

# SAUDI ARABIA

*And the origin of Islam*

**15 DAYS/ 13 NIGHTS**

**2023 DEPARTURES:** Mar. 08, Oct. 08

**2024 DEPARTURES:** Feb. 11, Apr. 14,  
Oct. 06, Nov. 03



**VISITING:** Jeddah, Medina, Al Ula,  
Riyad and Manama (Bahrain).



A journey full of exotic landscapes, cosmopolitan cities and an impressive history is what awaits us when crossing Saudi territory. Ancient civilizations and their legacies will lead us through the great legacy of the Islamic world. Living unforgettable experiences!

## SUMMARY

- **2 nights in Dubai**, one night at the beginning and one night at the end of the trip.
- **2 nights in Jeddah**, the most important port in Saudi Arabia and the country's gateway.
- **1 night in Medina**, one of the most important historical cities in Islam.
- **2 nights in Al Ula**, with its unmistakable archaeological park in the middle of the desert.
- **3 nights in Riyad**, the modern capital and political center of Saudi Arabia.
- **3 nights in Manama**, the capital of Bahrain and an important commercial center in the Persian Gulf.



**4<sup>TH</sup> DAY – WED./TUE. – JEDDAH** - Our day will be dedicated to discovering all the magic of Jeddah. In the morning, our tour will begin with a visit to the Tayebat Museum, which preserves more than 2,500 years of the city's history. The building recreates the typical architecture of the old city, with several floors of exhibitions that tell the city's history and rich Islamic history. Unmissable! Continuing our tour, we will explore some modern Islamic art at the latest exhibition center, the Diriyah Biennale Foundation. On the seafront is the corniche, the main meeting point for locals and where the floating mosque and the promenade with its gardens are located. Lunch at a local restaurant and return to the hotel. **BREAKFAST AND LUNCH INCLUDED.**

**5<sup>TH</sup> DAY – THURS/WED. – JEDDAH/ MEDINA** - At an appropriate time, transfer to the central station to board in a modern train for Medina, ancient Yathrib, one of the cities sacred to Islam and which welcomed the prophet Muhammad from Mecca, in a movement known as Hégera. Upon arrival, we will appreciate the busy square where the International Fair and Museum of the Prophet's Biography and Islamic Civilization are located, at the same area we can find the Holy Prophet's Mosque where the tomb of Muhammad and Abu Baker is located. Free time for photos and admiring the magic and local atmosphere of this sacred city. It is worth remembering that internal visits to the mosque and Muhammad's tomb are only open to Muslims. Quba Street, a pedestrian street, gives us an idea of how the city works, connecting the Prophet's Mosque to the Quba Mosque, the first mosque built in the country. Transfer to **Le Meridien Hotel** or similar. **BREAKFAST AND DINNER INCLUDED.**

**6<sup>TH</sup> DAY – FRI/THU. – MEDINA/ AL ULA** - In the morning, we will head north towards Al Ula, a region with a unique landscape made up of ochre-colored rocky elevations, incredible archaeological sites, lots of history and perfect for a desert experience. Our first stop will be in the historic center of Al Ula, a complex of alleys and mud houses dating back to the 12th century, a period that became an obligatory passage for pilgrims coming from Damascus heading to Mecca and where there is a promenade full of restaurants and shops with local articles for a walk and free time for lunch. Next, the Al Ula Oasis is a park area full of date palms. After the visit, we will continue to one of the region's main postcards, Elephant Rock known as Jabal Al Fil. The area has a very pleasant atmosphere, the perfect place to enjoy the sunset. Transfer to **Habitas Hotel** or similar for accommodation. **BREAKFAST AND DINNER INCLUDED.**

**7<sup>TH</sup> DAY – SAT./FRI. – AL ULA/ MADAIN SALEH/ MARAYA/ AL ULA** - This morning we'll leave for Madain Saleh, an archaeological site that, in the distant past, was part of the Nabataean empire and was the second largest

## DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

**1<sup>ST</sup> DAY – SUN./SAT. – BRAZIL** - Arrival at São Paulo International Airport. Assistance from our team at the airport.

**2<sup>ND</sup> DAY – MON/SUN. – BRAZIL/ DUBAI** - In the early hours of the morning, board on an Emirates Airlines flight to Dubai. Arrival at the end of the same day for accommodation at **Dubai International Airport** to wait for the next boarding.


