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The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Coda Tours signature small group size
- Coda Tours signature comprehensive sightseeing programs
- Coda Tours signature inclusive meal plan
- Coda Tours signature deluxe accommodations
- UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the cliffs at Jubbah, Hegra, and Jeddah City
- City Tours of Riyadh, Medina City, Taif, and Jeddah City
- Unique Experiences like an incredible stargazing experience
- Experience the ancient and natural wonders and stunning landscape of desert canyons and cliffs.

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ITINERARY

Day 1 – Depart the USA

Saturday, December 9, 2023

Depart the USA on any regularly scheduled flight to Riyadh, King Khalid International Airport.

Day 2 – Arrive in Riyadh

Sunday, December 10, 2023

Arrive in Saudi Arabia's buzzing capital Riyadh to a warm welcome and transfer to your hotel. Transfer to hotel and check-in.

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia's capital, is one of the wealthiest cities in the world. Once a walled, mud-brick way station along desert trading routes, it is now a modern metropolis that is changing at a rapid rate. Evening at Leisure.



Located in the heart of the city and setting new standards for luxury, Al Faisaliah Hotel is one of the most sought-after addresses in Saudi Arabia. Its timeless elegance, central location and panoramic views are complemented by **Mandarin Oriental's** signature service to ensure a truly unforgettable Arabian experience.

Accommodations: Faisaliah Hotel Riyadh ★★★★★

Room: Superior

Day 3 – Discover Riyadh

Monday, December 11, 2023

Enjoy early morning breakfast before starting your tour.

Start your tour with a visit to the National Museum and Continue the tour by visiting Musmak Fort, in Riyadh's old quarter, built during the second Saudi state in 1865 A.D. Afterwards, explore the Dirah Souq, a market famed for colourful textiles from silk to luxurious pashminas.

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This afternoon after enjoying your lunch at Najd Village restaurant (Authentic Saudi cuisine).

After lunch visit the heritage listed Diriyyah, an historic site on the outskirts of Riyadh, which is said to be the birthplace of the first Saudi state and is today the current home of the royal family. The mud-brick walls once fortified a thriving desert city that was a powerhouse of culture and commerce. In 1745, the city was named.



Later this day you will get a chance to explore Kingdom Tower with a visit to the Sky Bridge located on the top floor where you will see Riyadh with Bird's eye view.

Embark on a city tour visiting Boulevard City as well as the King Abdullah Financial District to see the skyscrapers lighting the night sky.

Enjoy dinner at Italian Restaurant called Signor Sassi Restaurant.

Accommodations: Faisaliah Hotel Riyadh ★★★★★

Room: Superior

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4 – Ha'il

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

After Breakfast this morning transfer to the airport for your domestic flight (additional cost) northwest to Ha'il, located in the northern Arabian Peninsula.

A historic crossroads of trade, especially during the hajj season when camel caravans passed through, Hail has played an intriguing role in the history of modern Saudi Arabia, and it is home to a buzzing souq and one of the last remaining proper flea markets in the country.

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Arrive Ha'il at 13:05 transfer to Loft Restaurant for lunch.

Transfer by road to heritage listed Jubbah, where magnificent rock carvings and petroglyphs adorn the surrounding sandstone outcrops depicting thousand-year-old illustrations of camels, lions, and other wildlife that called the region home.

Visit the intriguing Ha'il Local Heritage Museum, the private museum of local resident Khalid Bin Hamoud Al Matrod, set in a traditional Najd house/farm. Peruse the eclectic collection which comprises of domestic items from kitchen paraphernalia to antique radios and get a glimpse of a bygone era. Be treated to some Saudi hospitality and learn about the importance of camels in Saudi culture as you sit down to taste arabic coffee at a local farm.

Afterwards, travel by road to your hotel in time to check in and enjoy the dinner.



Centrally located Millennium Hotel Hail offers accommodation in its 166 luxurious rooms and 17 suites, each spacious, beautifully designed and well-appointed.

Accommodations: Millenium Hail Hotel ★★★★★

Room: Deluxe

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5 – Ha'il | AlUlua

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

Early Departure this morning, to view Qeshla Palace, admiring the monumental structure from the outside before exploring the ancient A'arif Fort built on top of a rocky outcrop with outstanding views over the city. Visit the local Souq.

After your explorations, drive to Al Ula (approx. 5hrs) and enjoy lunch with your fellow travelers.

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Arrive AlUla nestled in a large, enjoy lunch at AlUla.

Spectacular valley, where palm groves run down the centre of a wadi and foreboding red-sandstone cliffs rise on either side, Al Ula was historically located on the Incense route and was an important trading hub for the ancient Lihyanites. It has a delightfully mysterious air about it and is the gateway to Saudi Arabia's very own 'Petra', Madain Saleh.

Return to your resort for dinner.



