

# Travel in Middle East and Africa

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In-destination spending dynamic post-pandemic in the United Arab Emirates

Israel-Hamas war affects visitor numbers to Israel in 2024

In-destination a major winner over 2019-2024

Vision 2030 helping drive growth in Saudi Arabian travel

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## LEADING COMPANIES AND BRANDS

Saudi Arabia has more than 40,000 hotel rooms under construction

Airbnb continues to lead lodging at a regional level

Saudi Arabian Airlines adding routes and aircraft in the face of competition from LCCs

NEOM Airlines is slated to serve visitors to Saudi Arabia's new mega-city

Booking Holdings consolidates its leadership among travel intermediaries in 2024

Just outside the top 10, Almosafer launches Concierge service for HNWIs

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Positive growth expected throughout the 2024-2029 period Continued development of the travel industry a key pillar of Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030 Israel adding 12,000 new hotel rooms

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