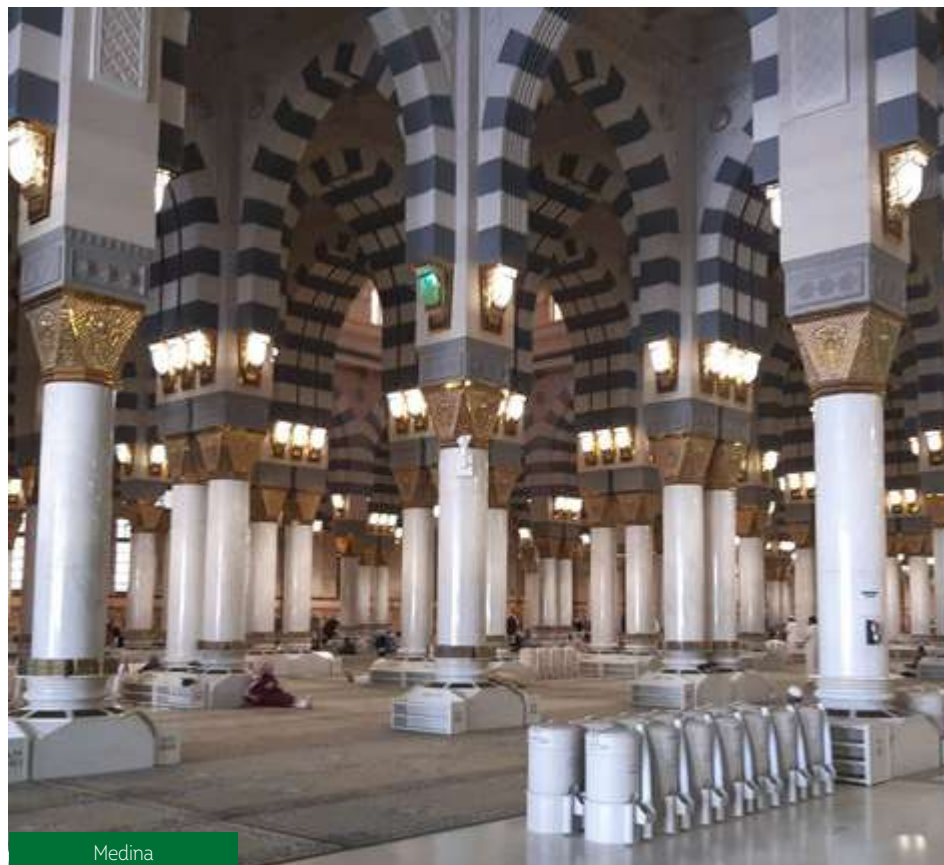
10 MON. Medina - Jeddah.-

We will explore Medina. We will walk around the immense **Prophet's Mosque** (Al Masjid an Nabawi), an amazing and luminous mosque of 10 minarets with a capacity for one million visitors. On the **hill of UHUD**, an important pilgrimage site, the prophet's forces clashed with Meccan troops. You can walk through its vast esplanade and climb the hill, but remember to do so in silence and respecting the hundreds of pilgrims who will surround us any day. At the **Quba Mosque**, in the year 622, the prophet and his followers laid the first stone of what was to be the first mosque in history, although the present building is more recent. We will also stroll through the nearby market where you can find dates, perfumes and other local specialties. **Lunch included.** After lunch we will have some free time in the city center to stroll around the shopping areas or -if you wish- visit the Hejaz Railway Museum (in the former Ottoman railway station).

In the afternoon we travel to **JEDDAH**, on the shores of the Red Sea, the second largest city in the country, with four million inhabitants. In the evening we will take a walk through its **historic center**, declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, with its impressive set of medieval alleys and houses made of coral and wooden balconies.

11 TUE. Jeddah.-

Full day in Jeddah. With a local guide we will visit this city that will surprise us by its contrasts. At this time, a large part of the city is being rebuilt to make it a great world megalopolis. Among others, the construction of the Jeddah Tower, which will be the tallest building in the world with more than a thousand meters high, stands out. We will follow the Corniche,



Medina

with its beautiful views, its mosques by the sea and its recreational areas. We will contemplate the King Fahd Fountain, the highest of its kind in the world, its water jets reach more than 300 meters high. We will stop at the lively and picturesque fish market. We will include the entrance to **"Tabeyat International city"** an architectural complex of great beauty with its very interesting museums of history and ethnography. We will then visit the historical center, entering through Bab Makkah – the most important gate of Jeddah – and we will also pass by the cemetery of Eve, where tradition says that Eve, Adam's wife and the first woman of humanity according to the bible, was buried. Free afternoon. We recommend a stroll through its traditional souks or its huge shopping malls.

12 WED. Jeddah.-

After breakfast, end of our services.

(Opt. 2) Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Arabian Classics

Days 1 – 11 as in Opt. 1

12 WED. Jeddah-Mecca- Al Hada – Taif.-

Important Note: Mecca is a city that is not accessible to non-Muslim tourists. If you are Muslim, if you wish, we can adapt your program so that you can visit it (you will stay in Taif with the rest of the members of the group and the visit of the remaining points of the day will not be included). In this case, there will be a supplement that will depend on the number of travelers who can and wish to visit Mecca. Today we travel to Taif, a city in the province of Mecca (city not authorized for non-Muslim travelers). This city, located at almost 2000 meters above sea level, is popular for its mild climate, so every summer the Saudi Government moves to this point -not as hot as Riyadh-. The route, up the mountain, is spectacular in scenery. We will stop at **AL HADA**, with its tourist market, great views and rose fields. **Lunch included.**

TAIF, this popular city with very modern shopping malls and great amusement parks, has numerous rose gardens. On the outskirts of the city of Qadeera, we will visit the **King Faisal Park**, which hosts an annual rose festival, and experience the roses used to make local perfumes. In this city 300 million roses are produced annually in more than 900 farms. **We will visit a rose oil factory -Attar-**. We will also stroll through the central market, with its maze of narrow streets and its different areas (honey, perfumes, jewelry...). In the evening we will go to the modern shopping mall district where you will have time to dine in one of its many restaurants of all kinds of cuisines.

13 THU. Taif- Riyadh.-

After breakfast, transfer to the airport and flight to Riyadh. End of our services.

Note: Check the time of your flight in case you need an additional night. In this case, the airport transfer to the hotel is not included and will be billed.

(Opt. 3) Dubai, oasis and Mysteries of Arabia Days 1 – 9 as in Opt. 2

10 MON. Medina – Al-'Ula.-

Note: The Al-'Ula region is one of the most beautiful areas in the world, however its hotel infrastructure is extremely limited. On some occasions we will spend two nights in Medina (visiting in this case in the afternoon the Al Madinah Museum) leaving very early for Al-'Ula on Tuesday.

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In the afternoon we travel to one of the most spectacular places in the world: The region and oasis of **AL-'ULA**: an authentic open-air museum surrounded by nature, where you will find rock formations, canyons and ravines that compete with the majestic treasures carved by its ancient inhabitants. After arrival we will go to **The Elephant Rock**, "Jabal Al Fil" an impressive geomorphological phenomenon, a 52 meters high rock in the shape of an Elephant. **Dinner included.**

11 TUE. Al-'Ula – Tabuk.-

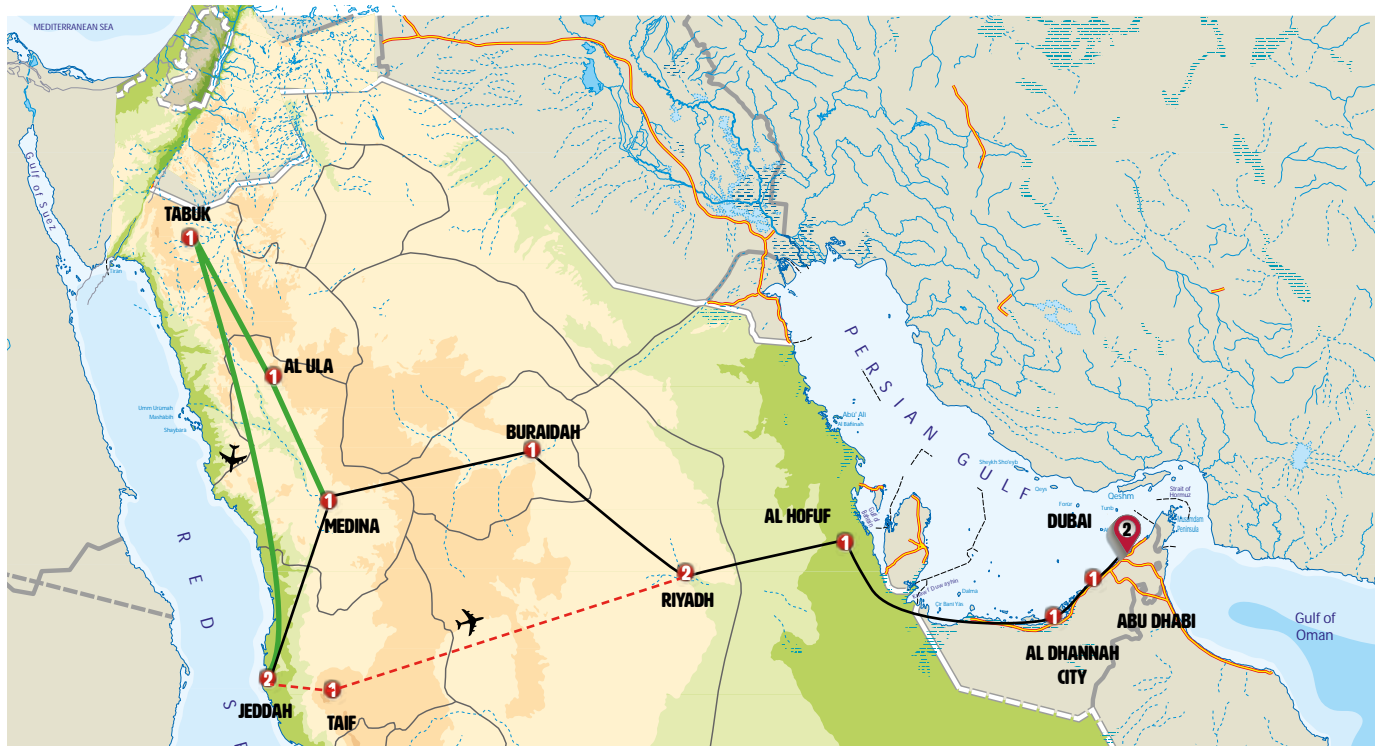
In the region of Al-'Ula we will visit the enclosure of **HEGRA (Madain Saleh)**, declared World Heritage by UNESCO, of Nabataean culture "the Other Petra" amazes us with its tombs excavated in the rock in a desert environment full of mystery. **Lunch included.** We will have free time in "**Al-'Ula Heritage Village**", the old Al-'Ula, magnificently restored with its pleasant restaurants and shops. We will also have some time to walk in the magnificent **Oasis**. In the middle of the afternoon, we will leave for **TABUK**. **Dinner included.**

12 WED. Tabuk – Jeddah.-

We visit **Tabuk**, a city over half a million inhabitants, active provincial capital and one of the oldest cities in the country. We will visit **the castle** whose origin is 3500 years before Christ, and inside it, a museum tells the history of the castle and the city, from the great explorers who visited it, such as Ibn Battuta, to the pilgrims who stopped to drink from the fountains on their way to Mecca or Medina. After the castle we



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walk through the active commercial area of the center and we reach the old train station, today a museum that preserves the steam machines that connected Damascus with Medina. After the visit of Tabuk transfer to the airport. We include **flight to JEDDAH**, the second city in the country, with four million inhabitants, on the shore of the Red Sea. Transfer to your hotel and free time.

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14 FRI. Jeddah.-

After breakfast, end of our services.



✓ Price Includes

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- **Includes arrival transfer**
- **Includes departure transfer**
- **Boat:** Abra in Dubai.
- **City tour in:** Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Riyadh, Medina, Jeddah.
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(Additional services Opt. 2)

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- **Ticket admission:** King Faisal park.
- **Flights included:** Taif/ Riyadh.
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(Additional services Opt. 3)

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Expected Hotels

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(OPT. 1) EMIRATES WITH OASIS OF ARABIA

01 THU. Dubai.-

Welcome to Emirates! Arrival at the airport and transfer to the hotel.

At the end of the afternoon, we will be transferred to visit the impressive city of **DUBAI** that shines in the night. We will go to witness the show of "**Dubai Fountain**", where the water dances to the rhythm of music and light; we are at the foot of Burj Khalifa which with its 828 meters is the tallest tower in the world; free time to walk and dine (dinner not included) in the immense Dubai Mall. Return to the hotel.

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03 SAT. Dubai- Sharjah - Khor Fakkan- Al Bidiya- Fujairah.-

We will leave for the neighboring **EMIRATE OF SHARJAH**, its capital has been named by UNESCO as "Cultural Capital of the Arab World". In a magnificent location, next to the lagoon, we stop at the mosque of **Al Noor**, considered the most beautiful of the 600 mosques that exist in Sharjah; from the outside we admire its architecture of Ottoman design, walking around it we photograph (without entering) the green island of Al Noor which is accessed by bridge. Later we visit (entrance included) the **Fort of Sharjah**, an interesting fortress that today is a museum about the sovereign family. We cross the colorful bird market. We will then visit the **Museum of Islamic Civilization**, an excellent museum that offers us an insight about the religion and culture of the Arab and Islamic world. After the museum, and before leaving the city, we will discover the "**Rain Room**", inside which we walk through artificial rain without getting wet! We then travel to the **Gulf of Oman**, with beautiful mountain landscapes. **KHOR FAKKAN** is a very nice city. We will have a relaxing time on

the beach where you can have lunch in one of its pleasant restaurants and -if you wish- bathe in the warm Gulf Sea (dressing rooms and showers available). Already in the afternoon we will stop next to the ruins of the old Portuguese castle, we will walk next to the artificial waterfall that will refresh us and we will be able to photograph the immense amphitheater built overlooking at the sea.

In the middle of the afternoon, we will leave for **BADIYAH**, a short distance from Khor Fakkan, the oldest mosque in the country -from the fifteenth century-, built in adobe at the foot of a fortress overlooking the sea.

We continue our route to the **EMIRATE OF FUJAIRA**. **Dinner included** and accommodation.

04 SUN. Fujairah - Al Hayl- Al Ain.-

In the morning we will visit **FUJAIRAH**, capital of the Emirate very close to the border with Oman. The great Sheikh Zayed mosque, the second largest in the country with its 100 meters high minarets; its adobe fortress, and the **Fujairah Museum** that tells us about the origin of the city. A time to stroll before taking our lunch (included); in the afternoon we leave for the **fortress of Al Hayl**, next to a small oasis in a valley between mountains. We continue our route to the fantastic **oasis of AL AIN**, declared a world heritage site by UNESCO. Entering the city we meet **Qasr de Al Muwaiji**, fortress/museum where Sheikh Zayed was born, the first president of the Emirates (who died in 2022). **Dinner included**.

05 MON. Al Ain- Abu Dhabi.-

We continue to visit **Al Ain**, undoubtedly the city with the greatest historical heritage of the Emirates. First thing in the morning we go to the **Camel Market**, we will be surprised by its activity (it is a cattle market in general, sheep, goats, horses, but above all camels). Later we visit the **fortress of Al Jhaili**, considered one of the most representative adobe fortifications in the world. The **museum of Sheik Zayed** allows us to appreciate what life was like a century ago in this city. After that, we enter the great **Oasis of Al Ain**, a world heritage site, we include a ride in small **electric vehicles** that allow us to appreciate its gardens, palm plantations, its irrigation systems. **Lunch included.**

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10 SAT. Riyadh.-

After breakfast, end of our services.

(Opt. 2) **Emirates and Saudi Arabia Unforgettable end Jeddah Days 1 - 9 as in Opt. 1**

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11 SUN. Buraydah - Medina.-

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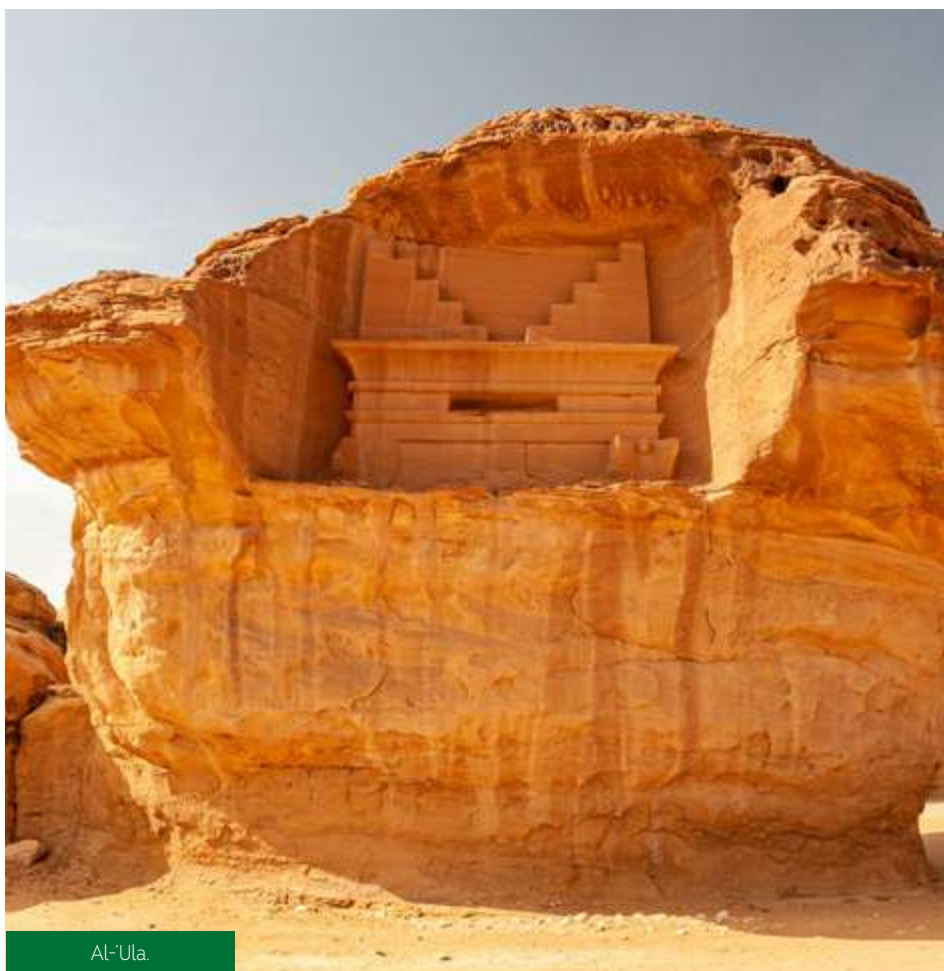
In the afternoon we travel to **JEDDAH**, on the shores of the Red Sea, the second largest city in the country, with four million inhabitants. In the evening we will take a walk through its **historic center**, declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, with its impressive set of medieval alleys and houses made of coral and wooden balconies.

13 TUE. Jeddah.-

Full day in Jeddah. With a local guide we will visit this city that will surprise us by its contrasts. At this time, a large part of the city is being rebuilt to make it a great world megalopolis. Among others, the construction of the Jeddah Tower, which will be the tallest building in the world with more than a thousand meters high, stands out. We will follow the Corniche, with its beautiful views, its mosques by the sea and its recreational areas. We will contemplate the King Fahd Fountain, the highest of its kind in the world, its water jets reach more than 300 meters high. We will stop at the lively and picturesque fish market. We will include the entrance to **"Tabeyat International city"** an architectural complex of great beauty with its very interesting museums of history and ethnography. We will then visit the historical center, entering through Bab Makkah - the most important gate of Jeddah - and we will also pass by the cemetery of Eve, where tradition says that Eve, Adam's wife and the first woman of humanity according to the bible, was buried. Free afternoon. We recommend a stroll through its traditional souks or its huge shopping malls.

14 WED. Jeddah.-

After breakfast, end of our services.



Al-Ula.

(Opt. 3) Emirates and Saudi Arabia Unforgettable Days 1 - 13 as in Opt. 2

14 WED. Jeddah-Mecca- Al Hada - Taif.-

Important Note: Mecca is a city that is not accessible to non-Muslim tourists. If you are Muslim, if you wish, we can adapt your program so that you can visit it (you will stay in Taif with the rest of the members of the group and the visit of the remaining points of the day will not be included). In this case, there will be a supplement that will depend on the number of travelers who can and wish to visit Mecca.

Today we travel to Taif, a city in the province of Mecca (city not authorized for non-Muslim travelers). This city, located at almost 2000 meters above sea level, is popular for its mild climate, so every summer the Saudi Government moves to this point -not as hot as Riyadh-. The route, up the mountain, is spectacular in scenery. We will stop at **AL HADA**, with its tourist market, great views and rose fields. **Lunch included.**

TAIF, this popular city with very modern shopping malls and great amusement parks, has numerous rose gardens. On the outskirts of the city of Qadeera, we will visit the **King Faisal Park**, which hosts an annual rose festival, and experience the roses used to make local perfumes. In this city 300 million roses are produced annually in more than 900 farms. **We will visit a rose oil factory -Attar-**. We will also stroll through the central market, with its maze of narrow streets and its different areas (honey, perfumes, jewelry...). In the evening we will go to the modern shopping mall district where you will have time to dine in one of its many restaurants of all kinds of cuisines.

15 THU. Taif- Riyadh.-

After breakfast, transfer to the airport and flight to Riyadh. End of our services.

Note: Check the time of your flight in case you need an additional night. In this case, the airport transfer to the hotel is not included and will be billed.

(Opt. 4) Emirates and Saudi Arabia Fascinating Days 1 - 11 as in Opt. 3

12 MON. Medina - Al-'Ula.-

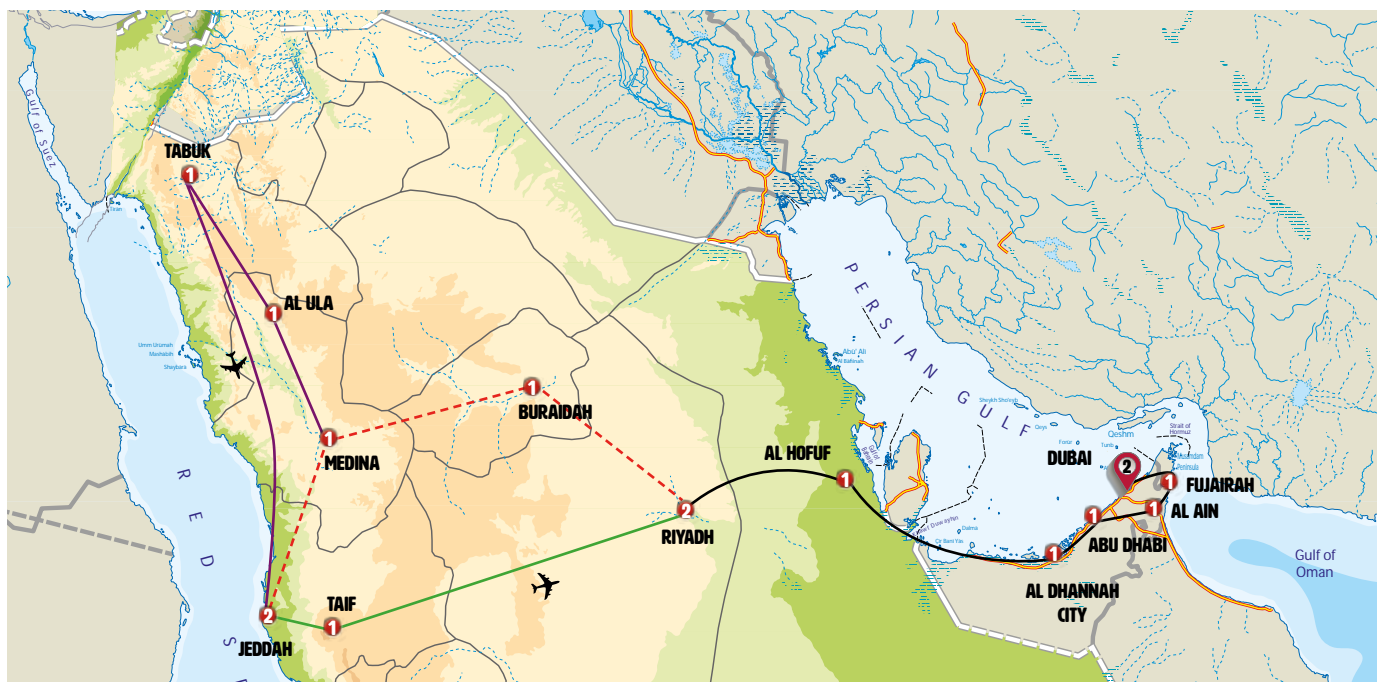
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13 TUE. Al-'Ula - Tabuk.-

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Other Petra" amazes us with its tombs excavated in the rock in a desert environment full of mystery. **Lunch included.** We will have free time in "Al-'Ula Heritage Village", the old Al-'Ula, magnificently restored with its pleasant restaurants and shops. We will also have some time to walk in the magnificent Oasis. In the middle of the afternoon, we will leave for **TABUK**. **Dinner included.**

14 WED. Tabuk - Jeddah.-

We **visit Tabuk**, a city over half a million inhabitants, active provincial capital and one of the oldest cities in the country. We will visit **the castle** whose origin is 3500 years before Christ, and inside it, a museum tells the history of the castle and the city, from the great explorers who visited it, such as Ibn Battuta, to the pilgrims who stopped to drink from the fountains on their way to Mecca or Medina. After the castle we walk through the active commercial area of the center and we reach the old train station, today a museum that preserves the steam machines that connected Damascus with Medina.

