

A Weekend in Sana'a

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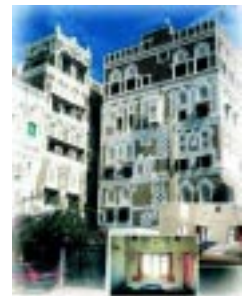
1. Burj Al Salam
at \$99 a twin room plus en suite shower inclusive of breakfast & taxes – www.burjalsalam.com
2. Taj Talha or the Arabia Felix
at \$25 per night, basic but clean
www.taj-talha-hotel.com.ye
<http://arabiafelix.free.fr>



Burj Al Salam

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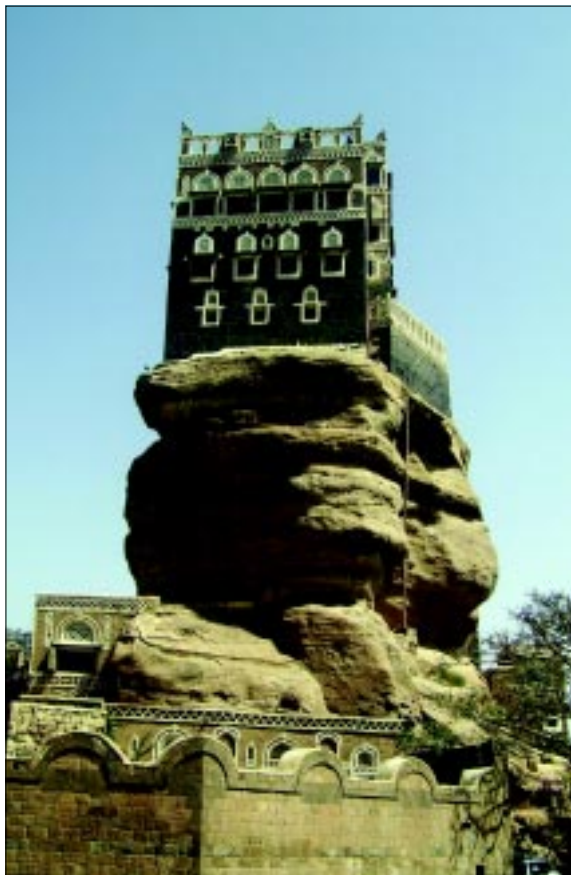
In the Old City try the fresh juices at YR50 – SR1 or sandwiches – the local favourite is a kidam bread stuffed with cheese, hard boiled egg and boiled potato with assorted spices – great value at YR75 – SR1.5. For more substantive meal and for great local cuisine you cannot beat the Al Shaibani Restaurant on Haddah Street opposite the Al Komain centre – try the ubiquitous salta – the local stew topped with hulba – a whipped fenugreek paste and eaten with fresh bread. Desserts are invariably fruit, but the local small bananas dipped in strong dark honey are very popular.



Arabia Felix Hotel

Security

Sana'a is fine and visiting Sana'a is infinitely safer than driving on the roads in Riyadh. The people are welcoming and indeed very hospitable. Of course travelling alone in tribal areas out of town should only be considered in light of security briefs, but Sana'a itself is, I would suggest, one of the safer cities of the world. As a visitor you should register with the British Embassy www.fco.gov.uk – this can be done on line before you depart. It is also prudent to take out holiday insurance – healthcare in Yemen is not up to the high level of Riyadh.



Dar Al Hajar

Fancy something different – why not try a weekend in Sana'a, Yemen! Cheap and convenient and a great place to shop and visit.

Flights

Yemenia at 1315hrs on a Wednesday afternoon arriving 1500hrs. Departing Sana'a at 100hrs on Friday morning arriving Riyadh 1215hrs – book your tickets in time and your return ticket price will be just over SR1,300 per person - delay your booking and it will top SR1,500 and if you go Saudia it will cost you SR1,700 plus, and ironically you may well end up on the Yemenia plane! (on the way back you can use the first class lounge at Sana'a airport for a payment of \$15 per person.)

Visas

Available at Sana'a airport upon arrival YR5,300 + YR200 fee
The Yemeni Riyal is currently some YR199 = US\$1 thus the cost is about \$27.64 or SR104

Accommodation

Instead of staying at overpriced and inconvenient international hotels on the outskirts of town - stay in the Old City – designated a UNESCO World Heritage site. The hotels will arrange a driver to pick you up from the airport and it is about a twenty minute journey into the centre of the Old City – cost \$20 or SR75.

Men at Work

