



# 15. Saudi Arabia



| Key Facts                                |   |
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| Population                               | 30,770,375  |
| Area                                     | 2,149,690 km <sup>2</sup>   |
| Official Language                        | Arabic  |
| Capital                                  | Riyadh  |
| Time                                     | UTC+3   |
| Currency                                 | Saudi riyal (SR) (SAR)  |
| Constitution                             | Unitary Islamic Absolute monarchy   |
| Climate                                  | harsh, dry desert with great temperature extremes   |
| Economy                                  | Saudi Arabia's command economy is petroleum-based; roughly 75% of budget revenues and 90% of export earnings come from the oil industry.                    |
| Traveler Information                     | <a href="http://sauditourism.sa/en/Pages/default.aspx">http://sauditourism.sa/en/Pages/default.aspx</a>   |
| Investment Authority/Ministry of Economy | <a href="https://mci.gov.sa/en/Pages/default.aspx?AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1">https://mci.gov.sa/en/Pages/default.aspx?AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1</a> |
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