

A photograph of a volcano erupting, with a large plume of smoke and ash rising from the peak. The volcano is partially obscured by a thick layer of white clouds. In the foreground, there are green pine trees. A white rectangular frame with a teal brushstroke background is centered over the image, containing the text '¡Viva! Guatemala' and '10 Dec - 19 Dec'.

¡Viva! Guatemala

10 Dec - 19 Dec

WHO ARE WE?



Saudi Nomad is an organization bringing the world of backpacking to Saudis through its fun adventures.

Saudi Nomad's ultimate goal is to teach **YOU** how to backpack and plan your own trips for years to come.



WHAT DID OUR PREVIOUS PARTICIPANTS SAY ABOUT US?



FARIS
Indonesia

"This adventure was fundamentally about learning to adapt to different environments, and I am deeply grateful for the insights and challenges presented by Saudi Nomad."



FAYE
Philippines

"Learned that anyone could travel, see the world and enjoy their time with any amount of money they have. Knew that the only obstacles we face are the limits that we put for ourselves in our minds."



HUSSAIN
Mexico

"An experience unlike any I've had before. I'm happy so much for being part of this journey, you were like my family. This is what makes Saudi Nomad such a great company. Every day is filled with new challenges and new ways to learn, and the most important are the memories I made that will stay with me forever."



MALIK
Vietnam

"Once you got a glimpse of these kinds of experiences you will rethink and reevaluate your relationship with stuffs and people around you. You will have a clear mindset of what's really important in your life.."



NAJLA
Nepal

"Backpacking is a life within a life!"



WASSAM
India

"I never thought I'm capable of coping with this way of life and traveling, and honestly, I love it. It was such an eye-opening experience in so many levels... "



JOIN US
AS WE
NAVIGATE

GUATEMALA

and explore all that the country has to offer.

We promise breathtaking mountain scenery, beautiful structures, and a healthy dose of the unexpected.

Whether you've travelled before or want to see the world for the first time, we'll help you become a seasoned backpacker and maybe even learn a thing or two about yourself along the way.

But don't just take our word for it - [sign up now](#) to discover the adventure for yourself!

WE REALLY JUST
WANT TO SAY HI!



