The growing demand for halaal tourism







An increasingly Islamic world

Global Muslim population

- 2.04-billion in 2024
- is expected to grow to 2.3-billion by 2030, accounting for 27% of the world's population.

Muslim international travellers by numbers

110-million

in 2022

of all global international arrivals

68%

of pre-pandemic travel levels

140-million

in 2023 (estimate)

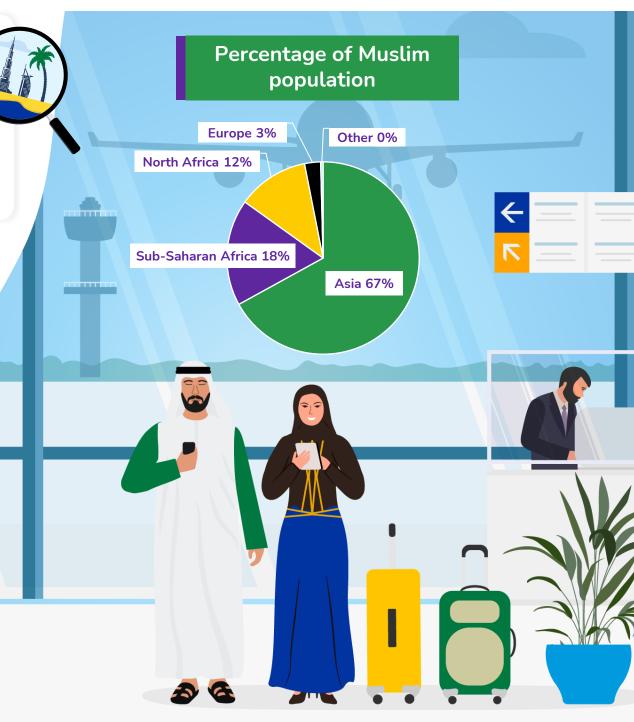
in 2024

230-million

160-million

in 2028

By 2028, Muslim travellers' expenditure is estimated to reach \$225-billion



Key Destinations for Halaal Tourists

Top 10 Destinations

GMTI 2023 Rank	Change VS 2022	Destination
1	1	Indonesia
1	0	Malaysia
3	-1	Saudi Arabia
4	1	United Arab Emirates (UAE)
5	-3	Türkiye
6	0	Qatar
7	0	Iran
7	0	Jordan
9	0	Bahrain
9	3	Egypt
11	1	Kuwait

"OIC destinations" refers to countries that are members of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), an intergovernmental organisation that represents the collective voice of the Muslim world.







Top 10 Non-OIC Destinations

















Ensure halaal food is available and accessible

Ensuring the availability of Halaal-certified food at restaurants, hotels, and attractions is critical



Offer family-friendly experiences

Muslim travellers, particularly from the Middle East and Asia, often travel with families and prefer modest, family-oriented activities



Provide prayer facilities

Destinations should offer prayer rooms or spaces at airports, shopping malls, tourist sites, and hotels



Advertise Muslim-friendly practices through promotional campaigns

Targeted marketing campaigns that emphasize Halaal-services, family-friendly experiences and a welcoming environment can help attract Muslim travellers.



Provide Muslim-friendly accommodation

Hotels should cater to the religious needs of Muslim guests by offering amenities such as prayer mats, Qibla direction indicators, and Halaal food options





meet their needs



Obtain halaal certification

Obtaining Halaal certification can give

Muslim travellers confidence that we can





Educate staff to show cultural sensitivity

Training staff to understand and respect Muslim cultural norms is essential for creating a welcoming environment





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Insights from the Halaal Tourism Association of South Africa

sanha.org.za Insights from the Welcome Campaign



