

HOUSING



Where will I live? an article by thymic Europe -

This question is often heard in our office. When relocating to a new country, it's crucial to find a place where you can unwind and feel comfortable after a busy workday.

Western Compounds

Most expatriates choose to live in Western Compounds, which are gated communities resembling self-contained holiday villages. Generally, these compounds offer high-quality living conditions.

There are several Compounds available suitable for families of different sizes and budgets. Premium compounds often include on-site recreational facilities like multiple pools, restaurants, and markets.

Although society is more relaxed about the dress code these days it can be a bonus that Western compounds do not have dress codes or gender segregation rules at all.

If you bring your family Compound life is the the better choice as it makes social interactions for your spouse and children easier. Children can safely enjoy playing within the compound's premises.

The accommodation is clean, spacious, and comfortable.

Apartments and villas come fully furnished and equipped. Of course you can personalize your living space with your decorations.

Housing management takes care of all problems that may arise, so you will no longer have to lay awake wondering if you will find a plumber.



Shared Housing for Single Contract Employees

Employers commonly provide shared housing for single contract workers. This setup involves sharing the kitchen and living room with a colleague, while having a spacious private room and bathroom.

Based on our observations, this living arrangement proves advantageous for our candidates.

It helps them navigating their new environment, particularly during the first months. It serves as a remedy for loneliness, offering a sense of connection and support. The employer ensures that housemates either share the same background or have common interests, creating a comfortable living environment for everyone.

The lifestyle within a compound offers greater freedom and cultivates a sense of community. Outside the compound walls, there are amenities like shopping malls, restaurants, and cinemas to enjoy.



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TRANSPORTION

The most popular way for our candidates to travel around Saudi is to book a driver, take a taxi, Uber or Careem. There is a free shuttle service from the compound to the hospital. They offer services to hyper/supermarkets too.

COST

Families usually spend between 140,000 SAR to 200,000 SAR per year for compound accommodation, with a minimum payment requirement of 6 months for most and some offering quarterly payments.

Compounds are in high demand and often there is a waiting list.

Our candidates have their accommodation expenses covered by our clients, and housing arrangements are typically organized by the employer.

LIVING OFF COMPOUND.

If you prefer to live off the compound, it is possible, and you can use the living allowance for that purpose.

Living outside the compound can be a budget-friendly option, and a good way to safe up on your hard earned SAR, but we recommended only if you have a supportive community of fellow nationals. Although some people enjoy the freedom of it, it can feel isolating. Finding accomodation can be quite challenging, but when you have adjusted to the new job and environment and feel comfortable to find your way around by yourself your network will be a usefull tool in finding a place that suits your needs.

We don't recommend this option for new candidates.