



Geotourism in Saudi Arabia

Vision, Ambition and Future



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Overview

Geotourism is a word referred to an adapted form of tourism that specifically focuses on geology and landscapes of countries which in turn shape the geological characteristics of a region. It promotes properly managed and quality tours to “geo-sites” and the conservation of geodiversity and an understanding of earth sciences through appreciation and learning. Though important, geotourism is still a new concept to various people, geologists and establishments.



The workshop aspires to bring together leading scientists, researchers, governmental organizations, and the private sector to exchange and share their experiences and research results on all aspects of Geotourism. It also provides a premier interdisciplinary platform for researchers, practitioners, and educators to present and discuss the most recent innovations, trends, and concerns as well as practical challenges encountered and solutions adopted in the fields of Geotourism to summarize the best cases of Geotourism and to promote the development of community and modern society.

The 13th International Geological Conference organized by the SSG in support of the geotourism movement aims at:

1. Sharing geotourism experience and exploring challenges and opportunities;
2. Pioneering Saudi Arabia to promote geotourism and geoparks;
3. Supporting development of Saudi Arabia geotourism in the promotion of conservation, earth sciences popularization, and sustainable economic development.

The following geotourism overview will be presented during the workshop proceedings to promote a better understanding of the future opportunities of geotourism in the Kingdom:

	Presentation Topic	Speaker	Time
1	Geotourism in Saudi Arabia: an overview	Hussam Al Turki	14:00 – 14:30
2	Saudi Geological Survey: pioneering role in discovering and identifying geo-sites for geotourism	Hussam Al Turki	14:30 – 15:00
3	Distinctive geological features in Saudi Arabia	Rami Al Gamdi	15:00 – 15:30
4	Cave tourism in Saudi Arabia	Mahmoud Al Shanti	16:00 – 16:30
5	Volcanic Park in Harrat Al-Madinah	Dr. Faisal Alqahtani	16:30 – 17:00
6	The role of private sector in the field of geotourism	Abdulrahman Alsaati	17:00 – 17:30

Who should attend?

In general, the workshop is organized for those who need to understand and gain knowledge about geotourism in Saudi Arabia. Specifically, it is intended for researchers in the field of geology, government personnel who deal with tourism and landscape sightseeing tours, students whose primary focus is the geology and the geography of the Kingdom, and the private sector interested in investment opportunities in the tourism industry in general.

Every attendee will be given a certificate of presence and supporting educational materials if any, from the participating partners or organizers.

Workshop Fee

The following fees will be charged for the participants. We encourage participants to preregister due to the limited availability of seats.

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300 SAR