

# camping checklist

## About the list

All of our gear we've picked up along the way, mostly from local Saudi camping stores, SACO, secondhand and a few Amazon gems sprinkled in. You definitely don't need everything to get started, but hopefully this list of what works for us inspires you to get out and explore Saudi!

For ease, I've added clickable links that will take you to Amazon for reference or for you to buy direct.\* I've color-coded the links so you can see [exactly what we use](#), or something [similar and highly recommended](#) if an online version of what we have isn't available.

## Camping

### ☐ [Car tent](#)

We call this our 'best purchase' after a mosquito night in Jazan. It's super easy to set up and fits right in the back of the truck. It folds up small and there's different sizes depending on what type of car you have.

### ☐ [Sleeping bags](#)

These are fleece-lined for the cold desert nights - highly recommended.

### ☐ [Cushions/sleeping pad](#)

Truly what started it all - ours are secondhand majlis seat cushions. We were able to get the two back (not seat) cushions so they fit perfectly snug in the truck bed. With a new blanket on top, it's like a real bed!

### ☐ [Water container](#)

This is needed for washing your hands, face, dishes, etc and we've found that it's better to get a sturdy one that can hold a decent amount of water if you're planning to be out for more than a night.

### ☐ [Chairs](#)

We call these our 'second best purchase' and love the Saudi-inspired design.

### ☐ [Fairy lights](#)

The real reason Mido got us the inverter was to surprise me with these for the cutest camp setup around.

### ☐ Carpet/blanket to sit on



## Emergency

### ☐ [Tow rope](#)

Saved us from quicksand at a fake 'pink lake'

### ☐ [Jumper cables](#)

These are always helpful, overland and everyday

### ☐ [Tracks mat](#)

These are the perfect starter for overlanding. You definitely need something to help with traction if you get stuck. This 2pc set is fairly low cost and roll up small. These even saved the Coast Guard when they got stuck in Farasan!

### ☐ OR [Maxtrax](#)

For something more heavy-duty

### ☐ [Torch](#)

This one has blue light to see scorpions 🦂 🦂

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## Tech

### ☐ [Power inverter](#)

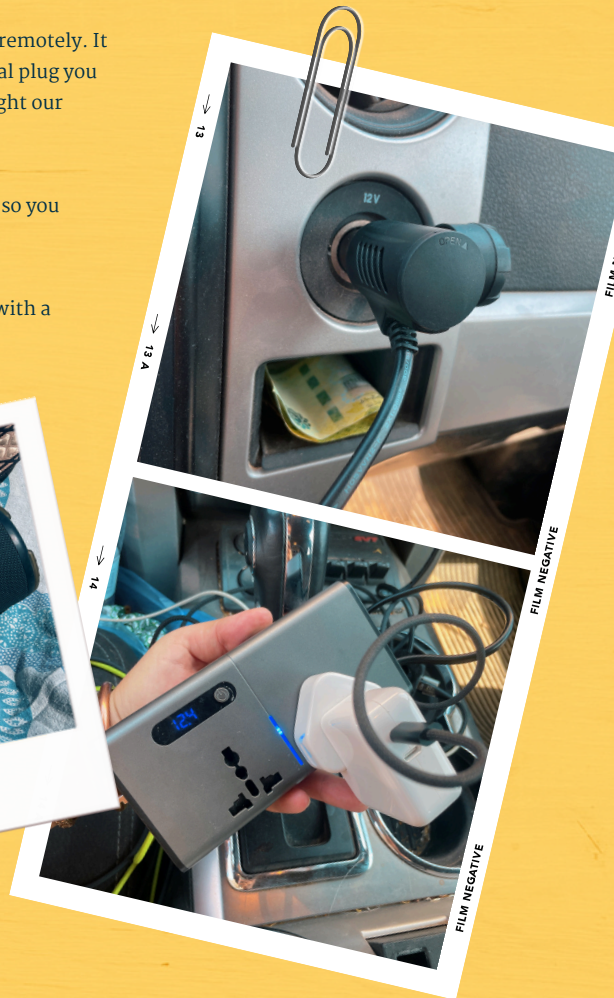
This let us stay on the Farasan Islands an extra week because we could work remotely. It takes the auxiliary power outlet (the cigarette plug) and turns it into a normal plug you can use for everything from your computer to the fairy lights. We even brought our home wifi router and plugged it in for the trip!

### ☐ [Solar power bank](#)

If you have the power inverter, arguably you wouldn't need this, but helpful so you don't overload the inverter.

### ☐ [Speaker](#)

Music is everything, so keep the vibes without running out your car battery with a portable speaker. Plus, you're not tied to your car for tunes.



