

Currency

The Saudi Arabian monetary unit is the Saudi riyal (SR). It is divided into 100 Halalah. Currency is denominated as follows:

- (1) bills of 1, 5, 10, 50, 100 and 500 SR.
- (2) coins of 5, 10, 25 and 50 halalahs.

One Canadian dollar equals approximately 3.2 (SR), and one American dollar is fixed at 3.75 (SR).

Clothing

Visitors should wear light-weight clothing except during December-January when medium-weight clothing is more appropriate. Saudi business dress is relatively formal even in hot weather when suits and ties are the norm for Western visitors.

Business hours

Banks:

0800-1200 — Saturday through Wednesday
1700-1900 — Thursday is a half day

During Ramadan:

1000-1330 — In Jeddah and Riyadh
0900-1200 — In the Eastern Province

Government departments:

0730-1430 — Saturday to Wednesday

During Ramadan:

0900-1500

Foreign Embassies:

0800-1500 — Saturday to Wednesday

Canadian Embassy:

0800-1600 — Saturday to Wednesday