



Saudi Arabia Visit Visa for Tourism

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1. Visit visa for tourism - context

On September 27th 2019, KSA opened its doors to the world by launching a visit visa for tourism. Tourists from Group (A) countries will be able to apply for a visit visa for tourism through an easy-to-use e-Visa platform, or a “Visa on arrival” through the passport office upon arriving to KSA, or through e-kiosks at the airport, or to apply through Saudi embassies/consulates abroad. Tourists from Group (B) countries will be able to apply a visa through Saudi embassies/consulates abroad. This step will enable the world to see the hidden wonder of KSA, and help the Kingdom diversify its economy

The visit visa for tourism will allow visitors to engage in tourism-related activities, and perform Umrah during non-Hajj season. Our aim is to embrace tourism and showcase Saudi hospitality by welcoming visitors in a warm and respectful way. The purpose of this document is to serve as a guide on visa requirements and characteristics, and to raise awareness of thereof key stakeholders responsible for providing the KSA tourism .experience

2. Visit visa for tourism - guidelines

Group (A): e-Visa, Visa on arrival, and Visa through the Kingdom’s embassies/consulates abroad

While tourists from Group (A) countries have the option of applying through either e-Visa, Visa on arrival, and through Saudi embassies/consulates abroad, **we strongly recommend that tourists apply using the e-Visa . prior to their departure to KSA**, for a more convenient experience overall

Visa characteristics

Dimension	Description
Launch date	September 27 th for applications and receiving tourists
Visa fee	SAR 440 + VAT and payment fees
Visa fee breakdown	Visa base fee: SAR 300 Health insurance fee: SAR 140 + Other fees such as VAT and payment processing



Entry	Visitors can enter KSA one time or multiple times depending on the Visa type.*
Validity	Visa expires after 3 months for the one entry visa, and after 1 year for the multiple entry visa.
Maximum duration of stay	Visitors with a single entry visa can stay up to one month. Visitors with multiple entry visa can stay up to 3 months.

*Subject to considerations set by the Ministry of Foreign affairs in studying the visa application

Application characteristics

Dimension	Description
Minimum age of applicant	18 years old
Underage applicants	Applicants less than 18 years old require the presence of a guardian
Passport validity when applying	Must be valid for at least 6 months at the time of entering KSA*
Refund in case of rejection	Non-refundable
Overstay fees	A fee of SAR 100, shall be applied for each day in the event of staying more than the allowed duration of stay, or after the visa expiry.
Religion of applicant	Religion is not relevant
Bilateral agreements	Countries with bilateral agreements can apply for the visit visa for tourism through e-visa or Visa on arrival, or through the Saudi consulate/embassies abroad { USA, UK, South Korea, and Japan }
Documents <u>not</u> required	The following documents are not required to get the visa: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Return ticket b. Booking accommodation (Only address is required) c. Hard copy of the visa, although a soft copy is advised
Time taken to issue an e-Visa	5-30 minutes in most cases
Visa pre-checks	Before boarding the flight to KSA, airlines will check the e-visa, or the eligibility to obtain a Visa on arrival

*For citizens of USA, applications can still be processed regardless of the months remaining until passport expiry date

Group (B): Visa through the Kingdom's embassies/consulates abroad

Visa characteristics

Dimension	Description
Launch date	September 27 th for applications and receiving visitors
Visa fee	SAR 440 + VAT and payment fees
Visa fee breakdown	Visa base fee: SAR 300 **Health insurance fee: SAR 140 + Other fees such as VAT and payment processing
Entry	Visitors can enter KSA one time or multiple times according to the Visa type.*



Validity	Visa expires after 3 months for the one entry visa, and after 1 year for the multiple entry visa.
Maximum duration of stay	Visitors with a single entry visa can stay up to one month. Visitors with multiple entry visa can stay up to 3 months.

