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**Population**

10,000

**Currency**

1 Egyptian Pound (LE) = 100 piasters

**Opening hours**

Varying, with many shops open until late.

**Internet**

- [www.sharmguide.com](http://www.sharmguide.com)
- [www.sharmelsheik.com](http://www.sharmelsheik.com)
- [www.touregypt.net](http://www.touregypt.net)

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- al-Ahram
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 Tel: +20 (0)69 366 3573 or 4721

# SHARM EL-SHEIK



## WELCOME TO SHARM EL-SHEIKH

Surrounded by a crystal-clear, deep-blue sea and a breathtaking desert landscape, Sharm El-Sheikh has developed into one of the most popular holiday destinations in Egypt. Come here to relax in one of the many well-developed tourist resorts, or dive at the area's unique coral reefs. But 'Sharm' is far more than just a resort town. It is also an ideal spot to discover real Egyptian culture and to travel to the neighbouring historic sites such as the renowned Mount Sinai.

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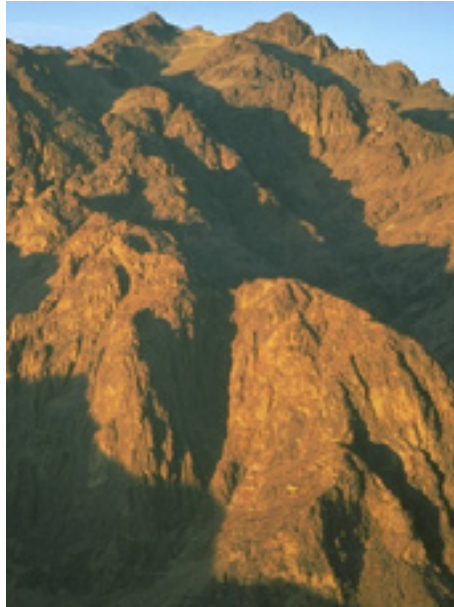
Sharm El-Sheikh -- short "Sharm" -- is one of the fastest developing holiday resorts in Egypt. What was a sleepy fishing village less than two decades ago, is now a buzzing tourist destination with some 10,000 inhabitants. Its rocky mountains, beautiful deep-blue sea and its breath-taking desert landscape make it a popular sight for globetrotters from across the world. Situated alongside the southern tip of the Sinai peninsula, Sharm is an area of beaches and resorts stretching some 30 kilometres, with Naama Bay forming the main tourist centre. But even if you do not want to spend your entire holiday on stunning Red Sea beaches, there are still plenty of reasons to come here. Sharm gives you a taste of real Egyptian life and culture, and serves as a base to visit some of the historic sites that surround it. Its crystal-clear water and unique sea-life have also made Sharm one of the finest diving spots in the world.

**DO & SEE****The Bays**

Sharm has become one of the top global destinations for snorkelers and divers thanks to its beautiful and diverse sea life, and its sandy beaches have become very popular with holidaymakers.

Naama Bay is by far the most popular of them, and its long, sandy beach is a favourite among swimmers and sun-bathers. It is buzzing with life thanks to its many restaurants and shops. Come here to try out the Bungee catapult or take up horse-riding sessions.

If you prefer it more quiet, spend a day at Nabq Bay, which is situated outside



of the main tourist area. Or spend a day on Sharks' Bay, about a 20 minute taxi ride from Naama Bay.

Ras Um Sid, located west of Naama, is great for snorkelling. Situated about five minutes' drive from Sharm, it is famous for its stunning coral reefs and boasts an impressive cliff.

If you are interested in diving, Sharm El-Maya should be your point of reference. The bay, located near Sharm's Old Town area, is home to a number of diving centres that will show you the best waters in Sharm. When picking a diving school, however, make sure the school has been accredited by a professional diving association.

**Old Town**

The Old Town of Sharm was developed as recently as the 1960s. As it does not form part of the region's major tourist areas, this is the place where many of the locals live, and it will give you a feeling of Egyptian culture. Its Old Market is popular with bargain-hunters, as goods here are generally cheaper than in the tourist centres such as Naama Bay. The beach here is rather small, but still worth a visit.

**Ice Skating**

It may sound strange, but Sharm does have its very own ice skating centre. Come here to show off your ice skating skills, watch Ice Hockey games or just cool down during a hot summer day.

*Address: Concorde Hotel, White Knight Beach*

*Tel: +20 (0)69 360 1460*

**Mount Sinai**

According to Christian belief, it is Mount Sinai on which Moses received the Ten Commandments, making it a popular target for pilgrims from across the world. The mountain, also called Mount Moses, is more than 2200 metres high and can be ascended via the Path of Moses, a stairway of nearly 4000 steps, or by a second path east of the St. Catherine Monastery. Once you have reached the peak, where the Chapel of the Holy Trinity lies, enjoy the breathtaking views of the Sinai desert.

**Monastery of St. Catherine**

Nestled at the foot of Mount Sinai, the monastery was built for Emperor Justinian between 527-565 AD. It later took the name of St. Catherine of Alexandria, whose remains are buried there. Today, the monastery houses a priceless collection of art pieces including religious ornaments, beautiful mosaics and a vast collection of illuminated manuscripts.

