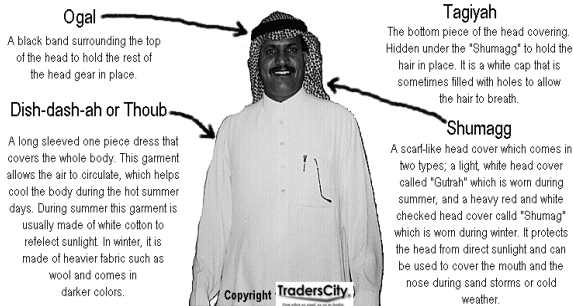


Fashion in Saudi Arabia

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Men Traditional Clothes Saudi Arabia

The Gulf Arabs Dress Gear



Imma

It is another style of headdress which is worn by Hijazi townsmen (men from the western region). It is a long or large textile which is folded many times around the head.



Bisht or Mishlah

Mishlah is a traditional cloak worn by men on the top of the thawb. It is usually made from cotton or camel/sheep wool. In special occasions like wedding, the groom wears bisht over the thawb. Mishlah comes in many colors like black, brown, gray, and cream color. Bishts are trimmed with beautiful golden embroidery. It comes with a standard or a free size that can be adjusted. When wearing the Mishlah, the right side of the bisht is tucked under the left arm.



Women Traditional Clothes from Saudi Arabia

Abaya

In general, all women have to wear Abaya on the top of their clothes when they go outside. Abaya looks like a black long dress with long sleeves.

Saudi women have to cover their hair because of religious reasons.

Some Abayas are embroidered with silver threads, crystals, lace and many other materials. Some Abaya are made from the jeans material, and some of them are totally made from the lace material and lined with a silk material.



Almost in each region in the Kingdom there is a special custom. In the old days, Women used to wear these traditional dresses, but now, not all women wear this kind of costumes everyday. Today's girls usually wear the western clothes and wear the traditional dresses in some traditional occasions like Ghomra (the night before the wedding night), or in Ramadan occasions when they visit each other and have Iftar (breaking the fast) together.



This dress is found in the hills of Abha region which is located in the southern region of the Kingdom. It is made of a fabric printed in floral patterns. When working on the land, the women of Abha used to tie their hems around their waists to keep them clean. They also wear a pantalets which is embroidered near the ankles to protect her against the mountain chill. To protect her from the harsh sun, Abha's women wear a straw hat on the top of a colorful scarf.



This gown is found in the Sulaym tribe who lives near Al-Madinah. It is an embroidered dress which has a quilted hem to protect against thorny bushes.



Found in Al-Jahdaly tribe which lives between Laith town, on the coast of the Red Sea, and Makkah. This Thawb is made from a local dyed red muslin and imported brown muslin. the gown is lined with rough fabrics salvaged from flour sacks.



This Thawb is worn by women of Hodhayl tribe in the city of Taif. It is made from patterned muslin. Each pattern has its name and its accompanying headdress



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