After the visit of Tabuk transfer to the airport. We include **flight to JEDDAH**, the second city in the country, with four million inhabitants, on the shore of the Red Sea. Transfer to your hotel and free time.

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16 FRI. Jeddah.-

After breakfast, end of our services.

✓ Price Includes

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- **Includes departure transfer**
- **Boat:** Abra in Dubai.
- **City tour in:** Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Riyadh.
- **Evening Transfer:** Dubai Fountain in Dubai, The Founders Memoria in Abu Dabi, King Abdullah Park in Al Hofuf, Boulevard Riyadh in Riyadh.
- **Experiences:** Monorail, Dubai Frame and explanation about the gastronomy of Emirates in Dubai, rain room in Sharjah, camel market and small electric vehicles in the oasis of Al Ain, Kingdom Centre Tower and introduction to Islam in Al Rajhi mosque in Riyadh.
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(Additional services Opt. 2)

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- **Evening Transfer:** Historic centre in Jeddah.
- **Experiences:** Camel Market and date tasting experience in Buraydah.
- **Ticket admission:** Ushaiqer Heritage Village, Tabeyat International City in Jeddah.
- **4 Lunches or dinners included:** Ushaiqer, Buraydah, Medina, Medina.

(Additional services Opt. 3)

- **Experiences:** Rose factory-Attar in Taif.
- **Ticket admission:** King Faisal park.
- **Flights included:** Taif/ Riyadh.
- **1 Lunches or dinners included:** Al Hada.

(Additional services Opt. 4)

- **City tour in:** Jeddah.
- **Evening Transfer:** Elephant Rock in Al Ula.
- **Ticket admission:** Hegra, Heritage Village and the Elephant Rock in Al Ula, Castle and old train station in Tabuk.
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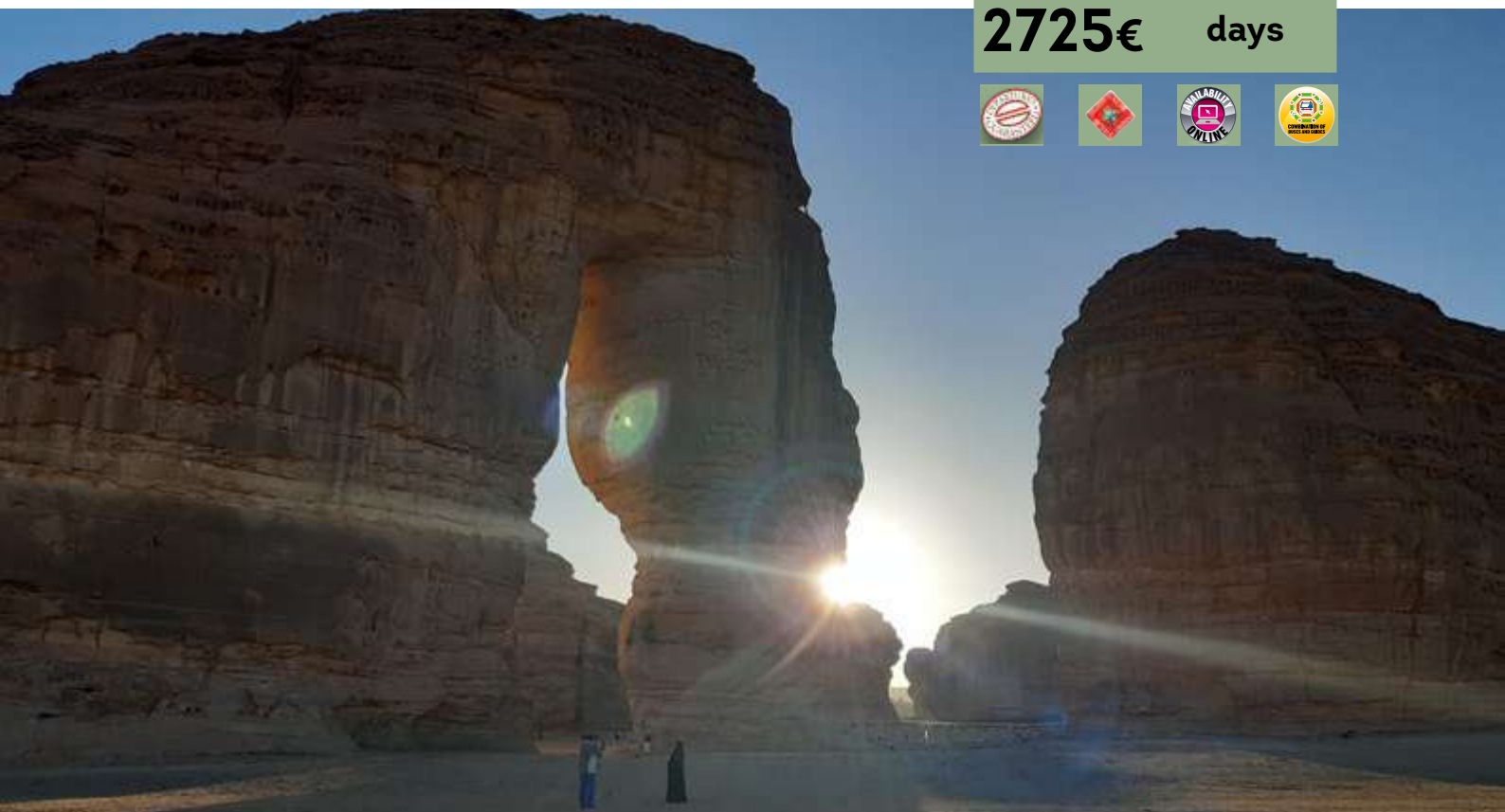
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(OPT. 1) CLASSICS OF ARABIA AND THE BEST OF JORDAN

01 THU. Riyadh.-

Welcome to Saudi Arabia, a country of contrasts that will leave you with unforgettable souvenirs! Transfer to the hotel. In the evening, we will include a transfer with entrance ticket to **Boulevard Riyadh**, the largest park in the kingdom, which will surprise you with its animation and life. The park has curious attractions, numerous restaurants with specialties from many different countries, live shows and, above all, a fountain eye-catching show with colored water. Free time to stroll around, enjoy the place and dine in one of its restaurants. Return to the hotel.

02 FRI. Riyadh.-

Today (the order of activities may vary depending on the time of year) we will visit the impressive capital of Saudi Arabia. We will include the climb to the tower of just over 300 m high, the **"Kingdom Centre"**, with its beautiful design and its "bridge-shaped" viewpoint that offers spectacular views over the city. We will also visit, surrounded by a beautiful park, the **National Museum**, the largest museum in the country, where we will learn about the history, culture, and art of the Kingdom. After that we will visit the **Masmak Fortress**, the ancient fortress of the city, whose interior allows us to understand the incredible change that took place in this city during the last century. Afterwards, we will have time to stroll through the neighborhood, with its souks and commercial life. **Lunch included.**

In the afternoon we will move to the district of Al Turaif **DIRIYA**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This place - on the outskirts of Riyadh - was formerly the first capital of the Saudi dynasty, which we will be able to discover thanks to the vestiges of its numerous palaces and the urban complex at the edge of the oasis of Ad-Diriya. At the end of the day, we will visit the **Al Rajhi Mosque**, the largest mosque in Riyadh with its Andalusian style architecture, where **we will witness a prayer and have an introduction to Islam** that will surely make us learn something about this religion. Return to hotel.

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Aqaba

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08 THU. Petra- Wadi Rum.-

Today we have the most exciting day of the trip: First, we visit the impressive archaeological site of **PETRA**, which is accessed through a narrow canyon, and discover the temples and tombs excavated on the cliffs in this city that was founded 300 years before Christ. After **lunch (included)** we leave for the impressive desert of **WADI RUM**. At the Visitor Centre we board **4x4 vehicles** to visit some of the most impressive landscapes. We stop in the town of **RUM** to visit the ruins of the Nabatean temple. We include a **45-minute camel ride** through the desert. We will also visit the **Khazali Canyon**. In this spec-

tacular place, we will see the engravings that reveal the origins of the Arabic language. **Dinner and accommodation included in a desert camp.**

09 FRI. Wadi Rum- Aqaba.-

After breakfast we will leave for **AQABA**, Jordan's second city. We will visit Jordan's second city, a modern, commercial port city. Afternoon free to enjoy the hotel-resort and the warm waters of the Red Sea!

10 SAT. Aqaba-Amman.-

After breakfast we will take the "**desert road**" to **AMMAN**. Arrival at noon and free time to visit the capital of the kingdom.

NOTE: Depending on the number of travelers, the trip from Aqaba to Amman can be made by regular VIP coach service.

11 SUN. Amman- Ajlun- Jerash- Amman.-

After breakfast, we travel to the north of Jordan. In the mountains, we discover the **AJLUN FORTRESS**, a mighty castle from the 12th Century. Muslims and Orthodox Christians have always lived in this area. We will visit the old **CHURCH OF SAINT SERGIUS**. Shall we all pray for peace? **Lunch is included.** We continue to **JERASH**, and visit its impressive Roman archaeological site. Return to **AMMAN**. Arrival and accommodation.

12 MON. Amman- Castles of the Desert- Madaba- Mount Nebo- Amman.-

We will depart towards the **CASTLES OF THE DESERT**, built between the 7th and 8th centuries. We will visit **QASR KHARANA**, with its imposing structure of thick walls and the **QUSAYR AMRA** World Heritage Site, notable for its remarkable frescoes. Then, we travel to **MADABA**, **lunch is included.** We will visit the **Madaba Archaeological Park**, which we cross via an ancient Roman road, and the **Church of St. George**, with its fantastic 6th Century mosaic representing the oldest known map of the Holy Land. We continue to **MOUNT NEBO**, where Moses stopped to look over the Promised Land. Return to **Amman**. Arrival and free time.

13 TUE. Amman.-

After breakfast, end of our services.

(Opt. 2) Arabian Classics with Jordan, Sinai and Cairo

Days 1 - 8 as in Opt. 1

09 FRI. Wadi Rum- Aqaba- Eilat- Saint Catherine.-

After breakfast, we leave for **AQABA**, Jordans second city, lying on the banks of the Red Sea. We walk through the center before continuing to the border of ISRAEL, **EILAT** and arrive in this modern and tourist city with its excellent beaches. Theres time to relax, have lunch and stroll around. Are you tempted to have a swim? We then continue towards the **EGYPT** border, and into Sinai. On the way, theres chance to take photographs of the Pharaohs Island with the powerful fortress of Saladin. Continue to **SAINT CATHERINE**. Arrival, accommodation and **dinner included**.

FEES: At the border crossing from Jordan to Israel and from Israel to Egypt, every traveler must pay an entry/exit fee for the different countries. Jordan: \$15 (exit fees), Israel: \$32 (exit fee), Egypt: \$45 (entry visa, which is actually \$25 visa + \$20

IMPORTANT NOTE: Due to exceptional circumstances or due to a small number of participants, it may happen that we will cross directly from Jordan to Egypt by boat, taking the **AQABA- TABA FERRY** with a duration of just over two hours. During the ferry crossing, there will be no assistance from any guide.

10 SAT. Saint Catherine- Well of Moses- Cairo.-

At the foot of Mount Sinai, we visit the impressive walled **monastery of SAINT CATHERINE**. According to tradition, this is where Moses saw "the Burning Bush that burned without being consumed". The monastery, which is a sacred place for Jews, Christians and Muslims, belongs to the Orthodox Church and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We then continue on through the Sinai Desert's picturesque landscapes. **Lunch included** in route. Stop at the **WELL OF MOSES**, a biblical site that looks like a small oasis. We will leave Sinai through the tunnel under the **SUEZ CANAL**. Arrival in **CAIRO** at the end of the afternoon. Accommodation.

11 SUN. Cairo.-

Full day visit where we explore the famous **Pyramids of Cheops, Kefren and Micerinos** (tickets to go inside the pyramids are not included), and also the impressive Sphinx, which is sculpted from rock. Visit to the **Egyptian Museum** with its ancient art and where the treasure of the Lost Tomb of Tutankhamen is kept. **Lunch included**. **Citadel of Saladin and the Alabaster Mosque**. We will take a walk through the Coptic neighborhood where we visit the Hanging Church built above a Roman fortress.

12 MON. Cairo.-

After breakfast, end of our services.

(Opt. 3) Classics from Arabia, Jordan and Jewels of the Nile

Days 1 - 11 as in Opt. 2

12 MON. Cairo - Luxor.-

Breakfast. Transfer to the airport and flight included to **LUXOR**. Arrival and transfer to the **cruise, boarding and accommodation**. Full board on the cruise. Visit impressive set of temples of Luxor and Karnak. Accommodation on board.

13 TUE. Luxor - Esna.-

Today you will be able to admire the **Necropolis of Thebes**, visiting the famous **VALLEY OF THE KINGS**, where are hidden the tombs of the main pharaohs. Composed of several rooms and corridors that lead to the burial chambers, are among others, Ramses III, Seti I and Amenhotep II. You will also visit the



Saint Catherine



Luxor



Cairo

Colossae of Memnon, two impressive statues of Amenophis II, as well as the **Temple of Queen Hatshepsut** (Deir el Bahari) and the **Temple of Medinet Habu**. During this day we can enjoy the beauty of the Nile riverbanks. You could do different activities on the boat and at evening enjoy the music at the disco. **Full board**. Night on board, navigating to **ESNA**.

14 WED. Esna- Edfu- Kom Ombo - Aswan.-

Arrival to **EDFU** and visit the **Temple of Horus** (God represented by a Falcon), which in the past was partially covered by lime during the periodic flooding of the river Nile. The rescue and restoration work complete, we now have one of the most beautiful temples of Ptolemaic times, in an exceptional state of preservation. Navigation to **KOM OMBO**. Visit the **Temple of Kom Ombo**, the only temple dedicated to two gods, Sobek and Haroësis, where we find a Nilometer (former system for measuring the level of the Nile River) and a mummified crocodile. During the evening you will be able to enjoy the Chilaba's party, local typical outfit (on route you could economically acquire them at local markets). **Full board**. Accommodation on board, navigating to **ASWAN**.

15 THU. Aswan.-

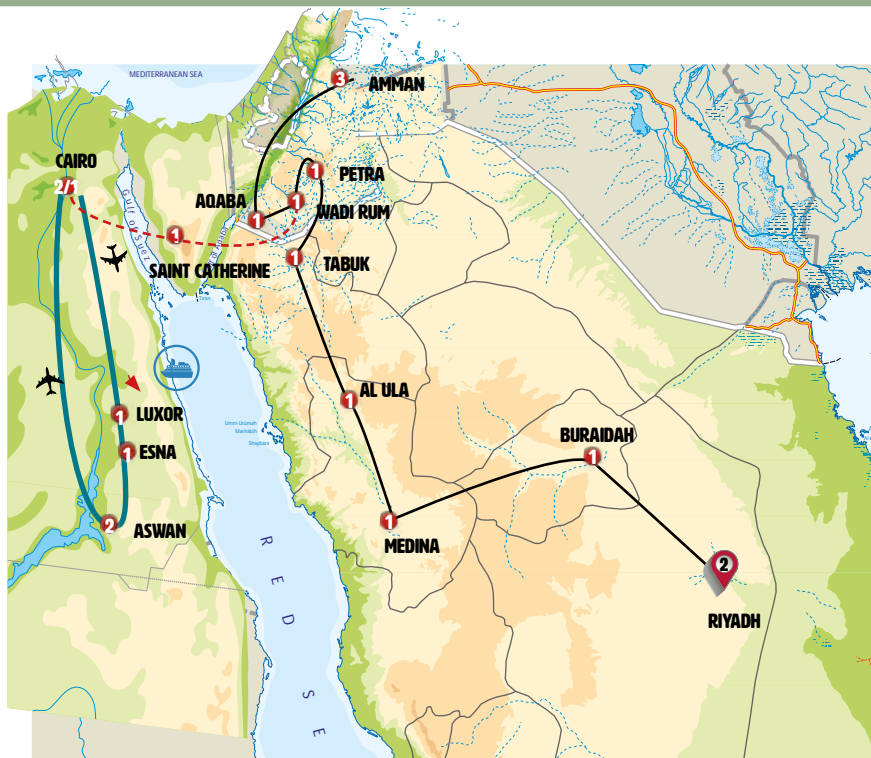
Arrival to **ASWAN**. Possibility of getting the **optional** tour to **Abu Simbel** (visit NOT included in the itinerary), located two hundred and eighty kilometers from Aswan, visit the western desert and the temples carved on the cliff by Ramses II during the twelfth century BC, with 20 meters high statues, dedicated to the god Amon Ra, and the Temple of Nefertari, dedicated to the goddess Hathor. Visit the **Red Granite quarry** where is the famous 41 meters high **Unfinished Obelisk**. We will also visit the Aswan Dam, one of the largest in the world, which created Lake Nasser with a length of more than 500 km. In the afternoon, a **felucca cruise on the Nile**, typical sailing boats in the area, heading to the island of Kitchener where the Botanical Garden is located. **Full board**. Accommodation on board.

16 FRI. Aswan - Cairo.-

Breakfast. **Transfer to the airport** to take the plane to **Cairo** (flight included). Arrival to **CAIRO** airport and transfer to the hotel. During the evening, **visit the Light and Sound Show at the Pyramids of Giza**. Accommodation.

17 SAT. Cairo.-

Transfer to the airport and end of our services. If you have time, we recommend that you purchase an additional night and take a trip to MEMPHIS and SAKKARA.



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(Additional services Opt. 2)

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(Additional services Opt. 3)

- **Excursion:** Valley of the Kings, Colossi of Memnon in Luxor, Sound and Light Show at the Pyramids of Giza in Cairo.
- **Boat:** Typical sailing boats felucca and show typical dance beduina in Aswan.
- **Ticket admission:** Temples of Luxor and Karnak in Luxor, Necropolis of Thebas, Valley of the Kings, Colossi of Memnon, Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, Medinet Habu; in Luxor, Temple of Horus in Edfu, Temple of Kom Ombo in Kom Ombo, Red Granite Quarry and Unfinished Obelisk, Aswan Dam in Aswan.
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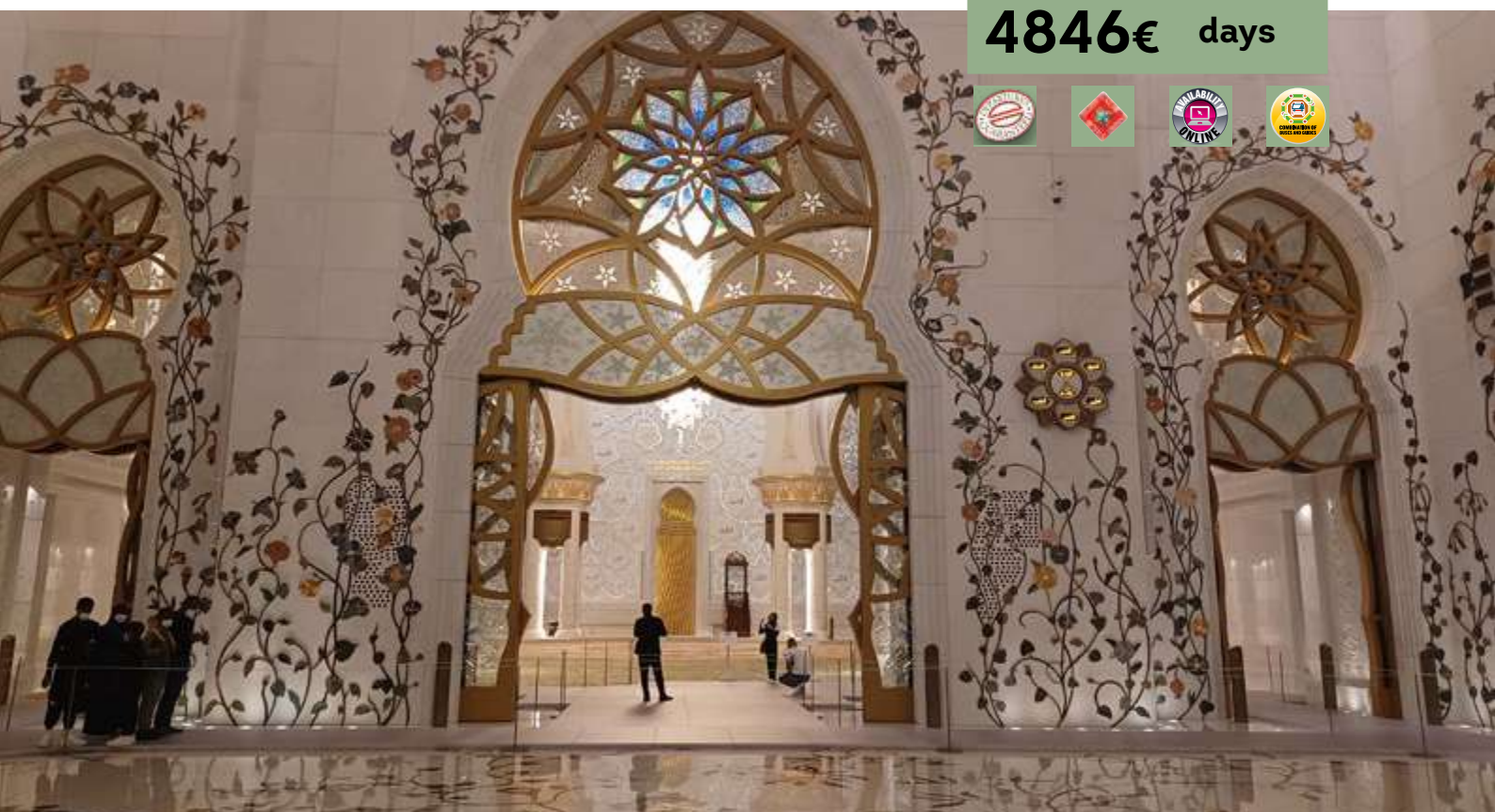


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From Dubai to Cairo with Arabia, Petra and Wadi Rum Opt. 2

(OPT. 1) PERSIAN GULF, SAUDI ARABIA, PETRA AND WADI RUM

01 WED. Dubai.-

Welcome to Emirates! Arrival at the airport and transfer to the hotel.

At the end of the afternoon, we will be transferred to visit the impressive city of **DUBAI** that shines in the night. We will go to witness the show of "**Dubai Fountain**", where the water dances to the rhythm of music and light; we are at the foot of Burj Khalifa which with its 828 meters is the tallest tower in the world; free time to walk and dine (dinner not included) in the immense Dubai Mall. Return to the hotel.

02 THU. Dubai.-

Today we have a spectacular day getting to know Dubai. We include going up the spectacular tower "**Dubai Frame**" with its spectacular bridge shape and its view at 150 meters high. Afterwards we go to the old part of Dubai, a walk through the souk of Bur Dubai and the spice souk. We will take an **Abra (traditional boat of the Emirates)** to move to the historic neighborhood of **Al Fahidi** and the center for cultural understanding (with its motto "open minds, open doors"), in this area we will include in a traditional building, a **typical meal** of the country; if the group is more than 15 travelers they will give us an explanation to get to know better the gastronomy of the Emirates.

