# 3 DAYS
# DAMMAM AND EASTERN PROVINCE CITY BREAK

## Day 1. Arrival & Dammam Corniche

Arrive in Dammam — the commercial capital of Saudi Arabia's oil-rich Eastern Province and the hub of the country's petroleum industry. Check in and stroll the Dammam Corniche along the Arabian Gulf — a 7 km waterfront promenade with parks, sculptures and views across the Gulf. Visit the King Fahd Park — the largest urban park in the Eastern Province. Overnight in Dammam.

## Day 2. Aramco Exhibit & Khobar Waterfront

Morning visit to the Saudi Aramco Exhibit in Dhahran — a fascinating exhibition on the history and technology of Saudi Arabia's state oil company, the world's largest, with interactive displays on oil exploration, extraction and the transformation of the Kingdom. Afternoon drive to the Al Khobar Waterfront — the most vibrant coastal strip in the Eastern Province, with excellent restaurants, shopping and views across the causeway to Bahrain. Overnight in Dammam.

## Day 3. Half Moon Bay & Departure

Morning drive south to Half Moon Bay (Dawhat Salwa) — a beautiful crescent-shaped bay on the Gulf coast, one of the most popular beach destinations in the Eastern Province, with calm turquoise waters ideal for swimming, kayaking and windsurfing. Visit the nearby traditional fishing village. Transfer to King Fahd International Airport for onward travel.

# *Must see* ATTRACTIONS

The Dammam Corniche

Saudi Aramco Exhibit, Dhahran

Half Moon Bay (Dawhat Salwa)

# ACCOMMODATIONS
*Options*

## Dammam

★★★★★
- InterContinental Al Khobar
- Le Méridien Al Khobar
- Sofitel Al Khobar The Palm

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- Marriott Hotel Al Khobar
- Radisson Blu Hotel Dammam
- Millennium Hotel & Convention Centre Dammam

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- ibis Dammam
- Holiday Inn Dammam
- Premier Inn Dammam

# Must try FOOD

## Muhammar

A traditional dish from the Eastern Province of Saudi and Bahrain, it is a sweet rice dish seasoned with spices and date molasses, usually eaten with fried or grilled fish; the rice is parboiled and then steamed.

## Khanfaroosh

A deep-fried sweet cake or pancake from the Arabian Gulf region; the flavors of saffron, cardamom and rose water are whisked together into a smooth batter and deep-fried to produce a soft, spongy, golden brown doughnut-like treat.

## Hassawi Rice

A rare, dark red heritage grain grown in the Al-Ahsa Oasis of Saudi Arabia; known locally as al-'Aysh al-Hasawi, it features a sticky, chewy texture and a rich, earthy, nutty flavor, packed with high fiber and nutrients.

# RESTAURANT Options

Halal Certified

## Dammam

1. Al-Wasim Restaurant – Traditional Arabian cuisine, popular with families in Al Khobar
2. The Sultan Restaurant – Saudi and Lebanese food, bustling atmosphere near the Corniche
3. Turkish House Dammam – Turkish restaurant, grills and meze near Dhahran
4. Al-Baik Dammam – Saudi fried chicken chain, always busy, worth the queue
5. Saffron Restaurant Dammam – Indian halal cuisine, biryani and curries, popular with expats