



# Sharm el-Sheikh

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Framed by clear blue sea and desert mountains, Sharm El-Sheikh is one of Egypt's top spots for sun, diving, and downtime. Resorts stretch along the coast, but there's more to Sharm than just beaches—coral reefs, boat trips, Bedouin dinners, and day tours to Mount Sinai. Whether you're here to dive, relax, or explore, Sharm is an easy base with a bit of everything.

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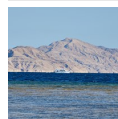
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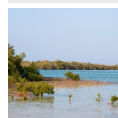
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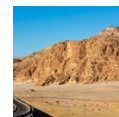
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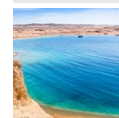
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## THE CITY



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Sharm el-Sheikh — or just 'Sharm' — sits on the southern tip of the Sinai Peninsula, and its story is surprisingly recent. Until the late 20th century, it was little more than a fishing village, but its strategic position at the mouth of the Gulf of Aqaba meant it played a role in several regional conflicts, especially during the Suez Crisis and the Arab-Israeli wars. After the Sinai was returned to Egypt in the early 1980s, Sharm began to shift gears — from military outpost to peaceful resort town. It even hosted international peace talks, earning the nickname 'City of Peace'.

Since then, tourism has boomed. Sharm is now one of Egypt's top Red Sea destinations, known for its diving, year-round sun, and wide range of resorts. The city stretches along 30 km of coastline, with Naama Bay at its centre and other pockets like Sharks Bay and Nabq growing fast. With around 35,000 residents, it blends tourism infrastructure with glimpses of everyday Egyptian life. It's modern, safe, and easy to navigate, but the dramatic desert and mountain backdrop reminds you you're still in the Sinai.

## DO & SEE



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Sure, the Red Sea is a huge draw here, but there's more to do in Sharm than lie on the beach (though no one's judging if you do). You've got world-class diving and snorkelling, boat trips to coral islands, desert hikes, and iconic sites like Mount Sinai and St Catherine's Monastery. In town, there's everything from local markets and mosques to water parks and flashy evening spots like SOHO Square.

### The Bays



Sharm's bays are the heart of its snorkelling and diving scene, plus great spots for chilling on sandy beaches. Naama Bay is the busiest one: a long beach, with plenty of restaurants and shops, and activities like bungee catapult and horse riding. It's lively and touristy, perfect if you want options and atmosphere.

For something quieter, head to Nabq Bay, a bit further out and more low-key, or take a 20-minute taxi to Shark's Bay, known for its clear turquoise waters, vibrant coral reefs, and diverse marine life.

If snorkelling is your thing, Ras Um Sid is about five minutes from town, also famous for its coral

reefs, plus a dramatic cliffside.

For diving, Sharm el-Maya near the Old Town is where most diving schools operate.

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### Mustafa Mosque



Located near Sharm's Old Market, Al Mustafa Mosque is one of Sharm's most iconic sights. Built in 2008, it's hard to miss with its two 72-metre minarets and carved stone dome that's especially striking when it's lit up at night. It's an active mosque, so it's best to avoid during prayer times. Around it, you'll find a more local side of Sharm, with small shops, cafés, and everyday street life.

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### Mount Sinai



Mount Sinai, also known as Jabal Musa, is where, according to Christian tradition, Moses got the Ten Commandments. The mountain stands over 2,200 metres high and can be climbed by two main routes: the Path of Moses, a long stairway with around 4,000 steps, or a slightly easier trail starting east of St Catherine's Monastery. At the top, you'll find the small Chapel of the Holy Trinity and views stretching over the Sinai Desert.

Photo: Nastya Smirnova RF/Shutterstock

Address: Mount Sinai, Sinai Desert

### Saint Catherine's Monastery



Built between 527 and 565 AD at the foot of Mount Sinai for Emperor Justinian, this monastery later took its name from St Catherine of Alexandria, whose remains are said to rest here. It's more fortress than church, with thick stone walls guarding the Church of the Transfiguration, the chapel of the Burning Bush, and a monks-only library packed with ancient manuscripts. Inside, you'll find mosaics, religious ornaments, and some of the oldest illuminated manuscripts in the world on display. Outside, don't miss Moses' Well and the garden with centuries of history.

