

Journey of a Lifetime

The visit of HRH Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone
to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in 1938



HRH Princess Alice was the first member of the British royal family to visit Saudi Arabia, and the only member of the royal family to meet King Abdulaziz, founder of the modern Kingdom and father of the present King as well as his five predecessors.

Her extraordinary trip took her into the hills above Makkah and into the heart of Riyadh and Jeddah. She took more than 300 photographs as well as a film.

These pictures capture forever the essence of this ground breaking and historic journey. They now belong to the King Abdulaziz Public Library Riyadh who have sponsored this exhibition.

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