**Ras Mohamed**

This stunning national park lies some 30 kilometres south of Sharm El-Sheikh, at the southern tip of the Sinai peninsula. Spread over 480 square kilometres, this desert terrain is home to a number of exotic mammal species, birds and reptiles. Make sure you don't miss the colourful coral reefs.



### Tiran Island

This beautiful island, located in the Gulf of Aqaba between Sharm El Sheikh and Saudi Arabia, boasts stunning coral reefs and lagoons, making it the perfect paradise for snorkelers and divers. To get there, you can catch a boat from the southern side of Naama Bay.

### Nabq National Park

An impressive natural reserve comprising 600 square kilometres, boasting a diverse animal and plant life. Here you can see Nubian ibexes, foxes and gazelles and other fascinating species.

### EATING

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

#### Sinai Star

A basic but very popular restaurant that serves fresh, tasty seafood dishes at decent prices. If you're hungry, try the big seafood platter.

*Does not serve alcohol.*

*Dishes for less than 50 LE*

*Address: Old Sharm Market*

*Tel: +20 (0)69 366 0323*

#### Zigolini

Based at the Jolie Moevenpick resort, this venue offers a good choice of high-quality Italian food, with beautiful panoramic views of Naama Bay.

*Dishes from around 60 LE*

*Address: Jolie Moevenpick, Naama Bay*

*Tel: +20 (0)69 360 0100*

*www.moevenpick-hotels.com*

### About El Sid

Authentic Egyptian cuisine in a charming, traditionally oriental atmosphere. Come here to try Egypt's national dish Molokheya, a leafy herb served with rice and meat.

*Address: Naama Bay, in front of the Naama Centre*

*Tel: +20 (0)69 360 3910*

### Mojo

A stylishly decorated restaurants with an excellent sea view, making it the ideal place to chill out after a long day of sun-bathing or diving. Serves excellent Middle Eastern and European-style seafood dishes.

*Dishes from around 60 LE*

*Address: Naama Bay*

*Tel: +20 (0)69 360 2603*

### Le Fleur

An upmarket restaurant serving carefully-prepared French dishes, located inside the Moevenpick Resort. Try the Chocolate fondue for dessert.

*Dishes from around 120 LE*

*Address: Jolie Moevenpick Resort, Naama Bay*

*Tel: +20 (0)69 360 0100*

*www.moevenpick-hotels.com*

### Kona Kai & Sushi Bar Restaurant

Here you can watch the chefs prepare exquisite Sushi and Teppanyaki food. Based in the Marriott hotel resort.

*Address: Marriott Beach Resort, Naama Bay*

*Tel: +20 (0)69 360 0190*

*marriott.com/property/propertypage/SSHEG*

### Hard Rock Cafe

Part of the well-known American chain that is stuffed with rock 'n roll memorabilia. Its menu is dominated by mainstream Western dishes such as Chicken Wings, Onion Rings and Hamburgers. Also serves alcohol, including some refreshing cocktails.

*Address: Marina Street, Naama Bay*

*Tel: +20 (0)69 360 2665*

*www.hardrock.com*



### Zabadi

This restaurant and lounge bar specialises in Middle Eastern and Mediterranean food, served amid a friendly atmosphere.

Address: Mall 25, King Abdullah Street  
Tel: +20 (0)69 360 0320

### Sala Thai Restaurant

Serves a mouth-watering selection of carefully prepared Thai dishes, set in a classical Thai atmosphere with antique art and a traditional openly displayed kitchen.

Address: Hyatt Regency at the Gardens Bay  
Tel: +20 (0)69 360 1234  
sharmelsheikh.regency.hyatt.com

### CAFÉS

#### Ali Baba Oriental Cafe

This stylish rooftop cafe offers a good selection of oriental coffees and teas as well as water pipes (Shishas) with a variety of flavoured tobaccos. Pop by in the evening to watch the sun set.

Address: Sonesta Beach Resort, Naama Bay  
Tel: +20 (0)69 360 0725  
sonesta.com/egypt\_sharmresort

### Sultan Gardens

A traditional, oriental-style cafe, located on Shark Bay in the Holiday Inn complex.

Address: Holiday Inn Resort, Shark Bay  
Tel: +20 (0)69 60 2130  
www.holidayinnsharm.com

### Makani Bakery

Serves a wide variety of home-made breads alongside sandwiches and puddings. Eat in or take away.

Address: El Khazan St, Hadaba

### Almaz Oriental Café

Relax on the sofas or cushions of this comfortable chill-out zone with an oriental cafe and a water pipe. Serves a selection of snacks. Located within the Camel Hotel, with a strong Western clientele.

Address: Camel Hotel, Naama Bay  
Tel: +20 (0)69 360 0700  
www.cameldive.com

### BARS AND NIGHTLIFE

What better thing is there than to relax with a cold beverage after a long day of sight-seeing or sun-bathing? Sharm has many top notch bars that serve anything from exotic cocktails to imported European beer.

