4 DAYS
RIYADH CITY BREAK

Day 1. Arrival & Masmak Fortress

Arrive in Riyadh, the ambitious and rapidly transforming capital of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Check in and head to the historic Masmak Fortress — the mud-brick 19th-century citadel that witnessed the pivotal 1902 raid when Abdul-Aziz ibn Saud recaptured Riyadh and launched the founding of modern Saudi Arabia. Explore the adjacent Dira Souk (Chop-Chop Square) and walk through the old city centre. Overnight in Riyadh.

Day 2. National Museum & Diriyah

Morning visit to the National Museum of Saudi Arabia — the country's most comprehensive cultural institution, with eight galleries tracing the history of the Arabian Peninsula from prehistoric times through the founding of the Kingdom. Afternoon at Diriyah — the UNESCO-listed birthplace of the Saudi state and the original home of the Al Saud dynasty, being spectacularly restored as a cultural destination in the Wadi Hanifah valley. Overnight in Riyadh.

Day 3. Souk Al Zal & Boulevard City

Morning at the atmospheric Souk Al Zal — Riyadh's most traditional market, with stalls of handicrafts, antiques, gold and spices. Visit the Murabba Historical Palace, built for King Abdul-Aziz in 1936, with its distinctive mud-brick and gypsum architecture. Evening at Boulevard City — Riyadh's spectacular entertainment destination, an open-air complex of restaurants, live events and attractions centred around a 1.5 km entertainment boulevard. Overnight in Riyadh.

Day 4. Kingdom Tower & Departure

Morning visit to the Kingdom Tower observation deck — the sky-bridge at 300 metres between the two towers offers spectacular panoramic views of Riyadh's extraordinary skyline. Browse the adjacent Kingdom Centre mall, one of the most distinctive landmarks in the Gulf. Transfer to King Khalid International Airport for onward travel.

Must see ATTRACTIONS

Masmak Fortress

The Dira Souk

The National Museum of Saudi Arabia

Diriyah

Murraba Historical Palace

Kingdom Tower – Observation Deck

ACCOMMODATIONS
Options

Riyadh

★★★★★
- Four Seasons Hotel Riyadh at Kingdom Centre
- The Ritz-Carlton Riyadh
- Waldorf Astoria Riyadh Ithra

★★★★
- JW Marriott Hotel Riyadh
- Crowne Plaza Riyadh Palace
- Sheraton Riyadh Hotel & Towers

★★★
- Novotel Riyadh Al Anoud
- ibis Riyadh Olaya
- Citymax Hotel Riyadh

Must try FOOD

Marqooq

A traditional, hearty Gulf and Saudi comfort dish consisting of paper-thin sheets of wheat dough cooked directly in a rich, spiced meat and vegetable stew; as it simmers, the dough absorbs the savory flavors of lamb or chicken and seasonal vegetables.

Mathloutha

A traditional layered heritage dish made by stacking a base of jareesh (crushed wheat), a middle layer of cooked vegetables or bread and a top layer of rice, finished with tender meat like lamb or chicken; it is often served at special gatherings and celebrations rather than as an everyday meal.

Hanaini

A dish made from whole wheat grains, with the spikelets being pounded to separate the grains from their husks; the grains are then ground into flour, kneaded, and baked with a mashed date paste added; the dish is served with a drizzle of ghee and sometimes topped with a citrus ingredient such as citron, utrujj or lemon.

RESTAURANT Options

Halal Certified

Riyadh

1. Najd Village – Traditional Saudi Najdi cuisine served in a heritage setting, authentic experience
2. Al-Orjowan at The Ritz-Carlton – Arabic fine dining, rooftop terrace, panoramic city views
3. Bab Al-Yemen – Traditional Yemeni and Arabic food, highly popular local institution
4. Gaucho Riyadh – Premium Argentinian steakhouse with Saudi-certified halal meats
5. Nusret Riyadh – International steakhouse (Salt Bae brand), extravagant presentation, prime cuts