**3<sup>RD</sup> DAY – TUES/MON. – DUBAI/ JEDDAH** - In the morning, get on board in a flight to Jeddah. Located on the coast of the Arabian peninsula bathed by the Red Sea, it is a cosmopolitan city, the main port of Saudi Arabia and gateway for pilgrimage to Mecca and Medina. Arrival, reception and transfer to **Shirvan Hotel** or similar. In the afternoon we will have our first contact with the city. We will begin our tour in the Al Balad neighborhood, which means "the city" and was founded in the 7th century. Walking through its alleys is a journey through time and history. A tangle of alleys with pastel-colored buildings and latticed balconies. A visit to one of these will introduce us to the lifestyle of these people. The old mosques are attractions in their own right, built more than 300 years ago and are still in operation. To end our tour, we will stop by the oldest hotel in this area and have free time to enjoy this vibrant region. At the end of the tour return to the hotel for the rest of the day at leisure. **LUNCH INCLUDED.**





city at this time. In the rocks that spill over the desert, there are more than 100 carved tombs, a true spectacle of the architecture of this people. The tip is to wear comfortable shoes to explore all the attractions. At the end of the tour, return to the historic center of Al Ula and have free time for lunch. Continue to the Ashaar desert, which between mountains houses the Maraya Concert Hall building, considered one of the largest mirror buildings that reflects the local landscape, doubling the local beauty. A unique vision in the middle of the desert.


**8<sup>TH</sup> DAY – SUN./SAT. – AL ULA/ IKMAH/ DEDAN OASIS/ RIYADH** - There is a lot to see and do in Al Ula. We will start our morning with the Ikma or Jabal Ikma mountain near the ancient city of Dadan. The place is known as a huge open-air library due to the large number of inscriptions on the rocks. We will see the Dedan Oasis, which dates back to the first millennium BC, where excavations at extensive archaeological sites revealed the existence of large fortified cities. The highlight is two tombs in the southern portion of the ancient oasis that have decorative lions on their facade, a symbol of their owners' power and importance. After the visit, transfer to the airport to board a flight to Riyadh, the modern and bold capital of Saudi Arabia. Arrival, reception and transfer to the **Movenpick hotel** or similar. Welcome to Riyadh. The province of Riyadh – also known as Al-Wosta – is home to the country's capital: a modern metropolis with a strong economy and business center and a growing cultural scene.  
**BREAKFAST AND DINNER INCLUDED.**


## WHAT MAKES THE DIFFERENCE


 **ACCOMPANIMENT BY A BRAZILIAN GUIDE** from the 1st day until the 15th day in Brazil arrival.

 **FLIGHTS** International and domestic flights abroad included.

 **TRAVEL ON A TRAIN** between Jeddah and Medina.

 **ACCOMMODATION** in superior first category and moderate luxury hotels as described in the program.

 **LUGGAGE CARRIER SERVICE** upon arrival and departure at all hotels.

 **13 BUFFET BREAKFASTS** + 8 meals along the itinerary.

 **TOURS ACCOMPANIED BY A LOCAL GUIDE SPECIALIZED** in Portuguese, English or Spanish.

### **ATTRACTIONS:**

- Stay overnight at the beginning of the tour in Dubai to make the trip to Jeddah more relaxing.
- Complete city tour of Jeddah and surroundings, with visits.
- Visit the sacred city of Medina, the ancient Yatrib.
- The north of the Arabian Peninsula with a visit to the Al Ula archaeological park, a heritage left by the Nabataeans and other civilizations.
- Complete city tour of modern and dynamic Riyadh. A gratifying surprise for anyone who visits.
- Endino in Manama, the capital of Bahrain, and all its diversity.

### **IFASEG INSURANCE AND ASSISTANCE CARD:**

Included International World Plan up to 84 years old and Senior Plan 250 from 85 to 95 years old. Insurance guaranteed by CHUBB SEGUROS BRASIL S/A registered with CNPJ No. 03.502.099/0001-18 and SUSEP Process No. 15414.900439/2015-34. Please see coverage and benefits on page 80.



**9<sup>TH</sup> DAY - MON./SUN. - RIYADH** - Located on a desert plateau, Riyadh is the country's capital and main financial center, and offers plenty to see and do. This morning you will be free to enjoy the hotel. Our first contact will be the Al Diriyah area, the original capital of the first Saudi state where Imam Muhammad bin Saud laid the foundations of the government of the first Saudi state. A million-dollar work to recover history. The Al Turaif neighborhood has typical buildings built with carefully restored and impeccable mud bricks, a UNESCO heritage site. At the end of the visit, we will watch a beautiful sound and image presentation projected on the walls of the complex depicting the history of the Creation of the Saudi state.  
BREAKFAST AND LUNCH INCLUDED.

