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ITINERARY

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| DAY 1 | Leave USA for Dubai, United Arab Emirates |
| DAY 2 | Arrive in Dubai - Overnight |
| DAY 3 | Sightseeing in Dubai - Afternoon flight to Jeddah |
| DAY 4 | Old Jeddah |
| DAY 5 | Riyadh |
| DAY 6 | Full day of sightseeing in Riyadh |
| DAY 7 | Riyadh - U.S Embassy Visit |
| DAY 8 | Riyadh / Dhahran / Al Khobar |
| DAY 9 | Bahrain |
| DAY 10 | Bahrain |
| DAY 11 | Bahrain departure to U.S |



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MAP TRAJECTORY





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HIGHLIGHTS

Old Jeddah walking tour with director of Jeddah's famous historic district

Murabba Palace

Naila Art Gallery featuring a discussion of women's roles in Saudi Arabia

Lunch and tour with students from King Saud University

Briefing at the U.S. Embassy in Riyadh

Meeting with CEO of Badir Program for Technology Incubators

Visit the world's largest all-female university, Princess Noura bint Abdulrahman University; meet some of the country's first female drivers

Saudi Aramco Visitor Center

King Abdulaziz Center for World Culture

Drive across King Fahd's Causeway to Bahrain

A'Ali burial grounds

Visit Manama, Bahrain's capital city



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INCLUDED

Visa fee

All accommodations based on double occupancy in hotels as listed.

**Economy class domestic flights: Jeddah to Riyadh
and Riyadh to Dammam.**

Meals as listed with bottled water.

Bottled water on the bus.

Transportation in a deluxe motor-coach with air-conditioning.

All sightseeing, excursions and entrances as listed.

All special events as listed, subject to people's availability.

Services of a tour leader throughout.

All tips Included.

Trip photo book following return home.

NOT INCLUDED

International airfare Houston/Dubai/Jeddah - Bahrain/Houston

Passport fee.

Excess luggage charges.

Any items not listed.



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SUGGESTED FLIGHTS:

19 January Houston to Dubai

EK 212 dep: 7:10 pm / arr: 7:45 pm on 20 January

21 January Dubai to Jeddah

EK 803 dep: 4:10 pm / arr: 6:20 pm

29 January Bahrain to Dubai

EK 836 dep: 3:50 am / arr: 6:05 am

29 January Dubai to Houston

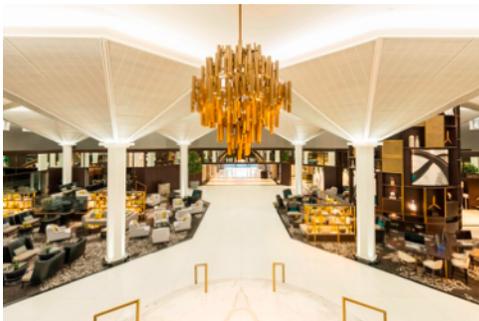
EK 211 dep: 10:05 am / arr: 4:40 pm

Economy class fare \$1377 including taxes, surcharges and fees as of May 5th, 2021. Fares can change based on availability.

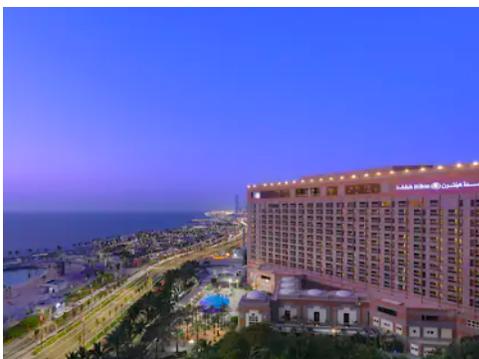


ACCOMMODATIONS

Dubai Le Meridien (1 night)



Jeddah Hilton Hotel (2 nights)





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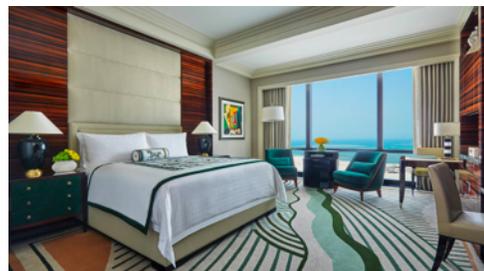
Riyadh Marriott Hotel (3 nights)



Intercontinental Al Khobar Hotel (1 night)



Four Seasons Bahrain (2 nights)





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PROGRAM DETAILS

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| DAY 1 | Wed, January 19 - USA to Dubai |
| | We will leave USA for Dubai. |
| DAY 2 | Thu, January 20 - Arrival in Dubai |
| | <p>Upon arrival in Dubai, transfer to hotel. Evening at your leisure (dinner not included.)</p> <p>Overnight in Dubai</p> |



Dubai is a city and emirate in the United Arab Emirates known for luxury shopping, ultramodern architecture and a lively nightlife scene. Burj Khalifa, an 830m-tall tower, dominates the skyscraper-filled skyline. At its foot lies Dubai Fountain, with jets and lights choreographed to music. On artificial islands just offshore is Atlantis, The Palm, a resort with water and marine-animal parks.



