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# 11<sup>th</sup> International Technical Conference

**Theme:**

*"Building Smart: Construction Engineering in the Era of Digital Transformation"*

**Host Chapter:**

KSA-Riyadh Region Chapter – International Charter No. I-02  
Order of Filipino Civil Engineers in Riyadh



**June 17-19, 2024**



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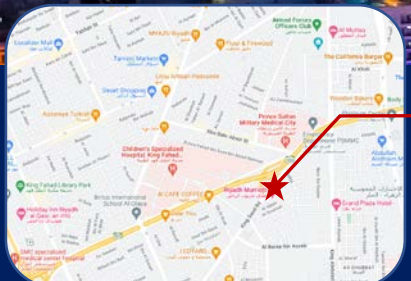
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## ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The 2024 National Board of Directors is cognizant of the need to conduct Regional and International Technical Conferences in order to further enhance the technical know-how of the members keeping abreast of the latest technological breakthroughs in the civil engineering profession. It aims to bridge the gap between PICE National and its Chapters in updating the organization's plans and programs, and on-going activities. Also, the conduct of the conferences will address the need of the members to earn CPD Units, a requirement in the renewal of the PRC ID Card.

In line with this, the International Chapters will be holding its 11<sup>th</sup> International Technical Conference in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi and to be hosted by PICE KSA Riyadh Region Chapter. With the theme "*Building Smart: Construction Engineering in the Era of Digital Transformation*", the conference aims to bring together industry leaders, researchers, and professionals from around the globe to exchange knowledge and experiences in civil engineering practice. Attendees will have the opportunity to explore innovative ideas, share best practices, and contribute to shaping the future of the industry.

The Conference's objective is to explore the potential of digital transformation in the field of design and construction engineering. Presentations on various topics related to construction engineering and its digital transformation will provide attendees with valuable insights into the latest trends, technologies, and strategies that can be leveraged to accelerate growth, improve project outcomes, and ensure the sustainability of the construction industry.

## ABOUT THE HOST CHAPTER AND THE CITY OF RIYADH

As this year's Conference' host, PICE KSA-Riyadh Region Chapter is extremely thrilled and excited to welcome all civil engineers from different chapters around the globe. Celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> year since being chartered in 2004 as the second PICE International Chapter, PICE Riyadh is proud to showcase not only its growth as an organization but the host place – the bustling City of Riyadh – where "giga" projects of engineering marvels are being constructed or planned to be constructed. These massive development program of the Saudi government are involving world renowned designers, engineers, and constructors who gathered together in realizing the government's Vision 2030. Among the current 14 giga projects in the Kingdom, six (6) of them are in Riyadh.

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# ABOUT THE HOST CHAPTER and THE CITY OF RIYADH

The six (6) giga projects in Riyadh:

## Diriyah Gate Project

The seven square-kilometre Diriyah development in the west of Riyadh is centered on the At-Turaif UNESCO World Heritage Site – a mud-brick city that was the original home of the Al Saud family and is known as the "birthplace of the kingdom".

Led by hotel veteran Jerry Inzerillo, the \$63.2 billion development project funded by the Public Investment Fund aims to turn the site into a culture-led tourism destination. When complete, the district will contain 38 hotels, six museums and 26 other cultural attractions. The first phase of the redevelopment – the Bujairi Terrace premium dining district, which contains 21 restaurants overlooking the mud city – opened at the end of last year.



## King Salman Park Project



Currently under construction in central Riyadh, the King Salman Park project aims to be "the largest urban park in the world".

Master-planned by Danish studio Henning Larsen and Saudi studio Omrania, the 16.7 square kilometers park will feature 11 square

square kilometers of green space and one million trees. According to the developer, it will be watered with 100 percent recycled city water.

At the center of the park will be a collection of landmark buildings including the Royal Arts Complex, which will contain a 110 meter high pyramid designed by Ricardo Bofill and a visitor pavilion by Adjaye Associates.

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## Qiddiya Project

Another project aimed at increasing the country's tourism offering, Qiddiya is described as "Saudi Arabia's emerging capital for entertainment, sports and culture".

Currently under construction to the west of Riyadh, the 367-square-kilometre project will contain numerous entertainment facilities, including sports arenas, concert halls, a racetrack, a Jack Nicklaus-branded golf course and Six Flags (pictured), which will contain the world's longest, tallest and fastest rollercoaster.

The project is 100 per cent owned by the Public Investment Fund.



## Murraba Project

Designed to "define Riyadh's new skyline", the Murraba will be a commercial and entertainment district built around a 400-metre-high cube-shaped skyscraper named Mukaab.

The cube, which will contain two million square meters of shops, and cultural and tourist attractions, will form the center of a 19-square-kilometre development that is designed as a new downtown area for the Saudi capital city.

Led by Saudi crown prince Mohamed Bin Salman, the wider project will contain 100,000 residential units, 9,000 hotel rooms, 980,000 square meters of shops and 1.4 million square meters of office space.



## King Abdullah Financial District (KAFD)



The King Abdullah Financial District is a giant office and residential district in Riyadh that is largely complete.

Masterplanned by Danish studio Henning Larsen, the 1,600,000-square-metre development will contain 61 towers and skyscrapers by studios including Saudi practice Omrana, US studios SOM, Gensler and HOK

and UK studios CallisonRTKL and Foster + Partners.

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All of the buildings in the development will be connected by a series of air-conditioned bridges, while a six-station monorail system runs around the edge of the site.

The downtown district will be connected to the under-construction Riyadh Metro by the large, Zaha Hadid Architects-designed King Abdullah Financial District (KAFD) Metro Station.

