# Saudi Hijazi

## Who are the Saudi Hijazis?

The Saudi Hijazis are the majority peoples in the Western Province of Saudi Arabia. They were previously under Hashemite rule until they lost their ruling power to the Al Saud Family (from the Najd tribe) who joined with the strict Wahabi sect to form the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in 1932. Their culture, though often diminished by the Najdis, remains unique. They simultaneously view themselves as traditional and cosmopolitan; as forward-thinking as well as deeply religiously conservative.

Hijazis are among the descendants of Mohammad and are specially entrusted as the keepers of Islam's Holy cities of Medina and Mecca. They view themselves as Islam's Chosen People. As keepers of the Holy Cities, the Hajj is a very critical component of who they are. Unlike many Muslims for which the Hajj is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, the Hijazis do so with regularity. One-third of the 2.3 million Hajj pilgrims at any given time are Saudi and mostly Hijazi. It is a deep part of their religious identity and responsibility.

They are a people that cherish the past and also innovate towards the future. They are home to KAUST, one of the world's leading science and technology Universities, and are in the process of building NEOM, promising to become one of the most advanced smart cities. They want to be a beacon of light reckoning back to the Islamic Golden Age.

"KAUST after rain" by Aditya Prabaswara

**12 million**
**yet to be reached**

**98%**
**of the population is online**



## Quick Facts

Population- 11,945,000
Progress- Engaged yet Unreached
Language- Hijazi Arabic
Bible Translation, Gospel Recordings, and Radio Broadcast- Available
Jesus Film- Not Available

*I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.*
— Isaiah 43:19 —

> A voice cries out in the wilderness,
> "Clear the way for the Lord in the wilderness;
> Make straight in the desert a highway for our God...
> And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed."
> — Isaiah 40:3,5 —

## Pray

- Pray for miraculous break through in this people who sit at the epicenter of Islam.
- Pray that those who visit Mecca and Medina to find cleansing and forgiveness would see that only Issa Al Messiah is the way the truth and the life.
- Ask that many would see and learn about the true path through social media.
- Ask the Lord of the Harvest to open doors for laborers.
- Ask that those few Saudis that have chosen to follow the Messiah would be strengthened in their faith and have a deep burden to stay and bring the truth to their own communities.
- Ask that the Lord would bring more dreams and visions and more workers to help interpret them.
- Pray that the impact of the kingdom would ripple from the birthplace of Islam to all Muslim peoples.

## Engage

Those who want to use their professional degrees and work experience are a great fit for working in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. There are opportunities in many spheres, including but not limited to: engineering, medicine, fitness instruction, finance, and business consulting. There are also many teaching opportunities in the Kingdom, including adult ESL, and K-12 at many of the country's international schools. A certificate in the IB education system is helpful. There are even opportunities to become a graduate student at King Abdullah University of Science and Technology.

Though many speak English, it is more a business language than a heart language, and it is critical to speak Arabic well in order to have deeper conversations. Excitingly, there are new Arabic language learning opportunities in-country, as well as language schools in the region where one can learn Arabic as well as culture before taking a full-time job in Saudi Arabia.

Most in-country employment also provides a work visa, and tourist visas are becoming a new reality. There are lots of educational opportunities for children as well as many family activities in the cities.

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