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DAY 3

Fri, January 21 - Dubai Sightseeing - Jeddah

In the morning, we will have a half day sightseeing program in Dubai, including Burj Khalifa entry, enjoy photo stops at the Palm Jumeirah and Burj Al Arab, and conclude at the Burj Khalifa's 124th-floor observatory. Then we will have lunch at a local restaurant and will be transferred to the airport.

Afternoon flight to Jeddah.

Dinner at the Hotel.

Overnight in Jeddah

Meals B, L, D

Jeddah was once a port city living mostly off the pilgrim trade of Mecca, serving as Mecca's outlet to the sea. It was always an important stop on the caravan route from Yemen to Egypt and Syria, and a local center of pilgrimage for the tribes from the surrounding deserts. The spread of Islam made the holy city a religious center for people from all over the world, many of whom arrived by sea. Islam soon transformed Jeddah into a thriving metropolis in its own right. Over the years, it has become one of the Arab world's most important commercial centers while remaining the principal port of entry for more than two million pilgrims who make their way to the holy city of Mecca each year.



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DAY 4

Sat, January 22 - Jeddah

Enjoy a morning walking tour through old Jeddah with its unique, centuries-old, multi-storied white urban dwellings. The wooden ornamentation on the sides of these houses has been designed to let in the sea breezes and at the same time shield residents, particularly females, from the eyes of passers-by. A local architect will walk the group through this area and talk more about Hejazi architecture which has been described as a melting pot of several forms of Islamic design. End the morning with a chance to wander through Jeddah's many souks.

After lunch at the Al-Alawi Restaurant visit the Naseef House. The Naseefs were one of Jeddah's merchant families and their family home was one of the most important houses in Jeddah in the 19th and 20th centuries.

Continue on to the Jeddah Museum, located in a restored traditional house where the museum's curator will meet the group. The house is the only surviving building of the British Legation in Jeddah during World War I. The photography display in the entrance hall includes aerial photographs of Jeddah in 1948, 1964 and 1988 that dramatically illustrate the city's growth. Return to the hotel passing by more modern parts of the city, including the Corniche which runs for 45 miles along the Red Sea. There are about 400 outdoor sculptures in and around the corniche.

Enjoy a lovely dinner this evening at the Abou Shakra Restaurant.

Overnight in Jeddah

Meals B, L, D

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DAY 5

Sun, January 23 - Jeddah / Riyadh

Transfer to the airport for a morning flight to Riyadh. Arrive in Riyadh and transfer to the hotel.

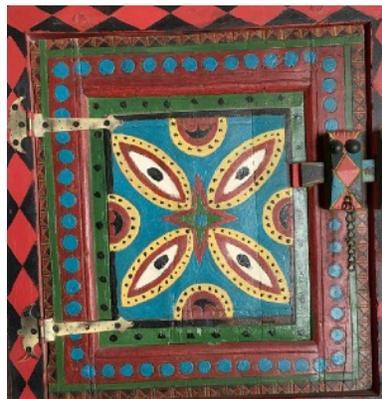
Afternoon possible WACH meetings.

Overnight in Riyadh

Meals B, L, D

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia's capital and main financial hub, is on a desert plateau in the country's center. Business district landmarks include the 302m-high Kingdom Centre, with a sky bridge connecting 2 towers, and 267m-high Al Faisaliah Centre, with a glass-globe summit.

The the city center, an area of largely restored, rebuilt and renovated buildings constructed in classic Arabian style. It includes the original area of Riyadh – the enclave fought for by Ibn Saud – which is now the centerpiece of imaginative and extensive redevelopment. The symbolic entrance to this area is the Al Thumairi Gate, a reconstruction of one of the entrances to Riyadh when the city was surrounded by old mud walls.



