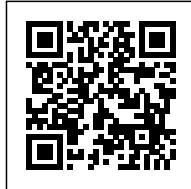


SAUDI ARABIA

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Saudi Arabia or the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is a country located in Western Asia covering the vast majority of the Arabian Peninsula. [Riyadh](#), the capital, is the main financial hub and the largest city on the Arabian Peninsula. [Islam](#) is the national religion and Arabic is the national language. The national currency of Saudi Arabia is the [Saudi riyal \(SAR\)](#).

The founder of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is [Ibn Saud](#) who united the four regions into a single state. Saudis celebrate the national day on the 23rd of September which marks the unification of the country as a kingdom.

Saudi Arabia's national anthem was first adopted without lyrics and was played at official ceremonies. The lyrics were later written by Ibrahim Khafaji.

The national Saudi emblem is represented by [two crossed swords with a palm tree in the middle](#); the national colors are white and green. Arabs and Afro-Asians constitute the ethnic composition of Saudis.

Thawb, a long-sleeved dress represents the national Saudi costume; along with a headpiece called *Shemagh*.

Ardha or the sword dance is the national Saudi dance; where two rows of men stand facing each other holding a sword or a cane. The dance is performed along with drums and poetry.

Kabsa is by far the national dish of Saudis. It's a flavorful dish of chicken or meat over spiced basmati rice served on a big platter.

Saudi Arabia is the homeland of the Phoenix palm tree, thus it's not just the national tree but serves as a national symbol as well. Arfaj is the national flower and grows abundantly in the Arabian Peninsula. "[The ship of the desert](#)" or the Arabian Camel is the national animal of the country due to the vast desert area in the country. Respectively the powerful and majestic [Falcon](#) is the national bird.

Football is the most popular sport for Saudis and is thus the country's national sport.

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