The place is open most mornings but closed on Fridays, Sundays, and Orthodox feast days.

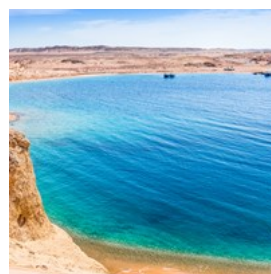
Still active today, the monastery holds importance across Christianity, Judaism, and Islam, and continues its Greek Orthodox traditions uninterrupted.

Photo: Stefan\_Sutka/Shutterstock

Address: Saint Catherine, Egypt

Internet: [www.sinaimonastery.com/index.php/en](http://www.sinaimonastery.com/index.php/en)

### Ras Mohamed Nature Reserve



Located at the southern tip of the Sinai Peninsula, Ras Mohamed is where the Sinai Desert meets the Red Sea. You can come for a hike among dry canyons and mangroves, or just stay in the water—this is one of Egypt's best snorkelling spots, with drop-offs, coral walls, and plenty of fish. Keep in mind it's desert heat, there's no shade, and facilities are minimal—so come

prepared with water, snacks, and sun protection.

Photo: Alexandree/Shutterstock

Address: Raas Mohammed, Sharm El Sheikh 2, South Sinai

Internet: <https://national-parks.org/egypt/ras-muhammad>

### Tiran Island



Sitting in the Gulf of Aqaba, Tiran Island isn't open to the public—it's a military zone—but the real draw is what's underwater. Most boat

trips from Sharm stop at reefs around the island—Jackson, Gordon, Woodhouse—where the coral is alive, the fish are everywhere, and the current keeps things interesting. It's a great day out if you want good snorkelling or diving away from the coast.

Photo: Irina UA/Shutterstock

Address: Tiran Island

### King Tut Museum



Tucked inside Genena City Mall in Naama Bay, this small museum is all about the boy king Tutankhamun. It's made up of around 130 replicas of items found in his tomb—his golden mask, coffin, jewellery, chariot, and more.

Photo: Mohammed younos/Shutterstock

Address: Genena City Shopping Mall

Phone: +20 10 06865590

### Nabq Nature Reserve



Just north of Sharm (roughly 35 kilometres), this protected area mixes desert, mangroves, and coral reef into one quiet stretch of coastline. You'll

spot mangrove trees growing straight out of the sea, and if you're lucky, herons, foxes, or even a gazelle in the dunes. The offshore reef is solid for snorkelling, and the seagrass beds sometimes attract turtles.

Photo: Frank Goma/Shutterstock

Address: Nabq Nature Reserve, Sharm El Sheikh

### SOHO Square



SOHO Square is a big open-air shopping and entertainment spot near the airport, with a dancing fountain show every hour, loads of

restaurants, cafés, and bars, plus extras like bowling, an ice rink, a kids' arcade, and a small souk-style market.

Photo: Viktor Prymachenko/Shutterstock

Address: White Night Beach, Sharm El Sheikh

Phone: +20 10 00109109

Internet: [www.soho-sharm.com](http://www.soho-sharm.com)

Email: [mail@soho-sharm.com](mailto:mail@soho-sharm.com)

### The Heavenly Cathedral



Completed in 2010, this is Sharm's largest Coptic church and a notable example of modern religious architecture. Inside, you'll find large

rectangular towers and colourful frescoes and murals depicting biblical scenes.

Photo: yevgeniy11/Shutterstock

Address: Al Maahad Al Dini, Sharm El Sheikh 2, South Sinai

## DINING



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As a seaside resort, Sharm has become famous for its excellent seafood, such as fresh shrimp and deep-fried calamari. Sharm's international clientele and its many top-notch resorts mean you can find excellent restaurants that serve nearly anything from French, Thai, American and Japanese cuisine to traditional Egyptian food.

## Fares



Being in Sharm means fresh fish is never hard to come by, and Fares is another solid option for that. Situated in the Old Market, it's known for its large portions, no-frills cooking, and wide selection—you pick your seafood from the counter and they cook it how you like. The seafood soup and grilled calamari are big hits among patrons, and prices are fair for the quality and size. It's usually busy, especially in the evenings, so don't expect a quiet dinner—but the steady crowd speaks for itself.