A trail-blazer in sustainability, the Habitas AlUla offers nature-inspired, luxury five-star villas nestled within an ancient oasis in the desert canyons of the Ashar Valley. An immersive and otherworldly experience surrounded by sandstone cliffs and palm groves, the serene resort includes 96 spacious guest rooms, a yoga deck, spa and alchemy bar, fitness centre, a regionally inspired restaurant serving food from local farms, an outdoor cinema and a lush desert swimming pool all made from ethically sourced organic materials

Accommodations: Habitas Resort | AlUla ★★★★★

Room: Villa

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6 – AlUla | Optional Stargazing

Thursday, December 14, 2023

Breakfast at your hotel and start your tour by exploring the wonders of World Heritage listed Hegra. Southernmost settlement of the Nabatean kingdom, the city was known as 'Al Hijr or Hegra' during ancient times and was once a stopover on the very prosperous trade route. The site spreads over 2000 square metres, with an abundance of relics and rock-cut tombs.

Discover the Nabatean Well, Qasr Al Bint, Diwan Tomb, and Al Farid Palace as well as the preserved railway station.

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Lunch at Pink Camel Restaurant

After refuelling visit old town. One of the reasons it evokes such a deep sense of emotion is that it was inhabited in the not-so-distant past. AlUla Old Town is in the narrowest part of the AlUla Valley. Built on a slight elevation, the town is overlooked by the Musa bin Nusayr Castle, a citadel dating back approximately to the 10th century.

After exploring old town, you will visit the iconic 'Elephant Rock' to enjoy drink in the sunset from this spectacular vantage point over a cup of Arabic coffee or tea, and delicious local dates.



Optional: This evening you can experience star gazing in the desert depends on the weather. (Additional Cost).

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Dinner at the Resort.

Accommodations: Havitas Resort ★★★★★

Room: Canyon Villa

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7 – AlUla

Friday, December 15, 2023

After enjoying your delicious breakfast.

This morning you will visit Dadan and Ikma mountain or Jabal Ikma, a mountain near to the ancient city of Dadan, the capital of Dadanite and Lihyanite Kingdoms, has been described as a huge open-air library. We hope you're ready to be blown out by this beautiful journey as we will start with the most famous oases of the 1st millennium BCE the oasis of Dedan, where excavations on extensive archeological sites have revealed the existence of large, fortified cities. These kingdoms developed their own culture including a specific language and alphabet, that resulted in a mix of Arabian traditions and strong influences from the surrounding empires.

There is no such site that is more significant, than Jabal Ikma, home to the highest concentration of, and most varied inscriptions, in AlUla.

Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant.



Optional: this evening you will embark on an exhilarating helicopter ride over the surrounding landscape taking in breath-taking aerial views of AlUla (Additional Cost).

Evening at leisure and dinner at the resort.

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Accommodations: Havitas Resort ★★★★★

Room: Villa

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 8 – Medina City | Jeddah City

Saturday, December 16, 2023

After delicious breakfast early morning drive from AlUla to Madinah (almost 3 hr 34 min - 330 km)

Arrival Madinah and start our visit with the International Fair and Museum of the Prophet's Biography and Islamic Civilization which is located right in the Holy Mosque where you can take pictures of it before we move to our next stop.

Next we will go to Quba Street which connect two Mosques, the Holy Mosque and Quba Mosque which both have significant importance in Islamic history in which the first was the house that prophet Mohammed lived and eventually it's his grave visited by. The second was the first Mosque ever built. you will have a general overview how the city was built and shaped throughout the 1400 years.

Both mosques will be visit from the outside only

In the same street which is a nice pedestrian street for walking, there are many traditional food shops and snacks where will stop for our lunch break.

After the tour, transfer to High Speed Harmein Train Station and enjoy the journey at the speed of 300km/h.

The historic crossroads of pilgrims and traders, Jeddah is the most fascinating of Saudi Arabia's major cities, with a cosmopolitan and liberal air does not present anywhere else in the country. Admire the city's World Heritage Red Sea architecture, explore the bustling souq and laid-back coastline that's home to fantastic dive sites, and enjoy diverse, world-class cuisine. The evening is yours to explore this captivating city.

Arrival Jeddah and transfer to your Hotel in Jeddah, Check-in and evening at leisure.



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Along Saudi Arabia's western coast overlooking the Red Sea, The Ritz-Carlton, Jeddah carries on the tradition of this former palace by welcoming guests with attentive service and luxurious.

Accommodations: Ritz Carlton Hotel ★★★★★

Room: Deluxe

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 9 – Jeddah | Taif | Jeddah

Sunday, December 17, 2023

Early morning breakfast before drive to Taif to visit the city's famous flower factory and a walking tour at a local strawberry plantation farm. In the afternoon, you will ride the cable cars to descend from Alhada Mountain to the traditional market situated at the bottom.

Later this day you will explore the Shapra Palace and the Alshreef Cultural Museum, representing the traditional lifestyle in Taif.

Return to Jeddah City for dinner.

