



SAUDI ARABIA *& Jordan Adventure*

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ITINERARY

December 2 – Depart the USA

Depart the USA on your international flight to Saudi Arabia.

December 3 – Arrive in Jeddah

Celebrate your arrival in the kingdom with sunset drinks on the city's attractive corniche. Spread out your carpet and your 'takwa', the smart Saudi picnic seat. Join the locals when the sun sets, the call for prayer sounds, and the world's tallest fountain comes to life in front of the beach walk (if time permits). Complete your first day in Saudi Arabia with a welcome dinner. Stay overnight in Jeddah. (D)

December 4 – Jeddah & Medina

Start the day working on the Saudi bigger picture in the Tayebat Museum to gain background about Islam, Saudi Arabia and Jeddah. The Tayebat Museum is ideal for this, consisting of real-live, real-size examples of Saudi and especially Jeddahwi building styles, everyday tools and utensils, art, and, of course, details about the Two Holy Cities, Mecca and Medina, which makes a good base for a first talk about Islam. After visiting a selection of what is on display, let's head out into the real Saudi! It is time to visit Jeddah's atmospheric old town, Al Balad, which achieved UNESCO World Heritage status in 2014. Its traditional multi-story buildings and merchant houses are an architectural treasure trove. It is a dive back in time with the buzz of trading, pilgrims shopping and the occasional tourist mixed in. The Roshan or wooden window covers are the ancient way to create shade and cool in this hot and humid climate, making these alleys especially picturesque. Bring your lunch box and board the Haramain, Saudi Arabia's state-of-the-art, high-speed train system, which makes it a short (under two hours) hop to Medina, one of Islam's holiest pilgrimage sites. Medina is centered around Al Masjid an Nabawi, also known as the Prophet's Mosque, which was constructed by the prophet himself and is also where he is buried. For a showstopping finale to a remarkable day, experience exterior views of the wonder of the Prophet's Mosque: a 10-minaret giant that can accommodate one million people. Non-muslims are welcome to enjoy exterior views of the mosque from the edge of the square. Round out the day in Medina with some browsing time at the city's central market. When the sun sinks, it is a great time to visit Mount Uhud, one of the pilgrimage sites and viewpoints across the Holy City. Overnight in Medina. (B, L, D)

December 5 – Travel to AIUla

A fascinating road trip from Medina via Khaybar to AIUla, home to Hegra, Saudi Arabia's first UNESCO World Heritage Site, awaits. These destinations sit deep in the desert in the country's northwestern region. Don't expect only sand dunes. This is a volcanic area with black lava stone and mountain vistas and rich in historical significance. Before the rise of Islam in the 7th century, the Khaybar region was inhabited by Arabian Jewish tribes. In 628 AD, Muslims under the leadership of Prophet Muhammad took over the city during the Battle of Khaybar. Visit the remains of the mud city situated in a steep wadi or valley, with its several fortresses towering over thousands of green palm trees. The area has been recently reopened after renovations. Arrive in AIUla before the sun sets and visit the famous Elephant Rock. Set in desert sands and climbing into the blue Arabian skies, the rock (also known as Jabal Alfil) is one of AIUla's most impressive geological marvels. Overnight in AIUla. (B, L, D)

December 6 – AIUla

The draw to AIUla is its remarkable natural rock formations and canyons, extensive and varied pre-Arabic rock art, and immaculately preserved tombs built over 2,000 years ago by the Nabataeans. You'll start the day with a visit to the Nabataean site of Hegra, which was the southern capital of the Nabataean kingdom, dating back to the first century BCE. Today, visitors follow their 'rawee' or storyteller to explore several of the more than 100 well-preserved monumental tombs, most with elaborate facades carved from rock formations scattered around the desert. Next, head for the green zone that is AIUla Oasis and enjoy a cup of coffee at The Pink Camel, situated beautifully amid the date farms. Take a stroll where lush palm trees sway gently, and the smell of citrus fills the fresh air, adding to the oasis feeling that AIUla still retains. Follow the winding, shaded Oasis Heritage Trail through the orange grove, hear birds and imagine how the nomads of the past found water and refuge from the desert here. Exit the lush oasis at AlJadeeda, an area also known as 'Art City,' which has a colorful vibe with street art and art exhibits spread out in its walking streets. Continue exploring AIUla's historic city, often called 'the Old Town,' a charismatic place that once sat at the crossroads of the Silk Road and the Incense Route and that rewards a leisurely stroll. Recent renovations have turned it into a magical mix of ancient alleys, trendy restaurants and upmarket souvenir shops. The remaining afternoon is at leisure. Enjoy the facilities of the hotel or continue your exploration of AIUla's landscapes with an optional activity. To name a few, see the sandstone mountains from above in a helicopter or hot air balloon (in season), hop on a mountain bike and venture off the beaten path into desert dunes, or climb the valley's edge to better soak in AIUla's expansive vistas. Overnight in AIUla. (B, L, D)

