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# LUXURY IN MOTION



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Luxury rail travel is being redefined with Dream of the Desert, the Middle East's first five-star train, designed by architect Aline Asmar d'Amman and her studio, Culture in Architecture. Combining modern elegance with Saudi heritage, the train's interiors pay homage to the Kingdom's rich traditions while embracing the art of contemporary hospitality.

Each carriage unfolds as a moving masterpiece—majlis-inspired lounges with hand-carved wood details, suites adorned with equestrian-inspired stitching and intricate marquetry, and a restaurant where desert motifs meet refined craftsmanship. The journey itself is immersive, echoing the vastness of the Arabian desert through earthy hues, textured fabrics, and architectural elements inspired by AlUla and Hegra.

More than a train, Dream of the Desert is a sanctuary of slow travel, where time stretches into luxury and every detail whispers a story of cultural elegance. Departing from Riyadh, this rolling destination invites travellers to rediscover heritage through design, in perfect harmony with Saudi Vision 2030.

