



## General Information

### Health Requirements

It should be noted that although current health regulations do not require passengers to be vaccinated against Smallpox and Cholera, these regulations are prone to fairly frequent change.

It is therefore recommended that all persons visiting Saudi Arabia are in possession of documents certifying vaccination.

Yellow Fever vaccination is only required if arriving within 6 days after leaving or transiting countries, any parts of which are infected areas.

It is advisable to take the appropriate precautions and specialist recommendations.

### Personal Customs Facilities

Visitor's personal effects are not subject to duty. Free import of the following is permitted:

400 Cigarettes or 100 Cigars or 500 grams of tobacco, a reasonable quantity of perfumes.

Customs charges are levied on non-personal photographic cameras, typewriters etc.

If these articles are re-exported within 90 days, customs charges may be refunded.

It is advisable not to enter the country with film in your camera.

Video Tapes are confiscated on entry to Saudi Arabia and a receipt is issued.

When satisfied as to be the content of the tape, the authority will order a release and it can be reclaimed.

### Currency Regulations

There is no restriction on the amount of currency that may be taken into or out of Country.



## **Photography**

Organizer's official photographer will be available for all photographic requirements.

Exhibitors should indicate whether they require this service to the Organizer.

## **Climate**

Jeddah is warm and humid for most of the year. Temperatures seldom rise above 38 degree centigrade but humidity can exceed 90%. During the winter season (mid-November to mid-April) it is usually acceptable by European standards and the prevailing north-west wind does not help to relieve the heat.

## **Clothing**

Light weight suits are adequate for most of the year. The Organizer suggests exhibitors to carry sufficient light clothing including cotton shirts.

## **Languages**

Arabic is the official language although English is widely spoken business circles.

## **Currency**

The Saudi Arabian Monetary unit is the Riyal which is divided into 100 halalahs. The notes are issued in 1, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, and 500 Riyal denominations.

Coins are issued in 5, 10, 25, 50, and 100 halalahs.

## **Banks**

Most of the major international banks are represented in the Kingdom. Business hours are

0930 – 1630 Hrs. Saturday to Wednesday and 0930-1230 on Thursday (

Few Branches) Friday is a weekly holiday.



## **Credit Cards**

All major credit cards are widely used in Saudi Arabia in almost all hotels and retail outlets.

## **Television**

In addition to Arabic broadcasting, Saudi Arabian Television's channel 2 broadcasts in English and features a variety of mainly American films and serials. Daily news programmes are broadcast in both French and English. Also Satellite/Cable television is available in all the major hotels.

## **Hours of Business**

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is 3 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time.

## **Embassies (generally)**

0800-1400 Hours Saturday to Wednesday

## ***Banks***

0930 – 1430 Hours Saturday to Wednesday

0930 – 1230 Hours on Thursday (only few branches)

## **Government Departments**

0730 – 1430 Hours Saturday to Wednesday

(Thursday and Friday are weekly holidays)

## **Shopping**

(No Standard Hours) Approximately 0900 – 1300 and 1630 – 2100 Hours daily