December 7 – Wadi Disah to Tabuk

Enjoy a leisurely start in your hotel before a midmorning departure towards the north to Wadi Disah. Loosely translated as the Valley of the Palm Trees, Wadi Disah is one of Saudi Arabia's most spectacular natural attractions. The beautiful valley is characterized by mountain forms, tall rocky columns in various colors, and freshwater springs, creating a real oasis-like feeling. Due to the presence of fresh water, the site has been inhabited for centuries and is well known for its dates and mango. Lunch is served under the fruit trees on a farm, where more will be learned about agriculture in this arid climate. Hop in a 4x4 for an off-road adventure through the lush vegetation and the stream winding its way between the towering walls. There are several archaeological sites, such as facades of Nabataean tombs and the remains of walls containing Nabataean and Arabic writings in Kufic script. For those fancying a stroll, step out and walk for a bit, enjoy the birds singing, and once it's enough, the jeep will soon be with you. Continue to Tabuk, the gateway to Saudi Arabia's northwest, including NEOM, which has long been a resting point for Jordanian and Egyptian pilgrims on their way south to Mecca and Medina. You'll feel that life moves slowly here as you wander along the main street, checking out the 'smach' shops (Saudi headwear for men) and the all-purpose stores selling anything a bedouin needs in the desert. The small fort sits at the top of the street and houses a museum. Overnight in Tabuk. (B, L, D)

December 8 – Cross to Jordan

Today is for discovering a part of the region that is currently called NEOM. Much hyped in the media, this area is ten times as big as the Australian Capital Territory and where giga projects such as 'The Line' and 'Trojana' are being crafted out of the desert landscape. Travelers have been passing through here for centuries and you'll also explore the historical remnants of their presence in the region. Approaching Seham Bay, there are more traces of human adventures. The 'Katharinas Seaplane' lay forgotten on the sand after the German adventurers' family was forced to abandon it and their voyage for failing to produce proper documents to enter the country. The NEOM project starts to make its mark. It's amazing to see high-tech public toilets popping up in the middle of nowhere. This is the location where The Line, a future linear city of 9 million, will arise. Following the beautiful coastline, reach 'Musa's Spring' in a small park-like oasis next to the roadside. This is said to be the spring of Moses. It is a unique opportunity to take your shoes off and wade into the refreshing waters. The Red Sea reveals itself near the town of Maqwa, and legend has it that it was in this vicinity that Moses and his flock arrived back on land after parting the sea. In any case, it is easy to envision a miracle, looking at how the sheer cliffs of Tayib lsm seem to have parted, leaving a narrow path into the mountain. It's the perfect opportunity for a contemplative walk to soak up the atmosphere and ponder on the significance of past events and how they still bear an influence on the belief systems that influence many people's lives to this day. Continue our northern journey towards the Durra Border. Upon completing the necessary procedures, you will be warmly welcomed into Jordan. From there, proceed with the transfer to the charming town of Aqaba. Overnight in Aqaba. (B, D)

December 9 – Wadi Rum

Enjoy breakfast at Wadi Rum in a Bedouin tent and experience the Wadi while enjoying a 4 x 4 ride. Check into your hotel in Petra for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

December 10 – Petra

Spend the day exploring the city of Petra. Its entrance passes through a long, narrow gorge known as the Siq and can only be accessed by carriage, horseback or on foot. Once inside the city, marvel at the intricate detail of a city that was cut into the cliffsides of rose-colored rock. Travel to the Dead Sea for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

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Guest 1: First Name: _____ **(Name Tag:)** _____
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Roommate(s): _____
If No Roommate: Try to Match Me Single Room (availability limited - \$1198)

Important Information Regarding Travel Protection Plan:	Guest 1:
1 Travel Protection coverage cannot be added after you have paid in full.	<input type="checkbox"/> I Accept <input type="checkbox"/> I Decline
2 Premium is based on TOTAL cost of trip and is non-refundable.	
3 Coverage begins when your premium payment is received (separate from deposit & clearly designated as your travel protection premium).	Guest 2:
4 Premium must be paid in full no later than 08/19/24.	<input type="checkbox"/> I Accept <input type="checkbox"/> I Decline

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PASSENGER AGREEMENT

By signing and submitting the registration form, I/we certify that I/we have read Passenger Agreement, Program Conditions, and Statements of Responsibility of the brochure, understand its content, and agree to its terms including but not limited to the potential for price increases that may apply before payment in full has been received as set forth in the Program Conditions and Statements of Responsibility of the brochure and potential price increases after payment in full has been received due to government imposed taxes and fees.

