Quality of Life in Yemen

Q1. What have you enjoyed about living in Yemen?

**Person 1:**

Republic of Yemen is a beautiful country with so many natural and historical attractions. It has beautiful landscape, mountain, beaches, islands and many important and interesting historical heritages. This is indeed an interesting country do explore and to experience true and genuine Arab culture.

**Person 2:**

Living in Yemen has been a unique cultural experience, which has afforded me many opportunities to learn about Arabic culture.

**Person 3:**

The work environment in the cultural sector leaves us so much space to take initiatives and carry out unusual and fabulous cultural projects. We have never faced any censorship issues, unlike supposedly in other Arab countries.

**Person 4:**

People are very warm and friendly, the country is amazingly beautiful and very rich in history and architecture, and the weather is always nice.

**Person 5:**

Very friendly people with great humor; amazing landscape for beautiful hikes; wandering around in Old Sanaa; insights into a fascinating culture that sometime seems very different and difficult to understand, and sometimes quite close to ours.
Person 6:

The food, the hospitality and the incredible landscapes.

Person 7:

I have learned so much throughout my time in Yemen. I have particularly enjoyed the Yemeni people themselves! Yemeni culture is so rich – and the people are a true reflection of a very unique heritage that I have been lucky to experience.

Person 8:

I have enjoyed living in an Islamic environment which practices conservatism. The simple and less expensive life-style are attractive. Compared to where I came from, I find Sana’a to be a safer place to reside in. I am very fond of Yemeni food such as fahsa and bintu sahan which are my favorite.

Person 9:

I am in Yemen since 3 years now, I enjoyed most to travel within the country and to experience the beautiful countryside.

Q2. How has the interaction of the Yemeni people been with you?

Person 1:

I’ve have worked with Yemenis and also have some Yemeni friends outside of work. In general, Yemenis are very friendly and open to foreigners. I feel very welcome in this country.

Person 2:

It has always been excellent, won a lot of friends in a short time.
**Person 3:**

The Yemeni public that follows our events, and likewise the customers who come to our institute as language learners, share a great amount of curiosity and openness. This may in part be explained by relative isolation of the society, and is certainly useful with regard to creating mutual ground. Our achievement certainly is not to merely introduce new approaches, we are also interested in how they are accommodated. Therefore, we consider openness a gift.

**Person 4:**

Yemenis are among the kindest people in the world. I have never been met with anything but the utmost kindness and respect.

**Person 5:**

Interaction with local people has been very good. I made a lot of good friends among Yemeni men and in general people are very friendly and helpful.

**Person 6:**

Yemenis are very sociable nice people, I made so many friends that I truly treasure. I am really impressed by the young people there, they are highly educated and very ambitious. They will make a good future of Yemen.

**Person 7:**

It’s been simply great. I have always felt embraced and welcomed – and as an American, I have never felt any discrimination whatsoever.

**Person 8:**

Yemeni people are very kind and welcoming.
Person 9:

The people of Yemen are the biggest asset of this country. In general, most Yemenis are very friendly in nature and this is the true strength of the country. With its culture that generally remains intact and uninfluenced particularly in villages and remote areas, Yemeni people are becoming the most interesting attraction to foreigners to see and experience. We always feel at home whenever we are surrounded by Yemeni friends who care so much of their foreign friends.

Q3. What do you think of the standard of International schools, restaurants, leisure activities, etc., in Yemen?

Person 1:

There are some good restaurants with high standard, and some places for activities, such as bowling. Every now and then there are fun things like concerts or discussions. There are wonderful mountains around Sana’a to go hiking in the afternoons or weekends.

Person 2:

Some new restaurants have become institutions, while others struggle. As for sports, I find the Military Officers’ swimming pool very acceptable.

Person 3:

There are a few Western-style restaurants, although the best ones charge Western prices. Opportunities for leisure activity are there, but you have to look harder for them.

Person 4:

There are some typical Yemeni restaurants with very good food.

Person 5:
There were some good cafes and restaurants in Sana'a, but the government should promote the investors to do more.

**Person 6:**

This is an area in which I hope Yemen improves – and I know the GIA is a big part of bringing these services to Yemen. There are some great restaurants, hotels, and leisure destinations, etc., but it will be nice to have even more options.

**Person 7:**

Local and fast food restaurants are quite tasty to dine at.

**Person 8:**

Among a number of international schools in Yemen, only Sana’a International School offers good standard of education to foreign nationals.

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