Photo: Stasy B/Shutterstock

Address: Old Market, Sharm El Sheikh 1, South Sinai

Opening hours: Daily 11am-1am

Phone: +20 10 24870004

## Pomodoro



Located in the heart of Naama Bay at the Camel Dive Club & Hotel, Pomodoro is a well-regarded Italian restaurant serving classic dishes. Open from early morning through dinner, the menu features handmade pastas, wood-fired pizzas, seafood, plus vegan and vegetarian choices—all made with fresh ingredients.

You can either eat inside or on the terrace, which overlooks the bay. They've also got a decent selection of imported wines and cocktails to go with your meal, and, of course, good Italian coffee to finish.

Photo: Jakub Kapusnak/unsplash.com

Address: Naama Bay, Malek Al Bahrein, Sharm El Sheikh 1, South Sinai

Opening hours: Daily 6:30am-10:30am / 12:30pm-11:30pm

Phone: +20 10 00003173

Internet:

[www.cameldive.com/food-and-drinks-pomodoro-restaurant](http://www.cameldive.com/food-and-drinks-pomodoro-restaurant)

## Fish Mart Seafood



Fish Mart Seafood is all about fresh catches cooked your way. You choose from shrimp, calamari, and daily local fish, then they grill or fry it right there. The seafood soup gets a lot of praise, and their seafood pasta, loaded with crab, is another crowd favourite. Prices are fair, especially for the quality and portion size, which keeps both locals and visitors coming back for more.

Photo: Alessio Orru/Shutterstock

Address: Qattar, Sharm El Sheikh 1, South Sinai

Opening hours: Sat-Thu noon-2am, Fri 2pm-2am

Phone: +20 11 01056006

Internet: [www.instagram.com/fishmartsharm](https://www.instagram.com/fishmartsharm)

## Rangoli



Rangoli sits on the terrace of Mövenpick Resort with a wide view over Naama Bay and a menu full of familiar Indian dishes. The tandoori options—lamb seekh kebab, chicken tikka, grilled prawns—come straight off the embers and feel properly done, while buttery naans and garlic-cheese rotis are great for scooping up curry. The terrace has a quiet, intimate feel, which makes it a good choice for a romantic dinner for two.

Photo: Viktor Forgacs/unsplash.com

Address: Naama Bay, Sharm El Sheikh 1, South Sinai

Opening hours: Daily 6:30pm-10:30pm

Phone: +20 10 80099041

Internet: <https://movenpick.accor.com/en/africa/egypt/sharm-el-sheikh/resort-sharm-el-sheikh/restaurants/rangoli.html>

## Mahony Restaurant



Mahony Restaurant in Naama Bay has been around for years and is still a favourite for fresh Red Sea seafood. The Mahony Boat—a massive tray of crab, shrimp thermidor, mussels, squid and fish—is enough to fill a few hungry diners with ease. The seafood soup also gets a lot of love from regulars. If seafood's not your thing, there's fillet steak and grilled chicken, as well. They don't serve alcohol, but you can bring your own. A bit of theatre is also part of the experience—dishes sometimes show up with a whistle or on a ship-shaped platter.

Photo: The Image Party/Shutterstock

Address: Naama Bay Mall Number 6, South Sinai

Opening hours: Daily noon-midnight

Phone: +20 11 00100031

Internet: [www.instagram.com/mahony.sharm](https://www.instagram.com/mahony.sharm)

## Zodiac



Zodiac is a buffet-style restaurant open from breakfast through late evening, offering a broad mix of international and Middle Eastern dishes.

The variety is simply impressive—everything from seafood platters and grilled meats to sushi, desserts, and even English breakfast items shows up. So, if you're after range and flexibility, it definitely delivers.

Photo: L.F/Shutterstock

Address: Rixos Sharm El Sheikh, Nabq Bay, Sharm El Sheikh, South Sinai

Opening hours: Daily 7am-2am

Phone: +20 69 3710210

## CAFÉS



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In Sharm El-Sheikh, cafés aren't just about coffee—they're places to cool off, people-watch, and take a breather from the sun. While Arabic coffee and tea (especially mint tea) are part of the local rhythm, you'll also find iced lattes, smoothies, and fresh juices on nearly every menu. Some spots go the traditional route with shisha and strong Turkish coffee, others feel

more international with espresso machines humming and waffles on the counter.

