

### TRAVELLING FACTS

<b>Climate</b>	Summer, Winter, Arid (with extreme variations in temperature)
<b>Rainfall</b>	69mm
<b>Summer</b>	Max. - 52°C (125.6°F) Min. - 18°C (64°F)
<b>Winter</b>	Max. - 19.9°C (67.82°F) Min. - -0.5°C (31.91°F)
<b>Best Time to Visit</b>	March, April. September and October (rest of the month being extremely hot or cold)
<b>Major Attractions</b>	Al Murabba'a Palace, Masmak Castle and Kingdom Center
<b>Major Entertainment Centers</b>	Riyadh Museum of History and Archaeology, King Saud University Museum, The National Museum, King Abdul Aziz Military Museum and King Fahad National Library Museum, Al Rawdah Sharaco Amusement Park, Al Hamrah Entertainment Village
<b>Shopper's Paradise</b>	Olaya Street, Al Faisaliah Mall and Kingdom Tower
<b>Near by Places (Excursions)</b>	City of Old Diriyah and Dir'aiyah
<b>Famous Food and Beverages (Gourmet's Delight)</b>	Kabsa, Arikah, Fatir/Kimaje (Flat Bread), Hawayij (Spice Blend), Haysa Al-Tumreya (Dip for Dates), Laban Drink (Yogurt Drink), Tabbouleh (Bulgur Wheat Salad), Hummus, Qahwa (Arabic Coffee),
<b>Foreign Embassies and Consulates</b>	There are more than 100 embassies and consulates which are currently located in Riyadh. Some of them are Afghanistan, Argentina, Australia, Bangladesh, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Malaysia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Philippines, South Africa and Sweden. * See separate file for the list of embassies and consulates.





### **THE KINGDOM CENTER**

The tallest building in Saudi Arabia and built to an unusual elliptical award-winning design, Kingdom Center is indeed the place to see and be seen in Central Riyadh.

A Saudi prince owns this remarkable tower which besides containing modern offices, apartments, the Four Seasons Hotel and a fitness club, also houses a state-of-the-art three level shopping mall with more than 160 stores.

The center also bristles with dozens of first class international restaurants.

Location: Al-Urubah Road, Olaya Business District

### **RIYADH MUSEUM OF HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY**

The chief museum among the numerous others in Riyadh, Museum of History and Archaeology besides showcasing local art, religion and culture, also displays the diverse and intriguing history of Arabian kingdoms in eight sections.

It covers the history of the nation right from the Stone Age to early Islam, which are explained both in English and Arabic. There is also a separate Ethnographic Hall. The artifacts include clothing, weapons, jewelry and musical instruments.

Location: West of Old City Center, Al-Bathaa

### **AL MURABBA'A PALACE**

Another principal component of King Abdul Aziz Historical Center, Al Murabba'a Palace is situated just outside the original city walls. Built in 1946 by King Abdul Aziz as a home and seat of government, the palace has been preserved as a living example of Arabian royal life. This palace cum fortress includes the King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies, which usually conducts an exhibition on some aspect of Islamic art or culture. Wherein, there is also a permanent exhibition on the treatment and preservation of old books and manuscripts. The ground floor of the palace has guardrooms and storerooms, while the reception salons, political offices and private apartments can be found upstairs.

Location: Khazzan Street

