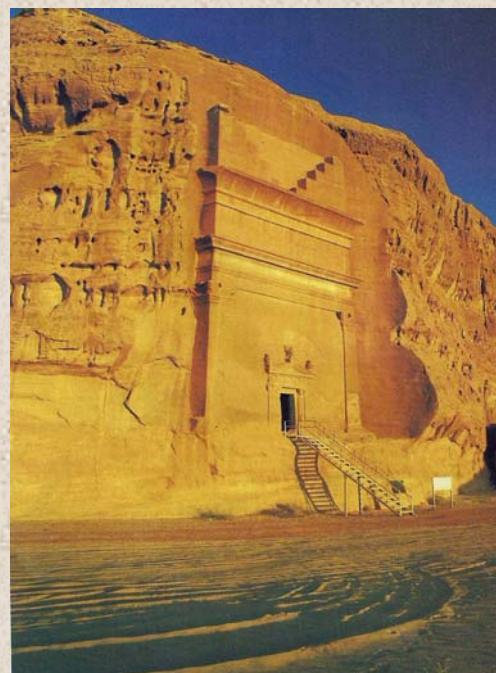


Saudi Arabia – Heritage of a Kingdom

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Departing 11 October 2010

A detailed journey through the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, to discover a country that is based on strong spiritual values and meaningful traditions. Behind this veil lies a history illustrated with significant monuments, stunning desert and fertile mountain scenery, and one of the least influenced cultures in the world where old mingles with new. Riyadh and Jeddah are ultra-modern Arabian cities but they house some fascinating museums and architectural heritage whilst in the desert lands beyond lie the reminders of ancient civilisations that began in the region before migrating across the Middle East



Nabatean Tomb, Madain Saleh

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Day 1 Fly to Riyadh – Monday 11 October

Late morning departure from Heathrow Terminal 1 on BMI arriving into Riyadh in the evening. Transfer to the Royal hotel for two nights

Day 2 In Riyadh – Tuesday 12 October

We spend the day in Riyadh, including the National Museum, Mismak Fort, Art Heritage Souk and Camel Market. In the afternoon visit the the Muraba Palace - the administrative palace built by King Abdulaziz and Al Faisailiah Tower for views of the city . Welcome dinner at a quality restaurant (B,D)

Day 3 Fly Al Jouf. Visit historic Al Jouf – Wednesday 13 October

This morning we fly to Al Jouf. Afternoon sightseeing in Jouf area including the standing stones of Sakaka, thought to date to the 4th millennium BC, the historic fort at Za'abal. Overnight at Nozul Hotel. Dinner in hotel (B,D)

Day 4 Drive to Hail – Thursday 14 October

This morning we stop in the town of Dawmat al-Jandal, a major intersection of ancient trade routes linking Mesopotamia, Syria and the Arabian Peninsula to visit the 7th century Omar mosque and Al Marid Castle. We continue to Hail enjoying the natural scenery along the route. Two nights at Al Jabalain hotel. Dinner in hotel (B,D)

Day 5 In Ha'il – Friday 15 October

The Al Rashid family of Ha'il was once the ruling family in Saudi Arabia. We visit the old fort of l'raif situated in a prominent position overlooking the old city, with a commanding view of the surrounding desert terrain and the mountains of Jebel Selma and the Al Qashla Palace, an old two-story structure of adobe architecture. In the immediate area we will also see some ancient rock drawings at Jubah and the old fort and walls at Gufar. Dinner in the hotel (B,D)

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Day 6 Drive to Al Ula via Tayma – Saturday 16 October

Early departure for Al Ula with a stop en route at Tayma, occupied by the last great Babylonian King in the 6th Century BC. We visit the Haddaj well and other noteworthy sites such as Al Hamra Palace and Tayma wall. We continue to Al Ula for two nights stay at the Arac hotel with dinner (B,D)

Day 7 Visit Madain Saleh and the Hejaz Railway – Sunday 17 October

We spend the morning visiting the UNESCO site at Mada'in Salah, sister city to Petra and the capital of the Nabataeans that grew rich on the caravan trade which passed through from the incense-growing regions to the south. We visit various tombs built on a monumental scale, similar to those at Petra but with more eastern influence in the design of their facades carved with lions, snakes, and roses. The Hijaz Railway line, well known from T. E. Lawrence's exploits, ran through the area and we visit the historic station nearby (B,D)

Day 8 Drive to Medina. Fly to Jeddah – Monday 18 October

We travel to Medina, the second holiest city of Islam, site of the Prophet's tomb (western visitors are not allowed into the city). After lunch on the city outskirts, we explore the historic Khaiber area; famous for its historic architecture and archaeological dam, before taking an evening flight to Jeddah. Overnight stay at the Sofitel Hamra hotel with dinner (B,D)

Day 9 In Jeddah. Fly to London – Tuesday 19 October

We start the day with a morning tour of the old city of Jeddah famous for its ornate wooden windows and its colourful markets. We will also visit a traditional historic house and view the private ethnographic collection at the Abdul Raouf Khalil Museum. Farewell dinner in a smart Jeddah restaurant. Transfer to the airport for our late evening flight to London (B,D)

Day 10 Arrive London – Wednesday 20 October

Overnight flight via Riyadh to Heathrow Terminal 1 with BMI arriving at 0600.

Cost £2295.00 per person in a twin room (excludes international flights)

Single supplement charge £300.00



Abdul Raouf Khalil Museum,
Jeddah

Price includes –

- ▶ Tour accompanied from London by Patrick Syder
- ▶ Services of Saudi Arabian National Guide
- ▶ Two domestic flights with Saudi Arabian Airlines
- ▶ All transportation - private a/c coach/4WD cars
- ▶ Full sightseeing programme including entrance fees
- ▶ Quality local four star hotels on a half board basis with dinners at traditional restaurants in Riyadh and Jeddah
- ▶ All UK and Saudi Arabian departure and government taxes
- ▶ All airport transfers
- ▶ Porter, hotel and restaurant staff gratuities

Not included – travel insurance, visa fees, lunches, soft drinks, guide and driver gratuities, BMI international return flight (cost from £495.00)

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