### Farsha Cafe



Farsha Cafe sits high on a cliff in Hadaba with layered terraces, Red Sea views, and a mashup of rugs, lanterns, and vintage oddities scattered around. It looks like something between a Bedouin lounge and an antique store, and it's popular—I mean, really popular—especially at sunset. So, come early if you want a spot with a view.

The menu is basic: juices, cocktails, pizzas, and shisha. Prices are touristy, and service can feel a bit offhand when it's busy. That said, if you're after a place that will look great on your Instagram page and don't mind a bit of a wait or squeezing in next to strangers, it is definitely worth a stop.

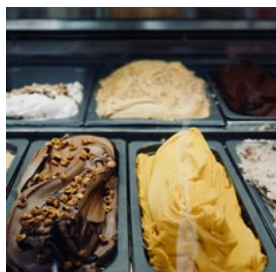
Photo: Travel Faery/Shutterstock

Address: Umm El Sid Plateau, Sharm El Sheikh 1, South Sinai

Opening hours: Daily 11am-1am

Phone: +20 12 00300162

### Vanilla



Vanilla in Na'ama Bay is where you'll find some of the best Italian gelato in Sharm El Sheikh, alongside fresh juices, smoothies, iced coffees, and milkshakes. They also have a full booze menu, including draft beer, plus a small Italian-inspired food selection with snacks, fresh pizza, and light meals. The terrace is easygoing, with cushions and water pipes if you want to

linger.

Photo: Erwan Hesry/unsplash.com

Address: Naama Bay, Sharm El Sheikh

Opening hours: Daily 3pm-1:30am

Phone: +20 69 3600700

Internet: [www.cameldive.com/food-and-drinks-vanilla-cafe](http://www.cameldive.com/food-and-drinks-vanilla-cafe)

### Basata Cafe



Basata Cafe perches above Sharks Bay, with cosy chill-out spots that open up to wide views of the turquoise Red Sea and a path down to the beach. By day, it's all calm vibes and sea breeze, with nature reserve surroundings that help you unwind properly. Come evening, the place softens with warm lighting and mellow tunes, making it a solid pick for a quiet, romantic night out—without the crowds you get at Farsha, but just as Instagram-worthy. The menu is simple but tasty: seafood, chicken dishes, pizzas, plus fresh juices and milkshakes. And if you're into shisha, this place gets top marks for smooth, rich flavours.

Photo: Vershinin89/Shutterstock

Address: Sharks Bay Oasis Resort, Sharm El Sheikh 1, South Sinai

Opening hours: Daily 9am-3am

Phone: +20 10 11151888

Internet: [www.instagram.com/basatacafesharmelshikh](http://www.instagram.com/basatacafesharmelshikh)

### Arab Bucks



Tucked away in Nabq Bay, Arab Bucks is a casual café-restaurant with proper sit-down meals and a steady local crowd. The menu's broad—grilled meat, seafood, pasta, pizza, plus beer and cocktails—and the best part? Big

portions without the tourist markup.

Photo: Elena\_Alex\_Ferns/Shutterstock

Address: Nabq Bay

Opening hours: Daily noon-2am

Phone: +20 10 15002324

Internet: [www.instagram.com/arabbucks\\_cafe\\_restaurant](http://www.instagram.com/arabbucks_cafe_restaurant)

### Flamango Fresh Juice



Flamango Fresh Juice lives up to its name with fresh fruit juices that keep things simple and natural. Beyond the juices, they serve hot drinks, iced coffee, and cocktails, plus desserts like waffles and kunafa for those with a sweet tooth.

Photo: Garifulin Max/Shutterstock

Address: 34 El-Salam, Sharm El Sheikh 1

Opening hours: Daily noon-3am

Phone: +20 10 09104501

Internet: [www.instagram.com/flamango.fresh.juice](http://www.instagram.com/flamango.fresh.juice)

## BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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After a long day exploring or soaking up the sun, nothing beats chilling with a cold drink. Sharm's bars cover all bases—from strong cocktails to imported beers—and the nightlife here doesn't take itself too seriously. It's a mix of relaxed hangouts, live music spots, and clubs where the party goes on well past midnight.

