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I Am Going To The Masmak Fortress!
A Step-by-Step Guide On How To Visit Fortress and Museum.
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The Masmak Fortress is an important historical building in Riyadh.



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People come from all over to see this fortress that has been turned into a museum.

The entrance to the fort still has the original door. Once you are inside the fortress there are rules to follow.



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One of the rules is to walk. Another rule is please do not touch the displays.

Once you have entered the walls there are many buildings to visit.



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It is important you stay with your group during your visit. It is easy to get separated between the old buildings.

There are many rooms and courtyards inside the Yasmak Fortress. Let's check them out.



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There are many displays at the fortress. There are signs on the walls that explain how old things are and what they were for.



This room has photographs of the fortress from many different years.



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**These men are doing a great job of following the rules.
They
are staying close to their group. The man is pointing to the**

This display shows some of the weapons that were used at the fortress many years ago.



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If the display is behind glass, please don't lean on the glass or touch the glass. That leaves fingerprints!

There is a giant map of the city to look at. These men are trying to find the fortress on the map.



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This is the room where you can watch a movie about the fortress.



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Remember! When you are watching a movie with other people, you have to be super quiet!

**This room has carpet on the floor.
Don't walk on the carpet!**



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There are little green signs in the fortress to show you the way to the exit. With all the rooms, walls and courtyards, it is easy to get mixed up!



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Follow the signs!

If you want to buy a souvenir of your visit you can visit the gift shop.



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See how careful the men are to not touch anything? They don't want to break something fragile.

**These men have had a terrific visit to the Masmak Fortress.
They are signing the guest book before they leave.**



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Maybe you can sign the guest book too!

**There are little shops around the fortress you can visit.
Tourists like to visit this part of town.**



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At night time they light the Masmak Fortress up with floodlights.



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Tourists even come at night to take pictures. I wonder if you will visit the fortress during daytime or night?



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I hope you have a great visit!

Don't throw your litter on the ground! Put it in the garbage can!



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