



VHR'S GUIDE TO WORKING IN SAUDI ARABIA

START YOUR FIRST CLASS FUTURE



STANDARD DIALECTS OF SPOKEN ARABIC

Including Najdi Arabic, Hejazi, and Gulf or Khaliji Arabic.



The **cultural setting** of Saudi Arabia is greatly influenced by the Arab and Islamic culture. While Islam is the predominant religion, other religious groups are accepted and treated with respect.

A traditional **Saudi dinner** consists of plain rice, biriyani, meat curries, kabza, tomato or chicken soup, vegetables, salad etc. Rice, lamb, hummus, lettuce salad and labneh are very common at dinner in Saudi Arabia.



The standard **VAT rate** for Saudi Arabia is 15%. Foreigners working in Saudi Arabia are exempt from **income tax**, property tax, VAT, vehicle tax, inheritance or gift tax, license fees, etc.

Depending on your home country, you may be charged double taxation. Check the tax agreements between your country of origin and the Kingdom, on the [General Authority of Zakat and Taxes page](#).

COST OF LIVING

AND ACCOMMODATION IN SAUDI ARABIA

In the capital, Riyadh, the average salary is 267,200 SAR per year with the most typical earning being 101,270 SAR. Employees with 16-20 years of experience receive on average 365,120 SAR.

In Saudi Arabia, you can expect to pay a minimum of SR350/month for household utilities and all expats in Saudi Arabia are required to have private international health insurance in order to access any medical services in the country.

The average family of four will need at least SR20,000/month to cover basic living expenses.

VISION 2030

Vision 2030 looks to support and enable a vibrant Saudi Arabian culture that is true to its past and looks to the future by cherishing heritage and unleashing new and inspiring forms of expression for all, building a better future for the children. Along with the Cultural Transformation Initiative that involves funding support for artists and a visa scheme for international artists it encourages the nation to create a more welcome, dynamic environment whilst keeping the fantastic culture.

THINGS TO DO



SHOP IN THE LUXURY MALLS



VISIT THE THIRD BUILT MOSQUE IN ISLAM



VISIT THE HALF MOON BEACH



CLIMB MOUNT UHUD OR JABAL AL-NOUR