17 Oct*
2025

Introducing group members

Talking about backpacking

Reviewing the trip's route and challenges

Discussing backpacking gear

FIRST MEETING

That will take place after registration completion

* Dates subject to change

THE JOURNEY OF A THOUSAND MILES BEGINS WITH ONE STEP

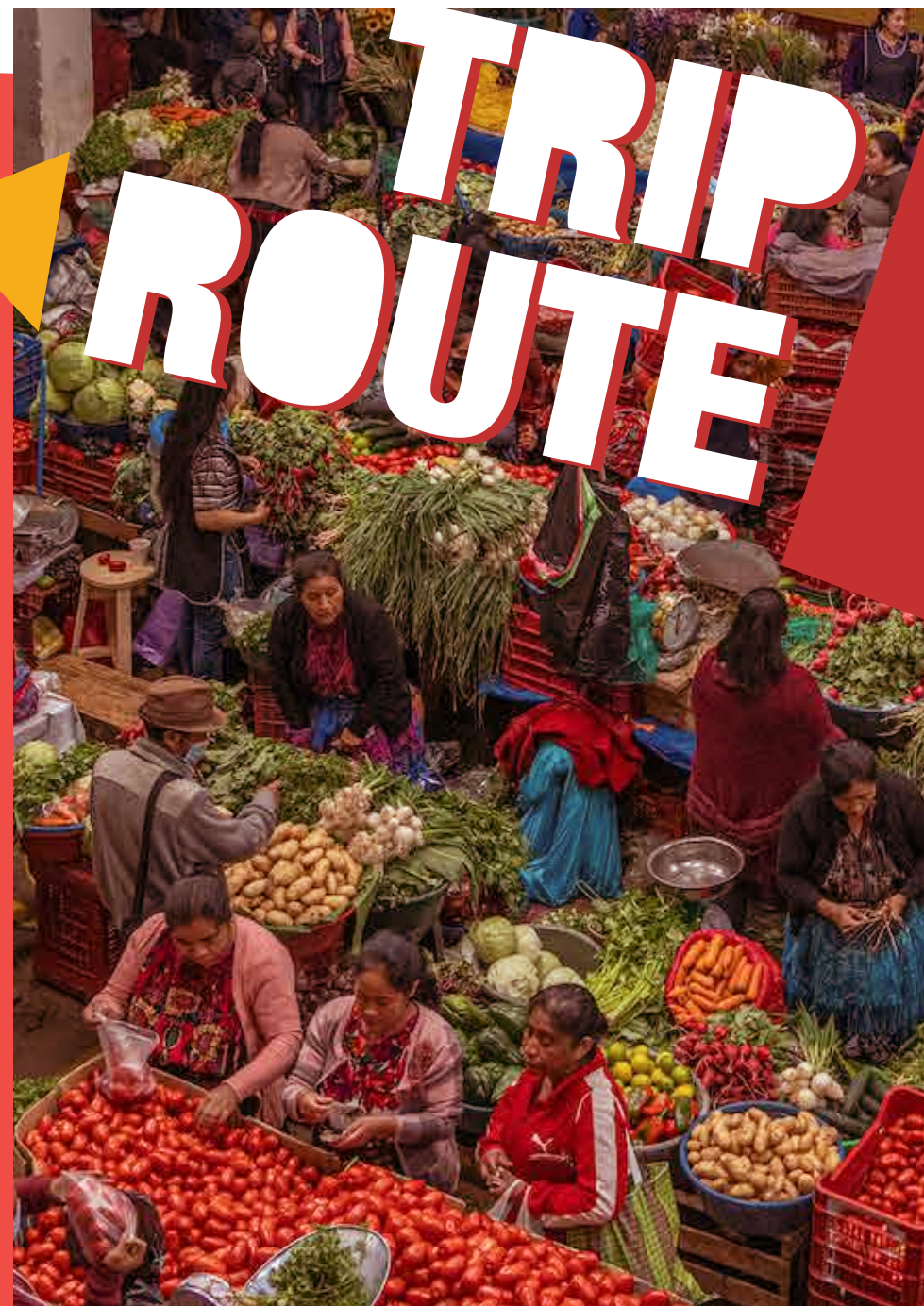
✨ The first step starts here! ✨

We'll journey through Guatemala's colorful colonial towns and weave our way between volcanoes, lakes, and lush highlands, spending our nights in cozy hostels and remote village stays. Along the way, we'll dive into the heartbeat of traditional life and, without a doubt, savor the bold, time-honored flavors of Guatemalan cuisine. Our adventure begins and ends in the vibrant capital—**Guatemala City**.

To sharpen your backpacking skills, you'll face hands-on challenges that mirror real-life travel scenarios. Guided every step of the way by our seasoned trip leaders, you'll be encouraged to think on your feet and adapt as you navigate through each task. These challenges are crafted to stretch your resourcefulness, boost your confidence, and equip you with practical know-how.

Whether it's finding your way through unfamiliar paths, making the most of limited supplies, or staying calm when things don't go as planned, you'll walk away with valuable lessons that prepare you for any future adventure.

And through it all, our guides will be by your side—offering tips, insights, and encouragement to help you grow. This immersive, challenge-based experience won't just build your backpacking abilities; it will spark camaraderie, deepen your resilience, and leave you with memories you won't forget.





The route

Uncover the hidden gems and charming villages around the lake, and embrace everything they have to offer.

Guatemala City

Antigua

Semuc Champey

Head back to the Guatemalan capital after an incredible trip and get ready to go home.

Lake Atitlán

Acatenango

Guatemala City

The start of our trip, we catch our first glimpse of this mesmerizing country as we explore the capital.

Explore the captivating city of Antigua, savor its delicious local cuisine, and take in the charm of its antique streets.

Immerse yourself in the dream of swimming in the river of Semuc Champey and experience living in the jungle for a couple of nights.

DAY 1

¡Viva la republica!

On the first day of our trip, you will meet **Saudi Nomad** guides at the hostel and head to **El Centro**, the historic heart of Guatemala City.

You'll get a glimpse of the city's vibrant atmosphere and enjoy its traditional cuisine.

Accommodation: Hostel

Transportation:

Estimated Travel Time:



1 h



DAY 2

All roads lead to Panajachel

After breakfast in the capital, we'll take a short stroll to the bus station to catch the famous chicken bus—if we're lucky—and begin our journey to **Panajachel**, the main town on **Lake Atitlán**.

We'll spend the afternoon exploring **Panajachel**, wandering through its charming streets, and enjoying the local shops and markets.