In the afternoon we will have time in **Madinat Jumeirah**, which offers us a contemporary version of a traditional Arab village with its souk, its canals, and its colorful villas.

03 FRI. Dubai- Abu Dhabi.-

We still have all morning to get to know Dubai. We will have a **panoramic tour** in which we will pass in front of the great mosque of Jumeirah, afterwards we continue passing by Burj Al Arab,

a spectacular hotel in the form of a sail; the island of "Palm Jumeirah" in the shape of a palm tree. We will take the very modern monorail. A walk through the area of The Marina. We then have free time next to the most popular and active beach in Dubai: JBR beach. If you wish you can bathe in the warm waters of the Persian Gulf, or if you prefer you can stroll through its many luxury shops. Time to bathe or rest and have lunch (not included).

After lunch we will continue our route to **ABU DHABI**, the most important Emirate and capital of the country. Before entering the city, we will stop at Ferrari World, a theme park dedicated to Ferrari racing cars (stop to see outdoor areas). After that we visit the **Sheikh Zayed Mosque**, a beautiful white mosque, the largest in the Emirates, with an area of more than 12 hectares, a point that seeks the encounter with other cultures and people of other religions. We will pass in front of Capital Gate, a 160-meter-high building known for being the steepest skyscraper in the world. From the beautiful "Corniche", by the sea, we will get a great panoramic view of the city.

Already, after dark we will go to **The Founders Memorial**, built in memory of Zayed, the first sultan of the Emirates; **The Constellation** stands out, with its magnificent night lighting.

04 SAT. Abu Dhabi- Doha.-

In the morning we continue our visit of the city. We will visit (entrance included) the **Heritage Village**, this place allows us to understand the traditional life in the Emirates, we enjoy its views, we can buy in its craft shops and visit its small museums that illustrate us about the history of the Emirates. After that we include a visit and entry into **Qasr Al Watan**, the presidential palace of the Emirates, magnificent construction of white granite profusely decorated, highlights its dome of 37 meters and its chandelier

lamp of 350,000 pieces of glass. After that we go to the "**cultural district**" where there are several museums, highlights the Louvre, with its spectacular architecture by the sea and an incredible collection. You have the opportunity if you wish to visit one of the museums or enjoy your free time in the area. **Lunch included.**

In the afternoon, transfer to the airport, we include the **flight to DOHA**, the capital of **QATAR**. Arrival and transfer to the hotel.

05 SUN. Doha.-

We discover an exciting city. In this city's **city tour** we will visit the Corniche, with its line of skyscrapers and its beaches; we will get to see the very modern football stadium of Al Thumama, host of the 2022 World Cup; we will pass by the National Museum with its impressive architecture and include an entrance and visit of the Museum of Islamic Art, that houses the largest collection of Islamic art in the world. Uniting modernity and tradition we visit the Souk of the Falcons where we will understand the importance of falconry in this country; a time to walk in the Waqif Souk, built on the site of the old market remodeled to have the appearance of a nineteenth-century souk, nearby we will pass by the stables where the neighbors house Arabian horses. At lunchtime we will go to "The Pearl of Qatar" an artificial archipelago, here we will see Porto Arabia and we will have free time in Qanat, a shopping area inspired by Venice. **Lunch included.**

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07 TUE. Bahrain.-

We will get to know thoroughly this small country; by coach we follow the coast, we include the entrance to **Beit Al Qur' An**, museum on the Qur' an, the Muslims' holy book. We also visit the fantastic **Bahrain National Museum** that allows us to see the art, ethnography and traditions of this country and understand the importance it had throughout history. We will visit with a guide the impressive **Al Fatih Mosque** the most important in the country. **Lunch included.** In the afternoon we will leave Manama, on the outskirts is located **QALAT AL BARHEIN**, declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, an impressive fortress by the sea inhabited for 4000 years (the current castle was built by the Portuguese). We enter one of the most important oil production areas in the world, between refineries and pipelines we will stop next to the first oil extraction well opened in the country. We will also stop at the **"tree of life"**, which with its more than 500 years being alive in the desert is a symbol of this country. Return to Manama, free time.

08 WED. Bahrain- Dammam - Al-Hofuf.-

We leave in the morning from Manama, take the long bridge of 25 km that separates this country from **SAUDI ARABIA**. Border procedures. We enter a country that until very recently has been closed to tourism.

We will be surprised by the city of **DAMMAM**, provincial capital with almost a million inhabitants. By the sea we get the chance to take a photo of the water tower of Khobar. Following its modern maritime strip we follow the Heritage Village, next to the sea, in the form of a fortress we'll visit its small **museum of ancient objects** (including its collection of historical cars); **Lunch included.** We continue towards the impressive Ithra site and its very modern King Abdulaziz center for world Culture - an architecturally very striking place (being rock shaped), with its leisure areas, its museums, its library.

Mid-afternoon continuation to the oasis of **AL-AHSA**, declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. Arrival at **AL-HOFUF**, the main city of the oasis. We will take a night walk through the **King Abdullah Park**, a pleasant park where its artificial lake and the fountains that dance to the rhythm of the music are a stand out.

09 THU. Al-Hofuf- Riyadh.-

We visit the Oasis of **AL AHSA**, with its gardens, canals, wells. Inhabited since the Neolithic; it is considered the largest oasis in the world with its almost 3 million date palms. In the center of



Al-Hofuf we visit the **Ibrahim Palace**, historical fortress (World Heritage Site) dominated by its white mosque, built in 1556 by the Ottomans. After that we visit the "House of Allegiance" that shows us a small palace characteristic of the oasis. Later we travel through the oasis, we go to **AL QARA**, a spectacular landscape area, labyrinth of mini-gorges-caves in the mountain, and a historical site; it will seem that "you penetrate the mountain", all year round the temperature is around 25 degrees. We also visit its museum "land of civilizations" that describes the history of the area. **Lunch included.**

Note: At the time of writing this itinerary, the Ibrahim Palace was closed for restoration. During the period when it is closed, the palace will be visited from the outside and time will be given to the Qaisariah souk.

In the afternoon we take a modern **high-speed train**, in two hours and 20 minutes we travel almost 350 kilometers of desert that separate us from Riyadh.- **RIYADH**, arrival. To end the day, we will include transfer and entrance to the **Boulevard Riyadh**, you will be surprised by its life and activity, the attractions, the numerous restaurants with specialties from numerous countries, its live shows, and -above all- the spectacle of colorful fountains. Time to stroll, dine (dinner not included) and enjoy this place. Return to the hotel.

10 FRI. Riyadh.-

Today (the order of activities may vary depending on the time of year) we will visit the impressive capital of Saudi Arabia. We will include the climb to the tower of just over 300 m high, the **"Kingdom Centre"**, with its beautiful design and its "bridge-shaped" viewpoint that offers spectacular views over the city. We will also visit, surrounded by a beautiful park, the **National Museum**, the largest museum in the country, where we will learn about the history, culture, and art of the Kingdom. After that we will visit the **Masmak Fortress**, the ancient fortress of the city, whose interior allows us to understand the incredible change that took place in this city during the last century. Afterwards, we will have time to stroll through the neighbor-

hood, with its souks and commercial life. **Lunch included.**

In the afternoon we will move to the district of **Al Turaif DIRIYA**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This place - on the outskirts of Riyadh - was formerly the first capital of the Saudi dynasty, which we will be able to discover thanks to the vestiges of its numerous palaces and the urban complex at the edge of the oasis of Ad-Diriya.

At the end of the day, we will visit the **Al Rajhi Mosque**, the largest mosque in Riyadh with its Andalusian style architecture, where **we will witness a prayer and have an introduction to Islam** that will surely make us learn something about this religion. Return to hotel.

11 SAT. Riyadh - Al Qasab - Shaqra - Ushaiqer - Buraydah.-

Today we follow the ancient route of pilgrims traveling from Iraq to Mecca, with its many historic towns in small oases. **AL QASAB** was known since ancient times for its salt and wheat production, also for its poets. We will visit the walled city and the small salt ponds where 200,000 tons of salt are still produced each year.

Desert landscapes of dunes lead us to **SHAQRA**, a city that is growing along with its university. We visit the well-fortified ancient city, with its picturesque old market and adobe alleys. Continue to **USHAIQER**. **Lunch included** before transferring to **Ushaiqer Heritage Village**, a village that was an important stop for pilgrims because of its springs and the beauty of its oasis. We will also visit its small museum and its Najdi architecture houses with its carved wooden doors, its beautiful windows and triangular roofs. Continuation to **BURAYDAH**, capital of the province of El Kasim with more than 600 000 inhabitants located in a large oasis. Arrival in the late afternoon and free time.

12 SUN. Buraydah - Medina.-

Early in the morning we will visit the largest **Camel Market** in the world, located in Buraydah - a city that also houses a camel hospital. The city's economy is also based on agriculture of oasis products (dates, lemons, oranges, wheat), and annually, around August, holds a huge date

market that attracts many people from different places to buy their date annual requirement. We will visit **"the city of dates"** - more or less active depending on the time of the year - and we will be able to taste this sweet fruit of the palm tree. Afterwards, we will have time to stroll through the city center, with its vegetable market, its great mosque, its jewelry souks and its activity. **Lunch included.**

In the afternoon, we continue our route by an excellent highway through the desert. Arrival in the evening to the holy city of **MEDINA**, "the luminous city". We find ourselves in an outstanding historical and religious destination as it is one of the two most sacred cities of Islam. Medina is visited by millions of pilgrims every year and has been forbidden to non-Muslims until very recently. Respect its inhabitants and beliefs and remember to use the required mode of dress. In the evening, we will go to see - today from outside - the **Al Masjid Mosque**, built by the prophet himself and the place where he is buried. We will be touched to see the thousands of people who enter at prayer time. **Dinner included.**

13 MON. Medina - Al-'Ula.-

Note: The Al-'Ula region is one of the most beautiful areas in the world, however its hotel infrastructure is extremely limited. On some occasions we will spend two nights in Medina (visiting in this case in the afternoon the Al Madinah Museum) leaving very early for Al-'Ula on Tuesday.

We will explore Medina. We will walk around the immense **Prophet's Mosque** (Al Masjid an Nabawi), an amazing and luminous mosque of ten minarets with a capacity for one million visitors.. On the **hill of UHUD**, an important pilgrimage site, where the prophet's forces clashed with Meccan troops. You can walk through its vast esplanade and climb the hill but remember to do so in silence and respecting the hundreds of pilgrims surrounding us at any given time. At the **Mosque of Quba**, in the year 622, the prophet and his followers laid the first stone of what was to be the first mosque in history, although the present building is more recent. We will also stroll through the nearby market where you can find dates, perfumes, and other local specialties. **Lunch included.** After lunch we will have some free time in the city center to stroll around the shopping areas or -if you wish- visit the Hejaz Railway Museum (in the former Ottoman railway station).

In the afternoon we travel to one of the most spectacular places in the world: The region and oasis of **AL-'ULA**: an authentic open-air museum surrounded by nature, where you will find rock formations, canyons and ravines that compete with the majestic treasures carved by its ancient inhabitants. After arrival we will go to **The Elephant Rock**, "Jabal Al Fil" an impressive geomorphological phenomenon, a 52 meters high rock in the shape of an Elephant. **Dinner included.**

14 TUE. Al-'Ula - Tabuk.-

In the region of Al-'Ula we will visit the enclosure of **HEGRA (Madain Saleh)**, declared World Heritage by UNESCO, of Nabataean culture "the Other Petra" amazes us with its tombs excavated in the rock in a desert environment full of mystery. **Lunch included.** We will have free time in **"Al-'Ula Heritage Village"**, the old Al-'Ula, magnificently restored with its pleasant restaurants and shops. We will also have some time to walk in the magnificent **Oasis**. In the middle of the afternoon, we will leave for **TABUK**. **Dinner included.**

15 WED. Tabuk - Petra.-

We visit Tabuk, a city over half a million inhabitants, active provincial capital and one of the oldest cities in the country. We will visit the castle whose origin is 3500 years before



Medina

Christ, and inside it, a museum tells the history of the **castle** and the city, from the great explorers who visited it, such as Ibn Battuta, to the pilgrims who stopped to drink from the fountains on their way to Mecca or Medina. After the castle we walk through the active commercial area of the center and we reach the **old train station**, today a museum that preserves the steam machines that connected Damascus with Medina.

Only 100 km separate us from **JORDAN**. Border procedures and continuation to **WADI MUSA** (town created around Petra), we will visit the **Spring of Moses**, where allegedly Moses hit the rock with his rod and the water gushed out, and the **Petra Museum**, an excellent sample that allows us to understand the history of the Nabataeans and get to know magnificent pieces found in the area. **Dinner included.** Travelers who wish to do so can go in their free time to an old Turkish bath or get to see the lights and sounds show in Petra.

16 THU. Petra- Wadi Rum.-

Today we have the most exciting day of the trip: First, we visit the impressive archaeological site of **PETRA**, which is accessed through a narrow canyon, and discover the temples and tombs excavated on the cliffs in this city that was founded 300 years before Christ. After **lunch (included)** we leave for the impressive desert of **WADI RUM**. At the Visitor Centre we board **4x4 vehicles** to visit some of the most impressive landscapes. We stop in the town of **RUM** to visit the ruins of the Nabatean temple. We include a **45-minute camel ride** through the desert. We will also visit the **Khazali Canyon**. In this spectacular place, we will see the engravings that reveal the origins of the Arabic language. **Dinner and accommodation included in a desert camp.**

17 FRI. Wadi Rum- Aqaba.-

After breakfast we will leave for **AQABA**, Jordan's second city. We will visit Jordan's second city, a modern, commercial port city. Afternoon free to enjoy the hotel-resort and the warm waters of the Red Sea!

18 SAT. Aqaba-Amman.-

After breakfast we will take the **"desert road"** to **AMMAN**. Arrival at noon and free time to visit the capital of the kingdom.

NOTE: Depending on the number of travelers, the trip from Aqaba to Amman can be made by regular VIP coach service.

19 SUN. Amman- Ajlun- Jerash- Amman.-

After breakfast, we travel to the north of Jordan. In the mountains, we discover the **AJLUN FORTRESS**, a mighty castle from the 12th Century. Muslims and Orthodox Christians have always lived in this area. We will visit the old **CHURCH OF SAINT SERGIUS**. Shall we all pray for peace? **Lunch is included.** We continue to **JERASH**, and visit its impressive Roman archaeological site. Return to **AMMAN**. Arrival and accommodation.

20 MON. Amman- Castles of the Desert- Madaba- Mount Nebo- Amman.-

We will depart towards the **CASTLES OF THE DESERT**, built between the 7th and 8th centuries. We will visit **QASR KHARANA**, with its imposing structure of thick walls and the **QUSAYR AMRA** World Heritage Site, notable for its remarkable frescoes. Then, we travel to **MADABA**, **lunch is included.** We will visit the **Madaba Archaeological Park**, which we cross via an ancient Roman road, and the **Church of St. George**, with its fantastic 6th Century mosaic representing the oldest known map of the Holy Land. We continue to **MOUNT NEBO**, where Moses stopped to look over the Promised Land. Return to **Amman**. Arrival and free time.

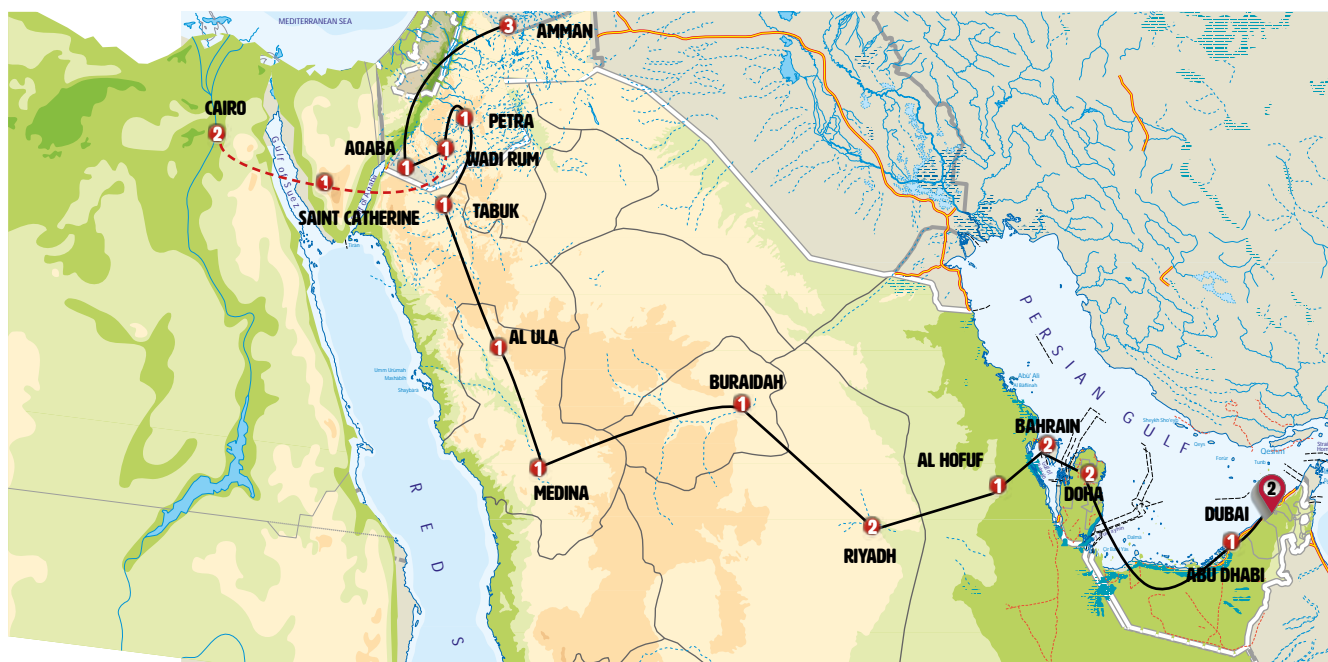
21 TUE. Amman.-

After breakfast, end of our services.

(Opt. 2) From Dubai to Cairo with Arabia, Petra and Wadi Rum Days 1 - 16 as in Opt. 1

17 FRI. Wadi Rum- Aqaba- Eilat- Saint Catherine.-

After breakfast, we leave for **AQABA**, Jordan's second city, lying on the banks of the Red Sea. We walk through the center before continuing to the border of **ISRAEL**, **EILAT** and arrive in this modern and tourist city with its excellent beaches. There's time to relax, have lunch and stroll around. Are you tempted to have a swim? We then continue towards the **EGYPT** border, and into Sinai. On the way, there's chance to take photographs of the Pharaoh's Island with the



powerful fortress of Saladin. Continue to **SAINT CATHERINE**. Arrival, accommodation and **dinner included**.

FEES: At the border crossing from Jordan to Israel and from Israel to Egypt, every traveler must pay an entry/exit fee for the different countries. Jordan: \$15 (exit fees), Israel: \$32 (exit fee), Egypt: \$45 (entry visa, which is actually \$25 visa + \$20

IMPORTANT NOTE: Due to exceptional circumstances or due to a small number of participants, it may happen that we will cross directly from Jordan to Egypt by boat, taking the AQABA- TABA FERRY with a duration of just over two hours. During the ferry crossing, there will be no assistance from any guide.

18 SAT. Saint Catherine- Well of Moses- Cairo.-

At the foot of Mount Sinai, we visit the impressive walled **monastery of SAINT CATHERINE**. According to tradition, this is where Moses saw "the Burning Bush that burned without being consumed". The monastery, which is a sacred place for Jews, Christians and Muslims, belongs to the Orthodox Church and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We then continue on through the Sinai Desert's picturesque landscapes. **Lunch included** in route. Stop at the **WELL OF MOSES**, a biblical site that looks like a small oasis. We will leave Sinai through the tunnel under the **SUEZ CANAL**. Arrival in **CAIRO** at the end of the afternoon. Accommodation.

19 SUN. Cairo.-

Full day visit where we explore the famous **Pyramids of Cheops, Kefren and Micerinos** (tickets to go inside the pyramids are not included), and also the impressive Sphinx, which is sculpted from rock. Visit to the **Egyptian Museum** with its ancient art and where the treasure of the Lost Tomb of Tutankhamen is kept. **Lunch included. Citadel of Saladin and the Alabaster Mosque**. We will take a walk through the Coptic neighborhood where we visit the Hanging Church built above a Roman fortress.

20 MON. Cairo.-

After breakfast, end of our services.

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(OPT. 1) QATAR, BAHRAIN, WONDERS OF ARABIA AND JORDAN

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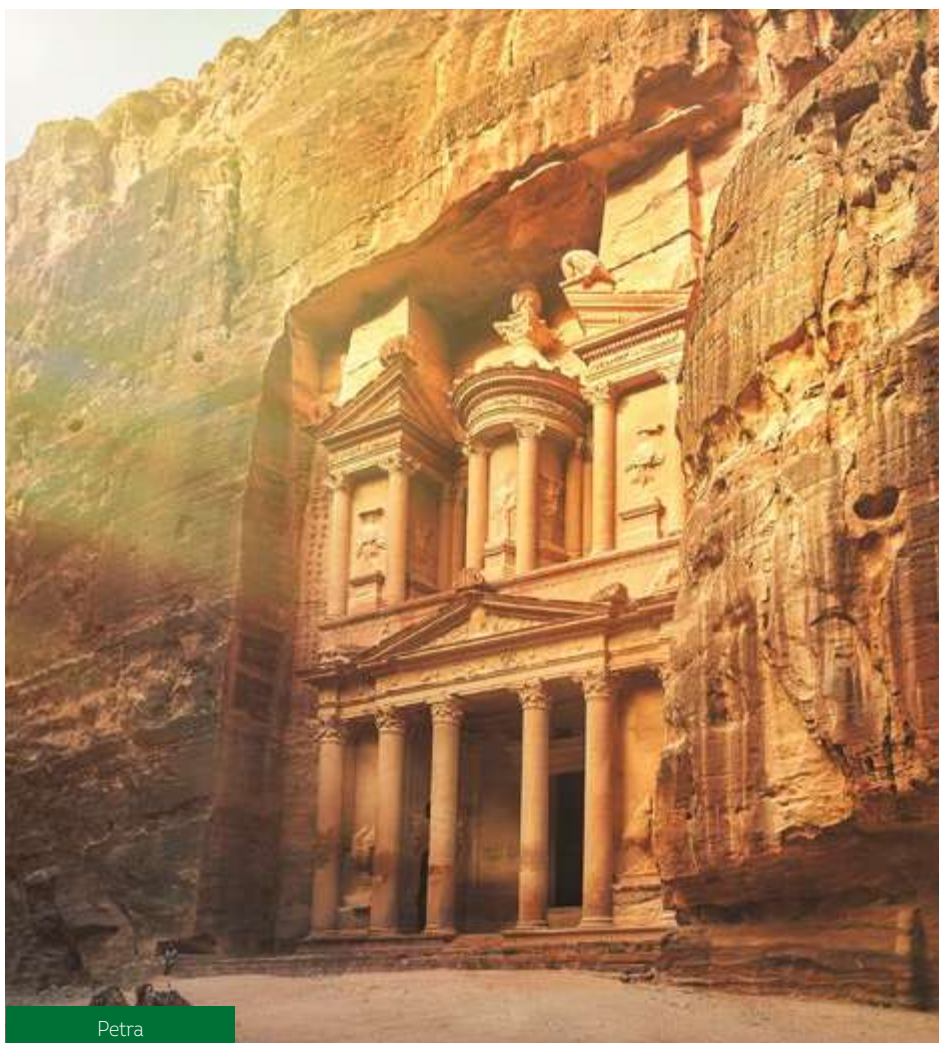
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Today we have the most exciting day of the trip: First, we visit the impressive archaeological site of **PETRA**, which is accessed through a narrow canyon, and discover the temples and tombs excavated on the cliffs in this city that was founded 300 years before Christ. After **lunch (included)** we leave for the impressive desert of **WADI RUM**. At the Visitor Centre we board **4x4 vehicles** to visit some of the most impressive landscapes. We stop in the town of **RUM** to visit the ruins of the Nabatean temple. We include a **45-minute camel ride** through the desert. We will also visit the **Khazali Canyon**. In this spectacular place, we will see the engravings that reveal the origins of the Arabic language. **Dinner and accommodation included in a desert camp.**



Petra

14 FRI. Wadi Rum- Aqaba.-

After breakfast we will leave for **AQABA**, Jordan's second city. We will visit Jordan's second city, a modern, commercial port city. Afternoon free to enjoy the hotel-resort and the warm waters of the Red Sea!