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DAY 6

Mon, January 24 - Riyadh

Begin at the archaeological site of Diriyyah, whose zenith as capital of most of Arabia came during the reign of Saud the Great who ruled here from 1802 to 1814. What remains of Diriyyah today is remarkably extensive and evocative of traditional settled life in the region. The most impressive ruins are those of Turaif on the north bank. The sparser ruins of Ghasibah on the south bank are older, possibly dating back to the city's foundation in the 15th century.

After lunch visit the city center, spend time in the National Museum with its sweeping, curved wall and Najd architectural design. The museum's eight galleries trace Saudi Arabia's history.

Continue on to the Murabba Palace which has been renovated to reflect the architecture of the original structure. Walk to the Al Masmak Fort, the oldest complete building in Riyadh.

Overnight in Riyadh

Meals B, L, D



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DAY 7

Tue, January 25 - Riyadh

Early morning visit to the camel souk with its huge numbers of camels. These “ships of the desert” range in color from dark coffee to nearly white and the prices for each vary enormously.

Stop at the King Saud University Museum which displays finds from the university’s archaeological digs at Al-Fao and Rabdhah. Lunch at the university with students.

After lunch, stop at the King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies whose gallery boasts manuscripts and Islamic art.

Briefing at the U.S. Embassy.

End the day with a visit to the Badir Program for Technology Incubators launched by King Abdul Aziz City for Science and Technology (KACST) in 2007. Meeting with Badir CEO Mr. Nawaf Al Sahhaf.

Overnight in Riyadh Meals B, L, D



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DAY 8

Wed, January 26 - Riyadh / Dhahran / Al Khobar

Morning visit to the campus of the Princess Noura bint Abdulrahman University, the world's largest all-female university which opened in 2011.

After the recently announced end to the ban on female drivers in the kingdom, effective in June 2018, the university announced its plans to establish a driving school for women, the first in the country. Visit the school and interact with some of the country's first female drivers.

Fly from Riyadh to Dhahran, situated in the oil-producing region of the kingdom.

Upon arrival begin learning about the oil industry in Saudi Arabia at the ARAMCO Visitor Center which offers a comprehensive guide to the oil industry and explains the technical side of the industry in an accessible and informative way. Displays detail how oil is formed, found, extracted and refined.

After lunch visit the newly opened King Abdulaziz Center for World Culture, an arts center developed by Saudi Aramco incorporating a museum, library, cinema, auditorium and lecture halls. The group will be led through the center by a senior staff member.

Transfer to hotel in Al Khobar.

Overnight in Al Khobar Meals B, L, D





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DAY 9

Thu, January 27 - Al Khobar / Bahrain

After breakfast, begin driving to Bahrain along the King Fahd Causeway. This 16-mile, four-lane causeway links Saudi Arabia with Bahrain. Built in a series of hump-backed rises and long flat stretches across the shallows of the Gulf, this remarkable piece of engineering was completed in 1986 at a cost of \$1.2 billion.

Stop first at A'Ali where hundreds and hundreds of the Dilmun burial mounds can be seen. The mounds encase burial chambers used for all members of society, young and old. At 48 feet in height and 150 feet in diameter, the tallest of the mounds are referred to as the Royal Tombs. A'Ali is also known for its pottery workshops and there will be a chance to stop at one of these.

After lunch begin exploring at the Bahrain National Museum, a superb museum that traces the archaeological development of the region. Through sculpture and ceramics, reconstructed burial mounds, Arabic calligraphy and illuminated Korans, the different periods of Bahrain's history are presented.

Overnight in Manama Meals B, L, D



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DAY 10

Fri, January 28 - Bahrain

Continue on to Manama, Bahrain's capital city and home to the majority of the islands' population.

The Kingdom of Bahrain in the Arabian Gulf is made up of 33 islands. Some islands, such as Sitra and Muharraq, have been linked to the main island by causeways.

Full day sightseeing and meeting program in and around Manama, including Bahrain Fort, camel farm, 1st Oil Well in Bahrain and Muharraq Souk.
Lunch and Dinner at local restaurants.

Overnight in Manama Meals B, L, D

The Qal'at al-Bahrain, also known as the Bahrain Fort or Portuguese Fort, is an archaeological site located in Bahrain. Archaeological excavations carried out since 1954 have unearthed antiquities from an artificial mound of 12 m (39 ft) height containing seven stratified layers, created by various occupants from 2300 BC up to the 18th century, including Kassites, Greeks, Portuguese and Persians.

It was once the capital of the Dilmun civilization and was inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2005.



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DAY 11

Sat, January 29 - Departure

After breakfast, we will be transferred to the airport for our return flight.

Meals B

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