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**** Insurance fees might change depend on the visa duration and the applicant's health condition**

Application characteristics

Dimension	Description
Minimum age of applicant	18 years old
Underage applicants	Applicants less than 18 years old require the presence of a guardian
Passport validity when applying	Must be valid for at least 6 months at the time of entering KSA*
Refund in case of rejection	Non-refundable
Overstay fees	A fee of SAR 100, shall be applied for each day in the event of staying more than the allowed duration of stay or after the visa expiry.
Religion of applicant	Religion is not relevant
Sponsor	No sponsor required
Documents <u>required</u>	The following documents are required to get the visa: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Proof of accommodation b. Return ticket c. Proof of employment d. Bank statement (proving financial solvency)
Supporting information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Identification b. Address in home country c. Travel itinerary to KSA
Time taken to issue a visa	1-2 business days
Visa pre-checks	Before boarding the flight to KSA, airlines will check the visit visa for tourism

Main entry ports used by tourists

- 1) King Khaled airport in Riyadh
- 2) King Abdul-Aziz airport in Jeddah
- 3) King Fahad airport in Dammam
- 4) King Fahad Bridge land port
- 5) Prince Mohammad Bin Abdulaziz International Airport
- 6) Al Batha land port

3. Country eligibility

Group (A): 49 countries eligible for e-Visa, "Visa on arrival" tourist, and Visa through the Kingdom's embassies/consulates abroad



Group (B): All other countries (non-Group A) are eligible for Consulate visit visa for tourisms through the Kingdom's embassies/consulates abroad

4. Frequently asked questions (FAQs)

Note: Links to websites to be provided

Dimension	Question	Comment
Application process	Do I need a visa to travel to and enter Saudi Arabia as a tourist?	Unless you are a Saudi, a resident in Saudi, or a GCC citizen you will need a visa to enter Saudi Arabia. Based on your nationality, different visa options exist including e-Visa, Visa on arrival and Consulate visa.
	How can I get a visit visa for tourism?	For citizens of Group (A) countries holding a passport issued from these countries and valid for 6 months; you can apply for an e-Visa Online, apply for a Visa on arrival upon entering the country at immigration, or apply for a Consulate visa ahead of your travels.
	What can I do if I have any questions related to the visa?	You can contact us through our online chat, phone number or by filling out the contact form on our website.
	Who is eligible for a visit visa for tourism?	Depending on your nationality, you may fall into Group A or Group B countries. This classification outlines which type of visit visa for tourism you can apply for. Group A countries: Applicants can apply for an e-Visa, or get a Visa on arrival upon entry to Saudi Arabia. Group B countries: Applicants can apply for a Consulate visa at the Saudi embassy or consulate closest to them.
	How and when will I know my application status?	For e-Visa applicants, most applications will be processed within 30 minutes of submitting the application.



		<p>For Visa on arrival applicants, applications will be processed at e-kiosks or by passport officers at the airport.</p> <p>For Consulate applicants, most applications will be processed within 1-2 business days of submission.</p>
	Can a third party organization or individual apply for me?	Yes, as long as you answer “Yes” to the application question: “Are you applying on behalf of someone else?”
	How can I get a Visa on arrival?	For Group A countries, upon arriving to KSA, you will be able to obtain a Visa on arrival through electronic kiosks or at immigration counters. You will be able to pay with a credit card or an international debit card. Please plan to bring a credit card or a debit card that works internationally.
	Can I visit KSA to receive medical treatment on the visit visa for tourism?	The visit visa for tourism cannot be used for medical purposes.
	What can I do with a visit visa for tourism?	The visit visa for tourism only allows you to partake in tourism-related activities, and perform Umrah. It excludes all other activities, e.g. working and studying.
	Can I apply for a visit visa for tourism to perform Umrah/Hajj?	It is possible to apply for Umrah through the visit visa for tourism. Bear in mind that Umrah cannot be performed during Hajj season. To perform Hajj, you must apply for a Hajj visa .
	Can non-Muslims use the visit visa for tourism to go to Makkah and Madinah with a visit visa for tourism?	Only Muslims can access the city of Makkah, while non-Muslims holding a visa can access the city of Madinah, except the prophet’s haram in Medina
	Can I perform Umrah on the visit visa for tourism as an unaccompanied Muslim woman?	Yes, unaccompanied females are allowed to perform Umrah using the visit visa for tourism, and do not need a male relative to do so.
	Can I apply for another type of Saudi visa if I have a valid visit visa for tourism?	Yes, you can have more than one valid Saudi visa at a time.
	Can I use the visit visa for tourism to come to KSA for business?	The visit visa for tourism does not replace the KSA business visa. Visit visa holders cannot perform any paid or non-paid business activity
Visa details	How long can I stay in Saudi Arabia as a tourist?	The single entry visit visa for tourism allows you to stay for up to a maximum of one month, while the multiple entry visa allows you to stay for up to three months. If you leave the country past your visa period or duration period, you shall pay a penalty of SAR 100 per day.
	How many times can I enter Saudi Arabia with my visit visa for tourism?	Visitors can enter KSA one time or multiple times according to the Visa type.*



