Single Men

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| Open-mindedness is key  It can be easy to fall into the trap of comparing your new country of residence to your expat country. Doing so will most likely negatively affect your experience in Saudi Arabia. Remember to keep an open mind to the new culture and experiences available to you in the Kingdom - you will be surprised how much you will learn and love about your new country. |
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# The struggles of being single

In Saudi Arabia, you are considered a “teenager” until you are a married man – that is, you live at home and do not cook, but rather rely on your parents. For those native to the Kingdom, singleness is not a season that is highly valued.

# Living arrangements

Housing is hard to come by as a single man in Saudi Arabia. Proprietors prefer to rent their housing to families rather than singles. However, it is common for sponsors to provide housing for their workers, and most expats live on compounds with other expats.

# Relationships

Dating in Saudi Arabia is very different than dating in other parts of the world due to gender segregation. Men and women sit in different areas in most public places, including restaurants and coffee shops. It is taboo and suspicious for a single man to approach a single woman. Because of this, your time in Saudi Arabia may be a good time to take advantage of being a single man. Enjoy the experiences you have on your own and the freedom to spend your time however you want.

# familiarize yourself with the prayer schedule

During the five daily prayers, most of the city shuts down. If you are in a restaurant, you can stay but will not be served. Most shops close for the duration of the prayers. It can be helpful to arrange your daily schedule around the prayer time.