## Mohammed Bin Salman Non-profit City



Named after Mohammed bin Salman and funded by his personal foundation, the Mohammed bin Salman Non-profit City, which is also known by the acronym MISK, is being built in Riyadh as a business incubator and a place to support the country's future leaders.

Designed as a 15-minute city with automated buses, the project will be arranged around a central spine covered by a giant shaded system designed by London-based studio CallisonRTKL.

It will also contain a transparent art institute designed by Bahrain-based practice Studio Anne Holtrop, a triangular headquarters for the MISK foundation designed by Australian architecture studio Conrad Gargett and the globe-shaped Center for Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics.

## Saudi Entertainment Ventures (SEVEN)

Entirely owned by the Public Investment Fund, Seven has the tagline "making tomorrow more entertaining". The organization will develop and operate 10 entertainment districts across the country, with projects in Riyadh (pictured), Almadinah, Tabuk and Yanbu already announced.



Aimed at providing entertainment to the youthful population, the developments will each include indoor arenas, arcades, bowling, indoor golf, climbing, indoor surfing and skydiving centers and cinemas.

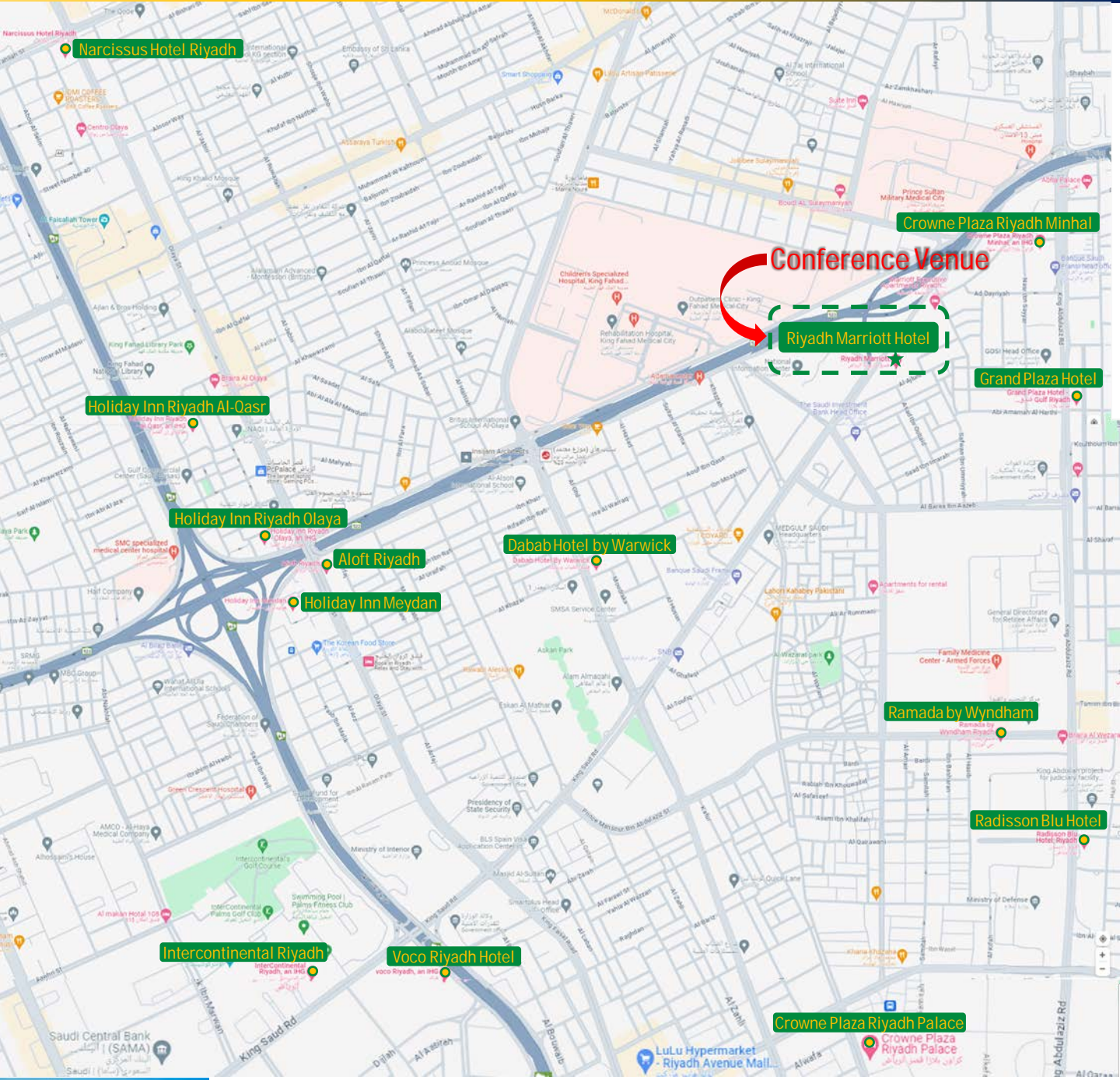
# PROGRAM

DAY/DATE	PROGRAM	
<b>DAY ONE</b>		
17th JUNE 2024 (MONDAY)	7:00AM - 8:00AM	Registration and Preliminaries: <i>PTC MENA SECRETARIAT</i>
	8:01AM - 8:10AM	Parade of Colors according to Country Representation
		Invocation and National Anthems (Philippines and Saudi Arabia) – <i>Video Presentation</i>
	8:11AM - 8:15AM	Opening Remarks: <i>International Regional Coordinator</i>
	8:16AM - 8:25AM	Welcome Address and Acknowledgement: <i>PICE Riyadh President</i>
	8:26AM - 8:38AM	Introduction of the Guest Speaker:
		Message of the Guest Speaker: <i>PN President-Elect</i>
	8:39AM - 8:55AM	Introduction of Keynote Speaker:
		Message of the Keynote Speaker: <i>PN President</i>
	8:56AM - 9:10AM	Introduction of Honored Guest Speaker:
		Message of the Honored Guest Speaker: <i>PE Charge 'd Affaires</i>
	9:11AM - 9:30AM	HEALTH BREAK
	9:31AM - 9:40AM	Introduction of First PLENARY Speaker:
	9:41AM - 10:00AM	
	10:01AM - 10:30AM	
