

Business Office and Retail Establishments:

0800-1200 — Saturday to Thursday

1600-2000

During Ramadan:

0900-1500

2030-2330

Shops, Supermarkets, Department Stores:

0900-2100 — With mid-day break from

1200-1600 hours

Note: Thursday and Fridays are the official holidays although some offices remain open on Thursday mornings.

Major Holidays — Moslem Feasts

The Moslem calendar is based on lunar changes and is dated from the Prophet Mohammed's flight to Medina, July 15, 622 A.D. The dates of the Moslem feasts are only approximate as they depend upon the physical sightings of the moon; they fall 10 to 12 days earlier in each Christian year. The following public holidays are observed during which all government and business offices are closed. It is advisable that business visitors avoid both these holidays periods including several days before and after:

- Id Al-Fitr: The feast following the fasting month, Ramadan
- Id Al-Adha: The Feast of Sacrifice following the end of Haj