Requirements	Can I apply for an extension for my Saudi Arabia visit visa for tourism?	The visit visa for tourism may not be extended. In order to continue to visit KSA as a tourist once the visa expires, it is necessary to leave the country and apply for a new visit visa for tourism.
	What is the process if I have already had a visa?	If your visit visa for tourism has expired, you need to re-apply for a new visa.
	Can I apply for a visit visa for tourism if I work as a journalist?	As long as it is only being used for tourism-related activities, you can apply for the visit visa for tourism irrespective of your occupation. However, a special permit is required for members of the media and journalism communities coming to KSA on work-related assignments.
	What are the demographic eligibility criteria you must meet for a Saudi Arabia visit visa for tourism?	You must be 18 years old or above. For travelers below 18 years old, a person over 18 years old must be your guardian when applying for the visa.
	What documents do I need to provide for an electronic visit visa for tourism?	In order to be eligible for a KSA visit visa for tourism, you must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a citizen of one of the Group (A) countries • Have a passport from one of the 49 countries • Have a passport that is valid for at least 6 months, except for citizens of USA, for whom applications can still be processed regardless of the months remaining until passport expiry date
	Is religion relevant to the application?	Religion is not relevant when applying for the visit visa for tourism.
	Which documents are <u>not</u> required?	For citizens in the Group A countries, return ticket and booking accommodation documents are not required for application or entry to KSA.
	Do I need a medical insurance to apply for a Saudi Arabia visit visa for tourism?	The visa includes a health insurance that covers up to SAR 100,000.
	Which hospitals are covered by the health insurance?	You can find the list of hospitals covered by the insurance on the "Insurance Policy" page on our website.
	Do I have to apply separately for my family members?	Each family member must submit his or her own application form. Visas for members under 18 years old are dependent on the guardian obtaining the visa.
	Do I have to print my e-Visa upon arrival?	You will not need to show a hard copy of your visa, as your visa will be electronically connected to our system. However, we recommend that you keep a soft copy stored in a mobile device.
	What if I have been issued with a new passport since my Saudi Arabia visa was granted?	When entering Saudi Arabia, you should carry your new passport and your old passport that is linked to your visa.