	10:31AM - 11:30AM	
	11:31AM - 12:00PM	Question and Answer with the Panelists
	12:01PM - 1:00PM	Lunch Break
	1:01PM - 1:30PM	Product Presentation: <i>Platinum Sponsor</i>
	1:31PM - 1:35PM	Introduction of Second PLENARY Speaker:
	1:36PM - 2:00PM	
	2:01PM - 2:30PM	
	2:31PM - 2:50PM	
	2:51PM - 3:00PM	Health Break
	3:01PM - 3:10PM	
	3:31PM - 4:00PM	
4:01PM - 4:30PM		
4:31PM - 4:50PM		
4:51PM - 5:00PM	First Day Conference Closing Remarks:	
END OF DAY 1 SESSION	5:01PM - 6:00PM	BREAK AND PREPARATION FOR FELLOWSHIP NIGHT
FELLOWSHIP NIGHT	6:30PM - 11:00PM	FELLOWSHIP NIGHT - Dinner

# PROGRAM

DAY/DATE	PROGRAM	
<b>DAY TWO</b>		
18th JUNE 2024 (TUESDAY)	8:00AM - 8:15AM	Day 2 Opening
	8:15AM - 8:40AM	
	8:40AM - 9:05AM	
	9:05AM - 9:30AM	
	9:30AM - 9:55AM	
	9:55AM - 10:10AM	Coffee Break
	10:10AM - 10:35AM	
	10:35AM - 10:50AM	
	10:50AM - 11:15AM	
	11:15AM - 11:40AM	
	11:40AM - 1:00PM	
	1:00PM - 1:25PM	
	1:25PM - 1:50PM	
	1:50PM - 2:15PM	
	2:15PM - 2:40PM	
	2:40PM - 3:00PM	Coffee Break
	3:00PM - 4:30PM	
	4:30PM - 5:00PM	
END OF TECHNICAL CONFERENCE		
<b>DAY THREE (OPTIONAL)</b>		
19th JUNE 2024 (WEDNESDAY)	Riyadh City Day-Tour	
	4:30AM	Pick-up time
	7:00AM	Red Sand Sunrise (Breakfast), proceed to Edge of the World, and Lakes Park
	12:00PM	Strawberry Farm (Lunch), proceed to Windmill, Pyramid Mountain, Camel Farm feeding, Hidden Valley, Heet Cave
	7:00PM	Kingdom Tower (Outside quick Photo)

# WHERE TO STAY (Hotel Accommodations)





# HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS

1

HOTEL	RATING	DISTANCE FROM THE VENUE	SINGLE OCCUPANCY	DOUBLE OCCUPANCY
Riyadh Marriott Hotel	5-star	Conference Venue	USD 135	USD 152

Booking Discount Code: <https://bit.ly/RiyadhMarriott> (discount will appear after the dates are keyed-in)

Note: Standard room per night inclusive of breakfast



2

HOTEL	RATING	DISTANCE FROM THE VENUE	STANDARD ROOM (30sqm)	PREMIUM ROOM (30sqm)	SUPERIOR ROOM (54sqm)
Radisson Blu Hotel Riyadh	5-star	3.1KM (7 mins. by car)	USD 159	USD 286	USD 300

Booking Discount Code: ITC11PICE

Note: 1. Above rates are inclusive of breakfast and subject to 10% service charge, 5% government levy and 10% VAT.

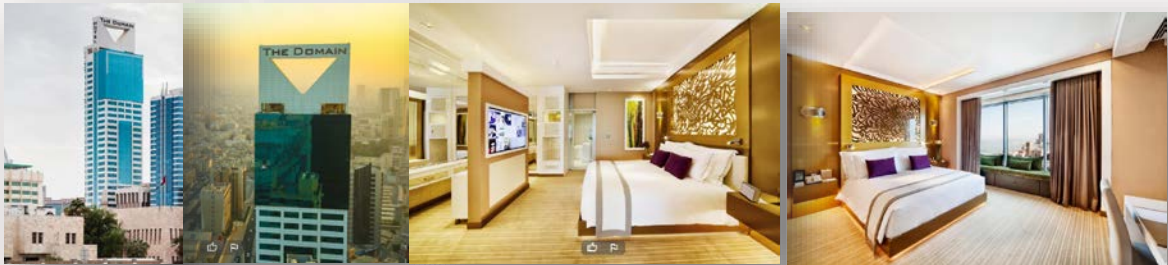
2. Above rates are per night at single occupancy and additional BHD 5 per room/night for double occupancy applies.



# HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS

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HOTEL	RATING	DISTANCE FROM THE VENUE	SINGLE OCCUPANCY	DOUBLE OCCUPANCY
Crown Plaza Riyadh Minhal	5-star	650 m (2 mins. by car)	SAR 625	
Booking Discount Code:				
<p>Note: 1. Deluxe Room —30sqm, interconnected, panoramic view wall windows, free Wi-Fi, laptop size safe box, LED TV.</p> <p>2. Above rates are inclusive of breakfast per room/night and 10% service charge, 5% government levy &amp; 10% VAT</p>				



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HOTEL	RATING	DISTANCE FROM THE VENUE	ROOM ONLY	BED & BREAKFAST (2 GUESTS)	BED & BREAKFAST (3 GUESTS)
Grand Plaza Gulf Hotel	5-star	2.1 km (4 mins. by car)		SR 845	
Booking Discount Code:					
<p>Note: 1. One Bedroom deluxe suite 67sqm apartment type with separate kitchen (with washer and dryer), living and dining area.</p> <p>2. Above rates are inclusive of breakfast per room/night and 10% service charge, 5% government levy &amp; 10% VAT</p>					



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HOTEL	RATING	DISTANCE FROM THE VENUE	SINGLE OCCUPANCY	DOUBLE OCCUPANCY
Dabab Hotel by Warwick	4-star	3.5 km (5 mins. by car)	SAR 244	
Booking Discount Code:				
<p>Note: 1. Standard Room with free Wi-Fi internet access, free tea &amp; coffee making facilities                  2. Above rates are inclusive of breakfast per room/night and 10% service charge, 5% government levy &amp; 10% VAT</p>				



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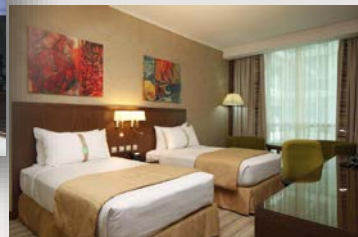
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Aloft Riyadh Hotel	5-star	4.0 m (5 mins. by car)		SR 451	
Booking Discount Code:					
<p>Note: 1. One Bedroom deluxe suite 67sqm apartment type with separate kitchen (with washer and dryer), living and dining area.                  2. Above rates are inclusive of breakfast per room/night and 10% service charge, 5% government levy &amp; 10% VAT</p>					



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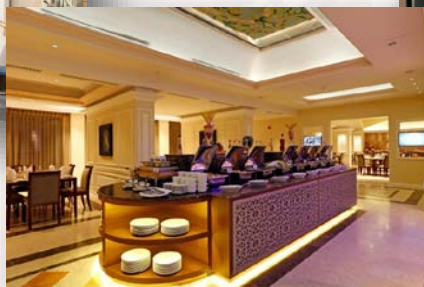
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HOTEL	RATING	DISTANCE FROM THE VENUE	SINGLE OCCUPANCY	DOUBLE OCCUPANCY
Holiday Inn Meydan	4-star	5.6 km (9 mins. by car)	SAR 435	
Booking Discount Code:				
<i>Note: 1. Standard Room with free Wi-Fi internet access, free tea &amp; coffee making facilities                  2. Above rates are inclusive of breakfast per room/night and 10% service charge, 5% government levy &amp; 10% VAT</i>				



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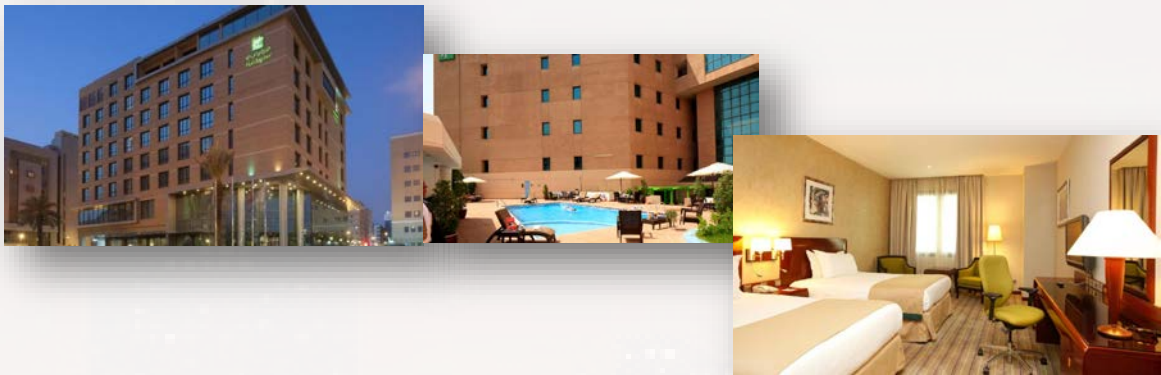
HOTEL	RATING	DISTANCE FROM THE VENUE	ROOM ONLY	BED & BREAKFAST (2 GUESTS)	BED & BREAKFAST (3 GUESTS)
Ramada by Wyndham Riyadh	5-star	2.3 km (6 mins. by car)		SR 604	
Booking Discount Code:					
<i>Note: 1. One Bedroom deluxe suite 67sqm apartment type with separate kitchen (with washer and dryer), living and dining area.                  2. Above rates are inclusive of breakfast per room/night and 10% service charge, 5% government levy &amp; 10% VAT</i>					



