

# Unveiling the Middle East: Embark on a Spectacular Journey through Arabia's Enchanting Destinations

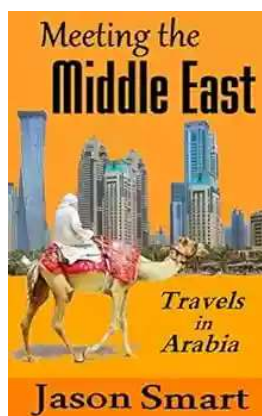


Have you ever dreamt of exploring a land where ancient traditions intertwine seamlessly with futuristic skylines? A realm of captivating landscapes, vibrant cultures, and awe-inspiring architecture? Look no further than the Middle East, a region brimming with breathtaking destinations that will leave you spellbound.

## Discovering the Beauty of Arabia

A mesmerizing journey through Arabia promises abundant adventures, profound cultural encounters, and memories that will last a lifetime. From the ultramodern metropolis of Dubai to the ancient marvels of Jordan and the historical wonders of

Egypt, the Middle East offers an array of captivating destinations awaiting your exploration.



## Meeting the Middle East: Travels in Arabia

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## Bask in the Splendors of Dubai

Let's begin our exploration in the dazzling city of Dubai. Known for its architectural marvels that seem to defy gravity, this futuristic city is a testament to human ingenuity. Marvel at the world's tallest building - the Burj Khalifa - as it pierces the sky with its magnificent height. Indulge in retail therapy at the opulent Dubai Mall, a paradise for shopaholics featuring more than 1,200 stores. For a taste of Arabian heritage, immerse yourself in the bustling streets of the Gold Souk or take an abra (traditional boat) ride through the enchanting Dubai Creek.

## Lost in the Sands of Time: Exploring Jordan

Venture further into the heart of the Middle East and find yourself in the ancient kingdom of Jordan. Be prepared to be awe-struck as you marvel at the iconic Petra, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This architectural marvel, carved into sandstone cliffs, stands as a testament to the ingenuity and craftsmanship of the

Nabateans. Experience true Jordanian hospitality as you savor the local flavors at authentic Bedouin camps, situated amidst the stunning Wadi Rum desert. For a touch of adventure, take a dip in the mineral-rich Dead Sea, renowned for its buoyancy that allows effortless floating, while its mud is known for its rejuvenating properties.

## **An Odyssey through Time: Exploring Egypt**

No journey to the Middle East is complete without venturing into the timeless realms of Egypt. Step back in time as you visit the colossal pyramids of Giza and marvel at the mysterious Sphinx. Embrace the breathtaking beauty of the Nile River, a lifeline that has witnessed the rise and fall of numerous empires. Dive into the world of ancient treasures at the Egyptian Museum in Cairo, home to the famous golden mask of Tutankhamun. Unleash your inner explorer as you cruise the Nile aboard a traditional felucca, immersing yourself in the enchanting landscapes that inspired countless ancient poets and writers.

## **The Arabian Culinary Odyssey**

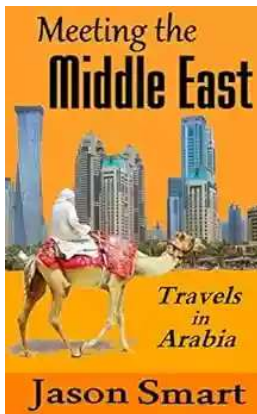
A journey through the Middle East is incomplete without savoring the rich tapestry of flavors that define the region's culinary landscape. Delight your taste buds with mouthwatering traditional dishes such as Mansaf from Jordan, a combination of tender lamb, rice, and creamy yogurt sauce, or indulge in the aromatic Egyptian staple, Kushari. End your gastronomic adventure by sipping traditional Arabic coffee adorned with the warmth of cardamom, or indulge in a cup of refreshing mint tea, a symbol of Middle Eastern hospitality.

## **Embrace the Warmth of Arabian Hospitality**

Throughout your journey, you will be welcomed with open arms by the locals, known for their warm and genuine hospitality. Embrace the art of haggling while strolling through bustling souks, where fragrant spices, colorful textiles, and

intricate crafts await your discovery. Engage in conversations with locals in traditional cafes, known as shisha lounges, where aromatic smoke and heartfelt laughter permeate the air. Discover the true essence of Arabian hospitality as you forge lasting friendships and create memorable connections that will forever resonate within your heart.

Embarking on a travel adventure through the mystical lands of the Middle East is an experience that will transport you to a realm where the ancient and the modern harmoniously coexist. From the glitzy skyscrapers of Dubai to the timeless wonders of Jordan and the captivating history of Egypt, the Middle East unveils a treasure trove of experiences waiting to be explored. Pack your bags, immerse yourself in the enchanting cultures, and get ready to embark on a journey adorned with magical moments and lifelong memories.



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Meeting the Middle East is a lighthearted travelogue through twelve countries of Arabia. Starting in the Gulf State of Qatar, Jason Smart sets out on a whirlwind

tour that takes him from futuristic skylines to the ancient temples of Petra and Byblos.

Among his adventures in this often-misunderstood part of the world, he swims in the Dead Sea, takes a transit through Saudi Arabia, sees the bullet holes of Beirut and almost succumbs to heat exhaustion in Bahrain. Find out how a Land Cruiser rams him off the road in Qatar, and why, in Kuwait, he almost gets into a fight with a large man wearing a white robe. As his journey continues, he takes a day trip to Israel, has a memorable encounter with a Turkish barber in Istanbul and experiences the warmth of the Kurdish people in Iraq. His journey ends in Ajman, the smallest of the United Arab Emirates, where he gets to see some of the more unsavoury sights of the Middle East.

Meeting the Middle East is Jason Smart's ninth travel book.

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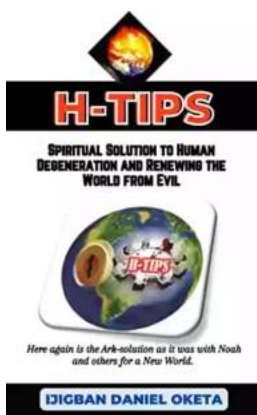
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