15 SAT. Aqaba-Amman.-

After breakfast we will take the "desert road" to **AMMAN**. Arrival at noon and free time to visit the capital of the kingdom.

NOTE: Depending on the number of travelers, the trip from Aqaba to Amman can be made by regular VIP coach service.

16 SUN. Amman- Ajlun- Jerash- Amman.-

After breakfast, we travel to the north of Jordan. In the mountains, we discover the **AJLUN FORTRESS**, a mighty castle from the 12th Century. Muslims and Orthodox Christians have always lived in this area. We will visit the old **CHURCH OF SAINT SERGIUS**. Shall we all pray for peace? **Lunch is included.** We continue to **JERASH**, and visit its impressive Roman archaeological site. Return to **AMMAN**. Arrival and accommodation.

17 MON. Amman- Castles of the Desert- Madaba- Mount Nebo- Amman.-

We will depart towards the **CASTLES OF THE DESERT**, built between the 7th and 8th centuries. We will visit **QASR KHARANA**, with its imposing structure of thick walls and the **QUSAYR AMRA** World Heritage Site, notable for its remarkable frescoes. Then, we travel to **MADABA**, **lunch is included.** We will visit the **Madaba Archaeological Park**, which we cross via an ancient Roman road, and the **Church of St. George**, with its fantastic 6th Century mosaic representing the oldest known map of the Holy Land. We continue to

MOUNT NEBO, where Moses stopped to look over the Promised Land. Return to **Amman**. Arrival and free time.

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After breakfast, end of our services.

(Opt. 2) **Qatar, Bahrain, Wonders of Arabia, Jordan and Cairo**

Days 1 - 13 as in Opt. 1

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After breakfast, we leave for **AQABA**, Jordan's second city, lying on the banks of the Red Sea. We walk through the center before continuing to the border of **ISRAEL**, **EILAT** and arrive in this modern and tourist city with its excellent beaches. There's time to relax, have lunch and stroll around. Are you tempted to have a swim? We then continue towards the **EGYPT** border, and into Sinai. On the way, there's chance to take photographs of the Pharaoh's Island with the powerful fortress of Saladin. Continue to **SAINT CATHERINE**. Arrival, accommodation and **dinner included.**

FEES: At the border crossing from Jordan to Israel and from Israel to Egypt, every traveler must pay an entry/exit fee for the different countries. Jordan: \$15 (exit fees), Israel: \$32 (exit fee), Egypt: \$45 (entry visa, which is actually \$25 visa + \$20

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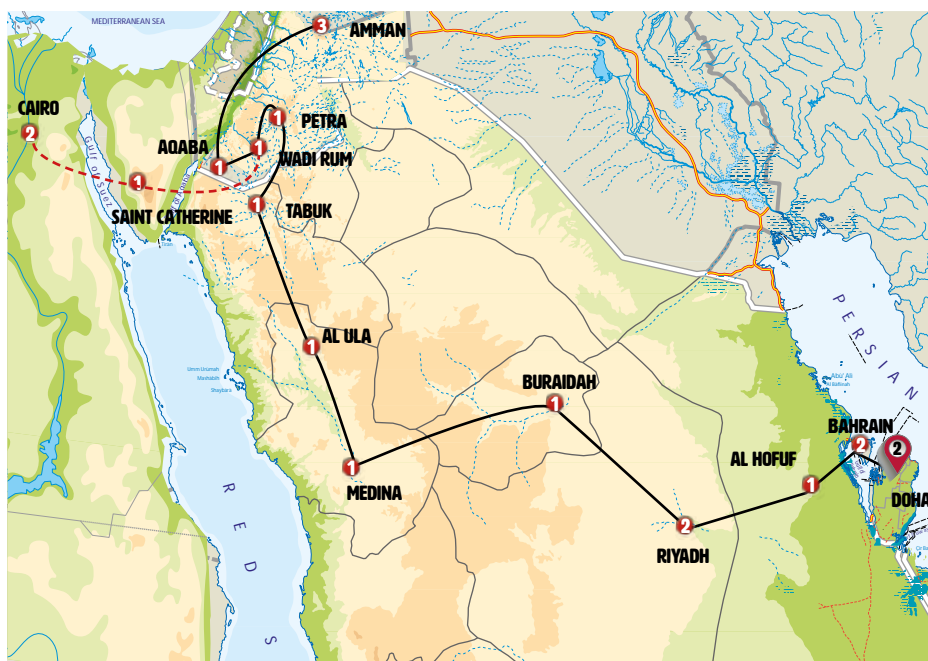
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16 SUN. Cairo.-

Full day visit where we explore the famous **Pyramids of Cheops, Kefren and Micerinos** (tickets to go inside the pyramids are not included), and also the impressive Sphinx, which is sculpted from rock. Visit to the **Egyptian Museum** with its ancient art and where the treasure of the Lost Tomb of Tutankhamen is kept. **Lunch included**. **Citadel of Saladin and the Alabaster Mosque**. We will take a walk through the Coptic neighborhood where we visit the Hanging Church built above a Roman fortress.

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After breakfast, end of our services.



Cairo



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Welcome to Emirates! Arrival at the airport and transfer to the hotel.

At the end of the afternoon, we will be transferred to visit the impressive city of **DUBAI** that shines in the night. We will go to witness the show of "**Dubai Fountain**", where the water dances to the rhythm of music and light; we are at the foot of Burj Khalifa which with its 828 meters is the tallest tower in the world; free time to walk and dine (dinner not included) in the immense Dubai Mall. Return to the hotel.

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03 MON. Dubai - Abu Dhabi.-

We still have all morning to get to know Dubai. We include going up the spectacular tower "**Dubai**



Abu Dhabi

Frame with its spectacular bridge shape and its view at 150 meters high. Afterwards we go to the old part of Dubai, a walk through the souk of Bur Dubai and the spice souk. We will take an **Abra** (traditional boat of the Emirates) to move to the **historic neighborhood of Al Fahidi** and the center for cultural understanding (with its motto "open minds, open doors"), in this area we will include in a traditional building, a **typical meal** of the country; if the group is more than 15 travelers they will give us an explanation to get to know better the gastronomy of the Emirates.

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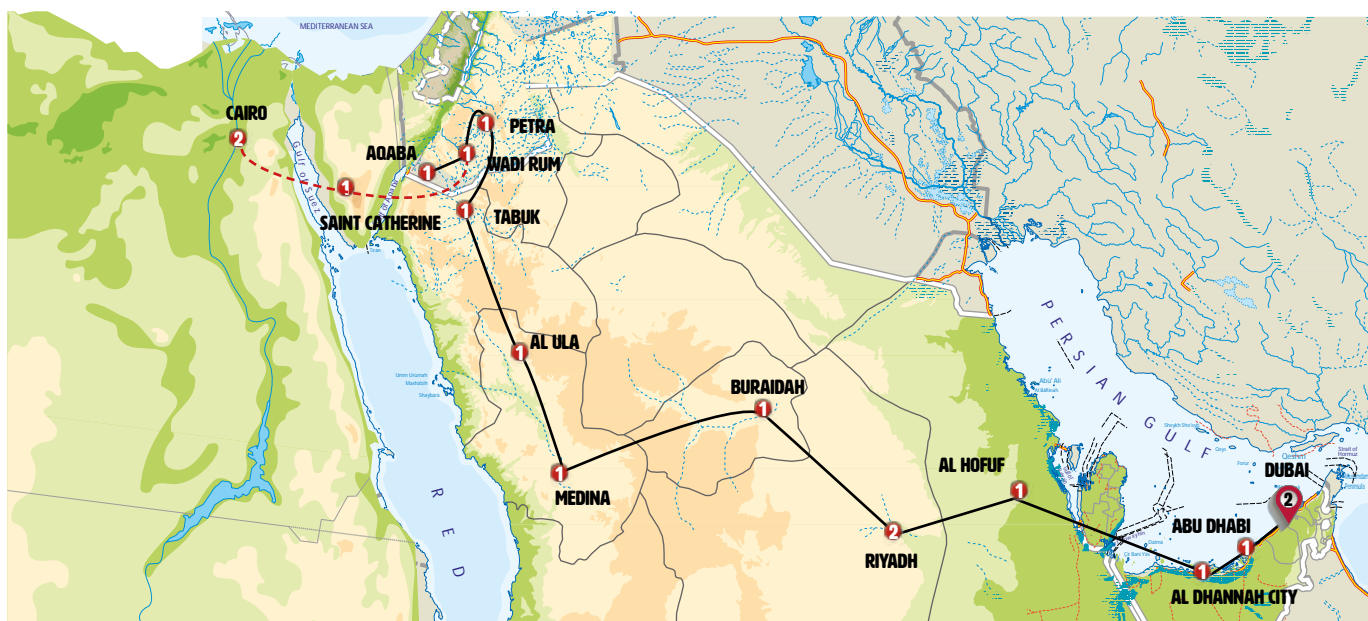
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(Opt. 2) Dubai, Mysteries of Arabia, Jordan and Cairo

Days 1 - 13 as in Opt. 1

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Full day visit where we explore the famous **Pyramids of Cheops, Kefren and Micerinos** (tickets to go inside the pyramids are not included), and also the impressive Sphinx, which is sculpted from rock. Visit to the **Egyptian Museum** with its ancient art and where the treasure of the Lost Tomb of Tutankhamen is kept. **Lunch included. Citadel of Saladin and the Alabaster Mosque**. We will take a walk through the Coptic neighborhood where we visit the Hanging Church built above a Roman fortress.

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(Additional services Opt. 2)

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(OPT. 1) EMIRATES, FASCINATING SAUDI ARABIA AND JORDAN

01 THU. Dubai.-

Welcome to Emirates! Arrival at the airport and transfer to the hotel.

At the end of the afternoon, we will be transferred to visit the impressive city of **DUBAI** that shines in the night. We will go to witness the show of "**Dubai Fountain**", where the water dances to the rhythm of music and light; we are at the foot of Burj Khalifa which with its 828 meters is the tallest tower in the world; free time to walk and dine (dinner not included) in the immense Dubai Mall. Return to the hotel.

02 FRI. Dubai.-

Today we have a spectacular day getting to know Dubai. We will make a **panoramic visit** in which we will pass in front of the great **mosque of Jumeirah**. We include going up the spectacular tower "**Dubai Frame**" with its spectacular bridge shape and its view at 150 meters high. Afterwards we continue passing by Burj Al Arab, a spectacular hotel in the form of a sail; the island of "Palm Jumeirah" in the shape of a palm tree. We will take the very modern **monorail**. After that we go to the old part of Dubai, a walk through the souk of Bur Dubai and the spice souk. We will take an **Abra (traditional boat of the Emirates)** to move to the historic neighborhood of Al Fahidi and the center for cultural understanding (with its motto "open minds, open doors"), in this area we will include in a traditional building, a **typical meal** of the country; if the group is more than 15 travelers they will give us an explanation to get to know better the gastronomy of the Emirates.

In the afternoon we will have time in **Madinat**

Jumeirah, which offers us a contemporary version of a traditional Arab village with its souk, its canals, and its colorful villas. Later in the afternoon we have free time next to the most popular and active **beach in Dubai: JBR beach**. You can stroll along the beach or have a drink in one of its many restaurants and cafes.

03 SAT. Dubai- Sharjah - Khor Fakkan- Al Bidiya- Fujairah.-

We will leave for the neighboring **EMIRATE OF SHARJAH**, its capital has been named by UNESCO as "Cultural Capital of the Arab World". In a magnificent location, next to the lagoon, we stop at the mosque of **Al Noor**, considered the most beautiful of the 600 mosques that exist in Sharjah; from the outside we admire its architecture of Ottoman design, walking around it we photograph (without entering) the green island of Al Noor which is accessed by bridge. Later we visit (entrance included) the **Fort of Sharjah**, an interesting fortress that today is a museum about the sovereign family. We cross the colorful bird market. We will then visit the **Museum of Islamic Civilization**, an excellent museum that offers us an insight about the religion and culture of the Arab and Islamic world. After the museum, and before leaving the city, we will discover the "**Rain Room**", inside which we walk through artificial rain without getting wet!

We then travel to the **Gulf of Oman**, with beautiful mountain landscapes. **KHOR FAKKAN** is a very nice city. We will have a relaxing time on the beach where you can have lunch in one of its pleasant restaurants and -if you wish- bathe in the warm Gulf Sea (dressing rooms and showers available). Already in the afternoon we will stop next to the ruins of the old Portuguese castle, we will walk next to the artificial waterfall that

will refresh us and we will be able to photograph the immense amphitheater built overlooking at the sea.

In the middle of the afternoon, we will leave for **BADIYAH**, a short distance from Khor Fakkan, the oldest mosque in the country -from the fifteenth century-, built in adobe at the foot of a fortress overlooking the sea.

We continue our route to the **EMIRATE OF FUJAIRAH**. **Dinner included** and accommodation.

04 SUN. Fujairah - Al Hayl- Al Ain.-

In the morning we will visit **FUJAIRAH**, capital of the Emirate very close to the border with Oman. The great Sheikh Zayed mosque, the second largest in the country with its 100 meters high minarets; its adobe fortress, and the **Fujairah Museum** that tells us about the origin of the city. A time to stroll before taking our lunch (included); in the afternoon we leave for the **fortress of Al Hayl**, next to a small oasis in a valley between mountains. We continue our route to the fantastic **oasis of AL AIN**, declared a world heritage site by UNESCO. Entering the city we meet **Qasr de Al Muwaiji**, fortress/museum where Sheikh Zayed was born, the first president of the Emirates (who died in 2022). **Dinner included**.

05 MON. Al Ain- Abu Dhabi.-

We continue to visit **Al Ain**, undoubtedly the city with the greatest historical heritage of the Emirates. First thing in the morning we go to the **Camel Market**, we will be surprised by its activity (it is a cattle market in general, sheep, goats, horses, but above all camels). Later we visit the **fortress of Al Jhaili**, considered one of the most representative adobe fortifications in the world. The **museum of Sheikh Zayed** allows us to appreciate what life was like a century ago in



Abu Dhabi

this city. After that, we enter the great **Oasis of Al Ain**, a world heritage site, we include a ride in small **electric vehicles** that allow us to appreciate its gardens, palm plantations, its irrigation systems. **Lunch included.**

After lunch we will continue our route to **ABU DHABI**, the most important Emirate and capital of the country. Before entering the city, we will stop at Ferrari World, a theme park dedicated to Ferrari racing cars (stop to see outdoor areas). After that we visit the **Sheikh Zayed Mosque**, a beautiful white mosque, the largest in the Emirates, with an area of more than 12 hectares, a point that seeks the encounter with other cultures and people of other religions. We will pass in front of Capital Gate, a 160-meter-high building known for being the steepest skyscraper in the world. From the beautiful "Corniche", by the sea, we will get a great panoramic view of the city.

Already, after dark we will go to **The Founders Memorial**, built in memory of Zayed, the first sultan of the Emirates. **The Constellation** stands out, with its magnificent night lighting.

06 TUE. Abu Dhabi- Al Dhannah.-

In the morning we continue our visit of the city. We will visit (entrance included) the **Heritage Village**, this place allows us to understand the traditional life in the Emirates, we enjoy its views, we can buy in its craft shops and visit its small museums that illustrate us about the history of the Emirates. After that we include a visit and entry into **Qasr Al Watan**, the presidential palace of the Emirates, magnificent construction of white granite profusely decorated, highlights its dome of 37 meters and its chandelier lamp of 350,000 pieces of glass.

After that we go to the "cultural district" where there are several museums, highlights The Louvre, with its spectacular architecture by the sea and an incredible collection. You have the opportunity if you wish to visit one of the museums or enjoy your free time in the area. **Lunch included.**

In the afternoon we continue our route, we cross oil-producing regions to **DHANNAH CITY**. We will be staying in a nice hotel-resort next to the warm waters of the Persian Gulf. **Dinner included.**

07 WED. Al Dhannah - Al-Hofuf.-

Free time to relax in the hotel, you can enjoy its white sand beach, its pool or snorkel in the waters of the Persian Gulf. **Lunch included.** After lunch we enter a country that until very recently has been closed to tourism. Only 130 km separate us from the border of **SAUDI ARABIA** (Al Batha). Border procedures and continuation

of our route through the desert to the **oasis of AL-AHSA**, declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. Arrival at **AL-HOFUF**, the main city of the oasis. We will take a night walk through the **King Abdullah Park**, a pleasant park where its artificial lake and the fountains that dance to the rhythm of the music stand out.

08 THU. Al-Hofuf- Riyadh.-

We visit the **Oasis of AL-AHSA**, with its gardens, canals, wells. Inhabited since the Neolithic; it is considered the largest oasis in the world with its almost 3 million date palms. In the center of Al-Hofuf we visit the **Ibrahim Palace**, historical fortress (World Heritage Site) dominated by its white mosque, built in 1556 by the Ottomans. After that we visit the "House of Allegiance" that shows us a small palace characteristic of the oasis. Later we travel through the oasis, we go to **AL QARA**, a spectacular landscape area, labyrinth of mini-gorges-caves in the mountain, and a historical site; it will seem that "you penetrate the mountain", all year round the temperature is around 25 degrees. We also visit its museum "land of civilizations" that describes the history of the area. **Lunch included.**

Note: At the time of writing this itinerary, the Ibrahim Palace was closed for restoration. During the period when it is closed, the palace will be visited from the outside and time will be given to the Qaisariah souk.

In the afternoon we take a modern **high-speed train**, in two hours and 20 minutes we travel almost 350 kilometers of desert that separate us from Riyadh.- **RIYADH**, arrival. To end the day we will include transfer and entrance to the **Boulevard Riyadh**, you will be surprised by its life and activity, the attractions, the numerous restaurants with specialties from numerous countries, its live shows, and -above all- the spectacle of colorful fountains. Time to stroll, dine (dinner not included) and enjoy this place. Return to the hotel.

09 FRI. Riyadh.-

Today (the order of activities may vary depending on the time of year) we will visit the impressive capital of Saudi Arabia. We will include the climb to the tower of just over 300 m high, the "Kingdom Centre", with its beautiful design and its "bridge-shaped" viewpoint that offers spectacular views over the city. We will also visit, surrounded by a beautiful park, the **National Museum**, the largest museum in the country, where we will learn about the history, culture, and art of the Kingdom. After that we will visit the **Masmak Fortress**, the ancient fortress of the city, whose interior allows us to understand the incredible change that took place in this

city during the last century. Afterwards, we will have time to stroll through the neighborhood, with its souks and commercial life. **Lunch included.**

In the afternoon we will move to the district of Al Turaif **DIRIYA**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This place - on the outskirts of Riyadh - was formerly the first capital of the Saudi dynasty, which we will be able to discover thanks to the vestiges of its numerous palaces and the urban complex at the edge of the oasis of Ad-Diriya.

At the end of the day, we will visit the **Al Rajhi Mosque**, the largest mosque in Riyadh with its Andalusian style architecture, where **we will witness a prayer and have an introduction to Islam** that will surely make us learn something about this religion. Return to hotel.

10 SAT. Riyadh - Al Qasab - Shaqra - Ushaiqer - Buraydah.-

Today we follow the ancient route of pilgrims traveling from Iraq to Mecca, with its many historic towns in small oases. **AL QASAB** was known since ancient times for its salt and wheat production, also for its poets. We will visit the walled city and the small salt ponds where 200,000 tons of salt are still produced each year.

Desert landscapes of dunes lead us to **SHAQRA**, a city that is growing along with its university. We visit the well-fortified ancient city, with its picturesque old market and adobe alleys. Continue to **USHAIQER**. **Lunch included** before transferring to **Ushaiqer Heritage Village**, a village that was an important stop for pilgrims because of its springs and the beauty of its oasis. We will also visit its small museum and its Najdi architecture houses with its carved wooden doors, its beautiful windows and triangular roofs. Continuation to **BURAYDAH**, capital of the province of El Kasim with more than 600 000 inhabitants located in a large oasis. Arrival in the late afternoon and free time.

11 SUN. Buraydah - Medina.-

Early in the morning we will visit the largest **Camel Market** in the world, located in Buraydah - a city that also houses a camel hospital. The city's economy is also based on agriculture of oasis products (dates, lemons, oranges, wheat), and annually, around August, holds a huge date market that attracts many people from different places to buy their date annual requirement. We will visit "the city of dates" -more or less active depending on the time of the year- and we will be able to taste this sweet fruit of the palm tree. Afterwards, we will have time to stroll through the city center, with its vegetable market, its great mosque, its jewelry souks and its activity. **Lunch included.**

In the afternoon, we continue our route by an excellent highway through the desert. Arrival in the evening to the holy city of **MEDINA**, "the luminous city". We find ourselves in an outstanding historical and religious destination as it is one of the two most sacred cities of Islam. Medina is visited by millions of pilgrims every year and has been forbidden to non-Muslims until very recently. Respect its inhabitants and beliefs and remember to use the required mode of dress. In the evening, we will go to see - today from outside - the **Al Masjid Mosque**, built by the prophet himself and the place where he is buried. We will be touched to see the thousands of people who enter at prayer time. **Dinner included.**

12 MON. Medina - Al-'Ula.-

Note: The Al-'Ula region is one of the most beautiful areas in the world, however its hotel infrastructure is extremely limited. On some occasions we will spend two nights in Medina (visiting in this case in the afternoon the Al Madinah Museum) leaving very early for Al-'Ula on Tuesday.

We will explore Medina. We will walk around the immense **Prophet's Mosque** (Al Masjid an Nabawi), an amazing and luminous mosque of ten minarets with a capacity for one million visitors.. On the **hill of UHUD**, an important pilgrimage site, where the prophet's forces clashed with Meccan troops. You can walk through its vast esplanade and climb the hill but remember to do so in silence and respecting the hundreds of pilgrims surrounding us at any given time. At the **Mosque of Quba**, in the year 622, the prophet and his followers laid the first stone of what was to be the first mosque in history, although the present building is more recent. We will also stroll through the nearby market where you can find dates, perfumes, and other local specialties. **Lunch included.** After lunch we will have some free time in the city center to stroll around the shopping areas or -if you wish- visit the Hejaz Railway Museum (in the former Ottoman railway station).