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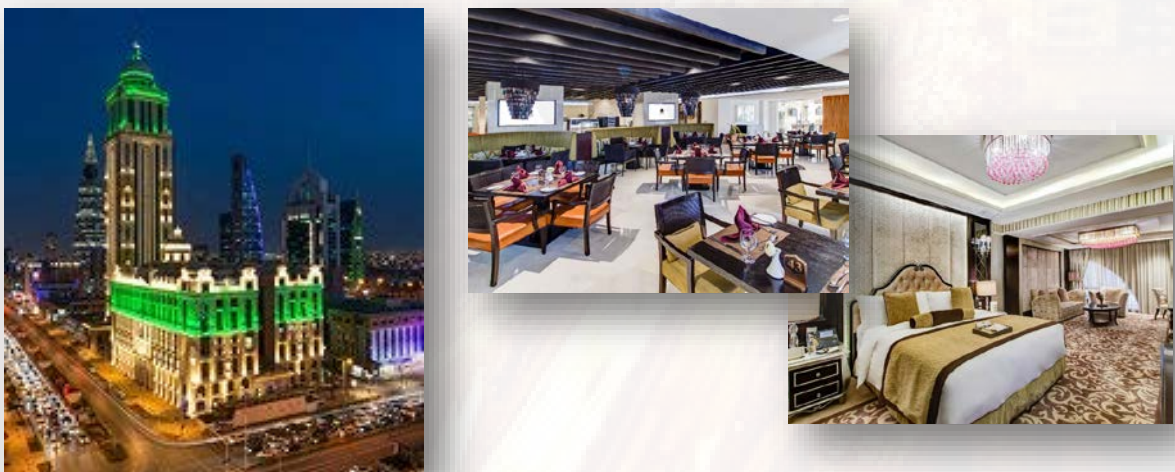
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HOTEL	RATING	DISTANCE FROM THE VENUE	SINGLE OCCUPANCY	DOUBLE OCCUPANCY
Holiday Inn Riyadh Olaya	4-star	4.5 km (7 mins. by car)	SAR 440	
Booking Discount Code:				
<p>Note: 1. Standard Room with free Wi-Fi internet access, free tea &amp; coffee making facilities</p> <p>2. Above rates are inclusive of breakfast per room/night and 10% service charge, 5% government levy &amp; 10% VAT</p>				



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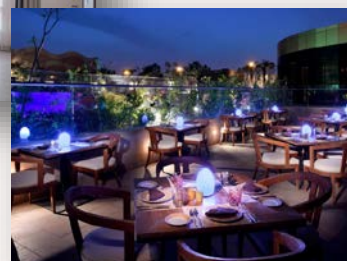
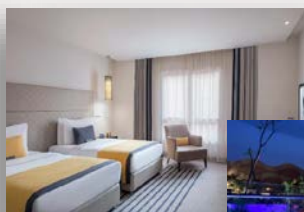
HOTEL	RATING	DISTANCE FROM THE VENUE	ROOM ONLY	BED & BREAKFAST (2 GUESTS)	BED & BREAKFAST (3 GUESTS)
Narcissus Hotel Riyadh	5-star	6.1 km (8 mins. by car)		SR 1,087	
Booking Discount Code:					
<p>Note: 1. One Bedroom deluxe suite 67sqm apartment type with separate kitchen (with washer and dryer), living and dining area.</p> <p>2. Above rates are inclusive of breakfast per room/night and 10% service charge, 5% government levy &amp; 10% VAT</p>					



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HOTEL	RATING	DISTANCE FROM THE VENUE	SINGLE OCCUPANCY	DOUBLE OCCUPANCY
Voco Riyadh Hotel	5-star	4.4 km (8 mins. by car)		SR 962
Booking Discount Code:				
<p>Note: 1. Standard Room with free Wi-Fi internet access, free tea &amp; coffee making facilities                      2. Above rates are inclusive of breakfast per room/night and 10% service charge, 5% government levy &amp; 10% VAT</p>				



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HOTEL	RATING	DISTANCE FROM THE VENUE	ROOM ONLY	BED & BREAKFAST (2 GUESTS)	BED & BREAKFAST (3 GUESTS)
InterContinental Hotel Riyadh	5-star	4.8 km (9 mins. by car)		SR 1,205	
Booking Discount Code:					
<p>Note: 1. One Bedroom deluxe suite 67sqm apartment type with separate kitchen (with washer and dryer), living and dining area.                      2. Above rates are inclusive of breakfast per room/night and 10% service charge, 5% government levy &amp; 10% VAT</p>					

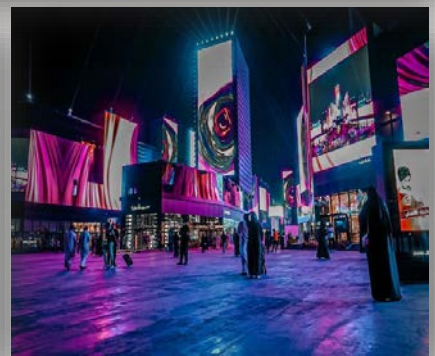
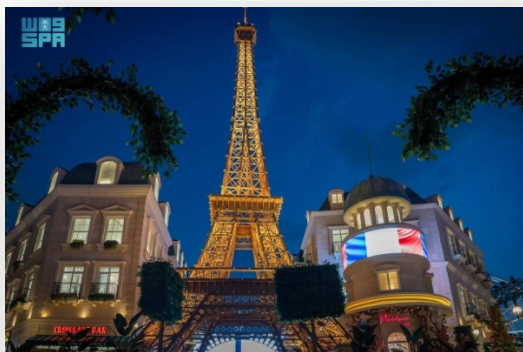


# PLACES TO VISIT



## Riyadh Boulevard

<p>FACTS</p>	<p>Joy and fun await you in the largest entertainment centre in Riyadh, Riyadh Boulevard, where endless fun destinations can be found in one place. In addition to the luxury shopping places where you can obtain pieces from the finest stores of international brands to your own closet, along with dishes that amaze your senses with flavours of local and international cuisine. Riyadh Boulevard offers fun, joy and enthusiasm for adults and children.</p> <p>The Boulevard area includes amazing huge and colourful screens and contains a dancing fountain surrounded by outdoor and indoor seats that will amaze visitors. You will enjoy cosplay shows and musical performances in a family-friendly atmosphere, as well as various live theatre shows at the Bakr Al-Sheddi Theater, and acrobatic shows that surprise adults and children at the Global Theater.</p> <p>The entertainment destinations in the Boulevard area are diverse from the wax museum to tennis and golf courts. You can take amazing photos besides 44 wax figures of the most famous stars in the museum, participate in challenging and exciting rounds on the tennis and golf courts, race in the karting centre, ski in the snow zone, watch the victory of your favourite hero in the largest cinema in the Middle East, and end your night with the voice of your favourite artist at Benchmark and Rotana theatres.</p>
<p>Distance from the Venue</p>	<p>23 km (30 min by car)</p>
<p>Entrance Fee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SAR 100 (Weekdays) and SAR 150 (Weekends)</li> <li>- Book ticket at <a href="https://riyadhseason.com/en-US/zone/boulevard-city">https://riyadhseason.com/en-US/zone/boulevard-city</a></li> </ul>





