

- (2) Hotel and restaurant staff — tip 10% provided no service charge has been added.
- (3) Taxi drivers — no tip is expected.
- (4) Porters — two riyals per bag is recommended.

Taxi service

Although there are cabs available, service can be unpredictable. Rates for fixed distances are often officially posted, but actual fares should be negotiated with the driver before departure; hotel employees can be helpful in this regard.

Chauffeur-driven cars are available for a minimum of 50 (SR) per hour. Fares are higher in the evenings and, in Jeddah, they may double after 10:00 p.m. Visitors are allowed to rent cars but an international driver's license is required. Because the Kingdom's cities have few street signs or numbers, good directions are a must.

Taxi fares — within city limits: 10-50 (SR)
— from airport: 50-80 (SR)

Water and Food

It is recommended that visitors not drink the tap water. Bottled water is readily available. All food may be eaten without health concerns.

Restaurants

Saudi Arabia has a variety of restaurants including European, Lebanese, Chinese, Korean, Arab, Indonesian, Turkish, Indian and Pakistani. No alcoholic beverages or pork products are available. A per diem of 150-200 (SR) for meals is sufficient.