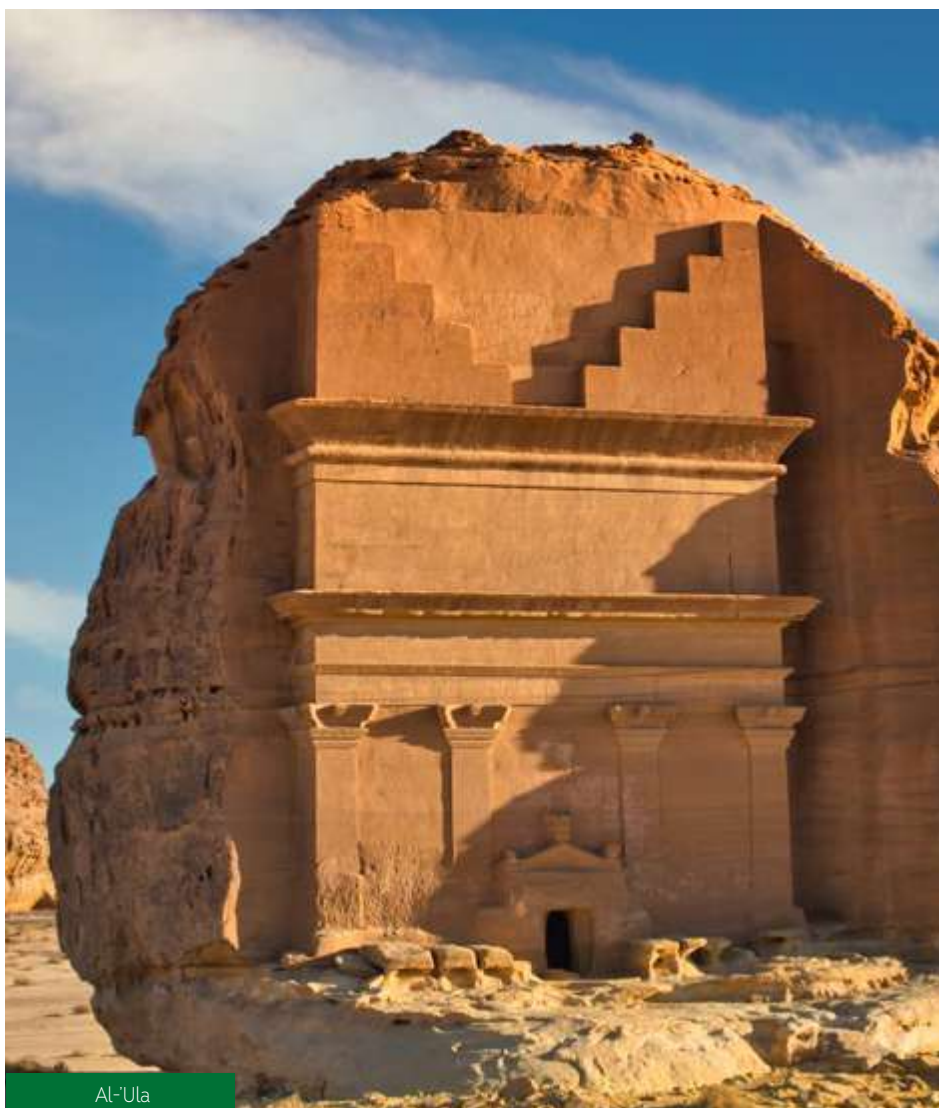
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13 TUE. Al-'Ula - Tabuk.-

In the region of Al-'Ula we will visit the enclosure of **HEGRA (Madain Saleh)**, declared World Heritage by UNESCO, of Nabataean culture "the Other Petra" amazes us with its tombs excavated in the rock in a desert environment full of mystery. **Lunch included.** We will have free time in "**Al-'Ula Heritage Village**", the old Al-'Ula, magnificently restored with its pleasant restaurants and shops. We will also have some time to walk in the magnificent **Oasis**. In the middle of the afternoon, we will leave for **TABUK**. **Dinner included.**

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18 SUN. Amman- Ajlun- Jerash- Amman.-

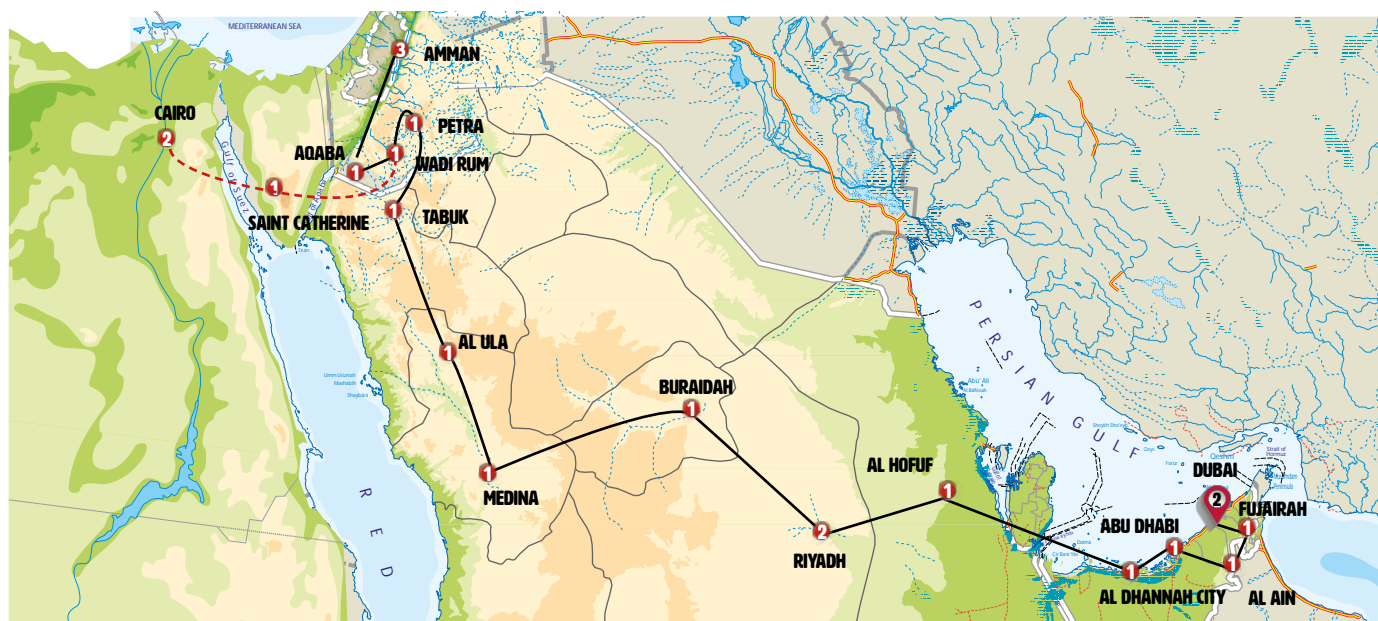
After breakfast, we travel to the north of Jordan. In the mountains, we discover the **AJLUN FORTRESS**, a mighty castle from the 12th Century. Muslims and Orthodox Christians have always lived in this area. We will visit the old **CHURCH OF SAINT SERGIUS**. Shall we all pray for peace? **Lunch is included.** We continue to **JERASH**, and visit its impressive Roman archaeological site. Return to **AMMAN**. Arrival and accommodation.

19 MON. Amman- Castles of the Desert- Madaba- Mount Nebo- Amman.-

We will depart towards the **CASTLES OF THE DESERT**, built between the 7th and 8th centuries. We will visit **QASR KHARANA**, with its imposing structure of thick walls and the **QUSAYR AMRA** World Heritage Site, notable for its remarkable frescoes. Then, we travel to **MADABA**, **lunch is included.** We will visit the **Madaba Archaeological Park**, which we cross via an ancient Roman road, and the **Church of St. George**, with its fantastic 6th Century mosaic representing the oldest known map of the Holy Land. We continue to **MOUNT NEBO**, where Moses stopped to look over the Promised Land. Return to **Amman**. Arrival and free time.

20 TUE. Amman.-

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(Opt. 2) Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Sinai and Cairo

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- **High Speed Train:** Al Hofuf/ Riyadh.
- **21 Lunches or dinners included:** Dubai, Fujairah, Al Ain, Abu Dhabi, Al Dhannah, Al Dhannah, Al-Hofuf, Riyadh, Ushaiqer, Buraydah, Medina, Medina, Al-'Ula, Al-'Ula, Tabuk, Petra, Petra, Wadi Rum, Ajlun, Madaba.
- **(Additional services Opt. 2)**
- **City tour in:** Cairo.
- **Ticket admission:** Monastery of Santa Catalina in Saint Catherine, Well of Moses, Pyramids of Cheops, Kefren and Micerinos, Egyptian Museum, Citadel of Saladin and the Alabaster Mosque, the Hanging Church Coptic neighbourhood in Cairo.
- **3 Lunches or dinners included:** Saint Catherine, Saint Catherine, Cairo



Expected Hotels

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DEPARTURES DATES EVERY FRIDAY

From
1830€ **6/16**
days



Medina

Arabian Contrasts Opt. 1

Authentic Saudi Arabia with Jordan and Egypt Opt. 2

(OPT. 1) ARABIAN CONTRASTS

01 FRI. Jeddah.-

Welcome to SAUDI ARABIA! A country of contrasts that will leave you with surprising memories! Transfer to your hotel. Arrival at **JEDDAH**, the second city in the country, with four million inhabitants, on the shore of the Red Sea. Transfer to your hotel and free time.

02 SAT. Jeddah.-

Full day in Jeddah, with our local guide we will **visit the city**. We will be surprised by its contrasts, currently a large part of the city is being rebuilt to make it a great world megalopolis, highlights the construction of the Jeddah Tower that will be the tallest building in the world with over a thousand meters high. We will follow the Corniche, with its beautiful views, its mosques by the sea and its recreational areas; we will contemplate the Fountain of King Fahd, the highest of its kind in the world, its jets reach more than 300 meters high. We will stop at the active and picturesque fish market. We will include the entrance to **"Tabeyat International city"** very interesting museum of history and ethnography in an architectural ensemble of great beauty. We visit the historic center, declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, with its impressive set of medieval alleys and its houses made with coral and wooden balconies. Free time in the afternoon, you can stroll through its traditional souks or its immense shopping centers.

03 SUN. Jeddah- Medina.-

Early transfer to the **high-speed train** station. Saudi Arabia has an excellent train that crosses the desert. In less than two hours we travel the 400 kilometers that separate us from **MEDINA**,

the holy city, "the luminous city". We are in an imposing historical destination, one of the two most sacred cities of Islam, a destination to which millions of pilgrims arrive every year and a city forbidden for non-Muslims until very recently. Respect for its inhabitants and beliefs and proper dress code is required.

Arrival and **lunch included**. In the afternoon we will visit the **Al Madinah Museum** that allows us to understand a little the history of the city. At the end of the afternoon, we will go to see -from outside- the **Al Masjid mosque**, built by the prophet himself and place where he is buried, we will not be able to avoid feeling a surge of emotions when we observe the thousands of people who enter at the time of prayer. **Dinner included**.

04 MON. Medina - Al-'Ula.-

Note: The Al-'Ula region is one of the most beautiful areas in the world, however its hotel infrastructure is extremely limited. On some occasions we will spend two nights in Medina (visiting in this case in the afternoon the **Al Madinah Museum**) leaving very early for Al-'Ula on Tuesday.

We will explore Medina. We will walk around the immense **Prophet's Mosque** (Al Masjid an Nabawi), an amazing and luminous mosque of ten minarets with a capacity for one million visitors.. On the **hill of UHUD**, an important pilgrimage site, where the prophet's forces clashed with Meccan troops. You can walk through its vast esplanade and climb the hill but remember to do so in silence and respecting the hundreds of pilgrims surrounding us at any given time. At the **Mosque of Quba**, in the year 622, the prophet and his followers laid the first stone of what was to be the first mosque in history, although

the present building is more recent. We will also stroll through the nearby market where you can find dates, perfumes, and other local specialties.

Lunch included. After lunch we will have some free time in the city center to stroll around the shopping areas or -if you wish- visit the Hejaz Railway Museum (in the former Ottoman railway station).

In the afternoon we travel to one of the most spectacular places in the world: The region and oasis of **AL-'ULA**: an authentic open-air museum surrounded by nature, where you will find rock formations, canyons and ravines that compete with the majestic treasures carved by its ancient inhabitants. After arrival we will go to **The Elephant Rock**, "Jabal Al Fil" an impressive geomorphological phenomenon, a 52 meters high rock in the shape of an Elephant. **Dinner included**.

05 TUE. Al-'Ula - Tabuk.-

In the region of Al-'Ula we will visit the enclosure of **HEGRA (Madain Saleh)**, declared World Heritage by UNESCO, of Nabataean culture "the Other Petra" amazes us with its tombs excavated in the rock in a desert environment full of mystery. **Lunch included**. We will have free time in **"Al-'Ula Heritage Village"**, the old Al-'Ula, magnificently restored with its pleasant restaurants and shops. We will also have some time to walk in the magnificent **Oasis**. In the middle of the afternoon, we will leave for **TABUK**. **Dinner included**.

06 WED. Tabuk.-

We visit Tabuk, a city over half a million inhabitants, active provincial capital and one of the oldest cities in the country. We will visit the castle whose origin is 3500 years before Christ,



Petra

and inside it, a museum tells the history of the **castle** and the city, from the great explorers who visited it, such as Ibn Battuta, to the pilgrims who stopped to drink from the fountains on their way to Mecca or Medina. After the castle we walk through the active commercial area of the center and we reach the **old train station**, today a museum that preserves the steam machines that connected Damascus with Medina.

End of the tour. Check the time of your flight in case you need an additional night.

(Opt. 2) Authentic Saudi Arabia with Jordan and Egypt

Days 1 - 5 as in Opt. 1

06 WED. Tabuk - Petra.-

We visit Tabuk, a city over half a million inhabitants, active provincial capital and one of the oldest cities in the country. We will visit the castle whose origin is 3500 years before Christ, and inside it, a museum tells the history of the **castle** and the city, from the great explorers who visited it, such as Ibn Battuta, to the pilgrims who stopped to drink from the fountains on their way to Mecca or Medina. After the castle we walk through the active commercial area of the center and we reach the **old train station**, today a museum that preserves the steam machines that connected Damascus with Medina.

Only 100 km separate us from **JORDAN**. Border procedures and continuation to **WADI MUSA** (town created around Petra), we will visit the **Spring of Moses**, where allegedly Moses hit the rock with his rod and the water gushed out, and the **Petra Museum**, an excellent sample that allows us to understand the history of the Nabataeans and get to know magnificent pieces found in the area. **Dinner included.** Travelers who wish to do so can go in their free time to an old Turkish bath or get to see the lights and sounds show in Petra.

07 THU. Petra- Wadi Rum.-

Today we have the most exciting day of the trip: First, we visit the impressive archaeological site of **PETRA**, which is accessed through a narrow canyon, and discover the temples and tombs excavated on the cliffs in this city that was founded 300 years before Christ. After **lunch (included)** we leave for the impressive desert of **WADI RUM**. At the Visitor Centre we board **4x4 vehicles** to visit some of the most impressive landscapes. We stop in the town of **RUM** to visit the ruins of the Nabatean temple. We include a **45-minute camel ride** through the desert. We will also visit the **Khazali Canyon**. In this spectacular place, we will see the engravings



Jeddah

that reveal the origins of the Arabic language. **Dinner and accommodation included in a desert camp.**

08 FRI. Wadi Rum- Aqaba- Eilat- Saint Catherine.-

After breakfast, we leave for **AQABA**, Jordan's second city, lying on the banks of the Red Sea. We walk through the center before continuing to the border of **ISRAEL**, **EILAT** and arrive in this modern and tourist city with its excellent beaches. There's time to relax, have lunch and stroll around. Are you tempted to have a swim? We then continue towards the **EGYPT** border, and into Sinai. On the way, there's chance to take photographs of the Pharaoh's Island with the powerful fortress of Saladin. Continue to **SAINT CATHERINE**. Arrival, accommodation and **dinner included**. **FEES:** At the border crossing from Jordan to Israel and from Israel to Egypt, every traveler must pay an entry/exit fee for the different countries. Jordan: \$15 (exit fees), Israel: \$32 (exit fee), Egypt: \$45 (entry visa, which is actually \$25 visa + \$20

IMPORTANT NOTE: Due to exceptional circumstances or due to a small number of participants, it may happen that we will cross directly from Jordan to Egypt by boat, taking the **AQABA- TABA FERRY** with a duration of just over two hours. During the ferry crossing, there will be no assistance from any guide.

09 SAT. Saint Catherine- Well of Moses- Cairo.-

At the foot of Mount Sinai, we visit the impressive walled **monastery of SAINT CATHERINE**. According to tradition, this is where Moses saw "the Burning Bush that burned without being consumed". The monastery, which is a sacred place for Jews, Christians and Muslims, belongs to the Orthodox Church and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We then continue on through the Sinai Desert's picturesque landscapes. **Lunch included** in route. Stop at the **WELL OF MOSES**, a biblical site that looks like a small oasis. We will leave Sinai through the tunnel under the **SUEZ CANAL**. Arrival in **CAIRO** at the end of the afternoon. Accommodation.

10 SUN. Cairo.-

Full day visit where we explore the famous **Pyramids of Cheops, Kefren and Micerinos** (tickets to go inside the pyramids are not included), and also the impressive Sphinx, which is sculpted from rock. Visit to the **Egyptian Museum** with its ancient art and where the treasure of the Lost Tomb of Tutankhamen is kept. **Lunch included**. **Citadel of Saladin and the Alabaster Mosque**. We will take a walk through the Coptic neighborhood where we visit the Hanging Church built above a Roman fortress.

11 MON. Cairo - Luxor.-

Breakfast. Transfer to the airport and flight included to **LUXOR**. Arrival and transfer to the **cruise, boarding and accommodation**. Full board on the cruise. Visit impressive set of temples of Luxor and Karnak. Accommodation on board.

12 TUE. Luxor - Esna.-

Today you will be able to admire the **Necropolis of Thebes**, visiting the famous **VALLEY OF THE KINGS**, where are hidden the tombs of the main pharaohs. Composed of several rooms and corridors that lead to the burial chambers, are among others, Ramses III, Seti I and Amenhotep II. You will also visit the **Colossae of Memnon**, two impressive statues of Amenophis II, as well as the **Temple of Queen Hatsepsut** (Deir el Bahari) and the **Temple of Medinet Habu**. During this day we can enjoy the beauty of the Nile riverbanks. You could do different activities on the boat and at evening enjoy the music at the disco. **Full board**. Night on board, navigating to **ESNA**.



Aqaba



Luxor

13 WED. Esna- Edfu- Kom Ombo - Aswan.-

Arrival to **EDFU** and visit the **Temple of Horus** (God represented by a Falcon), which in the past was partially covered by time during the periodic flooding of the river Nile. The rescue and restoration work complete, we now have one of the most beautiful temples of Ptolemaic times, in an exceptional state of preservation. Navigation to **KOM OMBO**. Visit the **Temple of Kom Ombo**, the only temple dedicated to two gods, Sobek and Haroesis, where we find a Nilometer (former system for measuring the level of the Nile River) and a mummified crocodile. During the evening you will be able to enjoy the Chilaba's party, local typical outfit (on route you could economically acquire them at local markets). **Full board**. Accommodation on board, navigating to **ASWAN**.

14 THU. Aswan.-

Arrival to **ASWAN**. Possibility of getting the **optional** tour to **Abu Simbel** (visit NOT included in the itinerary), located two hundred and eighty kilometers from Aswan, visit the western desert and the temples carved on the cliff by Ramses II

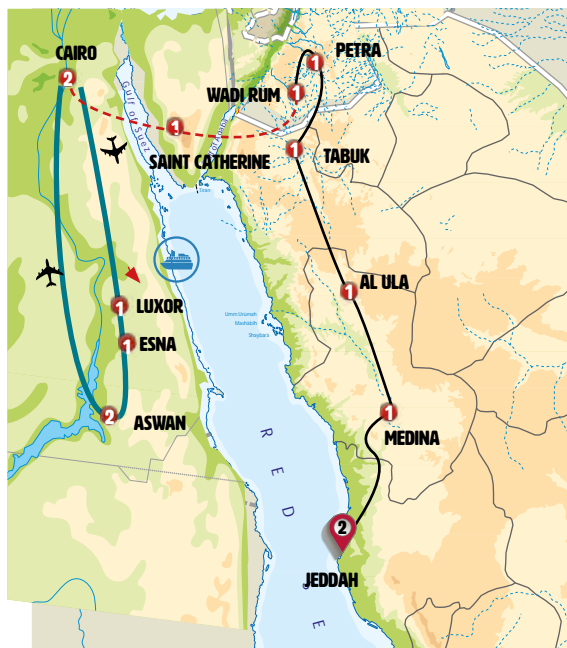
during the twelfth century BC, with 20 meters high statues, dedicated to the god Amon Ra, and the Temple of Nefertari, dedicated to the goddess Hathor. Visit the **Red Granite quarry** where is the famous 41 meters high **Unfinished Obelisk**. We will also visit the **Aswan Dam**, one of the largest in the world, which created Lake Nasser with a length of more than 500 km. In the afternoon, a **felucca cruise on the Nile**, typical sailing boats in the area, heading to the island of Kitchener where the Botanical Garden is located. **Full board**. Accommodation on board.

15 FRI. Aswan - Cairo.-

Breakfast. **Transfer to the airport** to take the plane to **Cairo** (flight included). Arrival to **CAIRO** airport and transfer to the hotel. During the evening, visit the **Light and Sound Show at the Pyramids of Giza**. Accommodation.

16 SAT. Cairo.-

Transfer to the airport and end of our services. If you have time, we recommend that you purchase an additional night and take a trip to **MEMPHIS** and **SAKKARA**.



Price Includes

- **General Services:** Travel by bus with Spanish and English speaking guide, basic travel insurance and breakfast buffet.
- **Includes arrival transfer**
- **Includes departure transfer**
- **Evening Transfer:** Elephant Rock in Al Ula.
- **Ticket admission:** Tabayat International City in Jeddah, Hegra, Heritage Village and the Elephant Rock in Al Ula, Castle and old train station in Tabuk.
- **High Speed Train:** Jeddah/ Medina.
- **6 Lunches or dinners included:** Medina, Medina, Medina, Al-'Ula, Al-'Ula, Tabuk

(Additional services Opt. 2)

- **Excursion:** 4x4 vehicles, camel rides in Wadi Rum, Valley of the Kings, Colossi of Memnon in Luxor, Sound and Light Show at the Pyramids of Giza in Cairo.
- **Boat:** Typical sailing boats felucca and show typical dance beduina in Aswan.
- **City tour in:** Cairo.
- **Ticket admission:** Spring of Moses and Petra Museum in Petra, Arqueological Site in Petra, Visitor Centre, 4x4 vehicles and camel rides in Wadi Rum, Monastery of Santa Catalina in Saint Catherine, Well of Moses, Pyramids of Cheops, Kefren and Micerinos, Egyptian Museum, Citadel of Saladin and the Alabaster Mosque, the Hanging Church Coptic neighbourhood in Cairo, Temples of Luxor and Karnak in Luxor, Necropolis of Thebas, Valley of the Kings, Colossi of Memnon, Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, Medinet Habu; in Luxor, Temple of Horus in Edfu, Temple of Kom Ombo in Kom Ombo, Red Granite Quarry and Unfinished Obelisk, Aswan Dam in Aswan.
- **Flights included:** Cairo - Luxor, Aswan - Cairo.
- **6 Lunches or dinners included:** Petra, Petra, Wadi Rum, Saint Catherine, Saint Catherine, Cairo.



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Cairo



Aswan





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Beauties of Arabia with Jordan, Sinai and Cairo Opt. 3

Contrasts of Arabia, Jordan and Egypt Opt. 4

(OPT. 1) DREAMED SAUDI ARABIA

01 MON. Jeddah.-

Welcome to JEDDAH, on the shores of the Red Sea, the second largest city in the country, with four million inhabitants. Transfer to the hotel.

In the evening we will take a walk through its historic center, declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, with its impressive set of medieval alleys and houses made of coral and wooden balconies.

02 TUE. Jeddah.-

Full day in Jeddah. With a local guide we will visit this city that will surprise us by its contrasts. At this time, a large part of the city is being rebuilt to make it a great world megalopolis. Among others, the construction of the Jeddah Tower, which will be the tallest building in the world with more than a thousand meters high, stands out. We will follow the Corniche, with its beautiful views, its mosques by the sea and its recreational areas. We will contemplate the King Fahd Fountain, the highest of its kind in the world, its water jets reach more than 300 meters high. We will stop at the lively and picturesque fish market. We will include the entrance to "Tabayat International city" an architectural complex of great beauty with its very interesting museums of history and ethnography. We will then visit the historical center, entering through Bab Makkah - the most important gate of Jeddah - and we will also pass by the cemetery of Eve, where tradition says that Eve, Adam's wife and the first woman of humanity according to the bible, was buried. Free afternoon. We recommend a stroll through its traditional souks or its huge shopping malls.

03 WED. Jeddah-Mecca- Al Hada - Taif.-

Important Note: Mecca is a city that is not accessible to non-Muslim tourists. If you are Muslim, if you wish, we can adapt your program so that you can visit it (you will stay in Taif with the rest of the members of the group and the visit of the remaining points of the day will not be included). In this case, there will be a supplement that will depend on the number of travelers who can and wish to visit Mecca.

Today we travel to Taif, a city in the province of Mecca (city not authorized for non-Muslim travelers). This city, located at almost 2000 meters above sea level, is popular for its mild climate, so every summer the Saudi Government moves to this point -not as hot as Riyadh-. The route, up the mountain, is spectacular in scenery. We will stop at **AL HADA**, with its tourist market, great views and rose fields. **Lunch included.**

TAIF, this popular city with very modern shopping malls and great amusement parks, has numerous rose gardens. On the outskirts of the city of Qadeera, we will visit the **King Faisal Park**, which hosts an annual rose festival, and experience the roses used to make local perfumes. In this city 300 million roses are produced annually in more than 900 farms. **We will visit a rose oil factory -Attar-**. We will also stroll through the central market, with its maze of narrow streets and its different areas (honey, perfumes, jewelry...). In the evening we will go to the modern shopping mall district where you will have time to dine in one of its many restaurants of all kinds of cuisines.