## Al Masmak Palace

<p>FACTS</p>	<p>Among the best things to do in Riyadh is visit the famous Masmak Palace, also known as Masmak Fort. It's among the most historically important sites in the city of Riyadh. "Masmak" means "strong," and local legend suggests that if this fortress falls, the Kingdom will fall with it.</p> <p>This well-preserved 19th-century clay and mudbrick fortress played a vital role in the recapturing of the city of Riyadh in 1902 –led by Ibn Saud– cementing its role in the unification of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.</p> <p>The fortress is now a museum that allows visitors to look back to that key moment in history and beyond the history of Riyadh as the capital of the Kingdom</p>
<p>Distance from the Venue</p>	<p>8 km (20min by car)</p>
<p>Entrance Fee</p>	<p></p>



## Edge of the World

FACTS	The Edge of the World is a place in Riyadh that's known for its dramatic cliffs and panoramic views. From Riyadh, get to the cliffs on the edge of the world and see the natural wonders of Arabia along the way, like Elephant Rock and Jabal Abyad. You'll stand on top of 1000ft (300m) cliffs at Jabal Fihrayn and see the land stretch seemingly forever in front of you. Observe dried rivers, camels wandering around, and hear stories of the ancient caravan route.
Distance from the Venue	104 km (2 hrs. by car)
Entrance Fee	Free



## Red Sand

<p>FACTS</p>	<p>Red Sand Riyadh an area of red desert sand dunes in northeastern Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. The area known as Hidden Valley is surrounded by tall mountains which gives a valley look. It is an area of red desert dunes where you can enjoy numerous thrilling activities including sandboarding, dune-bashing and buggy-riding</p> <p>Enjoy the only place in Riyadh where you can experience the Desert Safari by Quad Bike Around Red Sand experience.</p> <p>You will have a lovely time sitting on the red sand with tasting Arabian tea or coffee.</p>
<p>Distance from the Venue</p>	<p>65 km (1 hr. 15 mins. by car)</p>
<p>Entrance Fee</p>	<p>Free</p>



## National Museum

FACTS	From the Earth to the moon, and from the prehistoric ages to the modern ages, the hallways of the Saudi National Museum will take you on an adventure that transcends time and space. You will witness artistic and historical evidence in the heart of Riyadh in Al Murabba neighborhood near King Abdulaziz palace. The museum was opened in 1419H and spans across a distance of 17,000Km2 where it tells the story of 3,700 artifacts such as statues, scripts and unique sculptures.
Distance from the Venue	5.3 km (15 min. by car)
Entrance Fee	Free



## King Abdulaziz Historical Center

<p>FACTS</p>	<p>Located in the capital city of Saudi Arabia, Riyadh, the King Abdul Aziz historical center was built on the former compound of the Murabba Palace and is around 1.5 km to the north of the old city. It is famous for its magnificent architecture and eight “Exhibition Halls” each of which is themed around a different part of the region’s history, such as Saudi heritage, Islamic culture in Arabia, Arabian kingdoms, The Prophet’s Mission, and Islam in the Arabian Peninsula.</p> <p>The Center houses an old courtyard house, a mosque, a library, a conference building, and several parks with long, green fields and water showers. Towards the south lies a small theme park that attracts locals and tourists alike. There is also a group of traditional homes in the center that were originally planned as a part of the museum but are now used as reception centers that host major events and ceremonies.</p>
<p>Distance from the Venue</p>	<p>5.5 km (15 min. by car)</p>
<p>Entrance Fee</p>	<p></p>



## Al Ula

<p>FACTS</p>	<p>Al-Ula is an ancient Arabic oasis city located in Medina Province. Situated in the Hejaz, a region that features prominently in the history of Islam as well as several pre-Islamic Semitic civilizations, al-'Ulā was a market city on the historic incense route that linked India and the Persian Gulf to the Levant and Europe.</p> <p>The immediate vicinity contains a unique concentration of precious artifacts, including well-preserved ancient stone inscriptions that illustrate the development of the Arabic language, and a concentration of rock dwellings and tombs that date from the Nabatean and Dedanite periods that coincided with Greco-Roman influence during classical antiquity. Saudi Arabia's first UNESCO World Heritage Site, Hegra (also known as Al-Hijr, or Mada'in Salih), is located 22 km (14 mi) north of the city, in Al-Ula governorate. Built more than 2,000 years ago by the Nabataeans, Hegra is often compared with its sister city of Petra, in Jordan. Meanwhile, the ancient walled city of Al-Ula ("Old Town"), situated near the oasis that allowed for its settlement, contains a dense cluster of mud-brick and stone houses. Al-Ula was also the capital of the ancient Lihyanites (Dedanites).</p>
<p>Distance from the Venue</p>	<p>1,050 km (11 hrs. by car / 1 hr. 15 min by airplane)</p>
<p>Entrance Fee</p>	



# VISA REQUIREMENTS



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Saudi Arabia has opened its doors to the world through the tourist visa. You are welcome to discover the warm hospitality of Saudi people, the rich heritage, vibrant culture, and diverse and breathtaking landscapes. The tourist visa can be issued as an eVisa, visa on arrival or through the embassy, and you can enter Saudi through land, sea and air ports. The visit visa grants you the flexibility to pursue any or all the following purposes during your visit:

- Tourism
- Family and Friends
- Medical
- Umrah
- Business



Visit Visa can be obtained by either of the following:

- Visa on Arrival
- eVisa
- Through Saudi Consulate (Consulate Visa)

## Visa on Arrival



Tourist can apply for Visa on Arrival at one of Saudi Arabia's entry points if any of the following conditions apply:

- The tourist is from one of the countries in the \*63 Eligible Countries list.
- The tourist is holding USA, United Kingdom, or Schengen visas. The following requirements must apply:
  - The visa is valid.
  - The visa type is either tourist or business.
  - The visa has to be used at least once and have an entry stamp of the issuing country.
- Holders of permanent residence from (US,UK or EU) after ensuring presence of the resident. This includes first-degree relatives of the visa holders coming with them.