Guest 1 Signature: _____
Guest 2 Signature: _____

Tour: XA24 **Date:** 120224 **Code:** S **ID:** _____ **V.002** **04/01/24**

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Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost
\$ 0 to \$1000	..... \$ 99	\$2501 to \$3000	..... \$299	\$4501 to \$5000	..... \$499	\$6501 to \$7000	..... \$699
\$1001 to \$1500	..... \$149	\$3001 to \$3500	..... \$349	\$5001 to \$5500	..... \$549	\$7001 to \$8000	..... \$799
\$1501 to \$2000	..... \$199	\$3501 to \$4000	..... \$399	\$5501 to \$6000	..... \$599	\$8001 to \$9000	..... \$899
\$2001 to \$2500	..... \$249	\$4001 to \$4500	..... \$449	\$6001 to \$6500	..... \$649	\$9001 to \$10,000	..... \$999

Schedule of Coverages	Maximum Benefit	Additional Cancellation Protection
Part A *		
Trip Cancellation.....	Trip Cost	When you purchase this Travel Protection Plan at or before the final payment due date for Your Trip, you also receive the Educational Travel Services Pre-Departure Cancellation Waiver Benefit that allows you to cancel your Educational Travel Services travel arrangements up to the day of departure for any reason (excludes no shows and those not permitted boarding). With this Educational Travel Services Cancellation Waiver, your non-refundable land cancellation penalties will be refunded in Educational Travel Services travel certificates.
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Trip Interruption.....	Trip Cost	
Missed Connection.....	\$500	
Travel Delay (Up to 10 days & up to \$150 Per Day).....	\$1,500	
Medical Expense / Emergency Evacuation		
Accident and Sickness Medical Expense.....	\$25,000	
Emergency Evacuation and Repatriation.....	\$50,000	
Accidental Death & Dismemberment.....	\$25,000	
Baggage and Personal Effects.....	\$1,000	
Baggage Delay.....	\$200	

Part A -Travel Arrangement Benefits are provided by Educational Travel Services. **Part B** -Travel Protection Benefits are provided by United States Fire Insurance Co. *For New York Residents Only. Part A Benefits are travel arrangement benefits underwritten by United States Insurance Company.

Conditions and Limitations

This is a brief description of the plan available for all Travel Protection sales for Trips departing January 1, 2013 and after. Certain exclusions and limitations apply and are detailed in the Certificate of Coverage. For example, coverage does not apply to: any Sickness or condition of you, a Traveling Companion or a Family Member traveling with you that existed during the 60 days prior to the effective date of the coverages (The Pre-Existing Condition Exclusion is waived if payment for this plan is received by Educational Travel Services at or before the final payment due date for Your Trip or 105 days before departure date, whichever occurs first.); suicide, normal pregnancy, war or any act of war. Other Covered Reasons, as defined, includes the following events or their consequences: Cancellation or interruption of your Trip due to: Inclement Weather, unannounced Strike, mechanical breakdown that causes complete cessation of services of Your Common Carrier for at least 12 consecutive hours; a documented traffic accident while en route to departure; being hijacked or quarantined; jury duty; destruction of your home or destination by fire, flood, burglary or natural disaster; being called to the emergency service of government to provide aid or relief in the event of a natural disaster; a documented theft of passports or visas; a transfer of employment of 250 miles or more; or Revocation of military leave. For further information ask for the Certificate of Coverage which fully details the coverages, provisions, limitations and exclusions of the plan offered and is available to you, upon request, at any time prior to your purchase of the plan. The Travel Protection Plan is only available for citizens or residents of the United States of America. This plan is underwritten by: United States Fire Insurance Company, Eatontown, NJ. Benefits are administered by: Trip Mate, Inc., 9225 Ward Parkway, Suite 200, Kansas City, MO, 64114, 1-800-888-7292 (*In CA, dba Trip Mate Insurance Agency).

