Enjoying a pre-eminent address in the capital Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA.) and situated within 213,500 square meters (52 acres) of luxuriantly landscaped gardens The Ritz-Carlton, Riyadh will position itself amongst the grand palace hotels in the world. Originally envisioned as a royal guest palace for visiting dignitaries and heads of state, the hotel's stately architecture is modeled on traditional palaces and elegant Arabian residences. Native palms, 600-year old olive trees from Lebanon, and water fountains abound on the property, providing an oasis of serenity amidst the city centre.

A flat plain area bordered by Al Ared sandy mountains from the east and Binban sand dunes from the west. Its plains are on acacia bushes. The area's topography varies between mountain heights, plateaus, sand plains, and depressions where rainwater gathers. Due to the continuous development and investment outlook for the region by the Supreme Council for the Development of Riyadh and the officials' keen efforts to make Al Thumama a tourist attraction site rich with family parks and has varied entertainment factors which increased the number of visitors from inside Riyadh and nearby areas throughout the seasons of the year and provided another dimension of entertainment during summer and winter, as Al Thumama visitor should pass through a number of parks and amusement centers spread on its entrances in addition to shopping.

**Gala Dinner at Carlton Ritz - Riyadh**

**Pick up date:** 27 Feb 2012  
**Pick up time:** 19:30  
**Gathering Place:** North Tower

**Al-Thumama Desert Camp, Falcon Show and Dinner**

**Pick up date:** 01 Mar 2012  
**Pick up time:** 13:30  
**Gathering Place:** North Tower

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**Social Activities**

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**MAJOR THEMES**

- Radiation Oncology
- Diagnostic Imaging
- Radiation Biology
- Radiation Protection
- Other Related Topics
Dinner at Al-Maather Cave Park

The Al Ma'ather Cave Park is part of the land donated to the King Faisal Specialist Hospital and Research Center. Historically it was a place of recreation near Riyadh used for picnics and social gatherings. King Abdulaziz used to hold important meetings there. About a decade ago it was developed as a part of the hospital landscaping and is utilized by the hospital staff and their dependents. It also hosts several social events throughout the year. It is believed that the old Bedouins used it as a place to stay when they came for meetings or to visit.

Date: 28 Feb 2012
Start time: 19:30
Gathering Place: Al-Maather Park

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Gold Souq

The gold souqs are very popular in the Kingdom as the Saudi gold is rated among the best in the world for its value, quality and design. Al Owais (Kuwaiti Souq): The “Kuwaiti souq” is among the oldest souqs in Riyadh. It contains a little bit of everything from household goods, carpets, furniture to abayas, thobes, shoes and dresses as well as gold, spices and food stuffs. It is a must visit on anyone’s list for a traditional shopping experience. Deira (Souq Suwaiqa): Is another traditional style souq that goes on and on with a multitude of shops and offerings. Deira is especially known for antique watches, daggers, traditional clothes, hand carved furniture and other items representative of the Kingdom. All taxi drivers are familiar with how to get to Deira.

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Shopping Malls

Riyadh is a large and growing cosmopolitan city and accommodates the needs of many travelers and residents alike. For those who are new to the area, finding out where to shop or to purchase household items can be not only frustrating but also time consuming. Therefore, several locations have been selected which you may want to visit.

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