

TRANSPORTATION IN RIYADH

With excellent highways and rail to Dammam and the King Khalid International Airport which is connected to the whole country, Riyadh is undeniably the transport hub for the entire kingdom. In addition, there are many public transport facilities in the city like buses, taxis and hired cars.

RIYADH AIRPORTS

King Khalid International Airport – is located 35km (22m) north of the city, the airport operates all domestic and international flights of Riyadh. It has three terminals linked together by moving walkways to facilitate ease of transfer between terminals and gates. The airport is also the main base of operations for Saudi National Airlines. There is also a regular SAPTCO (Saudi Arabian Public Transport Company) bus service from the airport to various hotels and centers of town.

RIYADH RAILWAY TRANSPORTATION

Although the railway system in Saudi Arabia is not well developed, Riyadh as a capital and major metropolis stands as the major railway hub of the country. The Riyadh Railway Station offers trips to different parts of the country as well as local train services within the city through its main route being Riyadh to Dammam line. It also touches major areas such as Dhahran, Abqaiq, Hofuf, Harad and Al Kharj. Another line connects Hofuf to Riyadh.

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

Public transportations in Riyadh are quite limited, consisting mainly of buses or minibuses.

- A. Buses: The mode piles on very few routes and usually operates for men only though buses that do admit women have a screened off area, separating them from men. A bus service named SAPTCO (Saudi Arabian Public Transport Company) which regularly operates from the airports to various hotels and the center of town, while there are some other buses and minibuses marked airport and they go to the old airport.
- B. Taxis: There are mainly two types of taxis operating in the city namely, white and orange and yellow taxis which are metered. The drivers of the white and orange

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speaking English while yellow taxis can be booked through the hotel or hired directly from an amenable driver.

- C. Rented Cars: Car hiring is probably the best option for moving smoothly in the city. As the roads are good, it makes a lot of sense to rent a car. There is a limousine service from the airport to the traveler's destination whose rates are decided by the government.

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