### Pirates Bar



Pirates Bar is a short walk from the beach in Naama Bay and sticks to its theme with ship wheels, fishnets, and plenty of nautical décor.

It's popular with tourists, especially for its range of imported draught beers from Ireland, Germany, and Scotland. The menu includes things like lentil soup, grilled calamari, burgers, and sea bass. Prices aren't the cheapest, but happy hour helps, and the relaxed setup makes it a reliable stop for drinks and a bite near the sea.

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Address: El-Salam, Naama Bay, Sharm El Sheikh 1, South Sinai

Opening hours: Daily 10:30am-midnight

Phone: +20 69 3600136

Internet: [www.instagram.com/piratesbarsharm](http://www.instagram.com/piratesbarsharm)

### Hard Rock Cafe



Hard Rock Cafe in Naama Bay is Sharm's go-to for burgers and American classics and a bit of nightlife on the side. By day, it's a normal

restaurant with walls decked in rock memorabilia; by night, it turns into a lively venue with live music or DJs most weekends.

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Address: Naama Bay, El Soultan Qabous Street, Sharm El Sheikh 1, South Sinai

Opening hours: Daily 10am-2am

Phone: +20 10 97022750

Internet: <https://cafe.hardrock.com/sharm-el-sheikh>

### Camel Bar & Rooftop



Camel Bar & Rooftop is a staple in Naama Bay's nightlife, offering a mix of chill vibes and lively entertainment. By day, the rooftop gives you panoramic views of the sea and mountains — a perfect spot to sip cocktails and unwind. When sports games are on, the bar buzzes with fans, and later the vibe picks up with live bands, DJs, and karaoke. The menu covers snacks, cocktails, and shooters, with daily happy hour deals to keep the good times rolling.

Photo: Monkey Business Images/Shutterstock

Address: Naama Bay, Malek Al Bahrein, Sharm El Sheikh 1, South Sinai

Opening hours: Daily 6pm-1am

Phone: +20 69 3600700

Internet:

[www.cameldive.com/food-and-drinks-camel-bar-rooftop](http://www.cameldive.com/food-and-drinks-camel-bar-rooftop)

### Bus Stop Club



Bus Stop Club lives on the grounds of the Sanafir Hotel in Naama Bay, taking over the space Pacha Sharm once made famous and bringing that Ibiza-influenced vibe a distinctly Sharm twist. It's an open-air setup with a dance floor that winds around pools, paths, and a waterfall, plus VIP lounges and balconies overlooking the action.

Photo: Ground Picture/Shutterstock

Address: Sanafir Hotel, Naama Bay King of Bahrein Street, South Sinai

Phone: +20 12 80426426

Internet: <https://busstopclub-sharm.com>

### Sinai Grand Casino



Sinai Grand Casino in Naama Bay brings a Vegas-style vibe to Sharm El Sheikh with over 200 slot machines, table games, and regular poker tournaments. Beyond the gaming, you'll catch live shows like belly dancing and jazz starting around midnight. There's also an on-site Italian restaurant and a Sports Bar showing major events like the Premier League and Formula 1.

Photo: Nejron Photo/Shutterstock

Address: El-Salam, Sharm El Sheikh 1, South Sinai

Opening hours: Open 24 hours

Phone: +20 10 03458095

## SHOPPING



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Naama Bay is the main shopping hub in Sharm El-Sheikh. The area's packed with clothing shops, jewellery stores, souvenir stalls, and plenty of places selling everything from beachwear to spices. Since it doubles as the city's nightlife centre, many shops stay open well into the night—some until midnight or later.

Don't be shy about haggling—it's expected in most places, and prices often drop if you negotiate with a bit of patience.

### Old Market



The Old Market is a maze of shops selling everything from spices and teas to lamps, leather goods, shisha pipes, and souvenirs. Prices are generally lower than in Naama Bay, but do expect to haggle—it's part of the deal. The atmosphere ramps up after sunset, with locals and visitors mixing in the busy streets, and you'll find plenty of cafés and juice bars to take a breather.

