



1. The Basics

1. What are the dates of the reunion?

The reunion will take place from March 11-21, 2019.

2. What is the cost of the reunion?

There is a **non-refundable** registration fee of \$150. This fee will cover some of the basic costs of running the reunion.

Some activities and trips will also have associated fees but all events are optional. The total amount will depend on what activities you choose to be involved in and what your budget will allow. For more information, (See Section 5).

Airfare and hotel will be an additional cost to the participant. (See Sections 2 & 3).

3. When can I register?

Beginning April 1, 2018, registration for the 2019 KSA Retiree Reunion will open for Saudi Aramco Retirees and their dependents who have never attended a reunion in Saudi Arabia. Registration will begin October 1, 2018 for those who have previously been to a reunion in Saudi.

At this time, we are unable to accommodate a wait list. Please watch The 2019 KSA Reunion group page on Facebook, the retiree websites and publications for information.

4. Who may attend?

Expatriate retirees may attend. "Retirees" will be as per the designation in Saudi Aramco Human Resources. Those who also may attend, with or without the retiree, are the retiree's:

- Spouse (the spouse's parents are not eligible),
- Child (Brats!) and their spouse,
- Grandchildren, as well as
- the retiree's ex-spouse

Please note, for attendance at the 2019 Reunion, the age limit will be restricted to **15 years old and above**.

We will be closely monitoring registration and hope to be able to open up to other groups at a later date.

5. What documentation do I need to register?

You will need the retiree's badge number to register. If you intend to register but do not know your badge number, you may call **Alight Aramco Benefits Center** at 855-604-6220. *Please, only use this number if you intend to register.*

You will also need to enter valid passport information and a credit card at the time of registration. Please do not register with a passport that will be invalid at the time of entry into KSA. (See section 2.2 for more info).

After you submit your registration with all the necessary information, there will be a period of approximately one month before you are confirmed. You will receive an email confirming your registration and at that time, your credit card will be debited \$150 registration fee.



2. Preparing for your Trip

1. Immunizations

For those of you who experienced that pincushion feeling previously coming to Saudi, I'm happy to let you know that no immunizations are required. Refer to the [CDC website](#) for a guideline to optional vaccinations. However, if you have personal concerns, discuss your travel plans with your physician.

2. Medical Supplies

A checklist on [the CDC website](#) also provides a guideline for packing.

- a. Include your prescriptions in your carry-on and be sure to bring a refill request...just in case.
- b. Be sure to include a traveler's diarrhea kit and any other over the counter items you may require may not be accessible here, such as Alka Seltzer, Immodium, Pepto Bismol, etc. Please note that Aramco no longer provides Oral Rehydration Salt tablets at water fountains!

3. Clothing

As you know, if it's not the extreme hot summer season, the weather in Saudi can be unpredictable. In March of 2015, we experienced some rain nearly every day. Dust storms are also likely in March so bring scarves, mask, and/or a Buff® to keep the dust out of your lungs.

- a. **Breathable clothing:** The climate in Saudi Arabia is warm even in March. Wear clothing that is not too thick, and that you wouldn't mind sweating in. Bring light jackets and something to wear in the evening when it cools down.
- b. **Conservative Dress:** Conservative dress is strongly encouraged due to cultural customs. This is especially true for women, but men also should not wear shorts or tank tops outside camp and there are places within camp that this is also true.
 - i. Tours in the King Abdulaziz Cultural Center will strictly **require** *males wear pants and females wear abayas*. Information on abayas will come later.

3. Entering Saudi

1. What airport should I fly into?

Dammam (DMM) is the nearest airport. At this time, it is unclear if you will be able to enter the KSA via the causeway from Bahrain. We hope to have an update for you soon.

2. Passports

Check to make sure that your passports have at least 6 (six) months of validity when you enter Saudi in March of 2019. If your passport expires on or before **August 2019**, you will need a new one before you register.

3. Visas

Your visas will be arranged by our team. Visas will be issued beginning in late 2018 or early 2019 to assure their validity upon your arrival.

Married couples with different last names will need to provide their marriage certificate to prove marital relationship in accordance with Saudi customs and laws.

4. Airlines

Discounts on certain airlines are being negotiated. We will post the information when it becomes available.



4. Accommodations

1. Hotels

There will be specified hotel designated for the reunion, which will be en route for the Reunion shuttle bus. Discounts at select hotels are currently being arranged and you will be notified of these as soon as they are ready.

2. Choosing NOT TO STAY in a designated hotel

Please be aware that if you choose to stay in alternative accommodations, you will not have use of the shuttle buses made available to reunion participants. You will be responsible for your own transportation each day.

a. Staying on Camp

If you know someone who lives on camp, you could ask if they would be willing to sponsor you. They will have to put in the appropriate Security paperwork to Aramco Housing and to assure your entry into camp.

There are no empty houses available in Dhahran for rent/use during the reunion.

b. AirBnB

If you're considering this, you may want to do your homework and keep an eye on the [AirBnB website](#) to ensure you will be happy with your choice.

5. Activities, Trips, and Excursions

1. What trips are planned?

Our Tourism and Events teams are working on an amazing itinerary for the reunion and it will be some time before it is finalized. We expect to have trips to [Jeddah](#), [Asir](#), [al-Hasa](#), [Shaybah](#), to name a few. We will publish this information and open registration for trips as soon as they are available.

Please note that due to the effort level of some of the trips, all participants must be physically fit to participate.

2. What activities are included in the \$150 non-refundable registration fee?

Most local activities **are included** in the registration fee, while a few will have a **nominal charge** to cover minor costs.

Plans include Saudi Aramco Camp tours and activities like the Mall Day at ad-Diwan, local museums, and exhibits, various picnics (including HMYA), daily shawarmas, shopping in Khobar and Dammam, local music nights, and on March 15, you may attend our DH Farmer's Market!

We will also have tours of the newly opened [King Abdulaziz Center for World Culture](#). (See 3.b.i regarding dress code).

6. Communication and Social Media

1. What is the best way to get information on the reunion?

Information will be updated most regularly on the [2019 KSA Expatriate Reunion page in Facebook](#). As we get closer, we will launch other venues of social media. If someone you know is not using Facebook, but would like information on the Reunion, you could forward this document to them.

Information on the reunion will also be made available through various Saudi Aramco publications.

Once registration opens, a webpage with information, including this document, will be available.