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Desert X invites its most devoted supporters on an extraordinary journey through Saudi Arabia and Qatar for Desert X AlUla 2026. Over several days, guests will enjoy privileged access to the region's most compelling art and culture, beginning in Riyadh with private visits to leading museums, galleries, and artist studios. We will then spend a day in Diriyah to visit the Diriyah Contemporary Art Biennale 2026 in the JAX District, curated by Nora Razian and Sabih Ahmed.

In AlUla, site-specific installations by international artists will transform the desert landscape, complemented by curator-led tours of heritage treasures such as Hegra, Dadan, and Jabal Ikmah.

The journey concludes in Doha for the inaugural Art Basel Qatar at the M7 Creative Hub and Doha Design District, under the artistic direction of Wael Shawky. A special half-day desert excursion will include a trip to Richard Serra's monumental East-West/West-East steel sculpture at the Brouq Nature Reserve, a powerful installation spanning over a kilometer in the desert that commands the surrounding landscape and is considered one of Serra's most fulfilling works.

This refined program offers rare access to the Middle East's most exciting cultural capitals at a pivotal moment in their artistic renaissance.



RIYADH

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Riyadh

January 29 - February 1, 2026 (3 nights)

Accommodation at the Fairmont Riyadh

The word Riyadh is derived from the Arabic word rawdah which means 'gardens' or 'meadows'. This is in reference to the immense fertility and lush green gardens of the area. The city of Riyadh is not only the administrative and political capital of the country but is also referred to as the cultural capital of Saudi Arabia due to the various cultural centers in the city like the King Abdulaziz Historical Center (National Museum).

MUSEUMS AND CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS

Private guided tours of museums and cultural institutions such as the Al Masmak Palace Museum, ATHR Gallery, Lakum Art Space, Naila Art Gallery and Misk Art.

DIRIYAH CONTEMPORARY ART BIENNALE

Diriyah is Saudi Arabia's historic cultural heart just outside Riyadh and the site of the Diriyah Contemporary Art Biennale 2026 in the JAX District. This international art event, curated by Nora Razian and Sabih Ahmed, will bring together visionary artists from Saudi Arabia and around the world. We will have a curator-led tour of the Biennale.

ARTIST STUDIO VISITS

A curated selection of studio visits of the most relevant artists in the contemporary art scene in Saudi Arabia such as Maha Malluh, Ahmed Mater and Hmoud Al Attawi.

CULINARY EXPERIENCES

Meals at some of the most popular restaurants such as Mamo, Roka, LPM, Suhail, Lusin and Cipriani.



ALULA

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AlUla

February 1-3, 2026 (2 nights)

Accommodation at [Habitas AlUla](#)

From Hegra's well-preserved tombs to the historic alleys of the Old Town, AlUla has become a hallmark of heritage preservation in the Middle East. Beyond history, AlUla is being transformed into a thriving cultural hub where art, music, and creativity converge against the backdrop of its natural beauty. This unique fusion of artistic expression, heritage, and nature makes AlUla an inspiring destination for travelers and art enthusiasts alike.

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

VIP opening of Desert X and its site-specific installations by acclaimed international artists. Private visits and special guided tours of [Wadi Al Fann](#), [Dadan](#), [Jabal Ikmah](#), the UNESCO World Heritage Site of [Hegra](#) followed by the artist' dinner, and a VIP opening at [Maraya](#).

CULINARY EXPERIENCES

During our visit to AlUla, we will enjoy meals at some of the most popular restaurants such as [Okto](#), [Maraya Social](#), [Pink Camel](#), [Annabel's Restaurant](#), [Asfar](#), and [Somewhere](#).



DOHA

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Doha

February 3-5, 2026 (2 nights)

Accommodation at The Ritz

Doha stands as a rapidly emerging cultural capital in the Middle East, hosting the inaugural Art Basel Qatar in 2026. This dynamic city offers a compelling blend of world-class museums, vibrant artist communities, exceptional culinary offerings, and landmark cultural experiences that make it an essential destination on the contemporary art circuit.

MUSEUMS AND CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS

Private guided tours of internationally acclaimed institutions such as the Museum of Islamic Art and the National Museum of Qatar, both renowned for their stunning architecture and extensive collections.

ART BASEL QATAR

Art Basel Qatar, debuting in Doha in February 2026, is the fair's first Middle East edition. Held at M7 and the Doha Design District, it features 87 galleries from 31 countries with a strong MENA focus, exploring the theme "Becoming." Organized with Qatar Sports Investments and QC+, it highlights Doha's emergence as a global cultural hub.

CULINARY EXPERIENCES

Doha's cuisine reflects its cosmopolitan spirit and deep regional roots, we will have meals at some of the most celebrated dining institutions such as Morimoto Doha, Yasmine Palace, Gaia Doha and Saffron Doha.

OTHER CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

Unique half-day 4x4 desert excursion to Brouq Nature Reserve to experience Richard Serra's monumental East-West/West-East sculpture, a striking installation of four massive steel plates extending across over a kilometer of desert landscape.





DESERT X

Saudi Arabia and Qatar

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Costs for a group of 8 people:

Double occupancy cost: \$16,590 USD per person*

Single occupancy cost: \$19,700 USD per person*

***The price includes a \$1,000 USD donation to Desert X**

Included:

- Accommodations at luxury hotels
- 8-day exclusive program of activities
- Personal private airport transportation to & from hotels
- Private luxury ground transportation to all activities included in the itinerary
- All meals and culinary experiences included in the itinerary
- Guests' trip gifts & housewarming gifts for all hosts (when visiting private collections)
- Private guided tours to cultural sites, museums, artists studios, private collections, among others
- Liaisons staff providing guidance to group at all times
- All taxes and gratuities
- Domestic flights

Not included:

- International air travel from USA to Riyadh and from Doha to USA
- Travel insurance
- Hotel room upgrades
- Early check-in/late check-out
- Personal items and expenses, such as telephone, laundry and dry cleaning, minibar
- Any other item not specifically included in the program

Please note that the trip cost is subject to change and availability and that the trip may be cancelled in the case that minimum number of participants is not reached.

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