04 THU. Taif- Riyadh.-

Transfer to the airport and **flight to RIYADH** and transfer to your hotel.

In the evening, we will include a transfer with **entrance ticket to Boulevard Riyadh**, the largest park in the kingdom, which will surprise you with its animation and life. The park has curious attractions, numerous restaurants with specialties from many different countries, live shows and, above all, a fountains eye-catching show with colored water. Free time to stroll around, enjoy the place and dine in one of its restaurants. Return to the hotel.

05 FRI. Riyadh.-

Today (the order of activities may vary depending on the time of year) we will visit the impressive capital of Saudi Arabia. We will include the climb to the tower of just over 300 m high, the "Kingdom Centre", with its beautiful design and its "bridge-shaped" viewpoint that offers spectacular views over the city. We will also visit, surrounded by a beautiful park, the **National Museum**, the largest museum in the country, where we will learn about the history, culture, and art of the Kingdom. After that we will visit the **Masmak Fortress**, the ancient fortress of the city, whose interior allows us to understand the incredible change that took place in this city during the last century. Afterwards, we will have time to stroll through the neighborhood, with its souks and commercial life. **Lunch included.**

In the afternoon we will move to the district of Al Turaif **DIRIYA**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This place - on the outskirts of Riyadh - was formerly the first capital of the Saudi dynasty, which we will be able to discover thanks to the vestiges of its numerous palaces and the urban complex at the edge of the oasis of Ad-Diriya. At the end of the day, we will visit the **Al Rajhi Mosque**, the largest mosque in Riyadh with its

Andalusian style architecture, where **we will witness a prayer and have an introduction to Islam** that will surely make us learn something about this religion. Return to hotel.

06 SAT. Riyadh - Al Qasab - Shaqra - Ushaiqer - Buraydah.-

Today we follow the ancient route of pilgrims traveling from Iraq to Mecca, with its many historic towns in small oases. **AL QASAB** was known since ancient times for its salt and wheat production, also for its poets. We will visit the walled city and the small salt ponds where 200,000 tons of salt are still produced each year.

Desert landscapes of dunes lead us to **SHAQRA**, a city that is growing along with its university. We visit the well-fortified ancient city, with its picturesque old market and adobe alleys. Continue to **USHAIQER**. **Lunch included** before transferring to **Ushaiqer Heritage Village**, a village that was an important stop for pilgrims because of its springs and the beauty of its oasis. We will also visit its small museum and its Najdi architecture houses with its carved wooden doors, its beautiful windows and triangular roofs. Continuation to **BURAYDAH**, capital of the province of El Kasim with more than 600 000 inhabitants located in a large oasis. Arrival in the late afternoon and free time.

07 SUN. Buraydah - Medina.-

Early in the morning we will visit the largest **Camel Market** in the world, located in Buraydah - a city that also houses a camel hospital. The city's economy is also based on agriculture of oasis products (dates, lemons, oranges, wheat), and annually, around August, holds a huge date market that attracts many people from different places to buy their date annual requirement. We will visit **"the city of dates"** - more or less active depending on the time of the year- and we will be able to taste this sweet fruit of the palm tree. Afterwards, we will have time to stroll through the city center, with its vegetable market, its great mosque, its jewelry souks and its activity. **Lunch included**.

In the afternoon, we continue our route by an excellent highway through the desert. Arrival in the evening to the holy city of **MEDINA**, "the luminous city". We find ourselves in an outstanding historical and religious destination as it is one of the two most sacred cities of Islam. Medina is visited by millions of pilgrims every year and has been forbidden to non-Muslims until very recently. Respect its inhabitants and beliefs and remember to use the required mode of dress. In the evening, we will go to see - today from outside - the **Al Masjid Mosque**, built by the prophet himself and the place where he is buried. We will be touched to see the thousands of people who enter at prayer time. **Dinner included**.

08 MON. Medina - Al-'Ula.-

Note: The Al-'Ula region is one of the most beautiful areas in the world, however its hotel infrastructure is extremely limited. On some occasions we will spend two nights in Medina (visiting in this case in the afternoon the Al Madinah Museum) leaving very early for Al-'Ula on Tuesday.

We will explore Medina. We will walk around the immense **Prophet's Mosque** (Al Masjid an Nabawi), an amazing and luminous mosque of ten minarets with a capacity for one million visitors.. On the **hill of UHUD**, an important pilgrimage site, where the prophet's forces clashed with Meccan troops. You can walk through its vast esplanade and climb the hill but remember to do so in silence and respecting the hundreds of pilgrims surrounding us at any given time. At the **Mosque of Quba**, in the year 622, the prophet and his followers laid the first stone of what was to be the first mosque in history, although the present building is more recent. We will also stroll through the nearby market where you can find dates, perfumes, and other

local specialties. **Lunch included**. After lunch we will have some free time in the city center to stroll around the shopping areas or -if you wish- visit the Hejaz Railway Museum (in the former Ottoman railway station).

In the afternoon we travel to one of the most spectacular places in the world: The region and oasis of **AL-'ULA**: an authentic open-air museum surrounded by nature, where you will find rock formations, canyons and ravines that compete with the majestic treasures carved by its ancient inhabitants. After arrival we will go to **The Elephant Rock**, "Jabal Al Fil" an impressive geomorphological phenomenon, a 52 meters high rock in the shape of an Elephant. **Dinner included**.

09 TUE. Al-'Ula - Tabuk.-

In the region of Al-'Ula we will visit the enclosure of **HEGRA (Madain Saleh)**, declared World Heritage by UNESCO, of Nabataean culture "the Other Petra" amazes us with its tombs excavated in the rock in a desert environment full of mystery. **Lunch included**. We will have free time in **"Al-'Ula Heritage Village"**, the old Al-'Ula, magnificently restored with its pleasant restaurants and shops. We will also have some time to walk in the magnificent **Oasis**. In the middle of the afternoon, we will leave for **TABUK**. **Dinner included**.

10 WED. Tabuk.-

We visit Tabuk, a city over half a million inhabitants, active provincial capital and one of the oldest cities in the country. We will visit the castle whose origin is 3500 years before Christ, and inside it, a museum tells the history of the **castle** and the city, from the great explorers

who visited it, such as Ibn Battuta, to the pilgrims who stopped to drink from the fountains on their way to Mecca or Medina. After the castle we walk through the active commercial area of the center and we reach the **old train station**, today a museum that preserves the steam machines that connected Damascus with Medina.

End of the tour. Check the time of your flight in case you need an additional night.

(Opt. 2) Beauties of Arabia with Petra and Wadi Rum

Days 1 - 9 as in Opt. 1

10 WED. Tabuk - Petra.-

We visit Tabuk, a city over half a million inhabitants, active provincial capital and one of the oldest cities in the country. We will visit the castle whose origin is 3500 years before Christ, and inside it, a museum tells the history of the **castle** and the city, from the great explorers who visited it, such as Ibn Battuta, to the pilgrims who stopped to drink from the fountains on their way to Mecca or Medina. After the castle we walk through the active commercial area of the center and we reach the **old train station**, today a museum that preserves the steam machines that connected Damascus with Medina.

Only 100 km separate us from **JORDAN**. Border procedures and continuation to **WADI MUSA** (town created around Petra), we will visit the **Spring of Moses**, where allegedly Moses hit the rock with his rod and the water gushed out, and the **Petra Museum**, an excellent sample that allows us to understand the history of the Nabataeans and get to know magnificent pieces found in the area. **Dinner included**.



Riyadh

Travelers who wish to do so can go in their free time to an old Turkish bath or get to see the lights and sounds show in Petra.

11 THU. Petra- Wadi Rum.-

Today we have the most exciting day of the trip: First, we visit the impressive archaeological site of **PETRA**, which is accessed through a narrow canyon, and discover the temples and tombs excavated on the cliffs in this city that was founded 300 years before Christ. After **lunch (included)** we leave for the impressive desert of **WADI RUM**. At the Visitor Centre we board **4x4 vehicles** to visit some of the most impressive landscapes. We stop in the town of **RUM** to visit the ruins of the Nabatean temple. We include a **45-minute camel ride** through the desert. We will also visit the **Khazali Canyon**. In this spectacular place, we will see the engravings that reveal the origins of the Arabic language. **Dinner and accommodation included in a desert camp.**

12 FRI. Wadi Rum- Aqaba.-

After breakfast we will leave for **AQABA**, Jordan's second city. We will visit Jordan's second city, a modern, commercial port city. Afternoon free to enjoy the hotel-resort and the warm waters of the Red Sea!

13 SAT. Aqaba-Amman.-

After breakfast we will take the "desert road" to **AMMAN**. Arrival at noon and free time to visit the capital of the kingdom.

NOTE: Depending on the number of travelers, the trip from Aqaba to Amman can be made by regular VIP coach service.

14 SUN. Amman- Ajlun- Jerash- Amman.-

After breakfast, we travel to the north of Jordan. In the mountains, we discover the **AJLUN FORTRESS**, a mighty castle from the 12th Century. Muslims and Orthodox Christians have always lived in this area. We will visit the old **CHURCH OF SAINT SERGIUS**. Shall we all pray for peace? **Lunch is included.** We continue to **JERASH**, and visit its impressive Roman archaeological site. Return to **AMMAN**. Arrival and accommodation.

15 MON. Amman- Castles of the Desert- Madaba- Mount Nebo- Amman.-

We will depart towards the **CASTLES OF THE DESERT**, built between the 7th and 8th centuries. We will visit **QASR KHARANA**, with its imposing structure of thick walls and the **QUSAYR AMRA** World Heritage Site, notable for its remarkable frescoes. Then, we travel to **MADABA**, **lunch is included.** We will visit the **Madaba Archaeological Park**, which we cross via an ancient Roman road, and the **Church of St. George**, with its fantastic 6th Century mosaic representing the oldest known map of the Holy Land. We continue to **MOUNT NEBO**, where Moses stopped to look over the Promised Land. Return to **Amman**. Arrival and free time.

16 TUE. Amman.-

After breakfast, end of our services.

(Opt. 3) Beauties of Arabia with Jordan, Sinai and Cairo

Days 1 - 11 as in Opt. 2

12 FRI. Wadi Rum- Aqaba- Eilat- Saint Catherine.-

After breakfast, we leave for **AQABA**, Jordan's second city, lying on the banks of the Red Sea. We walk through the center before continuing to the border of **ISRAEL**, **EILAT** and arrive in this modern and tourist city with its excellent beaches. There's time to relax, have lunch and stroll around. Are you tempted to have a swim? We then continue towards the **EGYPT** border, and into Sinai. On the way, there's chance to take photographs of the Pharaoh's Island with the powerful fortress of Saladin. Continue to **SAINT CATHERINE**. Arrival, accommodation and **dinner included.**



Kom Ombo



Egypt

FEES: At the border crossing from Jordan to Israel and from Israel to Egypt, every traveler must pay an entry/exit fee for the different countries. Jordan: \$15 (exit fees), Israel: \$32 (exit fee), Egypt: \$45 (entry visa, which is actually \$25 visa + \$20

IMPORTANT NOTE: Due to exceptional circumstances or due to a small number of participants, it may happen that we will cross directly from Jordan to Egypt by boat, taking the AQABA-TABA FERRY with a duration of just over two hours. During the ferry crossing, there will be no assistance from any guide.

13 SAT. Saint Catherine- Well of Moses- Cairo.-

At the foot of Mount Sinai, we visit the impressive walled **monastery of SAINT CATHERINE**. According to tradition, this is where Moses saw "the Burning Bush that burned without being consumed". The monastery, which is a sacred place for Jews, Christians and Muslims, belongs to the Orthodox Church and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We then continue on through the Sinai Desert's picturesque landscapes. **Lunch included** in route. Stop at the **WELL OF MOSES**, a biblical site that looks like a small oasis. We will leave Sinai through the tunnel under the **SUEZ CANAL**. Arrival in **CAIRO** at the end of the afternoon. Accommodation.

14 SUN. Cairo.-

Full day visit where we explore the famous **Pyramids of Cheops, Kefren and Micerinos** (tickets to go inside the pyramids are not included), and also the impressive Sphinx, which is sculpted

from rock. Visit to the **Egyptian Museum** with its ancient art and where the treasure of the Lost Tomb of Tutankhamen is kept. **Lunch included.** **Citadel of Saladin and the Alabaster Mosque.** We will take a walk through the Coptic neighborhood where we visit the Hanging Church built above a Roman fortress.

15 MON. Cairo.-

Transfer to the airport and end of our services. If you have time, we recommend that you purchase an additional night and take a trip to **MEMPHIS** and **SAKKARA**.

(Opt. 4) Contrasts of Arabia, Jordan and Egypt Days 1 - 14 as in Opt. 3

15 MON. Cairo - Luxor.-

Breakfast. Transfer to the airport and flight included to **LUXOR**. Arrival and transfer to the **cruise, boarding and accommodation.** Full board on the cruise. Visit impressive set of temples of Luxor and Karnak. Accommodation on board.

16 TUE. Luxor - Esna.-

Today you will be able to admire the **Necropolis of Thebes**, visiting the famous **VALLEY OF THE KINGS**, where are hidden the tombs of the main pharaohs. Composed of several rooms and corridors that lead to the burial chambers, are among others, Ramses III, Seti I and Amenhotep II. You will also visit the **Colossae of Memnon**, two impressive statues of Amenophis II, as well as the **Temple of Queen Hatsepsut** (Deir el Bahari) and the **Temple**



Egypt

of **Medinet Habu**. During this day we can enjoy the beauty of the Nile riverbanks. You could do different activities on the boat and at evening enjoy the music at the disco. **Full board**. Night on board, navigating to **ESNA**.

17 WED. Esna- Edfu- Kom Ombo - Aswan.-

Arrival to **EDFU** and visit the **Temple of Horus** (God represented by a Falcon), which in the past was partially covered by lime during the periodic flooding of the river Nile. The rescue and restoration work complete, we now have one of the most beautiful temples of Ptolemaic times, in an exceptional state of preservation. Navigation to **KOM OMBO**. Visit the **Temple of Kom Ombo**, the only temple dedicated to two gods, Sobek and Haroesis, where we find a Nilometer (former system for measuring the level of the Nile River) and a mummified crocodile. During the evening you will be able to enjoy the Chilaba's party, local typical outfit (on route you could economically acquire them at local markets). **Full board**. Accommodation on board, navigating to **ASWAN**.

18 THU. Aswan.-

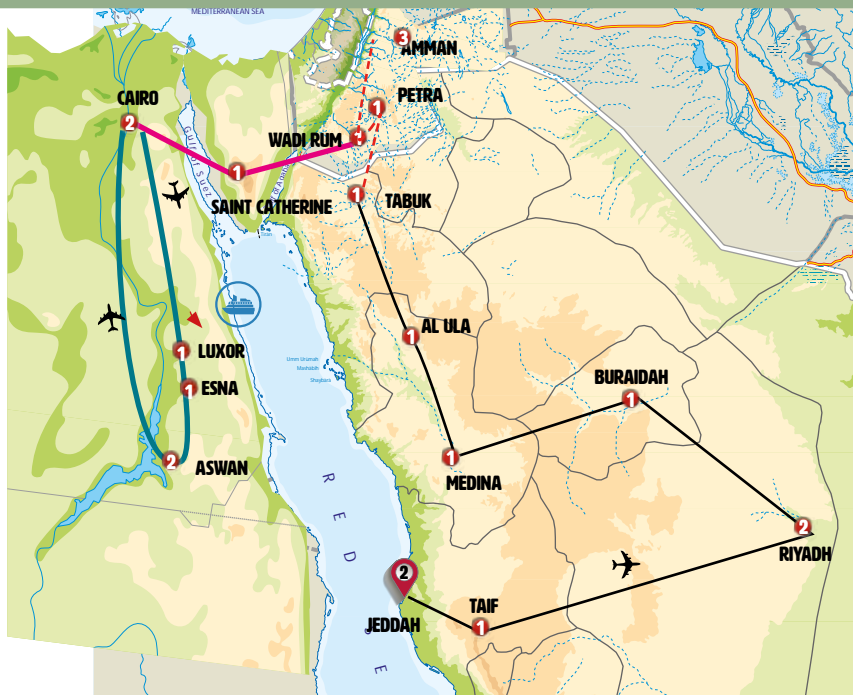
Arrival to **ASWAN**. Possibility of getting the **optional** tour to **Abu Simbel** (visit NOT included in the itinerary), located two hundred and eighty kilometers from Aswan, visit the western desert and the temples carved on the cliff by Ramses II during the twelfth century BC, with 20 meters high statues, dedicated to the god Amon Ra, and the Temple of Nefertari, dedicated to the goddess Hathor. Visit the **Red Granite quarry** where is the famous 41 meters high **Unfinished Obelisk**. We will also visit the Aswan Dam, one of the largest in the world, which created Lake Nasser with a length of more than 500 km. In the afternoon, a **felucca cruise on the Nile**, typical sailing boats in the area, heading to the island of Kitchener where the Botanical Garden is located. **Full board**. Accommodation on board.

19 FRI. Aswan - Cairo.-

Breakfast. **Transfer to the airport** to take the plane to **CAIRO** (flight included). Arrival to **CAIRO** airport and transfer to the hotel. During the evening, visit the **Light and Sound Show at the Pyramids of Giza**. Accommodation.

20 SAT. Cairo.-

Transfer to the airport and end of our services. If you have time, we recommend that you purchase an additional night and take a trip to **MEMPHIS** and **SAKKARA**.



Price Includes

- **General Services:** Travel by bus with Spanish and English speaking guide, basic travel insurance and breakfast buffet.
- **Includes arrival transfer**
- **Includes departure transfer**
- **City tour in:** Jeddah, Riyadh, Medina.
- **Evening Transfer:** Historic centre in Jeddah, Boulevard Riyadh in Riyadh, Elephant Rock in Al Ula.
- **Experiences:** Rose factory-Attar in Taif, Kingdom Centre Tower and introduction to Islam in Al Rajhi mosque in Riyadh, Camel Market and date tasting experience in Buraydah.
- **Ticket admission:** Tabeyat International City in Jeddah, King Faisal park, Boulevard Riyadh, National Museum, Masmak Fortress and Al Rajhi Mosque in Riyadh, Ushaiqer Heritage Village, Hegra, Heritage Village and the Elephant Rock in Al Ula, Castle and old train station in Tabuk.
- **Flights included:** Taif/ Riyadh.
- **9 Lunches or dinners included:** Al Hada, Riyadh, Ushaqier, Buraidah, Medina, Medina, Al-'Ula, Al-'Ula, Tabuk,

(Additional services Opt. 2)

- **Excursion:** 4x4 vehicles, camel rides in Wadi Rum.
- **Ticket admission:** Spring of Moses and Petra Museum in Petra, Arqueological Site in Petra, Visitor Centre, 4x4 vehicles and camel rides in Wadi Rum, Fortress and Church of Saint Sergius in Ajlun, Archaeological site in Jerash; Castle of Qasr Kharana and Castle of Qusayr Amra in Castles of the Dessert, Church of St. George, Madaba Archaeological Park in Madaba.
- **5 Lunches or dinners included:** Petra, Petra, Wadi Rum, Ajlun, Madaba.

(Additional services Opt. 3)

- **City tour in:** Cairo.
- **Ticket admission:** Monastery of Santa Catalina in Saint Catherine, Well of Moses, Pyramids of Cheops, Kefren and Micerinos, Egyptian Museum, Citadel of Saladin and the Alabaster Mosque, the Hanging Church Coptic neighbourhood in Cairo.
- **3 Lunches or dinners included:** Saint Catherine, Saint Catherine, Cairo.

(Additional services Opt. 4)

- **Excursion:** Valley of the Kings, Colossi of Memnon in Luxor, Sound and Light Show at the Pyramids of Giza in Cairo.
- **Boat:** Typical sailing boats felucca and show typical dance beduina in Aswan.
- **Ticket admission:** Temples of Luxor and Karnak in Luxor, Necropolis of Thebas, Valley of the Kings, Colossi of Memnon, Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, Medinet Habu; in Luxor, Temple of Horus in Edfu, Temple of Kom Ombo in Kom Ombo, Red Granite Quarry and Unfinished Obelisk, Aswan Dam in Aswan.
- **Flights included:** Cairo - Luxor, Aswan - Cairo.



Expected Hotels

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Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Doha Opt. 1

Landscapes of the Persian Gulf Essential Opt. 2

Emirates, Qatar, Bahrain and Oasis of Arabia Opt. 3

(OPT. 1) DUBAI, ABU DHABI AND DOHA

01 WED. Dubai.-

Welcome to Emirates! Arrival at the airport and transfer to the hotel.

At the end of the afternoon, we will be transferred to visit the impressive city of **DUBAI** that shines in the night. We will go to witness the show of "**Dubai Fountain**", where the water dances to the rhythm of music and light; we are at the foot of Burj Khalifa which with its 828 meters is the tallest tower in the world; free time to walk and dine (dinner not included) in the immense Dubai Mall. Return to the hotel.

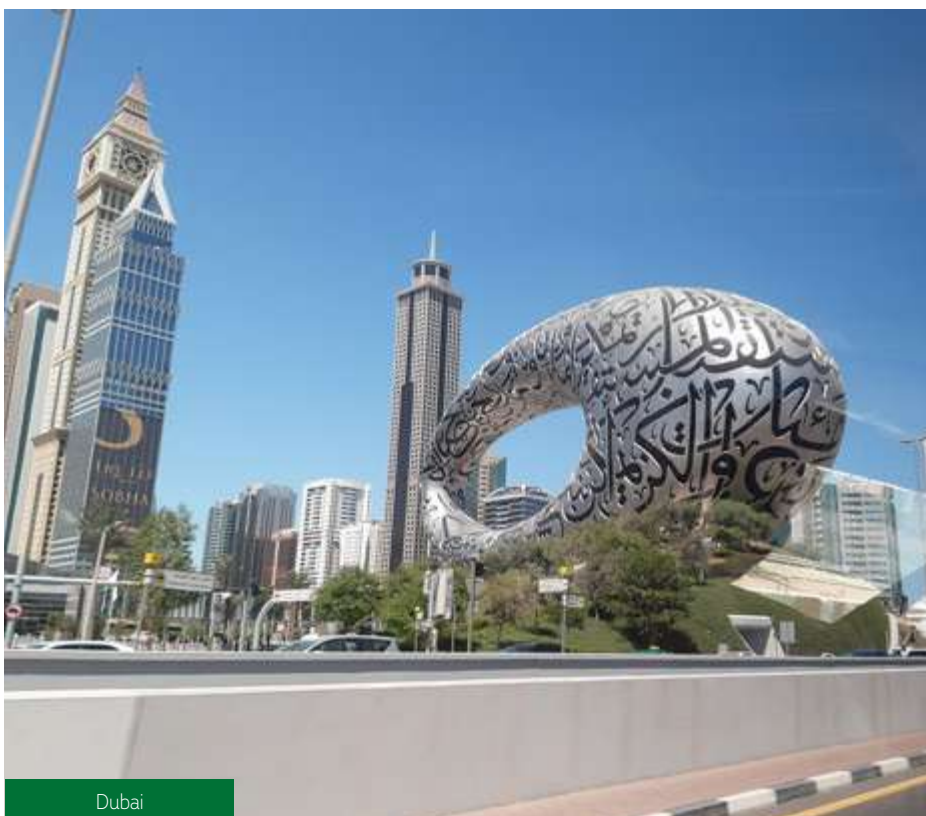
02 THU. Dubai.-

Today we have a spectacular day getting to know Dubai. We include going up the spectacular tower "**Dubai Frame**" with its spectacular bridge shape and its view at 150 meters high. Afterwards we go to the old part of Dubai, a walk through the souk of Bur Dubai and the spice souk. We will take an **Abra (traditional boat of the Emirates)** to move to the historic neighborhood of **Al Fahidi** and the center for cultural understanding (with its motto "open minds, open doors"), in this area we will include in a traditional building, a **typical meal** of the country; if the group is more than 15 travelers they will give us an explanation to get to know better the gastronomy of the Emirates.