Accommodation: Hostel

Transportation:

Estimated Travel Time:



4 h



Half-day



DAY 3

Tranquil Lake Atitlán

Good morning! What a beautiful view; a lake surrounded by volcanoes (some are still active).

You'll enjoy the peaceful and tranquil towns around the lake and get refreshed by the soothing hikes in the forest around the lake.

Accommodation: Hostel

Transportation:

Estimated Travel Time:



5 h



DAY 4

Roam the old Antigua

We'll say our farewells to **Lake Atitlán** after the delicious breakfast and start heading to **Antigua** using the local chicken buses, to arrive to the breathtaking little town, and enjoy what its streets have to offer.

Accommodation: Hostel

Transportation:

Estimated Travel Time:



5 h



DAY 5

Little farming, little chocolating

Get your hands a little dirty by helping in an organic farm and enjoy a tour in the wonderful fields, giving you a lucky chance to see the butterfly garden.

Later we'll get the chance to join a chocolate workshop to learn all about chocolate, and if we do it right, we'll walk away with a bar of our own.

Accommodation: Hostel

Transportation:

**Estimated Travel
Time:**



Full-Day



DAY 6

Behold the almighty Acatenango!

We wake up in high spirits, ready to embark on our challenging hike to **Acatenango Volcano**.

The hike will take around six hours, after which we'll camp overnight at basecamp, enjoying stunning views of lava from the nearby volcanoes.

Accommodation: Tent

Transportation:

**Estimated Travel
Time:**



4 h



7 h



DAY 7

Chasing the sunrise

We begin our hike from basecamp before sunrise, aiming to reach the summit just in time to witness the stunning views above the clouds.

Afterward, we'll start our descent and catch the bus back to **Antigua**, where we'll enjoy some well-deserved relaxation and free time for the rest of the day.

Accommodation: Hostel

Transportation:

Estimated Travel Time:



4 h



5 h



DAY 8

The bumpy road to Lanquín

After having breakfast in Antigua, get ready and pack your sack; we're having a full-day trip to Lanquín, with plenty of adventure and bumpy roads.

Arriving in the late afternoon and settling down at our hostel.

Accommodation: Hostel

Transportation:

Estimated Travel Time:



12 h



DAY 9

Splash!

Waking up ready in our swim clothes, excited for a full day at the stunning **Semuc Champey**, where a river flows beneath another! But just before that, we'll be exploring a cave with candles in hand like the old explorers did.

With a short hike through the area and a few stairs to climb, nothing's going to stop us!

Accommodation: Hostel

Transportation:

