

Fact Sheet

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia



مهرجان البحر الأحمر السينمائي الدولي

RED SEA INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

05 ————— 14 DECEMBER, 2024



Key Information

CAPITAL

Riyadh

CLIMATE

While daytime temperatures remain warm and can reach a high of 31°C (87.8°F) in December, evenings are milder 21°C (69.8°F) and fit for outdoor strolling, especially along Jeddah's waterfront.

CURRENCY

Saudi Arabia's national currency is the Saudi Riyal (SAR). All banks in the Kingdom offer currency exchange services. Exchange bureaus are located at airports, some shopping centers, and various other locations throughout the country. Credit cards, such as Visa, MasterCard, and American Express, are accepted throughout the Kingdom. ATMs are also widely available.

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**EMERGENCY SERVICES
(POLICE, FIRE DEPARTMENT & AMBULANCE)**





Key Information

LANGUAGE

Arabic is the official language of Saudi Arabia and the primary language used in all dealings and public interactions. English serves as an informal second language in the Kingdom and is spoken by a large section of its society. All road signs are bilingual, showing information in both Arabic and English.

CULTURE

Saudi Arabia's rich heritage and traditions have been shaped by its position as a historic trade hub and the birthplace of Islam. In recent years, the Kingdom has undergone a significant cultural transformation, evolving century-old customs to fit the contemporary world we live in today.

TIME ZONE
GMT +3 HOURS.
NO TIME CHANGE FOR DAYLIGHT SAVING.





General Information

TRADITIONS OF SAUDI ARABIA

The Kingdom's heritage and traditions are unique and diverse. For more information on general guidelines and customs, please visit the official Visit Saudi website:
<https://www.visitsaudi.com/en/understand>

LOCAL TRANSPORT

Taxis in Jeddah are easy to find and are relatively inexpensive. It is best to agree on the fare before getting in the car. Uber and Careem are widely available and are the preferred mode of transport.

OPENING HOURS

Shops are open from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. Saturday to Thursday. Some shops might close during prayer times.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Please use your discretion when taking photographs in public places.





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PHOTOGRAPHY AT RED SEA INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

We encourage you to capture photos at the Festival and tag @RedSeaFilm on Instagram, TikTok, and X, and @redseafilmfest on Snapchat, along with using the hashtags #RedSeaIFF, #RedSeaIFF24 and #TheNewHomeOfFilm.

RED CARPET DRESS CODE

The dress code for the opening party is black tie/national dress. For other galas, the dress code is formal/national dress.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Saudi Arabia's country code is +966. There are three mobile network providers in Saudi Arabia. These are STC, Mobily, and Zain. SIM cards are available at the airport and shops across Jeddah.



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VOLTAGE

The voltage in Saudi Arabia is 220V. Most sockets require UK-style three-pin plugs, although adapters for two-pin plugs are available at most hotels.

WORKING WEEK

The working week is Sunday to Thursday, with the government and most businesses observing a two-day weekend on Friday and Saturday.

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the official Visit Saudi website:
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