*\*Among the 63 eligible countries are: USA, Canada, UK, Brunei, China (including Hongkong), Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, South Korea, Thailand, Australia, and New Zealand.*



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## eVisa



Saudi Arabia is opening its doors to the world through its new tourist visa. Through the fast and easy-to-use online portal, international visitors from 63 eligible countries can apply for an eVisa and discover the warm hospitality of Saudi people the rich heritage, vibrant culture, and diverse and breathtaking landscapes; from the mountains of Abha to the beaches of the Red Sea to the shifting sands of the Empty Quarter.

The eVisa will be a one-year, multiple entry visa, allowing tourists to spend up to 90 days in the country. The tourist visa allows you to take part in tourism-related activities such as, events, family & relatives visits, leisure, and Umrah (excluding Hajj) and excludes other activities such as studying.

Tourists from [Eligible Countries](#) can apply for a tourist visa online through the e-Visa portal ahead of their trip.

## Consulate Visa



Tourists that are not from eligible countries list should apply for a consulate visa through [Saudi Embassies And Consulates](#).

## What type of Visa you need to Visit Saudi?

To find out what type of Visa you need to visit Saudi Arabia, please go to <https://www.visitsaudi.com/en/travel-regulations> and fill out the necessary fields. You will be directed to choose the following:

- Your nationality
- To select whether you are a:
  - (1) US, UK, or Schengen resident or business or tourist visa holder, or
  - (2) a GCC resident, or
  - (3) not any of the above.
- Depending on your choice above that is applicable to you, you will be required to choose which Options you will prefer to apply for a Visa (e.g. if you selected either 1 or 2, you will be directed to choose either eVisa or Transit/Stopover Visa. If you selected 3, Options on Embassy/Consulate or Authorized visa Offices will appear.

# VISA REQUIREMENTS

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)



### Tourist Visa

#### **How do I know if I am eligible for the tourist eVisa?**

Everyone is welcome to apply for the tourist visa which can be issued as an eVisa, visa on arrival or through the embassy. You can check your eligibility for the tourist eVisa through the [Visa Requirements page](#) for more information.

#### **Can I perform Umrah or Hajj with the tourist visa?**

You can use the tourist visa to perform Umrah but not during the Hajj season. Visitors may apply for Umrah or Ziyarah permits via [Nusuk platform](#). To perform Hajj, tourists must apply for a specific Hajj visa through the [Ministry of Hajj and Umrah](#).

#### **Do I need the medical insurance to apply for tourist visa?**

A health insurance policy, which covers COVID-19 medical treatment, is issued along with your eVisa and its cost is included within the eVisa fee. Medical insurance coverage is valid for one year from the date of issue. It matches the validity of the tourist visa (one year from the date of issue).

You can enquire about your [health insurance policy](#) and [health care service providers](#) from the Council of Health Insurance.

#### **How much does a tourist eVisa cost?**

The tourist visa cost varies. You check the cost on the [Visa Requirement page](#) for more information on the application process and costs.

#### **Can tourist visa holders visit Makkah and Al Madinah?**

The holy city of Makkah is reserved for Muslim visitors only, while Al Madinah is open to all tourists. There are also many sites around Makkah that offer a fascinating glimpse into local culture and history.

#### **My country is not included in the tourist eVisa program. Can I still apply for a tourist visa?**

Everyone is welcome to apply for the tourist visa which can be issued as an eVisa, visa on arrival or through the embassy. You can check available methods to apply for a tourist visa on the [Visa Requirement page](#).

#### **Can I cancel my eVisa or get a refund if my eVisa is rejected?**

No, the tourist visa fees are non-refundable in any case as described in Clause 5.3 of the [Terms and Conditions](#).



## Entry Requirements

### **Can I get a visa on arrival when traveling to Saudi?**

The tourist visa can be issued as an eVisa, visa on arrival or through the embassy. You can check your eligibility for the visa on arrival through the [Visa Requirement](#) page.

### **How can I apply for the Transit visa?**

Visitors can obtain the transit visa ahead of time through the embassy or [electronically while booking flights](#) through SAUDIA or Flynas.

### **I hold a Schengen / UK / US visa. Can I get a tourist visa on arrival in Saudi Arabia?**

Yes, USA, UK, and Schengen tourist or business visa holders are eligible for Saudi tourist visa on arrival. Please check the [Visa requirement](#) page for more information.

### **My flight has a stops-over in Saudi Arabia, do I need to apply for a transit visa?**

If you are planning to enter Saudi Arabia on your way to your final destination, you need to apply for a transit visa. The transit visa can be obtained ahead of time through the embassy or [electronically while booking your flights](#) on SAUDIA or Flynas.

### **I have a permanent residency permit from the UK, US, or the EU. Can I apply for a visa on arrival?**

Yes, U.K, U.S. and EU permanent residents are eligible for Saudi tourist visa on arrival. Please check the [Visa requirement](#) page for more information.