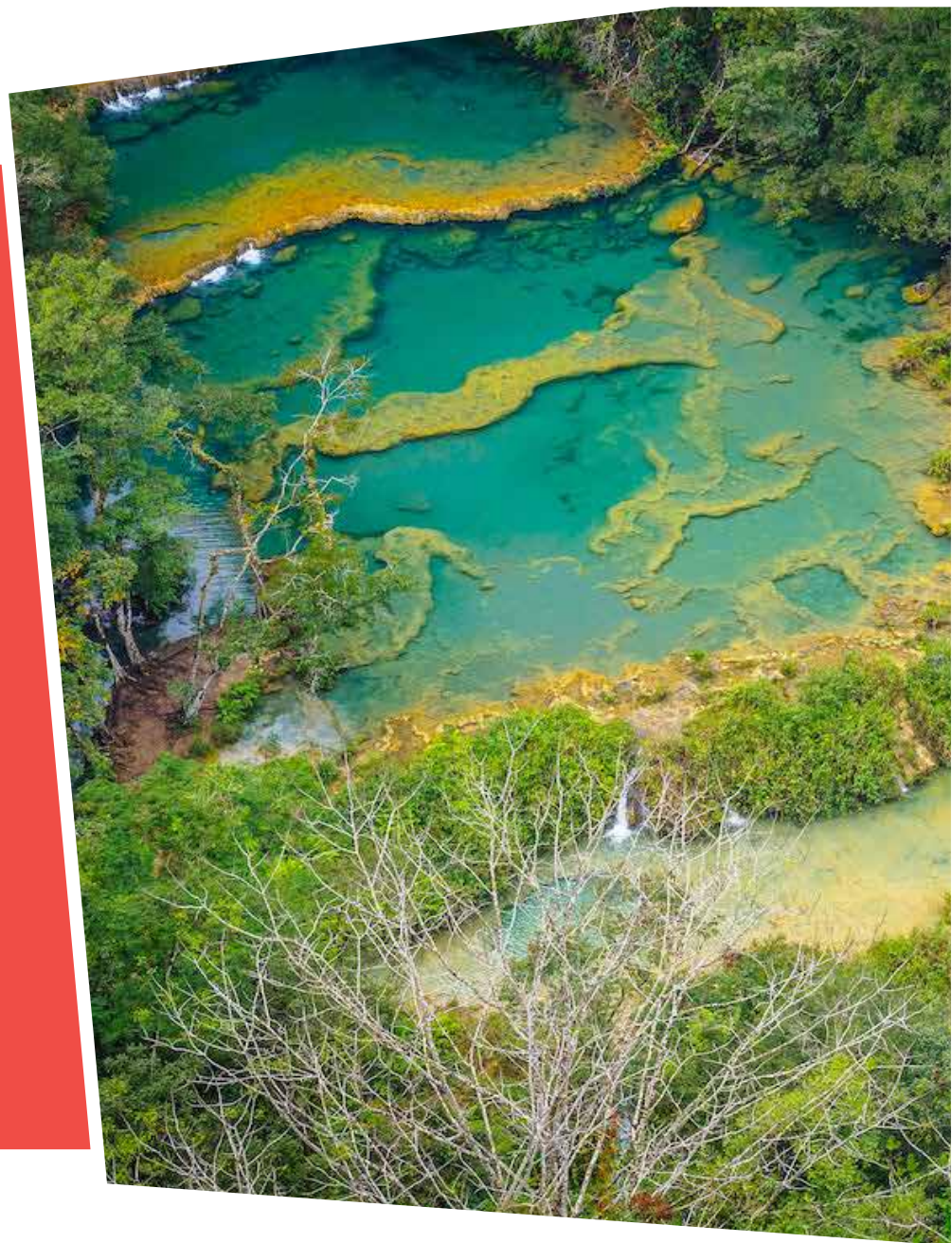
Estimated Travel Time:



4 h



2 h



DAY 10

¡Adiós! The End.

Hopping on the bumpy bus again, we leave **Semuc Champey** and head towards the Guatemalan capital, **Guatemala City**, arriving just in time, late in the afternoon, to say adiós to this amazing country — unless you've signed up for one of the post trip experiences, in which case, there's even more fun waiting for you.

Transportation:

Estimated Travel
Time:



11 h



THE WHERE THE HOW THE WHAT



You might be wondering by now,
where are we staying? How are we going to
move from point A to point B? What are
we going to eat? What is the weather going to be like?
And what am I supposed to pack?

No worries, we'll answer all these questions.





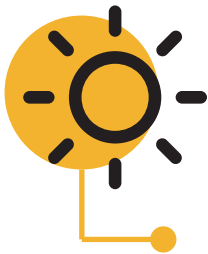
Hostels

- A bed in shared dorms
- Awesome atmosphere
- Cultures from all over the world
- Making new friends
- Meeting locals



Transportation

- Chicken Busses
- Boats
- Tourist Busses
- TukTuks
- Hiking



Weather

In December, Guatemala's dry season brings sunny skies and mild weather, with temperatures between 20°C and 25°C in Guatemala City and Antigua. Highlands can be cooler, especially at night, with temperatures dropping to around 10°C.



Food

We'll indulge in authentic cuisine at local restaurants, street vendors, and charming cafes, savoring the true flavors of Guatemala.



55L Backpack



Wool socks



Hiking shoes



Packable backpacks (for daily activities)



Universal adaptor



Padlocks (for hostels' lockers)



Travel packable towel



First Aid kit and personal medicine



Down jacket

IMPORTANT

LifeStraw Go	Sleeping bag liner
Powerbank	Flip-flops
Headphones	Sunscreen
Packable neck pillow	Trekking pants/shorts
Personal/passport photos	Sunglasses
Travel toiletry bag	Packing cubes
Laundry bag	Light running shoes
Sleeping mask	Insect repellent
Raincoat	Portable bidet (e.g. TeshTesh)