Photo: monticello/Shutterstock

Address: Old Market, Sharm El Sheikh

### Genena City



Genena City is a shopping and entertainment complex built into a cliffside above Naama Bay. It's home to a mix of international and local shops, cafés, and fast food spots, plus plenty of entertainment in the form of an indoor ice rink, a few small amusement rides, and the occasional live show at the open-air theatre.

Photo: Naufal MQ/Shutterstock

Address: Peace Road, Sharm El Sheikh

Opening hours: Daily 11am-midnight

Phone: +20 10 08000830

Internet: [www.instagram.com/genenacityssh](https://www.instagram.com/genenacityssh)

### La Strada



La Strada is a compact, lifestyle spot in the heart of Nabq Bay, where you'll find a handful of souvenir shops, clothing stores, and convenience spots mixed in with cafés and restaurants.

Photo: Song\_about\_summer/Shutterstock

Address: Nabq Bay, El Salam Street, South Sinai

Opening hours: Daily 7am-2am

Phone: +20 11 49383838

### Il Mercato



Il Mercato is an open-air shopping arcade in Hadaba styled like an Italian piazza. You'll find a handful of mid-range clothing shops, Egyptian souvenir stalls, a few pharmacies, and cafés. Some parts feel a bit empty these days, but it's still a nice spot for an evening stroll if you're after a low-key shopping vibe.

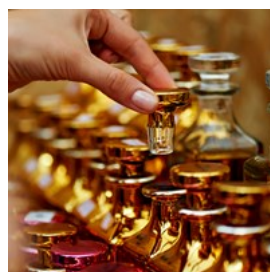
Photo: Vladimir Kant/Shutterstock

Address: Om El Sid Hill, Sharm El Sheikh 2, South Sinai

Opening hours: Daily 9am-midnight

Phone: +20 69 3666436

### Secret of the Desert



Secret of the Desert is a small shop that specialises in natural Egyptian products like essential oils, handmade soaps, perfumes, and skincare. It's a great stop to find gifts for yourself and all your loved ones.

Photo: Galina F/Shutterstock

Address: El Souk El Kadim area

Opening hours: Daily 9am-1am

Phone: +20 12 22818618

## TOURIST INFORMATION



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### Sharm El Sheikh International Airport (SSH)



Sharm El Sheikh International Airport (SSH) is about 12 km from Naama Bay, the city's main resort area—roughly a 15–20 minute drive depending on traffic. Taxis, available 24/7 outside the terminal, are the most direct way to get to the city, but it's best to agree on the fare before you set off, as not all use meters.

For a cheaper option, shared minibuses run when full and drop passengers along main routes. Many hotels also offer private transfers or shuttle services that can be arranged ahead of time, which can be a more comfortable choice, especially if you're arriving late or have luggage.

Photo: ImYanis/Shutterstock

Address: Sharm El Sheikh International Airport

Phone: +20 69 3623304

### Passport/Visa



Egypt offers several visa options depending on the traveller's nationality and purpose of visit. Citizens from visa-exempt countries can enter

without a visa under specific conditions, such as nationals of the GCC (The Gulf Cooperation Council comprising six countries in the Arabian Peninsula: Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates) in certain cases. Most other travellers must obtain a visa prior to travel or upon arrival.

For tourism, many nationalities are eligible for an e-Visa, which can be applied for online through the official Egyptian e-Visa portal. The process involves submitting personal and passport details, travel plans, and payment of the visa fee. The e-Visa is typically valid for 30 days and can be single or multiple entry, depending on the applicant's choice.

Additionally, travellers from certain countries — including the United States, Canada, Australia, EU member states, and more — may obtain a visa on arrival at major international airports in Egypt. This option requires payment in cash and is also valid for 30 days.

However, citizens of countries not eligible for either the e-Visa or visa on arrival must apply for a visa in advance at an Egyptian embassy or consulate. For longer stays, a different type of visa must be secured before travel. It is essential to consult Egypt's official immigration or consular sources to confirm the applicable requirements.

