

Dear Participants,

We are looking forward to welcome you to Nomad Universe International Ethnofestival, taking place during the spectacular King Abdul-Aziz Camel Festival from 21 February to 24 March 2019, Festival gates open 10:00 to 22:00

Nomad Universe International Ethnofestival start date is 09 March and will end 19 March, show hours are 15:00 to 22:00

Ethnosport Zones include traditional single combat, archery, traditional intellectual games, horse racing and traditional horse games, traditional hunting (with prey birds and saluqi dogs), national and demonstrative games, opening and closing ceremony.

Ethno Village Zone presents musical and theatrical performances of participants from more than 90 countries all over the world and also competitive program with grand and secondary prizes. All artists are going to take part in the following genres: ethno music, ethno dances, traditional costumes demonstrations, epos telling and original genre.

Ethno Bazar Zone ethnic market, selling different goods and souvenirs symbolize cultural value of the participant countries

Moviestan Cinema showing the best tell & show movies and documentaries about historical and cultural heritage.

Ethno Cuisine national Kyrgyz cuisine, offers the best Kyrgyz food, hospitality, and kindness.



Facts about Saudi Arabia:

Capital and Time Zone: Riyadh (GMT+3)

Population and area: 33 million, 2.15 million km²

Currency: Saudi riyal (1 United States dollars = 3.75 Saudi riyals)

Spoken languages: Arabic, and English is commonly used (in shopping Malls, restaurants, hotels, and by expats who lives in Saudi Arabia)

Event Location and address: Ar Rumahiyah 15635, Saudi Arabia <https://goo.gl/maps/EASJ9qTduks> (120 kilometers from Riyadh city center)

When travelling to Saudi Arabia, we want to make you are aware of few customs and traditions in Saudi Arabia.

When entering the country:

Please make sure you have a valid visa for travelling to Saudi Arabia. All information to obtain a visa have been provided.

Festival organizers will be available in the airport for your assistance, please don't hesitate to ask for any kind of assistance at the airport.

If you need to take any kind of medicine you are uncertain about traveling with, please contact us so that a list of medicals can be cleared by our local partner when entering the country if needed.

Any kind of alcohol and drugs is not allowed to take into the country or consume there

When in public places:

The common dressing for men when in Saudi Arabia such as wearing trousers, T-Shirts or Shirts. Women need to wear an Abaya when in public places. For all women participants, Abaya will be distributed at the Hotel.

Please also make sure that any photos/videos you take and post on Social Media networks are appropriate with local customs and traditions.

Physical contact between men and women in public areas is not common in Saudi Arabia culture

When meeting each other:

Shaking hands when meeting each other is common in Saudi Arabia. Physical contact between men and women when greeting is not common in Saudi Arabia culture

When paying in Restaurants, Shops and Shopping malls:

The currency is the Saudi riyal (SAR). Credit cards are widely accepted, especially in main cities. Automated banking machines are widely available (ATM).

USD is rarely accepted as currency when paying in Restaurants/Shops.

Tips are not expected.

When making phone calls:

Country code +966

WhatsApp texting is heavily used and very common among everyone, WhatsApp calls may not work in Saudi Arabia, however other Apps like Facebook messenger should be available for calls. Please check with your mobile network provider of costs for roaming and incoming and outbound phone calls

You can purchase Mobile SIM card from the Airport, the Saudi operators (mobily, STC, Zain) are available in the Arrival Terminal and can easily purchase with your Passport

When getting around:

Transportation from airport to hotels and to event location is organized by the event host.

When you want to book/take a taxi, please bear in mind the following. The event location is 120 kilometers away from Riyadh and in a distant area

In the city, you can use normal Taxi, a taxi has a meter but you should agree on a fixed price before the ride.

Uber and Careem smart phone applications are commonly used and very safe.

When getting sick/injured:

Before travelling to Saudi Arabia please check with your local health insurance provider that any kind of medical assistance you may require is covered.

There is a hospital providing medical treatment 24/7 in the event location for all participants

When eating/drinking and weather:

At the time of the event the outside temperature will be around 24 degrees high and 10 degrees low (sometimes less because we are in the desert) and the weather is dry. So, please drink enough water during the day and night, also bring your sunscreens creams and caps/hats if you are working under direct sunrays. Also lip balm is very useful to bring, please avoid drinking tap water, only drink bottled water

Dusty weather may occur, please take precautions in case you have allergies of dust and bring your medical mask

Global brand restaurants with all kind of cuisine and coffee shops are available in Saudi Arabia

In case you are in doubt or unsure about any particular rules/behaviors in Saudi Arabia, we advise you to get in contact with us to clarify any points.

Electricity socket: Please bring your international adapter with you, In Saudi Arabia the power plugs and sockets are of British type. The standard voltage is 110 / 220 V and the standard frequency is 60 Hz

Prayer Times

Saudi Arabia is an Islamic country and prayers are performed 5 times daily, during the prayer times, shops and restaurants close for 30 minutes to perform the prayer, below is a table of prayers times during the event

(Prayer times in event location, prayer times changes from one city to another)

Date	Day	Fajr	Dhur	Asr	Maghrib	Eisha
1	Fri	04:56	12:04	03:24	05:53	07:23
2	Sat	04:56	12:04	03:24	05:53	07:23
3	Sun	04:55	12:03	03:24	05:54	07:24
4	Mon	04:54	12:03	03:24	05:55	07:25
5	Tue	04:53	12:03	03:24	05:55	07:25
6	Wed	04:52	12:03	03:25	05:56	07:26
7	Thu	04:51	12:02	03:25	05:56	07:26
8	Fri	04:50	12:02	03:25	05:57	07:27
9	Sat	04:49	12:02	03:25	05:57	07:27

10	Sun	04:48	12:02	03:25	05:58	07:28
11	Mon	04:47	12:01	03:25	05:58	07:28
12	Tue	04:46	12:01	03:25	05:59	07:29
13	Wed	04:45	12:01	03:25	05:59	07:29
14	Thu	04:44	12:01	03:25	06:00	07:30
15	Fri	04:43	12:00	03:25	06:00	07:30
16	Sat	04:42	12:00	03:25	06:00	07:30
17	Sun	04:41	12:00	03:25	06:01	07:31
18	Mon	04:40	12:00	03:25	06:01	07:31
19	Tue	04:38	11:59	03:25	06:02	07:32
20	Wed	04:37	11:59	03:25	06:02	07:32
21	Thu	04:36	11:59	03:25	06:03	07:33
22	Fri	04:35	11:58	03:25	06:03	07:33
23	Sat	04:34	11:58	03:25	06:04	07:34
24	Sun	04:33	11:58	03:25	06:04	07:34
25	Mon	04:32	11:57	03:25	06:05	07:35
26	Tue	04:31	11:57	03:25	06:05	07:35
27	Wed	04:30	11:57	03:25	06:06	07:36
28	Thu	04:28	11:57	03:25	06:06	07:36
29	Fri	04:27	11:56	03:24	06:06	07:36
30	Sat	04:26	11:56	03:24	06:07	07:37
31	Sun	04:25	11:56	03:24	06:07	07:37