

Public holidays – Saudi Arabia, Oman, Bahrain, Kuwait, and Egypt

2012	Saudi public holidays	2012	Date Embassy closed
		1/1/2012	New Year's Day
		28/1/2012	Australia Day (in Lieu)
		7/4/2012	Easter Saturday
		8/4/2012	Easter Sunday
18/8/2012	Eid Al-Fitr	18/8/2012	Eid Al-Fitr
19/8/2012	Eid Al-Fitr	19/8/2012	Eid Al-Fitr
20/8/2012	Eid Al-Fitr	20/8/2012	Eid Al-Fitr
		22/9/2012	Additional DFAT holiday
23/9/2012	Saudi National Day	23/9/2012	Saudi National Day
27/10/2012	Eid Al-Adha	27/10/2012	Eid Al-Adha
28/10/2012	Eid Al-Adha	28/10/2012	Eid Al-Adha
		24/12/2012	Christmas Eve
		25/12/2012	Christmas Day
		26/12/2012	Boxing Day

2012	Oman public holidays	2012	Date Embassy (Riyadh) closed
1/1/2012	New Year's Day	1/1/2012	New Year's Day
4/2/2012	Milad Al Nabi (Birth of the Prophet)	28/1/2012	Australia Day (in Lieu)
		7/4/2012	Easter Saturday
17/6/2012	Leilat Al Meiraj (Ascension of the Prophet)	8/4/2012	Easter Sunday
23/7/2012	Renaissance Day		
		18/8/2012	Eid Al-Fitr
19/8/2012	Eid Al-Fitr	19/8/2012	Eid Al-Fitr
		20/8/2012	Eid Al-Fitr
		22/9/2012	Additional DFAT holiday
25/10/2012	Eid Al-Adha	23/9/2012	Saudi National Day
		27/10/2012	Eid Al-Adha
		28/10/2012	Eid Al-Adha
15/11/2012	Islamic New Year	24/12/2012	Christmas Eve
18/11/2012	Omani National Day & birthday of HM Sultan Qaboos	25/12/2012	Christmas Day
		26/12/2012	Boxing Day

2012	Bahrain public holidays	2012	Date Embassy (Riyadh) closed
1/1/2012	New Year's Day	1/1/2012	New Year's Day
4/2/2012	Prophet's Birthday	28/1/2012	Australia Day (in Lieu)
1/5/2012	Labour Day	7/4/2012	Easter Saturday
		8/4/2012	Easter Sunday
18/8/2012	Eid Al-Fitr	18/8/2012	Eid Al-Fitr
19/8/2012	Eid Al-Fitr	19/8/2012	Eid Al-Fitr
20/8/2012	Eid Al-Fitr	20/8/2012	Eid Al-Fitr
		22/9/2012	Additional DFAT holiday
25/10/2012	Eid Al-Adha	23/9/2012	Saudi National Day
26/10/2012	Eid Al-Adha	27/10/2012	Eid Al-Adha
27/10/2012	Eid Al-Adha	28/10/2012	Eid Al-Adha
14/11/2012	Islamic New Year	24/12/2012	Christmas Eve
22/11/2012	Ashoora	25/12/2012	Christmas Day
23/11/2012	Ashoora	26/12/2012	Boxing Day
16/12/2012	National Day		
17/12/2012	National Day		

2012	Kuwait public holidays	2012	Date Embassy closed
1/1/2012	New Year's Day	1/1/2012	New Year's Day
26/2/2012	Kuwait Liberation Day		
		5/4/2012	Good Friday (in lieu)
		8/4/2012	Easter Sunday
		25/4/2012	ANZAC Day
		10/6/2012	Queen's Birthday (in lieu)
28/6/2012	Prophet's Ascension *	28/6/2012	Prophet's Ascension *
19/8/2012	Eid Al-Fitr *	19/8/2012	Eid Al-Fitr *
20/8/2012	Eid Al-Fitr *	20/8/2012	Eid Al-Fitr *
25/10/2012	Eid Al-Adha *	25/10/2012	Eid Al-Adha *
28/10/2012	Eid Al-Adha *	28/10/2012	Eid Al-Adha *
		25/12/2012	Christmas Day
		26/12/2012	Boxing Day
		27/12/2012	DFAT Holiday

* Extra holidays are frequently taken especially by Government offices around the Eid holidays and clients should be aware that visits made during these periods may be problematical.

2012	Egypt public holidays	2012	Date Embassy closed
9/1/2012	New Year's Day	1/1/2012	New Year's Day
4/2/2012	Prophet's Birthday	8/4/2012	Easter Sunday
15/4/2012	Sham El Nessim (Spring Festival)	15/4/2012	Coptic Easter
25/4/2012	Sinai Liberation day (Sinai only)	16/4/2012	Sharm El-Nessim
1/5/2012	Labour Day		
23/7/2012	National Day	22/7/2012	Revolution Day (in lieu)
15/8/2012	Flooding of the Nile	19/8/2012	Eid Al-Fitr
19/8/2012	Eid Al-Fitr	20/8/2012	Eid Al-Fitr
11/9/2012	Coptic New Year		
		28/10/2012	Eid Al-Adha
6/10/2012	Armed Forces Day	29/10/2012	Eid Al-Adha
21/10/2012	Egyptian Naval Day	25/12/2012	Christmas Day
24/10/2012	Suez Day	26/12/2012	Boxing Day
26/10/2012	Eid Al-Adha	27/12/2012	APS Holiday
15/11/2012	Islamic New Year	30/12/2012	Additional Public Holiday
23/12/2012	Suez Victory Day	31/12/2012	New Year's Eve

Note:

Muslim festivals are timed according to local sightings of various phases of the moon and the dates given above are approximations. During the lunar month of Ramadan that precedes Eid al-Fitr, Muslims fast during the day and feast at night and normal business patterns may be interrupted. Many restaurants are closed during the day and there may be restrictions on smoking and drinking. Some disruption may continue into Eid al-Fitr itself. Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha may last anything from two to 10 days, depending on the region. Generally, if a holiday falls on a Friday, a day is given in lieu.