GOOD-TO-HAVE

TRIP PRICE



2,320 USD

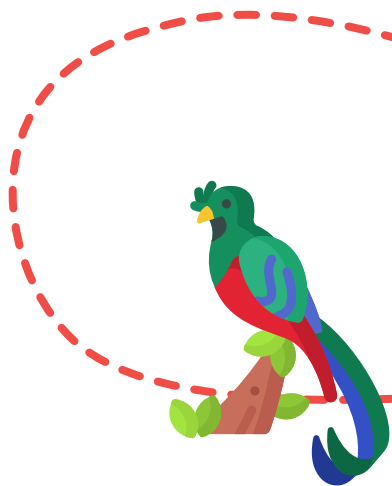
8,700 SAR
per person

SPECIAL PRICE*
WHEN REGISTERED IN
MÉXICO TRIP

1,972 USD
7,395 SAR
per person

TRIP DATES


STARTS 10 Dec



19 Dec **ENDS**

Price includes:



Travel insurance

We partner up with a travel insurance company that covers almost all accidents - not that you'll have any but just in case!



Outdoor activities

From hiking, river tubing, and other challenges that will get you out of your comfort zone.



Local Transportation



Accommodation*

In various types of hostels and guesthouses.



Daily meals

Breakfast, lunch, and dinner at local restaurants and food vendors.



Experienced guides

Our guides are there to make sure you have the best and the safest experience, in addition they have great stories about their travels and lots of fun activities while in transit.



Translator

From Spanish to Arabic and vice versa

Price excludes:

International flights

We do however provide suggested arrival & departure times at the end of the booklet.

Visa fees

Guatemala is Visa-Free for Saudi nationals.

Backpack

Backpack rentals are available by Saudi Nomad for 30 SAR/day

Drinks & water

A Traveler's spirit

You have to be open to trying new things and be one with the group, because in the end, we'll become your traveling family.

* Female only dorms will be provided.



POST TRIP EXPERIENCES



BEAN TO BREW 4 DAYS WITH COFFEE FARMERS

In the quiet coffee-growing hills outside Antigua, you'll be welcomed into the home of a local farming family — not as a tourist, but as a guest, a learner, and a helping hand. Over four immersive days, you'll live the full journey of coffee, from seed to sip.

Start your mornings walking through lush, volcanic farmland to pick ripe red cherries straight from the trees. Spend your days washing, milling, drying, and roasting beans by hand — and between it all, share warm, home-cooked meals and stories with your hosts.

This is more than just a coffee experience — it's a chance to slow down, connect with local life, and experience the craft behind every cup.

Your journey ends with a bag of your own roasted beans in hand — a rich, aromatic souvenir of all you've learned, shared, and lived.

Experience coffee where it begins — hands-on and real.

800 USD

3,000 SAR
per person

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 nights with a local family + 1 night in a hostel
- All meals, except dinner of the first night
- All activities with bilingual local guide

**SAVE YOUR
SPOT NOW!**





POST TRIP EXPERIENCES



JUNGLE KINGDOM TIKAL: SUNRISE TO SUNSET

End your journey through Guatemala with one final adventure — a flight into the heart of the ancient Maya world.

At sunrise, head north to Flores, where a quick breakfast sets the tone for the day ahead. From there, venture deep into the jungle, where the mighty ruins of Tikal rise through the trees — silent, sacred, and steeped in mystery.

With your local guide, wander through towering temples, forgotten palaces, and the echoing plazas once ruled by kings. Stand in awe before Temples IV and V, and feel the power of a civilization that once touched the stars.

After a well-earned lunch, return to the capital as night falls — soul stirred, spirit awakened, and your journey complete.