PROGRAM CONDITIONS

INCLUDED IN PRICE:
 • Round-trip international airfare • Deluxe motorcoaches • 1st class hotels • Guided sightseeing • Entrance fees to sites visited (as listed in itinerary) • Meals as Listed in Itinerary • Hotel gratuities • Program fees • Administrative Fee • \$500 Fuel surcharges • Government Taxes \$98 (Increases in government tax and fees are subject to change)

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:
 • Tips for guide (\$6/day) & driver (\$3/day): will be collected by your bus captain on tour
 • Optional sightseeing as listed in the brochure
 • Miscellaneous fees i.e. individual transfers; passports, laundry, lunches, beverages & baggage fees
 • Visas for non-US citizens • Visas and Transfers for all ground only passengers • Optional Travel Protection Program (see premium schedule)

ACCOMMODATIONS:
 Price is per person based on double occupancy. When available, single rooms are often smaller than doubles. While we will try to match roommates, we cannot guarantee a roommate will be available. Roommates may be assigned as late as 30 days prior to departure and, if one is not available or you request a single room, the following charges apply: \$1198 during the basic tour.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Deposit	Payment Amount	Due Date
Registration Deposit	\$300	At time of registration
Final Payment	Full payment	08/19/24 | If paid after the due date, a late payment fee of \$100 will be assessed.
Travel Protection Premium Amount		The Travel Protection Plan premium will be due no later than 08/19/24 to departure to be in full effect. Travel protection premiums must be paid in addition to our deposits and in advance of the final payment for coverage to be in effect.

REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED less than August 19, 2024:
 We welcome registrations after 08/19/24. Registrations received between 08/20/24 - 09/03/24 will incur a \$100 per person fee. Registrations received between 09/04/24 - 09/18/24 will incur a \$200 per person fee. Registrations received after 09/19/24 or less will incur an additional fee based on air availability. Additional fees will be advised upon registration.

CANCELLATION FEES:
 100% of Cancellation Fees are covered by the optional Travel Protection Program, provided premium has been paid and reason for cancellation is coverable. Those who do not take travel protection should be aware of the following per-person cancellation penalties: From day of registration to 105 days prior to departure, you will be charged the \$100 non-refundable cancellation fee plus any airline fees. Additionally, thereafter, you will be charged any airline penalties and a single room supplement if your cancellation forces your roommate into a single plus the following per-person charges: 104-60 days = \$400; 59-45 days = \$600; 44-31 days = 40% of total cost; 30 days to day of departure = 100% of total cost. Submit cancellation in writing. On or after day of departure, there will be no refund for any services not used.

STATEMENTS OF RESPONSIBILITY

We do not accept responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air schedules, hotel overbookings, other hotel related problems or causes, and/or travel supplier cancellations or postponements. Travel suppliers include all tour operators, cruise lines, airlines, hotels, bus companies, entertainment venues, and any other travel supplier used to operate the tour. All such losses or expenses will be the responsibility of the passenger. We reserve the right to make adjustments to the itinerary as deemed desirable by us, and we reserve the right to cancel any tour prior to departure. If a tour is canceled beyond the control of us, we will provide a refund or a future travel credit to be used two years from the date of issuance for the value of all funds paid by the passenger less nonrefundable travel supplier prepaid deposits, travel supplier change fees, nonrefundable travel protection premiums, and a \$150 administration fee.

FIT TO TRAVEL STATEMENT:
 Passengers registering for the tour accept the responsibility for being in good health and able to walk and travel on the tour. Because many of the sites are not accessible to the physically challenged and space limitations on tour buses, wheelchairs and scooters cannot be accommodated. Those needing oxygen or other ambulatory assistance will find the tour extremely limiting in their experiences. Persons using C-pap machines requiring distilled water will need to inform us ahead of time, so we can work with local operators to prepare as it is not always available. We reserve the right to refuse or revoke travel to anyone who is, in our sole judgment, incapable of group travel without causing undue demands upon the staff or other tour participants. Accessible rooms/cabins are limited and subject to confirmation after receiving the passenger's written request. If you have questions, please contact us for more details.

PASSPORT INFORMATION:
 Passport information must be submitted to our office no later than 08/19/24. Failure to provide your passport information to our office by this date may result in change fees or denial of travel. Discrepancies in information may result in change fees, delays in receiving travel documents for your trip, or denial of travel. Any fees incurred due to discrepancies are the responsibility of the passenger. Passports must be valid for at least 6 months after the return date.