In the afternoon we will have time in **Madinat Jumeirah**, which offers us a contemporary version of a traditional Arab village with its souk, its canals, and its colorful villas.

03 FRI. Dubai- Abu Dhabi.-

We still have all morning to get to know Dubai. We will have a **panoramic tour** in which we will

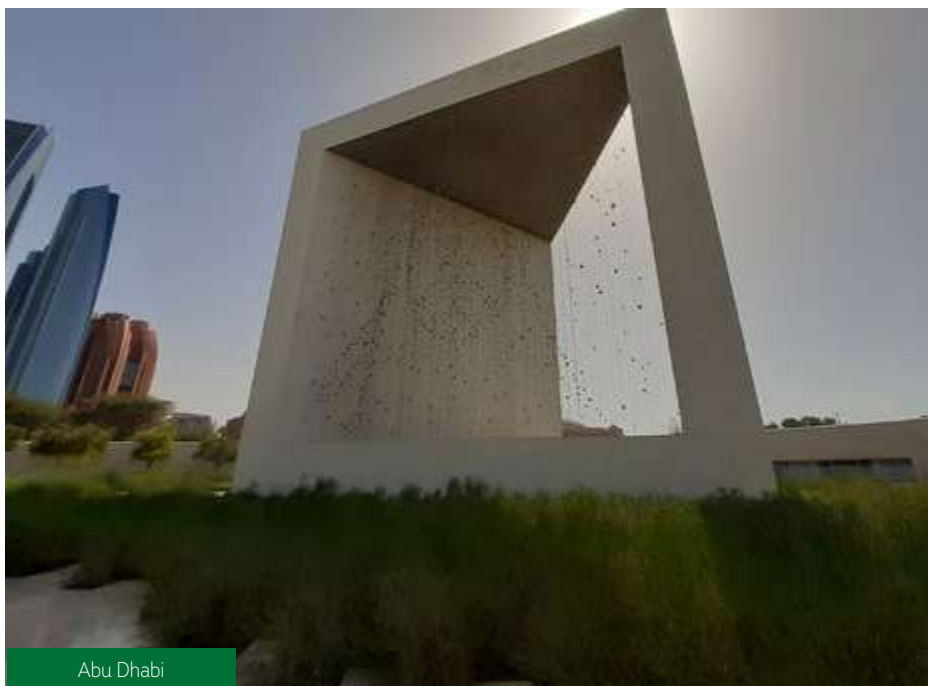


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pass in front of the great mosque of Jumeirah, afterwards we continue passing by Burj Al Arab, a spectacular hotel in the form of a sail; the island of "Palm Jumeirah" in the shape of a palm tree. We will take the very modern mono-rail. A walk through the area of The Marina. We then have free time next to the most popular and active beach in Dubai: JBR beach. If you wish you can bathe in the warm waters of the Persian Gulf, or if you prefer you can stroll through its many luxury shops. Time to bathe or rest and have lunch (not included).

After lunch we will continue our route to **ABU DHABI**, the most important Emirate and capital of the country. Before entering the city, we will stop at Ferrari World, a theme park dedicated to Ferrari racing cars (stop to see outdoor areas). After that we visit the **Sheikh Zayed Mosque**, a beautiful white mosque, the largest in the Emirates, with an area of more than 12 hectares, a point that seeks the encounter with other cultures and people of other religions. We will pass in front of Capital Gate, a 160-meter-high building known for being the steepest skyscraper in the world. From the beautiful "Corniche", by the sea, we will get a great panoramic view of the city.

Already, after dark we will go to **The Founders Memorial**, built in memory of Zayed, the first sultan of the Emirates; **The Constellation** stands out, with its magnificent night lighting.



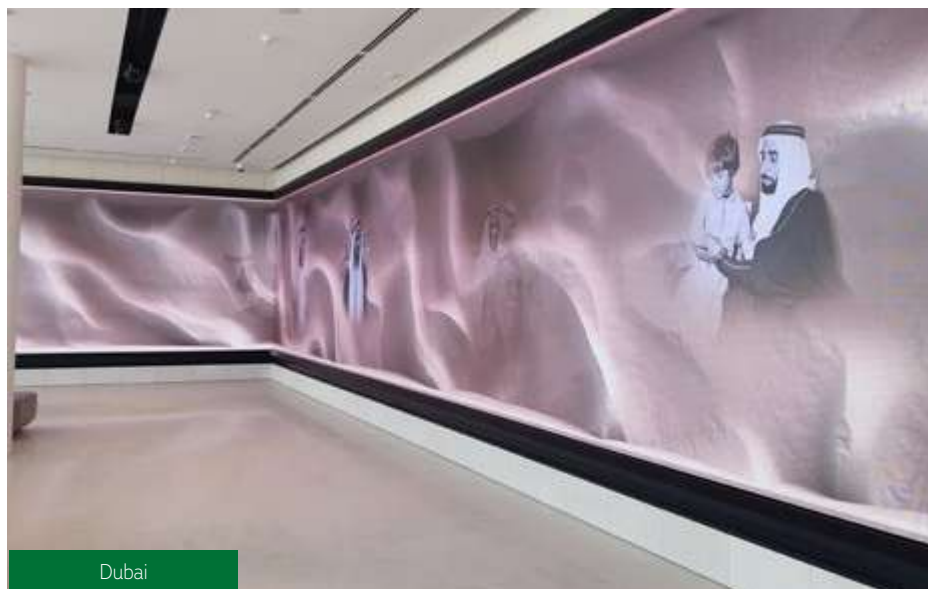
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04 SAT. Abu Dhabi- Doha.-

In the morning we continue our visit of the city. We will visit (entrance included) the **Heritage Village**, this place allows us to understand the traditional life in the Emirates, we enjoy its views, we can buy in its craft shops and visit its small museums that illustrate us about the history of the Emirates. After that we include a visit and entry into **Qasr Al Watan**, the presidential palace of the Emirates, magnificent construction of white granite profusely decorated, highlights its dome of 37 meters and its chandelier lamp of 350,000 pieces of glass. After that we go to the "cultural district" where there are several museums, highlights the Louvre, with its spectacular architecture by the sea and an incredible collection. You have the opportunity if you wish to visit one of the museums or enjoy your free time in the area.

Lunch included.

In the afternoon, transfer to the airport, we include the **flight to DOHA**, the capital of **QATAR**. Arrival and transfer to the hotel.



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05 SUN. Doha.-

We discover an exciting city. In this city's **city tour** we will visit the Corniche, with its line of skyscrapers and its beaches; we will get to see the very modern football stadium of Al Thumama, host of the 2022 World Cup; we will pass by the National Museum with its impressive architecture and include an entrance and visit of the Museum of Islamic Art, that houses the largest collection of Islamic art in the world. Uniting modernity and tradition we visit the Souk of the Falcons where we will understand the importance of falconry in this country; a time to walk in the Waqif Souk, built on the site of the old market remodeled to have the appearance of a nineteenth-century souk, nearby we will pass by the stables where the neighbors house Arabian horses. At lunchtime we will go to "The Pearl of Qatar" an artificial archipelago, here we will see Porto Arabia and we will have free time in Qanat, a shopping area inspired by Venice. **Lunch included.**

At the end of the day, we move to **KATARA**, a cultural village that has architectural replicas from all over the world, with several places to eat, its opera and its amphitheater.



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06 MON. Doha.-

After breakfast, end of our services.

(Opt. 2) Landscapes of the Persian Gulf Essential

Days 1 - 5 as in Opt. 1

06 MON. Doha- Bahrain.-

Important note: Until 2019 there was a ferry linking Qatar with Bahrain significantly reducing travel time between the two points and avoiding transit through Saudi Arabia. It is possible that that ferry line will be restored, in which case the trip would be made by ferry. If the route is not restored, it passes through Saudi Arabia; please check that you have the visa for this country (in case your trip from Bahrain continues to Saudi Arabia please apply for the double or multiple entry visa).

We will travel through the road, 120 km of modern highway through the desert separates us from the border of Saudi Arabia. Transit through **Saudi Arabia**, we travel to **BAHRAIN**, a small country located on an island in the Persian Gulf, we pass by the 25 km friendship bridge that connects Arabia with Bahrain. Border procedures. Bahrain is a small country of 765 Km2 inhabited by just under two million inhabitants that always had great historical importance. **MANAMA**, arrival in the middle of the afternoon. Upon arrival we will know the historic neighborhood of **Muharraq**, in its pedestrian alleys are some of the most beautiful historical buildings in the country: royal residences and houses of rich pearl merchants very well restored.

At the end of the day, we will walk through the **souk of Manama**, with its active life and through **Little India**, over 300 000 inhabitants of Bahrain were born in India, this neighborhood preserves its life, the temple of Krishna and numerous small Indian restaurants.

07 TUE. Bahrain.-

We will get to know thoroughly this small country; by coach we follow the coast, we include the entrance to **Beit Al Qur'an**, museum on the Qur'an, the Muslims' holy book. We also visit the fantastic **Bahrain National Museum** that allows us to see the art, ethnography and traditions of this country and understand the importance it had throughout history. We will visit with a guide the impressive **Al Fatih Mosque** the most important in the country. **Lunch included.**

In the afternoon we will leave Manama, on the outskirts is located **QALAT AL BARHEIN**, declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, an impressive fortress by the sea inhabited for 4000 years (the current castle was built by the Portuguese). We enter one of the most important oil production areas in the world, between refineries and pipelines we will stop next to the first oil extraction well opened in the country. We will also stop at the "**tree of life**", which with its more than 500 years being alive in the desert is a symbol of this country. Return to Manama, free time.

08 WED. Bahrain.-

After breakfast, end of our services.

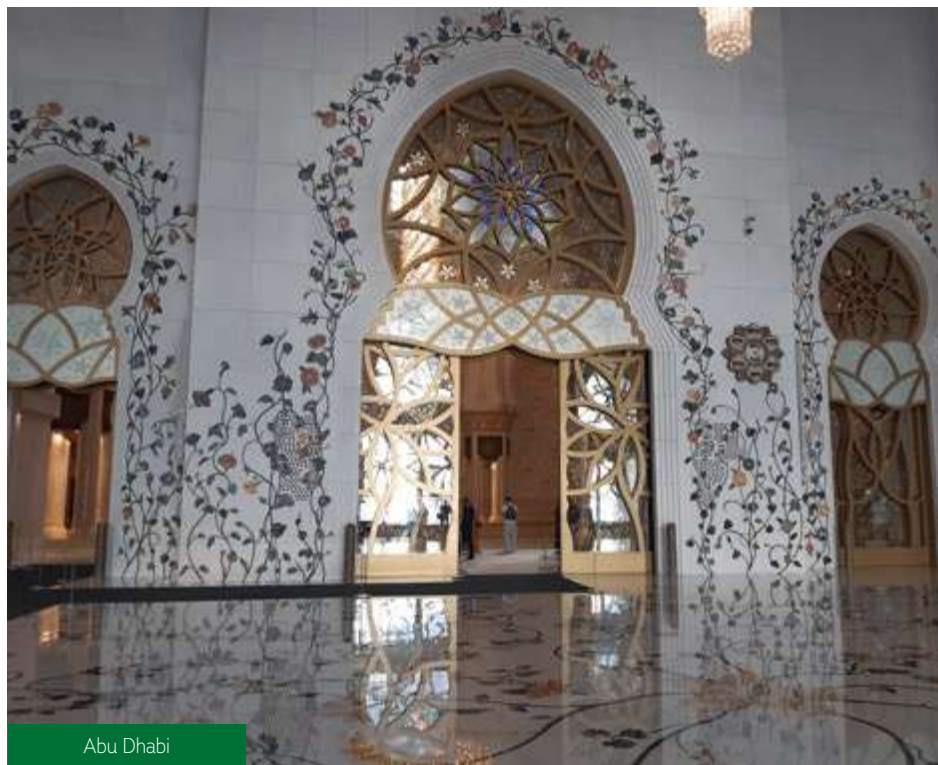
(Opt. 3) Emirates, Qatar, Bahrain and Oasis of Arabia

Days 1 - 7 as in Opt. 2

08 WED. Bahrain- Dammam - Al-Hofuf.-

We leave in the morning from Manama, take the long bridge of 25 km that separates this country from **SAUDI ARABIA**. Border procedures. We enter a country that until very recently has been closed to tourism.

We will be surprised by the city of **DAMMAM**, provincial capital with almost a million inhabitants. By the sea we get the chance to take a photo of the water tower of Khobar. Following its modern maritime strip we follow the Heritage Village, next to the sea, in the form of a fortress we'll visit its small **museum of ancient objects** (including its collection of historical cars); **Lunch included.** We continue towards the impressive Ithra site and its very



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modern King Abdulaziz center for world Culture - an architecturally very striking place (being rock shaped), with its leisure areas, its museums, its library.

Mid-afternoon continuation to the oasis of **AL-AHSA**, declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. Arrival at **AL-HOFUF**, the main city of the oasis. We will take a night walk through the **King Abdullah Park**, a pleasant park where its artificial lake and the fountains that dance to the rhythm of the music are a stand out.

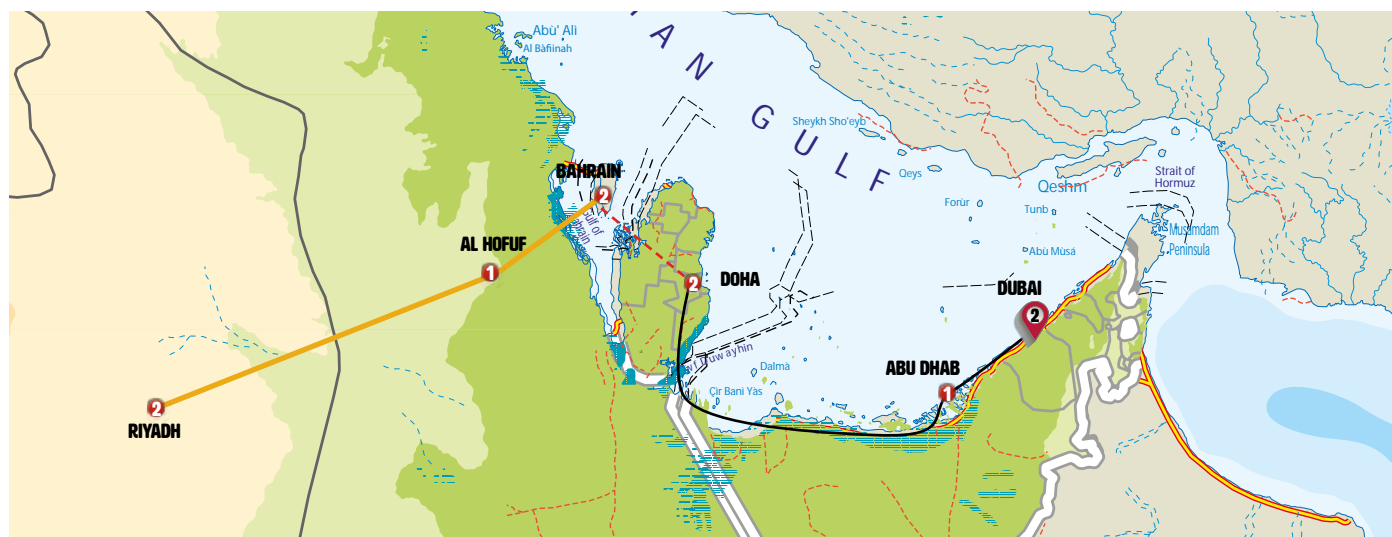
09 THU. Al-Hofuf- Riyadh.-

We visit the Oasis of **AL AHSA**, with its gardens, canals, wells. Inhabited since the Neolithic; it is considered the largest oasis in the world with its almost 3 million date palms. In the center of Al-Hofuf we visit the **Ibrahim Palace**, historical fortress (World Heritage Site) dominated by its white mosque, built in 1556 by the Ottomans. After that we visit the "House of Allegiance" that shows us a small palace characteristic of the oasis. Later we travel through the oasis, we go to **AL QARA**, a spectacular landscape area, laby-

rinth of mini-gorges-caves in the mountain, and a historical site; it will seem that "you penetrate the mountain", all year round the temperature is around 25 degrees. We also visit its museum "land of civilizations" that describes the history of the area. **Lunch included.**

Note: At the time of writing this itinerary, the Ibrahim Palace was closed for restoration. During the period when it is closed, the palace will be visited from the outside and time will be given to the Qaisariah souk.

In the afternoon we take a modern **high-speed train**, in two hours and 20 minutes we travel almost 350 kilometers of desert that separate us from Riyadh.- **RIYADH**, arrival. To end the day, we will include transfer and entrance to the **Boulevard Riyadh**, you will be surprised by its life and activity, the attractions, the numerous restaurants with specialties from numerous countries, its live shows, and -above all- the spectacle of colorful fountains. Time to stroll, dine (dinner not included) and enjoy this place. Return to the hotel.



Riyadh

10 FRI. Riyadh.-

Today (the order of activities may vary depending on the time of year) we will visit the impressive capital of Saudi Arabia. We will include the climb to the tower of just over 300 m high, the **"Kingdom Centre"**, with its beautiful design and its "bridge-shaped" viewpoint that offers spectacular views over the city. We will also visit, surrounded by a beautiful park, the **National Museum**, the largest museum in the country, where we will learn about the history, culture, and art of the Kingdom. After that we will visit the **Masmak Fortress**, the ancient fortress of the city, whose interior allows us to understand the incredible change that took place in this city during the last century. Afterwards, we will have time to stroll through the neighborhood, with its souks and commercial life. **Lunch included.**

In the afternoon we will move to the district of Al Turaif **DIRIYA**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This place - on the outskirts of Riyadh - was formerly the first capital of the Saudi dynasty, which we will be able to discover thanks to the vestiges of its numerous palaces and the urban complex at the edge of the oasis of Ad-Diriya.

At the end of the day, we will visit the **Al Rajhi Mosque**, the largest mosque in Riyadh with its Andalusian style architecture, where **we will witness a prayer and have an introduction to Islam** that will surely make us learn something about this religion. Return to hotel.

11 SAT. Riyadh.-

After breakfast, end of our services.

Price Includes

- **General Services:** Travel by bus with Spanish and English speaking guide, basic travel insurance and breakfast buffet.
- **Includes arrival transfer**
- **Includes departure transfer**
- **Boat:** Abra in Dubai.
- **City tour in:** Dubai, Abu Dhabi.
- **Evening Transfer:** Dubai Fountain in Dubai, The Founders Memoria in Abu Dabi, Katara in Doha.
- **Experiences:** Monorail, Dubai Frame and explanation about the gastronomy of Emirates in Dubai, Souk of the falcons in Doha.
- **Ticket admission:** Madinat Jumeirah in Dubai, Heritage Village, Sheikh Zayed mosque, Qasr al Watan and the Founders Memorial in Abu Dabi, Al Thumama football stadium, islamic museum, and Katara in Doha.
- **Flights included:** Abu Dhabi/ Doha
- **3 Lunches or dinners included:** Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Doha.

(Additional services Opt. 2)

- **Evening Transfer:** Little India in Manama.
- **Ticket admission:** Beit al Quram museum, Al Fatih mosque and national museum of Bahrain in Manama; Qalat al Barhein fortress.
- **1 Lunch or dinner included:** Bahrain

(Additional services Opt. 3)

- **City tour in:** Riyadh.
- **Evening Transfer:** King Abdullah Park in Al Hofuf, Boulevard Riyadh in Riyadh.
- **Experiences:** Kingdom Centre Tower and introduction to Islam in Al Rajhi mosque in Riyadh.
- **Ticket admission:** Heritage Village and King Abdulaziz Center for World Culture in Dammam, King Abdullah Park, Ibrahim palace, House of Allegiance, Al Qara and Land of civilizations museum in Al Hofuf, Boulevard Riyadh, National Museum, Masmak Fortress and Al Rajhi Mosque in Riyadh.
- **High Speed Train:** Al Hofuf/ Riyadh.
- **3 Lunches or dinners included:** Dammam, Al Hofuf, Riyadh.

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01 THU. Dubai.-

Welcome to Emirates! Arrival at the airport and transfer to the hotel.

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In the afternoon we will have time in **Madinat Jumeirah**, which offers us a contemporary version of a traditional Arab village with its souk, its canals, and its colorful villas. Later in the afternoon we have free time next to the most popular

and active **beach in Dubai: JBR beach**. You can stroll along the beach or have a drink in one of its many restaurants and cafes.

03 SAT. Dubai- Sharjah - Khor Fakkan- Al Bidiya- Fujairah.-

We will leave for the neighboring **EMIRATE OF SHARJAH**, its capital has been named by UNESCO as "Cultural Capital of the Arab World". In a magnificent location, next to the lagoon, we stop at the mosque of **Al Noor**, considered the most beautiful of the 600 mosques that exist in Sharjah; from the outside we admire its architecture of Ottoman design, walking around it we photograph (without entering) the green island of Al Noor which is accessed by bridge. Later we visit (entrance included) the **Fort of Sharjah**, an interesting fortress that today is a museum about the sovereign family. We cross the colorful bird market. We will then visit the **Museum of Islamic Civilization**, an excellent museum that offers us an insight about the religion and culture of the Arab and Islamic world. After the museum, and before leaving the city, we will discover the "**Rain Room**", inside which we walk through artificial rain without getting wet!

We then travel to the **Gulf of Oman**, with beautiful mountain landscapes. **KHOR FAKKAN** is a very nice city. We will have a relaxing time on the beach where you can have lunch in one of its pleasant restaurants and -if you wish- bathe in the warm Gulf Sea (dressing rooms and showers available). Already in the afternoon we will stop next to the ruins of the old Portuguese castle, we will walk next to the artificial waterfall that will refresh us and we will be able to photograph the immense amphitheater built overlooking at the sea.



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In the middle of the afternoon, we will leave for BADIYAH, a short distance from Khor Fakkan, the oldest mosque in the country -from the fifteenth century-, built in adobe at the foot of a fortress overlooking the sea.

We continue our route to the **EMIRATE OF FUJAIRA**. **Dinner included** and accommodation.

04 SUN. Fujairah – Al Hayl- Al Ain.-

In the morning we will visit **FUJAIRAH**, capital of the Emirate very close to the border with Oman. The great Sheikh Zayed mosque, the second largest in the country with its 100 meters high minarets; its adobe fortress, and the **Fujairah Museum** that tells us about the origin of the city. A time to stroll before taking our lunch (included); in the afternoon we leave for the **fortress of Al Hayl**, next to a small oasis in a valley between mountains. We continue our route to the fantastic **oasis of AL AIN**, declared a world heritage site by UNESCO. Entering the city we meet **Qasr de Al Muwaiji**, fortress/museum where Sheikh Zayed was born, the first president of the Emirates (who died in 2022). **Dinner included**.

05 MON. Al Ain– Abu Dhabi.-

We continue to visit **Al Ain**, undoubtedly the city with the greatest historical heritage of the Emirates. First thing in the morning we go to the **Camel Market**, we will be surprised by its activity (it is a cattle market in general, sheep, goats, horses, but above all camels). Later we visit the **fortress of Al Jhaili**, considered one of the most representative adobe fortifications in the world. The **museum of Sheikh Zayed** allows us to appreciate what life was like a century ago in this city. After that, we enter the great **Oasis of Al Ain**, a world heritage site, we include a ride in small **electric vehicles** that allow us to appreciate its gardens, palm plantations, its irrigation systems. **Lunch included**.

After lunch we will continue our route to **ABU DHABI**, the most important Emirate and capital of the country. Before entering the city, we will stop at Ferrari World, a theme park dedicated to Ferrari racing cars (stop to see outdoor areas). After that we visit the **Sheikh Zayed Mosque**, a beautiful white mosque, the largest in the Emirates, with an area of more than 12 hectares, a point that seeks the encounter with other cultures and people of other religions. We will pass in front of Capital Gate, a 160-meter-high building known for being the steepest skyscraper in the world. From the beautiful "Corniche", by the sea, we will get a great panoramic view of the city. Already, after dark we will go to **The Founders Memorial**, built in memory of Zayed, the first sultan of the Emirates. **The Constellation** stands out, with its magnificent night lighting.