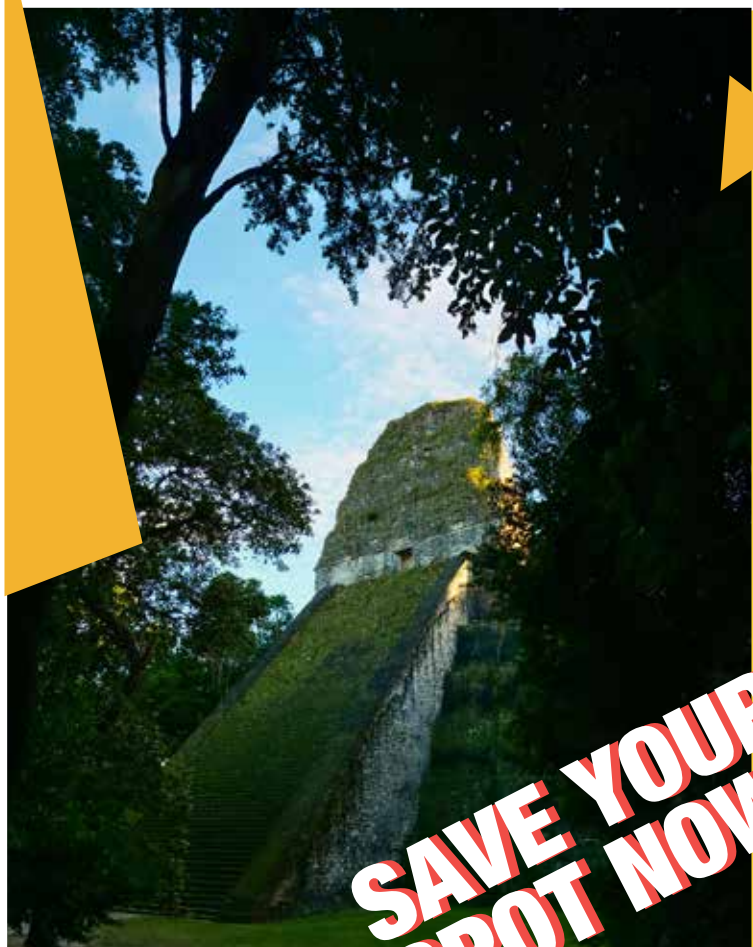
Take the leap into the past. Tikal awaits.

500 USD

1,875 SAR
per person

PRICE INCLUDES:

- Round trip flight tickets
- Local guide & all entrance fees
- Breakfast & lunch in Tikal
- 2 nights in a hostel in Guatemala City



**SAVE YOUR
SPOT NOW!**

REASONS TO JOIN THE TRIP

- If you want to learn how to backpack.
- If you want to discover yourself, find ways to get out of your comfort zone and try out new things.
- If you want to immerse yourself within a new culture.
- If you are fit enough and brave enough to face the unknown.
- If you are enthusiastic and have an easy-going attitude.





FLIGHTS TIMEFRAME

NOTE

We **strongly recommend** arriving a day or two prior to the start of the trip, to ensure you have plenty of time to rest and fully recover from any jet lag.



Arrival Flight

- **CITY:**
Guatemala City, Guatemala
- **AIRPORT:**
La Aurora International Airport [GUA]
- **DATE:**
Wednesday, December 10, 2025
- **MEETING TIME:**
Before 12 PM
- **MEETING POINT:** *
The hostel in Guatemala City



Departure Flight

- **CITY:**
Guatemala City, Guatemala
- **AIRPORT:**
La Aurora International Airport [GUA]
- **DATE:**
Friday, December 19, 2025
- **FAREWELL TIME:**
After 6 PM
- **FAREWELL POINT:**
The bus stop in Guatemala City

* The meeting point will be shared one week prior to the trip's start date, along with additional instructions to help you reach the location.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

○ **How physically demanding is the trip?**

Nothing super extreme—just some fitness and a willingness to stay active and a spirit for adventure is all you need.

○ **Is it beginner-friendly for backpacking?**

Yes! Our trips are designed with first-timers in mind, and our guides are there to support you throughout.

○ **How big is the group?**

We keep it small—10 travelers plus 2 guides—to keep things fun, flexible, and easy to connect.

○ **Can I join solo?**

Yes, and it's actually encouraged! Solo travelers often have the best time getting to know the group.

○ **Is it safe for solo female travelers?**

Yes, as long as you're with the group and follow the guides' instructions, the trip is very safe.

○ **Can I have a private room?**

Not on these trips. We stay in hostels to keep things social and immersive—it's a key part of the experience.

○ **How much cash should I bring? Do they accept cards?**

We recommend bringing \$200–\$500. Credit cards work in most places, but small shops often prefer cash.

○ **What if I arrive early or late?**

Early is best—we'll gladly suggest where to stay. Arriving late is discouraged, as it's harder to catch up with the group and you'll miss key trip introductions.

○ **Can I join only part of the trip?**

No. The trip is designed to be experienced in full, from start to finish—it's all part of the magic.

○ **Will Saudi Nomad guides be in the post trip experiences?**

No. Post trip experiences are run by awesome local guides, separate from the main trip and have separate arrangements.



Join us in our adventure

THANK YOU!



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