**10<sup>TH</sup> DAY - TUES/MON. - RIYADH** - Another day dedicated to the beautiful Saudi capital. In the morning, we will head to the National Museum where we will take an incredible tour of Saudi Arabia's rich history since prehistoric times. After lunch, we will continue our tour appreciating the Al Masmak Fort built around 1865 in clay and mud bricks. This building played an important role in the history of the city, where the recapture of Riyadh took place, led by Ibn Saud on January 14, 1902. Our last stop will be

at the Kingdom Tower, a 99-story skyscraper. When completed in 2002, it was for a time the tallest tower in Saudi Arabia. Return to the hotel at the end of the tour.  
BREAKFAST AND LUNCH INCLUDED.

**11<sup>TH</sup> DAY - WED./TUE. - RIYADH/ MANAMA (BAHRAIN)**

At the appropriate time, transfer to the airport to board your flight to Manama, the capital of the small island of Bahrain, a modern and bold city and has long been an important commercial center in the Persian Gulf. Arrival, reception and transfer to the **Wyndham Grand Manama hotel** or similar. Rest of the day free.  
BREAKFAST AND DINNER INCLUDED.

**12<sup>TH</sup> DAY - THURS/WED. - MANAMA** - Today we will discover the main attractions in Manama. We will begin our tour with a visit to the National Museum, one of the largest and oldest in the country. It was built by King Faisal in 1988 and houses a rich collection of ancient artifacts that recount 6,000 years of Bahrain's history. We will also see the Bu Maher fort built in 1840 by the caliph Shaikh Abdullah bin Ahmed on the ruins of an old fort built by the Portuguese. The next attraction is



the Pearling Testimony building Muharraq. The site consists of 17 buildings, an oyster bank and the fortress of Qal'at Bu Mahir on the southern tip of the island of Muharraq, the former capital and where oyster hunters' boats used to leave in search of pearls. The pearling industry was crucial to Bahrain's economy for many years until it declined. Today, this area has been completely restored, becoming a great cultural center. Another major highlight is the Bahrain World Trade Center, a double-tower complex, an icon of the city and the first skyscraper in the world to integrate wind turbines in its design. At the end of this beautiful day, return to the hotel and have the night at leisure. **BREAKFAST AND LUNCH INCLUDED.**

**13<sup>TH</sup> DAY - FRI./THU. - MANAMA** - Today we will continue the tour, discovering even more of the Bahrain. We will visit the first oil well discovered and operated by the Bahrain Petroleum Company. On the hill of Jebel Al Dukhan is the "Tree of Life", which according to local folklore, is the only one left from the Eden Garden. We are in an Islamic world and we cannot miss seeing the city's main mosque, Al Fateh, one of the largest in the world, built by Sheikh Isa bin Salman al Khalifa in 1987 and the Bahrain fort. After lunch, return to the hotel. **BREAKFAST AND LUNCH INCLUDED.**

**14<sup>TH</sup> DAY - SAT./FRI. - MANAMA/ DUBAI** - We spent enriching moments and shared emotions in unique and remarkable places, but the time has come to say goodbye. Transfer to the airport to board the flight back to Dubai with an overnight stay at the **International Airport hotel**. Take the opportunity to take a look at the duty-free shop.

**15<sup>TH</sup> DAY - SUN./SAT. - DUBAI/BRAZIL** - In the morning, board in a flight to São Paulo, arriving in the afternoon of the same day. Until the next trip!

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### FLIGHTS

**Airline:** Emirates Airlines and other similar companies.

1. São Paulo/Dubai
2. Dubai/ Jeddah
3. Manama/Dubai
4. Dubai/ São Paulo

### Local Emissions:

1. Al Ula/ Riyadh

### DOCUMENTATION NEEDS:

#### VISAS (for Brazilian passport holders):

**Saudi Arabia:** Visa required and obtained in Brazil. Consult your agent and/or dispatcher in advance.

**Bahrain:** Obtained upon arrival.

**BRAZILIAN PASSPORT:** Minimum validity of 6 months and minimum of 3 blank pages for immigration control stamps.

**VACCINATIONS:** International Yellow Fever Certificate (must be provided up to 11 days before boarding).