Accommodations: Ritz Carlton Hotel ★★★★★

Room: Deluxe

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 10 – Discover Jeddah City

Monday, December 18, 2023

This morning after a delicious breakfast start your day with the open-air museum on the Corniche with its extraordinary array of modern sculpture ranging from traditional Arabic designs to the abstract and monumental. Afterwards, gaze upon the 'floating mosque' which appears to drift on the water's surface shimmering in the sun light. Pause to take in the spectacular views over the Red Sea.



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Next, discover King Fahd's Fountain, also known as Jeddah Fountain, which is the tallest of its type in the world, shooting saltwater from the Red Sea 300 metres up into the air, at speeds over 300 kilometres per hour.

Lunch at Karam Beirut restaurant before visiting the old town (AlBalad) in Jeddah. Al Balad, the old town, to see Jeddah's traditional architecture. Visit some of the old hejazi houses, constructed from coral and reinforced with wooden beams, including Nasif House, one of the most beautiful which was built in the 1850's by the Nasif Family, one of the most influential trading families in the history of Jeddah. It was here that King Abdul Aziz spent his first night in Jeddah as the guest of Mohammed Nasif after leading his victorious army into the capital of the Western Province.

Explore Abdul Raouf Khalil Museum which showcases the nearly 2,500-year-old history of the Jeddah area with exhibitions spanning pre-Islamic history, to pre-modern civilisations and the rich Islamic cultural heritage of the city. The complex also contains a mosque and the facade of an old castle.

Gather for a Farewell Dinner this evening to celebrate our amazing trip.

Accommodations: Ritz Carlton Hotel ★★★★★

Room: Deluxe

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 11 – Depart to the USA

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

Transfer to the airport for departure flights to the USA.

Meals: Breakfast

INCLUDED

- Nine nights' accommodation at 4★ and 5★ hotels
- 24 Meals: 9 Breakfasts, 8 Lunches, and 7 Dinners
- Private transportation and English-speaking local guide throughout the tour
- Sightseeing excursions and entry fees, as stated in the itinerary
- Coda Tour Representative, with minimum participation
- Pre-departure assistance and Information Portfolio from Coda Tours
- Taxes and service charges

NOT INCLUDED

- International airfare and baggage fees
- Trip Cancellation & Interruption insurance (highly recommended)
- Passport and visa fees; **a visa is required** for this tour. (E-Visa)
- Early or late arrival/departure surcharge or early check-in / late check-out
- Individual arrival or departure transfers
- Personal accommodations, meals, transfers, drinks, gifts, and expenses not outlined in the itinerary
- Any optional sightseeing excursions or additional visits not outlined in the itinerary
- Gratuity for local guides, drivers, staff, and Coda Tour Manager

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RATES PER PERSON	
Double Occupancy	\$10395
Single Occupancy	\$12995

Note: Single occupancy rates can be avoided if matched with another single traveler. If no share is available, the single rate will apply. Rates are based on current rates of exchange at the time of publishing and is subject to change until final payment has been made. Rates are also based on a minimum participation which, if minimum participation is not met, may need to be revised.

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INTERNATIONAL AIRFARE

Flights to King Khaled Airport (RUH) from New York (EWR and JFK) are hosted by a variety of airlines including Lufthansa, Air Canada, and Royal Jordanian. We recommend booking at least 7 months in advance if you want to use Frequent Flyer Miles. Please request a quote if you would like Coda Tours to assist with international airfare bookings. We often can offer favorable rates for Business or Economy class at a standard fee of \$35 per ticket.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

A valid passport is required for international travel and must be valid for 6 months after the return date of travel and have two blank pages available per country visited. American passport holders must obtain a Tourist Visa in advance of entering Saudi Arabia. An e-visa can be obtained by following the direction on the Saudi Embassy website: www.saudiembassy.net/tourist-visa

HEALTH

All travelers must be up to date with their COVID-19 vaccines and have proof of vaccination that is verified by a medical professional. No other immunizations are required for travel on this tour; however, the Center for Disease Control suggests that all travelers be up to date on routine vaccines, including Varicella (Chickenpox), Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (DTaP), Influenza (Flu), Measles-Mumps-Rubella (MMR), Polio, and Shingles. It is particularly important to be up to date on your Hepatitis A and B vaccines.

ATTIRE / WEATHER

The weather on this tour will be warm (73-91°), during the day but the temperature will drop at night (50°-71°). It is advisable to pack layered clothing, warm clothing, comfortable shoes, sunscreen, and a mask.

Average Temperature	Low	High
Riyadh	59°	82°
Hail City	50°	73°
AlUla	54°	81°
Jeddah City	71°	91°

MINIMUMS

All departures and rates are guaranteed on a minimum number of participants. A Coda Tour Manager will accompany a tour also based on a minimum number of participants. This tour can be operated as a Private Tour or customized and repriced based on a final itinerary.

PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION

A portfolio of pre-departure information will be mailed approximately three weeks prior to departure.

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ACCOMMODATIONS



[Faisaliah Hotel Riyadh](#) ★★★★★



[Millenium Hail](#) ★★★★★



[Habitat Resort | AlUla](#) ★★★★★



[Ritz Carlton Hotel](#) ★★★★★