### **I'm not planning on visiting Saudi Arabia but my flight stops in the country, do I still need a transit visa?**

A transit visa will be required if the traveler plans to exit the transit area and pass through immigration.

If you have two separate bookings while transiting through Saudi Arabia which requires you to pass through immigration, you must obtain a transit visa to enter the country and check-in again for your next flight.

However, If you have one booking transiting through Saudi Arabia which does not require you to pass through immigration, you do not need to obtain a transit visa as you don't need to check-in for the next flight.



## General Information

### **Can I enter Saudi Arabia as a tourist?**

Yes you can. Saudi Arabia has opened its doors to the world through the tourist visa. You are welcome to discover the warm hospitality of Saudi people, the rich heritage, vibrant culture, and diverse and breathtaking landscapes. The tourist visa can be issued as an eVisa, visa on arrival or through the embassy, and you can enter Saudi through land, sea and air ports. Please check the [Visa Requirements page](#) for more information.

### **Is Saudi Arabia safe?**

Saudi Arabia is a very safe country, with a welcoming culture and low crime rate. Citizens' and visitors' safety, dignity and well-being are protected by the law.

### **Is alcohol available in Saudi Arabia?**

No. The consumption of alcohol is illegal in Saudi Arabia. Saudi Arabia offers a unique and authentic experiences. Explorers, culture enthusiasts and adventurers will be able to enjoy these without alcohol.

### **Are LGBT visitors welcome to visit Saudi?**

Everyone is welcome to visit Saudi, and we ask that they follow and respect our culture, traditions and laws, as you would when visiting any other country in the world.

Like other governments around the world, visitors are not required to disclose their personal information and we will strongly respect your right to privacy.

### **Are unmarried couples welcome to visit Saudi Arabia?**

Everyone is welcome to visit Saudi Arabia. As is the case when visiting other countries, it is important to respect local customs and act in a culturally appropriate manner. Unmarried couples are able to share accommodation. More details can be found on the [Visit Saudi Laws & Etiquette guide](#).

### **Is it possible for women to wear swimsuits in public?**

As is the case when visiting other countries, it is important to respect local customs and act in a culturally appropriate manner. On public beaches, visitors are expected to wear modest clothing. On private beaches, spas, pools and cruises it is within the discretion of each private establishment to determine its policy.

More details can be found on the [Visit Saudi Laws & Etiquette guide](#).

### **Can I fly drones in Saudi Arabia?**

Tourists are not permitted to fly drones in the Kingdom.

Residents and Saudi Citizens can fly drones based on permit approvals.

To apply for a permit, please register your request on the [General Authority of Civil Aviation](#) website



## GCC Residents

**I am a GCC resident, how do I obtain the medical insurance when applying for the tourist visa?**

You will obtain the medical insurance as a part of the tourist visa application process.

**I am a GCC resident, am I eligible for the tourist visa?**

Yes, GCC residents are welcome to apply for the tourist visa which can be issued as an eVisa, visa on arrival or through the embassy. You can check your eligibility for an eVisa through the [Visa Requirements](#) page.

**What is the duration of stay for the tourist visa?**

The tourist visa is a multiple entry visa which is valid for one year, and permits 90 days period of stay. Please check the [Visa requirement](#) page for more information.

**I have a GCC residency, can my family apply for the tourist visa?**

Yes, you can apply for first-degree family members (husband, wife, parents, and children) using your account after you submit your application.



## OTHER INFORMATION & REQUIREMENTS

### eVisa

#### Information

- eVisa Price: SAR 300 (about USD 80).
- Application Fee: SAR 39.44 (about USD 10.50).
- Medical Insurance Fees: not included (price determined based on the provider).
- Entry: Multiple Entry or single entry depending on Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- Validity: The multiple-entry visa is valid for a year from its issue date and allows for stays of up to 90 days.

#### Requirements

U.S., U.K. or Schengen Visa Holders can qualify for eVisa if the below conditions are met:

- Your visa must be a business or tourist visa.
- Your visa must have been used at least once and have an entry stamp from the issuing country (Digital entry stamp are not accepted).
- Your passport must be valid for a minimum of six months beyond the date of entry into Saudi.

Residents from the U.K, U.S. and EU can apply for eVisa if the below conditions are met:

- You must hold a permanent residence permit from a country located in the U.K., U.S. or EU.
- Your passport must be valid for a minimum of six months beyond the date of entry into Saudi.

Apply for an eVisa now at [MOFA](#).

## Visa on Arrival

Once you arrive at your destination's airport or entry point in Saudi, use the self-service devices (KIOSK) or go directly to the passport control office to apply for your visa on arrival.

### Information

- Visa on Arrival Price: SAR 300 (about USD 80).
- Medical Insurance Fees: SAR 95 (about USD 25.33).
- Entry: Multiple Entry or single entry depending on Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- Validity: The multiple entry visa is valid for a year from its issue date. The visa allows for stays of up to 90 days.

### Requirements

U.S., U.K. or Schengen Visa Holders can qualify for visa on arrival if the below conditions are met:

- Your visa must be a business or tourist visa.
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- Your passport must be valid for a minimum of six months beyond the date of entry into Saudi.

Any type of visa will allow travelers to perform Umrah. Don't forget to book your Umrah appointment through [Nusuk platform](#).

Source:

<https://www.visitsaudi.com/en/help-support>

# TRANSPORTATION

- Hotels will provide vehicle for the pick-up and drop-off to and from the airport.
- For touring around Riyadh, PICE Riyadh can arrange transportation as per request. Request must be received not later than June 2, 20243.
- Rent-A-Car is available. You can rent your own car. Roads in Riyadh are very organized. Gasoline is also cheaper than water. So renting a car can be a good choice.
- Taxi and Uber are available.



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