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A travel guide to middle east by [Sam Brandon](#)

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The Middle East is a region in Western Asia and North-eastern Africa. The term "Middle East" was coined by British military strategists in the 19th century, and definitions of it may vary; it is not just a geographical term, but has a political significance as well, connoting that it separates "the West" from the Far East, and the traditional trade route of choice between these two extremes.

The middle east is very much famous for the travel expeditions and tourist destination that it has got to offer. A brief review of these prominent tourist destinations that features some magnificent cities that you can see and visit on your Middle East Travel is given below:

Amman " this place is experiencing a massive change from a quiet sleepy village to a bustling metropolis

Beirut " a true cosmopolitan city. This is the commercial and financial hub of Lebanon

Baghdad " this was once a favored destination on the 'hippie trail' and packed full of sights. But the recent gulf war between US and Iraq has made it a dangerous destination to visit.

Damascus " this place is credited with being the oldest, continuously inhabited city in the world. Here the old-walled city in particular feels very ancient

Dubai " This is the most modern and progressive emirate in the United Arab Emirates. For the shoppers this is like a dream place to visit. High rise building, architectural marvels have become an eminent part of this place.

Istanbul " this is the only major city to span two continents and a fascinating melting pot of East and West

Jerusalem " this city contains the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the Old City, This city is sacred for Jews, Christians and Muslims.

Mecca " Mecca is forbidden for non-Muslims to enter. This is the holiest city in Islam mostly known for the Hajj.

Tehran "It is a cosmopolitan city, with great museums, parks, restaurants and warm friendly people

Besides that there are several other places as well that you can enjoy while on a travel to middle east. A few among these include

Dead Sea " The water is far too salinated for marine inhabitation and therefore it got this name and everything in it keeps afloat.

Empty Quarter " this is referred to the vast, inhospitable, empty desert

Madain Saleh " this is a Nabataean city hewed out of rock in the same style as Jordan's famous Petra

Palmyra " this place is known for the stunning ruins and a lush oasis adjacent to the city

Persepolis " This was the ceremonial capital of the Persian Empire during the Achaemenid dynasty.

Petra – This is one of the 'New Seven Wonders'. Petra is the breathtaking capital of the Nabataean kingdom from around the 6th century BC.

Samarra – this is an archaeological and Shi'a holy sites, including the tombs of several Shi'a Imams in Iraq

Sea of Galilee – this is known for its Gospel associations with the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, thus a pilgrimage destination for Christians

Shibam – this is peculiarly known as 'Manhattan of the Desert', a unique, sixteenth century, mud-built, high rise apartment buildings complex

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