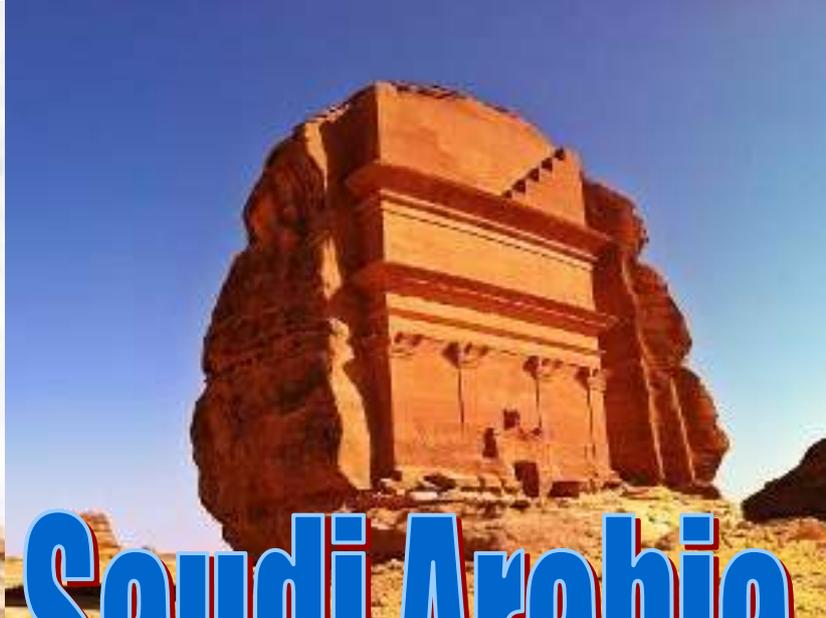


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9 DAYS



Mysterious Saudi Arabia



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DAY 1 DEPART FOR RIYADH, SAUDI ARABIA

Depart for **Riyadh**, the capital of Saudi Arabia.

DAY 2 RIYADH (L, D)

EK343 KUL – DXB 0145 – 0505

EK819 DXB – RUH 0700 – 0800

On arrival, visit historical city of **Diriyyah, Musmak Fort and Dira Souq**.

The old city of **Dirriyyah** is located about 20km from the main city center of Riyadh. It is from where the history of Saudi Dynasty begins.

The **Musmak Fort** is one of the most important monuments in Saudi Arabia from where the modern Saudi History begins. It is an important historic landmark in the city of Riyadh. This palace was built during the reign of Abdullah bin Rashid in the year 1895 A.D.

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

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

Holiday Inn Meydan 4* or similar

DAY 3 RIYADH – HAIL (B, L, D)

Transfer to Riyadh Airport for flight to **Hail**. Hail is located in the Shammar Mountain region which is in west of the Al Odairie Valley.

In the afternoon, visit **Jubba Rock carvings** followed by visit to **Qishla Fortress**.

Jubba is one of the most interesting places of Saudi Arabia. It is believed that camel figures carved at Jubba are the oldest in the Arabian Peninsula. These rock carvings date back to approx. 4000 years.

Qishla Fortress was constructed during 1940s w. This is a double story mud Palace. This has two main gates with 8 watch towers.

Golden Tulip Inn 4* or similar

DAY 4 HAIL – AL ULA (2N) (B, L, D)

Drive to **Al Ula**. In the afternoon, visit to the **old city**.

Wadi Al Ula, gateway to Madain Saleh is known for its Lion of the Lihyanites- predecessors of the Nabateans (100 to 500 BC). Madain Saleh is the prime tourist attraction of the Kingdom. It was known as "Al Hijr" in the ancient times and served as a stopover on a very prosperous trade route.

Madakhil Tent Village or similar

DAY 5 MADAIN SALEH DAY TRIP (B, L, D)

Today proceed for a full day excursion to **Saudi Arabia's silent desert city** – the **magnificent Nabatean site of Madain Saleh** which includes Qasr Bint, Diwan, Qasr Farid as well as underground city, Lihyan, etc.

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

Unlike Petra with its tourists, souvenir sellers and donkey rides, there were no other people here. Muslims will not come here because they believe the site was cursed when the Nabatean's refused to renounce their gods in favour of Islam, and tourist visas for non-Muslims to enter Saudi Arabia are notoriously difficult to obtain. It's the very absence of foot traffic, as well as Saudi Arabia's dry desert climate, that's has kept Madain Saleh so intact. While Petra's facades are slowly disintegrating, these tombs are stunningly well preserved.

Madakhil Tent Village or similar

DAY 6 AL ULA – AL JOUF (B, L, D)

Drive from **Al Ula** to **Al Jouf**. Enroute, visit **Dumat al-Jundal and Omar Mosque**.

Dumat al-Jundal is an ancient city of ruins located in North Western Saudi Arabia. The name Dumat al-Jandal means literally "Dumah of the Stone", since this was the territory of Dumah, one of the twelve sons of Ishmael.

The **Omar Mosque** is situated in the town of Dumat al-Jandal, a major intersection of ancient trade routes linking Mesopotamia, Syria and the Arabian Peninsula.

Raoum Inn 3* or similar

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DAY 7 AL JOUF – JEDDAH

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Sightseeing tour of Al Jouf visiting Za'abal Fortress & Al Rajajil Standing Stones.

Situated on high ground overlooking Sakaka from the northwest, it is the centre of many legends, but it's widely believed that this fortress was built in the seventh century B.C. Mud construction were added to it in the third century. It is known as **Zaa'bal Fortress** and Zaa'bal Palace.

Al-Rajajil - the site of a group of standing stone pillars that date back to the Chalcolithic period.

Transfer to airport for flight to Jeddah.

Prime al Hamra Hotel 4* or similar

DAY 8 DEPART JEDDAH

(B, L)

EK840 JED – DXB 2020 – 0030+1day

City tour of Jeddah visiting Nasif House, built during the 1850s by the well-known Nasif Family, one of the most influential trading families in the long history of Jeddah. In the 19th and early 20th centuries the house was one of the most important building in Jeddah. It was here that King Abdul Aziz spent his first night in Jeddah, as the guest of Mohammed Nasif, after he lead his victorious army into the capital of the Western Province. The Municipality of Jeddah recognized the architectural and historic value of the house and in 1964 it was converted into a museum and put under Government care.

Continue on to the **Fish Market, Al Rahma Mosque, Corniche Area** and **Abdul Rauf Khalil Art Museum**.

Transfer to airport for flight home.

DAY 9 ARRIVE HOME

EK346 DXB – KUL 0330 – 1435

Departure date: 11 Feb 2020

TOUR FARE (base on Twin sharing):

RM19,999pp

Single supplement RM3,000

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