06 TUE. Abu Dhabi- Dubai.-

In the morning we continue our visit of the city. We will visit (entrance included) the **Heritage Village Heritage**, this place allows us to understand the traditional life in the Emirates, we enjoy its views, we can buy in its craft shops and visit its small museums that illustrate us about the history of the Emirates. After that we include a visit and entry into **Qasr Al Watan**, the presidential palace of the Emirates, magnificent construction of white granite profusely decorated, highlights its dome of 37 meters and its chandelier lamp of 350,000 pieces of glass. After that we go to the "cultural district" where there are several museums, highlights the Louvre, with its spectacular architecture by the sea and an incredible collection. You have the opportunity if you wish to visit one of the museums or enjoy your free time in the area. **Lunch included**.

In the afternoon we return to **DUBAI**, arrival around 18 hrs (end of trip or additional night if you wish).



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- **5 Lunches or dinners included:** Dubai, Fujaira, Al Ain, Al Ain, Abu Dhabi.





DEPARTURES DATES EVERY FRIDAY

From **12/11**
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Charms of Arabia, Petra and Wadi Rum Opt. 1

Charms of Arabia with Jordan, Sinai and Cairo Opt. 2

(OPT. 1) CHARMS OF ARABIA, PETRA AND WADI RUM

01 FRI. Jeddah.-

Welcome to SAUDI ARABIA! A country of contrasts that will leave you with surprising memories! Transfer to your hotel. Arrival at **JEDDAH**, the second city in the country, with four million inhabitants, on the shore of the Red Sea. Transfer to your hotel and free time.

02 SAT. Jeddah.-

Full day in Jeddah, with our local guide we will **visit the city**. We will be surprised by its contrasts, currently a large part of the city is being rebuilt to make it a great world megalopolis, highlights the construction of the Jeddah Tower that will be the tallest building in the world with over a thousand meters high. We will follow the Corniche, with its beautiful views, its mosques by the sea and its recreational areas; we will contemplate the Fountain of King Fahd, the highest of its kind in the world, its jets reach more than 300 meters high. We will stop at the active and picturesque fish market. We will include the entrance to "**Tabeyat International city**" very interesting museum of history and ethnography in an architectural ensemble of great beauty. We visit the historic center, declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, with its impressive set of medieval alleys and its houses made with coral and wooden balconies.

Free time in the afternoon, you can stroll through its traditional souks or its immense shopping centers.

03 SUN. Jeddah- Medina.-

Early transfer to the **high-speed train** station. Saudi Arabia has an excellent train that crosses



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the desert. In less than two hours we travel the 400 kilometers that separate us from **MEDINA**, the holy city, "the luminous city". We are in an imposing historical destination, one of the two most sacred cities of Islam, a destination to which millions of pilgrims arrive every year and a city forbidden for non-Muslims until very recently. Respect for its inhabitants and beliefs and proper dress code is required.

Arrival and lunch included. In the afternoon we will visit the **Al Madinah Museum** that allows us to understand a little the history of the city. At the end of the afternoon, we will go to see -from outside- the **Al Masjid mosque**, built by the prophet himself and place where he is buried, we will not be able to avoid feeling a surge of emotions when we observe the thousands of people who enter at the time of prayer. **Dinner included.**

04 MON. Medina - Al-'Ula.-

Note: The Al-'Ula region is one of the most beautiful areas in the world, however its hotel infrastructure is extremely limited. On some occasions we will spend two nights in Medina (visiting in this case in the afternoon the Al Madinah Museum) leaving very early for Al-'Ula on Tuesday.

We will explore Medina. We will walk around the immense **Prophet's Mosque** (Al Masjid an Nabawi), an amazing and luminous mosque of ten minarets with a capacity for one million visitors.. On the **hill of UHUD**, an important pilgrimage site, where the prophet's forces clashed with Meccan troops. You can walk through its vast esplanade and climb the hill but remember to do so in silence and respecting the hundreds of pilgrims surrounding us at any given time. At the **Mosque of Quba**, in the year 622, the prophet and his followers laid the first stone of what was to be the first mosque in history, although the present building is more recent. We will also stroll through the nearby market where you can find dates, perfumes, and other local specialties. **Lunch included.** After lunch we will have some free time in the city center to stroll around the shopping areas or -if you wish- visit the Hejaz Railway Museum (in the former Ottoman railway station). In the afternoon we travel to one of the most spectacular places in the world: The region and oasis of **AL-'ULA**: an authentic open-air museum surrounded by nature, where you will find rock formations, canyons and ravines that compete with the majestic treasures carved by its ancient inhabitants. After arrival we will go to **The Elephant Rock**, "Jabal Al Fil" an impressive geomorphological phenomenon, a 52 meters high rock in the shape of an Elephant. **Dinner included.**

05 TUE. Al-'Ula - Tabuk.-

In the region of Al-'Ula we will visit the enclosure of **HEGRA (Madain Saleh)**, declared World Heritage by UNESCO, of Nabataean culture "the Other Petra" amazes us with its tombs excavated in the rock in a desert environment full of mystery. **Lunch included.** We will have free time in "**Al-'Ula Heritage Village**", the old Al-'Ula, magnificently restored with its pleasant restaurants and shops. We will also have some time to walk in the magnificent **Oasis**. In the middle of the afternoon, we will leave for **TABUK**. **Dinner included.**

06 WED. Tabuk - Petra.-

We visit Tabuk, a city over half a million inhabitants, active provincial capital and one of the oldest cities in the country. We will visit the castle whose origin is 3500 years before Christ, and inside it, a museum tells the history of the **castle** and the city, from the great explorers who visited it, such as Ibn Battuta, to the pilgrims who stopped to drink from the fountains on their way to Mecca or Medina. After the castle we walk through the active commercial area of the center and we reach the **old train**



Medina



Emirates



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station, today a museum that preserves the steam machines that connected Damascus with Medina.

Only 100 km separate us from **JORDAN**. Border procedures and continuation to **WADI MUSA** (town created around Petra), we will visit the **Spring of Moses**, where allegedly Moses hit the rock with his rod and the water gushed out, and the **Petra Museum**, an excellent sample that allows us to understand the history of the Nabataeans and get to know magnificent pieces found in the area. **Dinner included**. Travelers who wish to do so can go in their free time to an old Turkish bath or get to see the lights and sounds show in Petra.

07 THU. Petra- Wadi Rum.-

Today we have the most exciting day of the trip: First, we visit the impressive archaeological site of **PETRA**, which is accessed through a narrow canyon, and discover the temples and tombs excavated on the cliffs in this city that was founded 300 years before Christ. After **lunch (included)** we leave for the impressive desert of **WADI RUM**. At the Visitor Centre we board **4x4 vehicles** to visit some of the most impressive landscapes. We stop in the town of **RUM** to visit the ruins of the Nabatean temple. We include a **45-minute camel ride** through the desert. We will also visit the **Khazali Canyon**. In this spectacular place, we will see the engravings that reveal the origins of the Arabic language. **Dinner and accommodation included in a desert camp**.

08 FRI. Wadi Rum- Aqaba.-

After breakfast we will leave for **AQABA**, Jordan's second city. We will visit Jordan's second city, a modern, commercial port city. Afternoon free to enjoy the hotel-resort and the warm waters of the Red Sea!

09 SAT. Aqaba-Amman.-

After breakfast we will take the "desert road" to **AMMAN**. Arrival at noon and free time to visit the capital of the kingdom.

NOTE: Depending on the number of travelers, the trip from Aqaba to Amman can be made by regular VIP coach service.

10 SUN. Amman- Ajlun- Jerash- Amman.-

After breakfast, we travel to the north of Jordan. In the mountains, we discover the **AJLUN FORTRESS**, a mighty castle from the 12th Century. Muslims and Orthodox Christians have always lived in this area. We will visit the old **CHURCH OF SAINT SERGIUS**. Shall we all pray for peace? **Lunch is included**. We continue to **JERASH**, and visit its impressive Roman archaeological site. Return to **AMMAN**. Arrival and accommodation.

11 MON. Amman- Castles of the Desert- Madaba- Mount Nebo- Amman.-

We will depart towards the **CASTLES OF THE DESERT**, built between the 7th and 8th centuries. We will visit **QASR KHARANA**, with its imposing structure of thick walls and the **QUSAYR AMRA** World Heritage Site, notable for its remarkable frescoes. Then, we travel to **MADABA**, **lunch is included**. We will visit the **Madaba Archaeological Park**, which we cross via an ancient Roman road, and the **Church of St. George**, with its fantastic 6th Century mosaic representing the oldest known map of the Holy Land. We continue to **MOUNT NEBO**, where Moses stopped to look over the Promised Land. Return to **Amman**. Arrival and free time.

12 TUE. Amman.-

After breakfast, end of our services.



Egypt



Cairo

(Opt. 2) Charms of Arabia with Jordan, Sinai and Cairo

Days 1 - 7 as in Opt. 1

08 FRI. Wadi Rum- Aqaba- Eilat- Saint Catherine.-

After breakfast, we leave for **AQABA**, Jordan's second city, lying on the banks of the Red Sea. We walk through the center before continuing to the border of **ISRAEL**, **EILAT** and arrive in this modern and tourist city with its excellent beaches. There's time to relax, have lunch and stroll around. Are you tempted to have a swim? We then continue towards the **EGYPT** border, and into Sinai. On the way, there's chance to take photographs of the Pharaoh's Island with the powerful fortress of Saladin. Continue to **SAINT CATHERINE**. Arrival, accommodation and **dinner included**.

FEES: At the border crossing from Jordan to Israel and from Israel to Egypt, every traveler must pay an entry/exit fee for the different countries.

Jordan: \$15 (exit fees), Israel: \$32 (exit fee), Egypt: \$45 (entry visa, which is actually \$25 visa + \$20

IMPORTANT NOTE: Due to exceptional circumstances or due to a small number of participants, it may happen that we will cross directly from Jordan to Egypt by boat, taking the **AQABA- TABA FERRY** with a duration of just over two hours. During the ferry crossing, there will be no assistance from any guide.

09 SAT. Saint Catherine- Well of Moses- Cairo.-

At the foot of Mount Sinai, we visit the impressive walled **monastery of SAINT CATHERINE**. According to tradition, this is where Moses saw "the Burning Bush that burned without being consumed". The monastery, which is a sacred place for Jews, Christians and Muslims, belongs to the Orthodox Church and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We then continue on through the Sinai Desert's picturesque landscapes. **Lunch**



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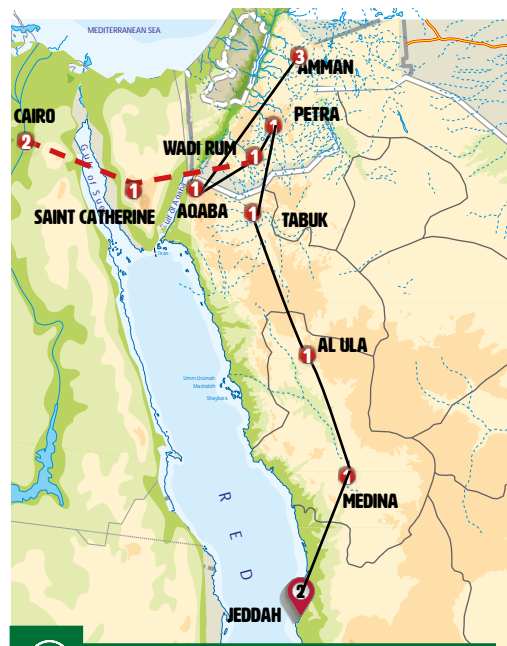
included in route. Stop at the **WELL OF MOSES**, a biblical site that looks like a small oasis. We will leave Sinai through the tunnel under the **SUEZ CANAL**. Arrival in **CAIRO** at the end of the afternoon. Accommodation.

10 SUN. Cairo.-

Full day visit where we explore the famous **Pyramids of Cheops, Kefren and Micerinos** (tickets to go inside the pyramids are not included), and also the impressive Sphinx, which is sculpted from rock. Visit to the **Egyptian Museum** with its ancient art and where the treasure of the Lost Tomb of Tutankhamen is kept. **Lunch included.** **Citadel of Saladin and the Alabaster Mosque.** We will take a walk through the Coptic neighborhood where we visit the Hanging Church built above a Roman fortress.

11 MON. Cairo.-

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- **High Speed Train:** Jeddah/ Medina.
- **11 Lunches or dinners included:** Medina, Medina, Al-'Ula, Al-'Ula, Tabuk, Petra, Petra, Wadi Rum, Ajlun, Madaba.

(Additional services Opt. 2)

- **City tour in:** Cairo.
- **Ticket admission:** Monastery of Santa Catalina in Saint Catherine, Well of Moses, Pyramids of Cheops, Kefren and Micerinos, Egyptian Museum, Citadel of Saladin and the Alabaster Mosque, the Hanging Church Coptic neighborhood in Cairo.
- **3 Lunches or dinners included:** Saint Catherine, Saint Catherine, Cairo,



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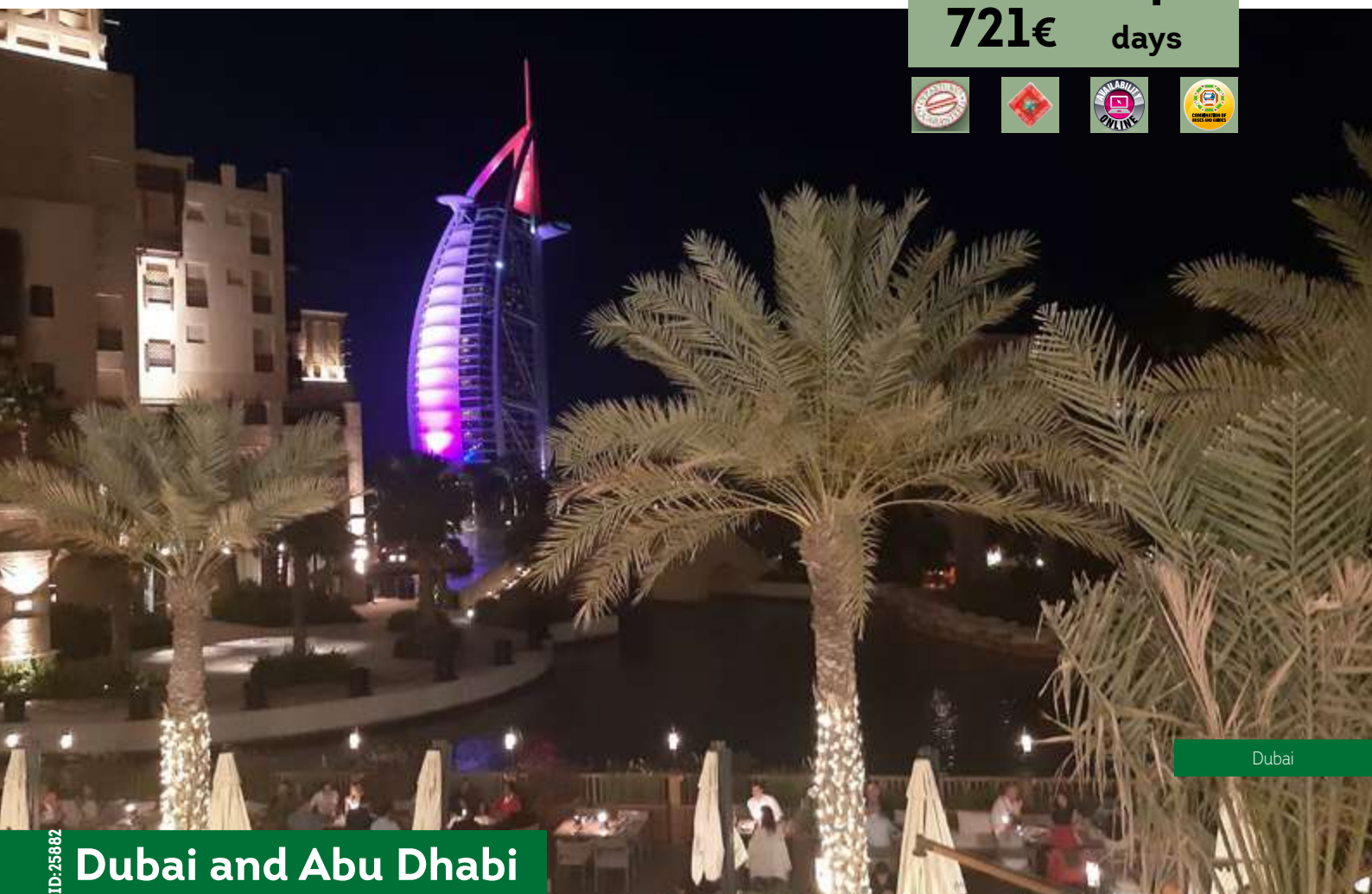
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Dubai and Abu Dhabi

01 SAT. Dubai.-

Welcome to Emirates! Arrival at the airport and transfer to the hotel.

At the end of the afternoon, we will be transferred to visit the impressive city of **DUBAI** that shines in the night. We will go to witness the show of "**Dubai Fountain**", where the water dances to the rhythm of music and light; we are at the foot of Burj Khalifa which with its 828 meters is the tallest tower in the world; free time to walk and dine (dinner not included) in the immense Dubai Mall. Return to the hotel.

02 SUN. Dubai.-

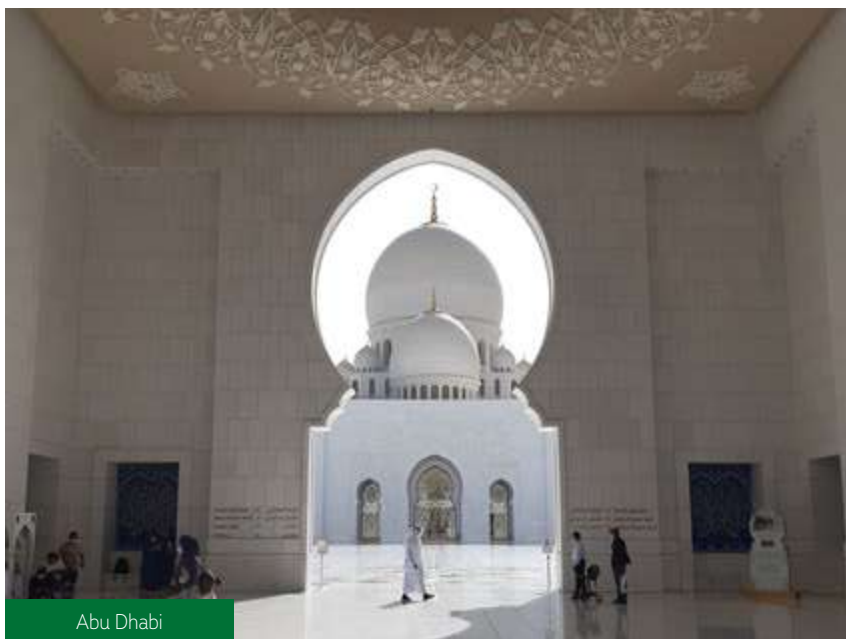
Today we have a spectacular day getting to know Dubai. We will have a **panoramic tour** in which we will pass in front of the great mosque of Jumeirah, afterwards we continue passing by Burj Al Arab, a spectacular hotel in the form of a sail; the island of "Palm Jumeirah" in the shape of a palm tree. We will take the very **modern monorail**. A walk through the area of The Marina. We then have free time next to the most popular and active beach in Dubai: JBR beach. If you wish you can bathe in the warm waters of the Persian Gulf, or if you prefer you can stroll through its several luxury shops. Time to bathe or rest and have lunch (not included). In the afternoon we will have time in **Madinat Jumeirah**, which offers us a contemporary version of a traditional Arab village with its souk, its canals, and its colorful villas.

03 MON. Dubai - Abu Dhabi.-

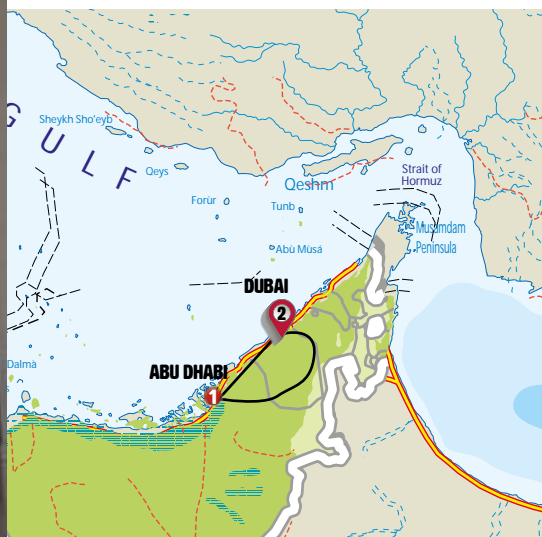
We still have all morning to get to know Dubai. We include going up the spectacular tower "**Dubai Frame**" with its spectacular bridge shape and its view at 150 meters high. Afterwards we go to



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the old part of Dubai, a walk through the souk of Bur Dubai and the spice souk. We will take an **Abra** (traditional boat of the Emirates) to move to the **historic neighborhood of Al Fahidi** and the center for cultural understanding (with its motto "open minds, open doors"), in this area we will include in a traditional building, a **typical meal** of the country; if the group is more than 15 travelers they will give us an explanation to get to know better the gastronomy of the Emirates.

After lunch we will continue our route to **ABU DHABI**, the most important Emirate and capital of the country. Before entering the city, we will stop at Ferrari World, a theme park dedicated to Ferrari racing cars (stop to see outdoor areas). After that we visit the **Sheikh Zayed Mosque**, a beautiful white mosque, the largest in the Emirates, with an area of more than 12 hectares, a point that seeks the encounter with other cultures and people of other religions. We will pass in front of Capital Gate, a 160-meter-high building known for being the steepest skyscraper in the world. From the beautiful "Corniche", by the sea, we will get a great panoramic view of the city.

Already, after dark we will go to The Founders Memorial, built in memory of Zayed, the first sul-

tan of the Emirates; **The Constellation** stands out, with its magnificent night lighting.

04 TUE. Abu Dhabi- Dubai.-

In the morning we continue our visit of the city. We will visit (entrance included) the **Heritage Village Heritage**, this place allows us to understand the traditional life in the Emirates, we enjoy its views, we can buy in its craft shops and visit its small museums that illustrate us about the history of the Emirates. After that we include a visit and entry into **Qasr Al Watan**, the presidential palace of the Emirates, magnificent construction of white granite profusely decorated, highlights its dome of 37 meters and its chandelier lamp of 350,000 pieces of glass. After that we go to the "cultural district" where there are several museums, highlights the Louvre, with its spectacular architecture by the sea and an incredible collection. You have the opportunity if you wish to visit one of the museums or enjoy your free time in the area. **Lunch included.**

In the afternoon we return to **DUBAI**, arrival around 18 hrs (end of trip or additional night if you wish).



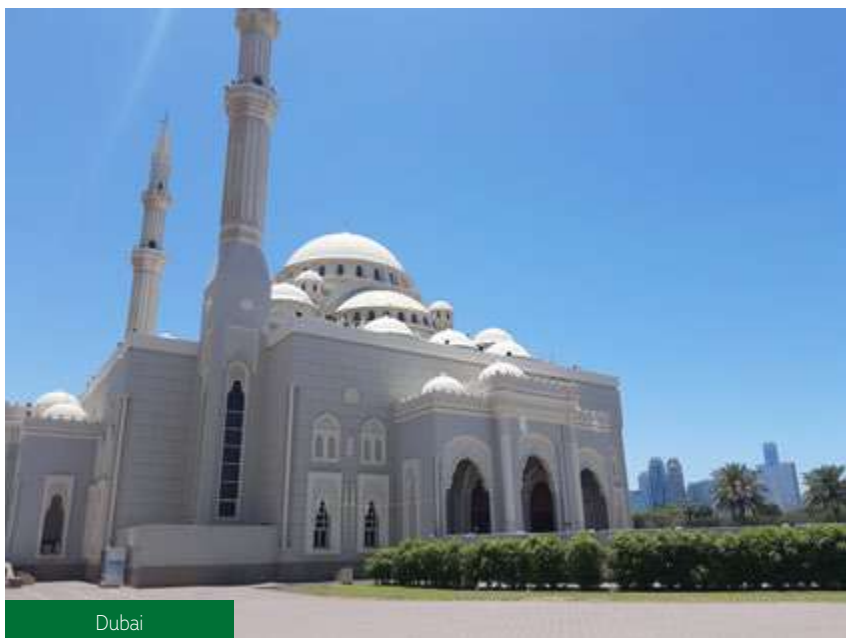
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Dubai