	Can I apply as a solo female traveler?	Yes, women are allowed to visit Saudi Arabia as solo travelers.
	As a woman, do I have to wear Hijab or Abbaya in Saudi? (Head and body covering garments)	It is not mandatory to wear an Abbaya or Hijab. However, all visitors should dress decently. Please refer to the KSA 'Code of Conduct' guidelines for more information.
Visa payment	How much will my application for Saudi Arabia visit visa for tourism cost?	The cost for a Saudi Arabia visit visa for tourism is 440 SAR, excluding VAT and processing fees for all applicants. The fee breakdown is as follows: -Visa base fee of 300 SAR -Health insurance fee of 140 SAR.
	Which electronic payment methods (credit card/e-commerce enabled debit cards) are accepted?	MasterCard, Visa, American Express, UnionPay and ApplePay are accepted.
	If my visa application was unsuccessful, can I get my fee back?	The payment is non-refundable.
	Which currencies are accepted	For e-Visa and Visa on arrival, visa fees should be paid by a credit card or an international debit card in Saudi Riyals.
Data security and information	Is my personal information safe?	The e-Platform operates under the principles outlined in the Cyber Security Act (CSA). Only data required to process your application will be collected and securely stored on our secured servers.
	How secure are payments through electronic payment cards (credit card/e-commerce enabled debit cards) on this site?	The payment gateway is secure and has been heavily tested to make sure your data is safe.
Website and technical questions	Can I save my draft application and change it later?	Yes, you may save while completing your application.
	What format and size can my picture be?	The picture should be in JPG, JPEG, PNG, GIF and BMP format and not exceed a size of 100kb and the dimension must be 200 X 200.
	I am not receiving the activation email to my inbox – what should I do?	Please check your spam email folder. If you are still unable to find the application, please contact us via online chat, phone number or by filling out the contact form on our website.
	I made a mistake on my e-Visa application. Can I modify the e-Visa after it is issued?	No, we cannot change or modify any details on the e-Visa once it has been issued. However, if you realize that a mistake has been made before your visa has been issued, please contact us via online chat, phone or by filling out the contact form on our website.

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5. Visit visa for tourism disclaimer (MOFA)

I, the undersigned, hereby agree to have my fingerprint & iris data (biometrics) captured as part of the application procedure for an entry visa to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. I further agree and declare as follows:

I acknowledge that all the information provided is true and reliable. In addition, during my stay, I pledge to abide by the laws and rules of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and respect the Islamic customs and traditions of its people. In addition, I am aware that the mandated authorities in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia have the right to deny my entry and to send me back to where I came if I violate the laws and regulations, or if the information provided in my visa application are false or incorrect

I am fully aware that all intoxicating substances, narcotic drugs, indecent materials and publications, as well as publications related to any religious beliefs or political tendencies that contradict with Islam are prohibited in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

I am fully aware of the clearance procedures and controls about medicine containing narcotic or psychotropic substances that are held by patients, who are coming to the Kingdom or departing from the country, for their personal use, as listed in the below link: http://www.sfda.gov.sa/ar/drug/drug_reg/pages/drug_reg.aspx. In violation of that, I am aware that penalties and punishment, as stipulated in the Law of Combating Narcotics and Psychotropic Substances and its implementing regulations thereto related, shall be enforced

I pledge to adhere to the type of visa, its terms and duration, and to leave KSA before expiry of the specified duration. I am also fully aware that my violation of the enforced regulations in KSA or violation of any of the prohibitions mentioned above or the entry visa shall subject me to the penalty and the application of punishments stipulated by the Saudi laws

I acknowledge that the Saudi authorities have the right to send me back from the port of entry on my own expenses or deport me from KSA after entering. Also, Saudi authorities have the right to apply the stipulated penalties, if proved at any time after obtaining the visa or the residency that I have submitted incorrect papers, documents or provided false statements to any competent Saudi authority inside or abroad, in order to obtain a visa or residence permit for myself or for someone else, or being a contributor or partner in providing such information or documents that are false

I acknowledge that drug dealing or smuggling drugs into the Kingdom is a crime punishable by death penalty

I acknowledge and pledge that I am fully responsible that all information provided shall be correct and exactly as written in the passport used in my travel and entrance to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. If the information provided is incorrect or my name appears to be included in the list specifying prohibited people, then my application shall be rejected, my visa canceled or I shall be prevented to enter the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia even with a valid visa. Moreover, I acknowledge the right of the Saudi authorities to deport me back to the port of entry at my own expense without any right to claim compensatio



- I acknowledge and understand that I must abide by the values, habits, customs and culture in the Kingdom and refrain from saying or doing anything that might do harm to someone else, and I am also aware that I shall not have the right to appear in public places wearing indecent clothes or clothes with pictures, figures, icons or terms that do harm to the public taste. In addition, I am fully aware that public places must not be transgressed and corrupted by drawing, writing or the same.