## Kitchen

### ☐ [Kitchen bag](#)

These are mainly for organization. We have two bags, each from the local Saudi camping store that have tons of pockets and are waterproof from the inside. Our favorite brand is Pyramid Safari (a camel logo), as opposed to AlSanidi.

### ☐ [Portable grill](#)

Some people prefer a gas burner, but there's something special about a camel steak on the grill.

### ☐ [Firestarter](#) & Charcoal

### ☐ [Knives](#) [cutting board](#) & [skewers](#)

### ☐ [Cooler \(deluxe option\)](#)

The deluxe option keeps ice for up to 5 days, which would come in so much handy, but any kind of cooler will do.

### ☐ [Trash bags](#)

We try to reuse plastic bags from groceries, etc as much as possible – leave no trace, so make sure to clean up your campsite (and a little extra) when you leave!

### ☐ [Dish soap](#) & [sponge](#)

### ☐ [Salt](#), [pepper](#), [spices](#), [olive oil](#)



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### ☐ [Water shoes](#)

A large part of the Red Sea coast is a rocky coral shelf to a deep drop; water shoes help keep your feet and other creatures safe. Of course, always be careful when you're walking – even though it's mostly harmless rocks, there are patches of fire coral, live soft coral and sneaky sea urchins.

### ☐ [Mask & snorkel](#)

We also use these for scuba diving, so there's room for debate on what mask is best, but something is better than nothing. You definitely don't want to miss out on snorkeling in the Red Sea, especially on the untouched side of Saudi!

### ☐ [Full-face snorkel](#)

For just snorkeling though, Mido prefers the full-face kind I've linked here. He says it's much easier with his beard and moustache.

### ☐ [Reef-safe sunscreen](#)

Keeps the corals and marine life safe, and smells delicious

### ☐ [Sunscreen stick for face](#)

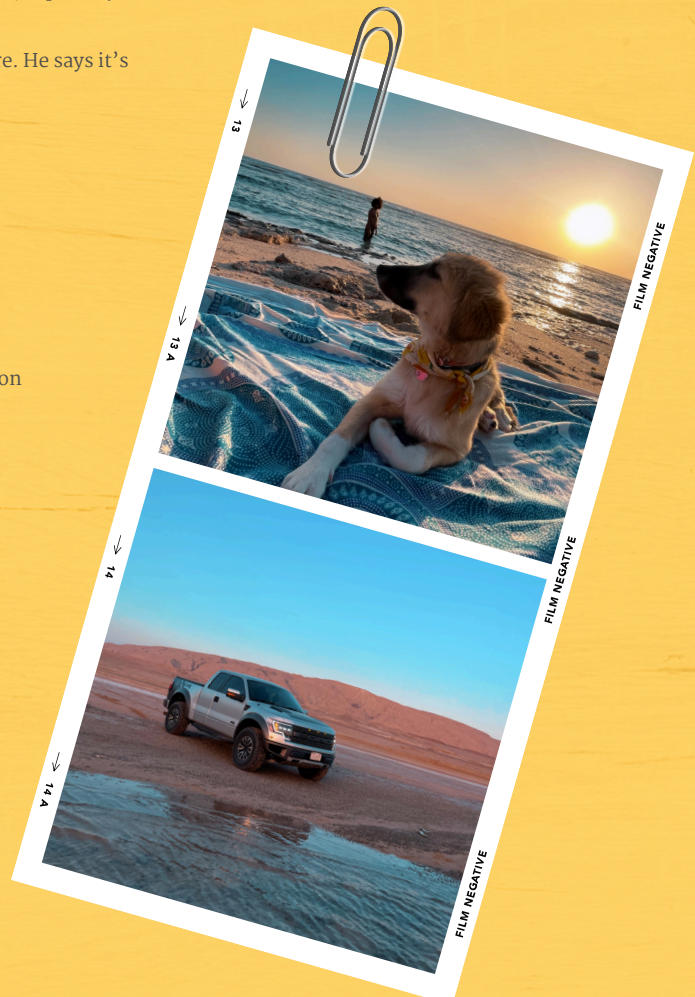
So much easier to put on, lasts longer, and reef-safe too

### ☐ [Quick-dry towel](#)

So convenient; our current ones are from Decathlon

### ☐ [Stand-alone shade tent](#)

UPF 50+, water-resistant, and they donate a portion to marine conservation



## Personal

### ☐ Toothbrush & toothpaste

### ☐ Shampoo & conditioner

You'd never believe all Mido's luscious curls need are Head & Shoulders shampoo and TRESemmé conditioner

### ☐ Bar of soap (face, hands, body)

Dove soap is my go-to, at home and in the truck