PRICE INCREASES:
 All prices quoted in this brochure are subject to change prior to payment in full due to currency fluctuations, fuel surcharge increases, government taxes and fees increases or unforeseen circumstances. In addition, you may be subject to a price increase after payment in full has been received due to potential government imposed taxes and fees.

AIRLINE ROUTES and TICKETS:
 In order to keep prices low, we do not guarantee the most direct routing to your final destination. Once issued, airline tickets cannot be changed or refunded thereafter. Air transportation to/from your destination will be economy class on IATA and ARC carriers utilizing APEX or SUPER APEX non-refundable, non-amendable tickets for groups of 10 or more flying together on entire itinerary. If you choose to depart from a different city than your group or traveling companion, or deviate your flight and/or trip plans, and/or you are taking a pre or post tour, you may fly on a different scheduled flight(s) than the rest of your group. If you make your own air arrangements, you are responsible for booking all needed flights for your travel unless specified otherwise. Contact your travel advisor for further details.

FLIGHT TIMES and SEATING:
 All flights are subject to change by the airlines without advance notice. We are not responsible for such changes or delays and do not reimburse expenses resulting from such delays. If you are making your own flight arrangements to the departure city, we recommend you purchase a ticket that can be exchanged without large penalties. There is no advance seat selection for groups on most airlines. Early check-in is necessary to secure seats with travel companions and those with special needs. Due to security measures taken at airports, it is advisable to arrive at the airport three hours prior to departure time. Seating is solely under the control of the airlines. You will receive your flight information 60-30 days prior to departure. Final documents are sent approximately 2-3 weeks prior to departure.

ADDITIONAL AIRLINE FEES:
 You will likely incur additional airline checked baggage fees that are not included in the price of the tour. These fees vary by airline and are at the airline's discretion on each segment of the flight itinerary. You may also incur optional fees i.e. food, excess baggage, overweight baggage, items of personal nature, etc.

DEVIATIONS AND AIR UPGRADE REQUESTS:
 Deviation and Air Upgrade requests must be submitted in writing and are subject to additional airline fees. Deviations and Air Upgrades are not always possible given the group schedule and time of ticketing. Passengers who are ticketed with air deviations and/or upgrades will likely not fly with the group and will therefore need to provide their own transfers.

ITINERARY CHANGES:
 Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this brochure. While we will make every effort to ensure you will see all sites listed in this brochure, the availability of sites, order of sites and/or days and number of days may be altered to accommodate changes in airline, hotel schedules, and local conditions. No changes to the itinerary are effective unless approved in writing and signed by an authorized officer of the tour operator. Except as stated herein, no other person is authorized to cancel, modify or vary the tour arrangements or to make any representation of warranty concerning the tour.

Due to airline schedules, some participants may receive one or two extra leisure days at a nominal per day charge and some extensions may not be available on all departure dates. If itinerary changes necessitate extra overnights, you will be charged \$125 per night; single rooms \$175 per night. Meals for extra nights are not included.

VALIDITY DATE:
 This brochure is valid until 10/01/24. Registrations will still be accepted after the validity date.

RELEASE INFORMATION:
 Payment of deposit indicates permission for us or our agents to record the registrant's participation and appearance on video tape, audio tape, film, photograph, or any other medium and to use the registrant's name, likeness, voice, comments, submitted documentation, written papers, and/or biographical material without restrictions or limitation for any advertising, marketing, publicity, educational or promotional purpose which we or our agents deem appropriate, unless the registrant or guardian otherwise notifies us in writing prior to departure. Enrollment in, payment of deposit and/or acceptance of final documents, vouchers, or tickets shall be deemed to be consent to the Passenger Agreement and Program Conditions of the brochure. Prices are based on tariffs in effect as of January 1 of the previous year and are subject to adjustment without notice in the event of any change or currency fluctuation.

Except where otherwise stated, we act only as agent for the relevant supplier in securing hotels, transportation and other travel services and in no event shall we be liable for failure by any such supplier to render any transportation, lodging or other travel service to be provided on the tour. **The passenger agrees that we assume no liability for injury, death, damage, loss, theft, accident, delay, any lost or damaged luggage, or irregularity which may occur by reason of any negligent or willful act or omission of any suppliers of service.**

We do not own or operate any of the suppliers of services to your tour. Similarly without limiting the foregoing, passenger agrees to hold us harmless for any defect in any vehicle, plane, boat, bus, car, van or other vehicle, act of war or insurrection, terrorist activity, revolt or other civil uprising, military action, strikes or labor unrest or any Act of God or for any other act of any third party.