Discover Bedouin Culture



Bedouins traditionally travel through the desert of Jordan as nomads, or people who migrate from place to place, seeking pasture and water for their herds of sheep, goats, and camels.



Women usually wear the madraga, a long black dress sometimes decorated with embroidery, with a head covering called an usaba. Men wear a thoub with baggy pants underneath and cover their heads with a shmagh with a two-layered black round 'igal made of wool that has two long tassels to hold the shmagh in place.



Traditional tents called beit al sha'ar are woven by women from black goat hair. Women also weave colorful rugs, which line the tents, and a separator called a Saha from sheeps' wool using natural dyes.



In Bedouin culture, all guests are welcome to stay as long as they please. When guests arrive, they receive special coffee ground up using a jurun, which creates a musical beat that lets guests know the coffee is almost ready.