Photo: ConvertKit/Unsplash

### Best Time to Visit



If you're after warm weather and clear water—which is why most people come here—the best time to visit Sharm El-Sheikh is between October and April. During these months, it's sunny but not scorching, the sea's still warm enough for swimming and diving, and you won't melt walking around.

Summers (June to August) can be seriously hot—we're talking 40°C and up—so come prepared if you're visiting then.

The desert and mountains are best in cooler months, too, so if you're planning to hike Mount Sinai or visit Saint Catherine's Monastery, stick to winter or early spring.

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### Public Transport



Public transport in Sharm El-Sheikh is limited and primarily consists of local minibuses, which operate along main roads, running from the northern to the southern parts of Sharm El-Sheikh and back. To board, passengers need to hail the bus by raising their hand when it approaches, as there are no fixed stops.

While these minibuses are an affordable option for short distances, they may not be the most convenient for tourists due to their informal nature and lack of fixed schedules. Additionally, taxi services are readily available and can be a more comfortable choice for visitors. For a more

reliable ride, many travellers use Careem, a regional ride-hailing app similar to Uber.

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### Taxi



Taxis in Sharm El-Sheikh are easy to find, especially around Naama Bay, the airport, and major hotels. Whilst a few have meters, drivers usually prefer to agree on a fare upfront—so it's best to negotiate before getting in. Uber doesn't operate here, but Careem does and is a good option if you want set pricing and GPS tracking, though availability can vary depending on time and location.

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### Post



The main post office in Sharm El-Sheikh is on Umm El-Sayed Street in the Hadaba area. It handles standard Egyptian Post like sending and receiving mail, express delivery, and local money transfers. Another branch nearby, often referred to as Sharm El-Sheikh Sub, operates on the same days but closes earlier, offering similar services.

Photo: Ali Bakhtiari/Unsplash

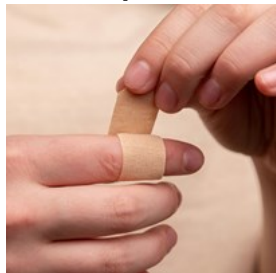
Address: Umm El-Sayed Street, Sharm El-Sheikh 1, South Sinai

Opening hours: Sun–Thu 8am–6pm, Fri 1pm–8pm, Sat 10am–5pm

Phone: +20 2 35315900

Internet: <https://egyptpost.gov.eg/ar-eg/home/>

## Pharmacy



Pharmacies in Sharm El-Sheikh are easy to find and generally well stocked with everything from basic meds to sun cream, mosquito

repellent, and toiletries. El Ezaby Pharmacy is the most reliable chain, with 24/7 branches and hotel delivery. Russian Pharmacy is another good option, with several branches, service in English and Russian, and late-night hours—some even deliver straight to your hotel.

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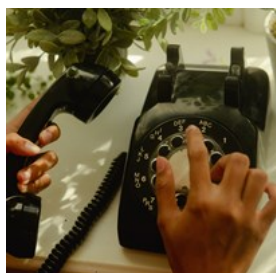
Address: El Ezaby Pharmacy - Naama Bay, El-Salam, Sharm

El Sheikh 1, South Sinai

Opening hours: Open 24 hours

Phone: +20 2 35317347

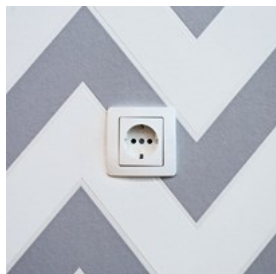
## Telephone



Country code: +20 Area code: 69

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## Electricity



In Egypt, electricity runs on 220 volts at 50 Hz.

The standard plug types are Type C and Type F, the same two-pin plugs used in much of Europe.

