

Visa-on-arrival access to Saudi Arabia for HKSAR passport holders and extension of visa-free period for nationals of Saudi Arabia visiting Hong Kong

The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) has received notification from the Royal Consulate General of Saudi Arabia in HKSAR (Consulate General) that HKSAR passport holders can apply for a tourist visa upon arrival through six designated control points in Saudi Arabia. There are two types of tourist visas: a single-entry visa for a maximum stay of 30 days, and a multiple-entry visa for a maximum stay of 90 days.

HKSAR passport holders are also eligible to apply for an eVisa to visit Saudi Arabia prior to their visit. For details, please refer to the website visa.visitsaudi.com. HKSAR passport holders are advised to consult the Consulate General for detailed information before travelling.

Meanwhile, the Immigration Department announced today that, with effect from January 15, 2025, the visa-free period for nationals of Saudi Arabia to visit the HKSAR will be extended from 30 to 90 days.

An Immigration Department spokesman said, "Saudi Arabia is along the Belt and Road. Under the Belt and Road Initiative, the visa-on-arrival and eVisa arrangements will bring greater travel convenience to HKSAR passport holders visiting Saudi Arabia. Furthermore, these arrangements and the extension of the visa-free visit period for nationals of Saudi Arabia will enhance tourism, cultural and economic ties between the two places."

As of today, 172 countries and territories have granted visa-free access or visa-on-arrival to HKSAR passport holders, including all six member states of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf, comprising Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. Please visit the following website for details: www.immd.gov.hk/eng/service/travel_document/visa_free_access.html or scan the attached code.