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## Population

12,000 (2025)

## Currency

Egyptian Pound (EGP, LE, and E£)

## Newspapers

Al-Ahram (in English): <https://english.ahram.org.eg>

Egypt Independent (in English):

<https://egyptindependent.com>

Al-Masry Al-Youm (in Arabic): [www.almasryalyoum.com](http://www.almasryalyoum.com)

## Emergency numbers

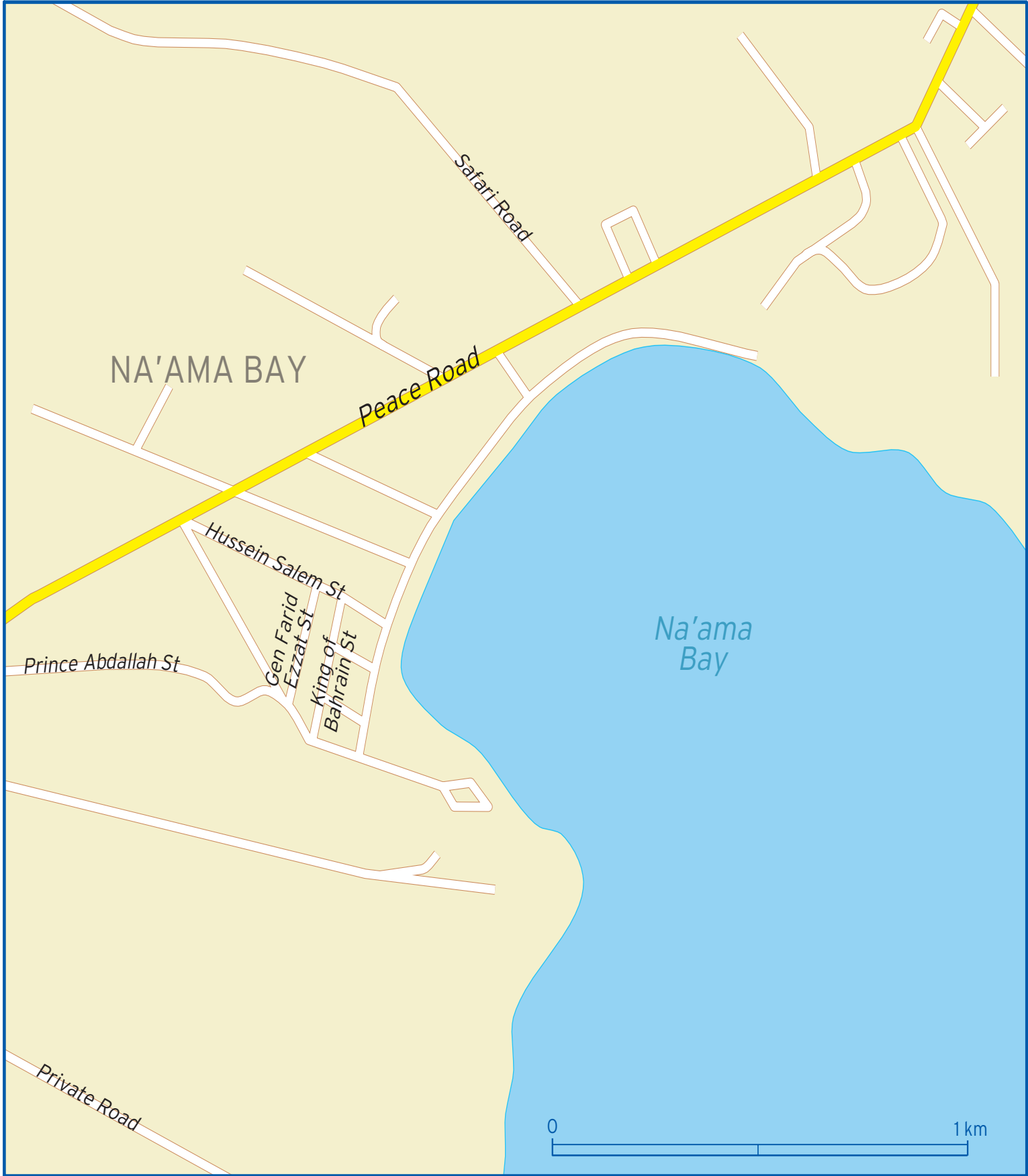
Police: 122

Tourist Police: 126

Ambulance: 123

Fire Brigade: 180





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Tower 

Tower Street

Zoo Street

El Fanar Street

City Council Street

Peace Road

Motels Street

HADABA

El Ferusseya Street

Al Qadim St

Sharm el Maya Road

Banks Street

Red Sea

Marine Sports Club Street



Sea Street

El Khazan St

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