#### Cascades Pool Bar & Restaurant

This pool bar is set among cascading waterfalls and offers a range of cool drinks and tasty snacks. Ideal for a quick, refreshing lunch.

Address: Hyatt Regency, the Gardens Bay  
Tel: +20 (0)69 360 1234,  
www.sharmelsheikh.regency.hyatt.com

#### The Sunset Bar

Enjoy a beautiful view of the Tiran Islands in the Red Sea waters while quenching your thirst with a refreshingly exotic cocktail. The bar is based within the Hilton complex in Sharks Bay.

Adr: Ras Nusrani, Sharks Bay, Tel: +20 (0)69 360 3333

#### Pirate's Bar

This bar has a strong nautical theme, with fishnets and compasses decorating the walls. It is particularly popular with foreign visitors thanks to the large selection of imported draught beers from Ireland, Germany, and Scotland. Find it next to the reception of the Hilton Fayrouz Resort.

Address: Hilton Fayrouz, Naama Bay  
Tel: +20 (0)69 360 0136, www.hilton.com

#### Seagulls

An upmarket, open-air bar/restaurant with daily live entertainment.

Address: Jolie Ville Moevenpick Resort, Naama Bay  
Tel: +20 (0)69 360 0100, moevenpick-hotels.com

#### Al Shalal Pool Bar

A nice bar set around a big circular swimming pool, serving a range of beverages and delicious snacks.

Address: Holiday Inn Resort, Sharks Bay  
Tel: +20 (0)69 60 2130, www.holidayinnsharm.com

## CLUBS

Sharm is famous for its lively and diverse nightlife. Enjoy a drink in the stylish Little Buddha bar or quench your thirst with a pre-party cocktail at the Bus Stop. Then move on to one of Sharm's bigger venues such as the famous Pacha Nightclub. Whether you want to chill out or rave until dawn, Sharm has it all.

### Little Buddha

One of the most stylish venues in town, boasting a flashy, futuristic decor. Order a drink at Buddha's illuminated bar counter, then sit down on one of the soft sofas spread across the lounge area or dance to the resident DJs' rhythmic house beats.

*Address: Naama Bay Hotel, Naama Bay  
Tel: +20 (0)69 360 1030, littlebuddha-sharm.com*

### Bus Stop

Shaped like a big red bus, Bus Stop is a popular pre-party venue for the Pacha Nightclub. Chill out with a cool beverage and absorb the R&B and soul beats.

*Address: Sanafir Hotel, Naama Bay  
Tel: +20 (0)69 600 1978*

### Pacha Nightclub

Arguably the most well-known club in Sharm El-Sheikh, and a big one, too. Chill out with cool beer at the pool party bar, play in the foam zone or move your hips, butt and feet on the dance floor. If it gets too hot, cool down in the on-site swimming pool.

*Address: Sanafir Hotel, Naama Bay  
Tel: +20 (0)69 360 0197-8*

### Hard Rock Cafe

The restaurant of this well-known chain transforms into a discotheque at midnight, with its two resident DJ's spinning party classics and the latest in Chart House and R&B.

*Address: Marina Street, Na'ama Bay  
Tel: +20 (0)69 360 2665, www.hardrock.com*



## SHOPPING

Without a doubt, Naama Bay is the top spot in Sharm for shopping. The lively tourist area is packed with fashionable clothes' shops, jewellery stores and other shops offering pretty much anything. As the Naama Bay area is a thriving nightlife spot, many shops here stay open until midnight or even later. Shopping in Naama Bay is rather expensive by local standards, however. Bargain-hunters should go to Old Market in downtown Sharm, which is also the best location in the area to buy classical Egyptian souvenirs. Why not buy a traditional water pipe here?

## SLEEPING

### EXCLUSIVE

#### Jolie Ville Moevenpick Resort & Casino

This high-standard hotel offers 396 rooms in 42 bungalows directly on the beach of Naama Bay, within walking distance to the shops and nightlife of the area. Guests can go diving, parasailing, camel riding or play on the nearby golf course. If you have got some cash to spare, why

not spend an evening gambling in the flashy on-site Casino?

*Address: Naama Bay, Tel: +20 (0)69 360 0100  
Double room: from 190 US-Dollars (Hotel quotes prices in US-Dollars), www.moevenpick-hotels.com*

#### Hyatt Regency


The 35-hectare Hyatt Regency is adjacent to the popular Na'ama Bay. Designed in Southern Mediterranean style, its 439 rooms and suites offer spectacular views of the Red Sea. Here you can relax at the outdoor pool, enjoy a day at the hotel's own Spa or play a game of tennis.

*Address: The Gardens Bay, Tel: +20 (0)69 360 1234  
Double room: from 125 US-Dollars per room (Hotel currency is US-Dollars)  
www.sharmelsheikh.regency.hyatt.com*

#### Sonesta Club

This resort hotel is designed in traditional Nubian style, located on Naama Bay and overlooking South Sinai's desert and mountains. Its 409 guest rooms and suites feature either a balcony or roof terrace.

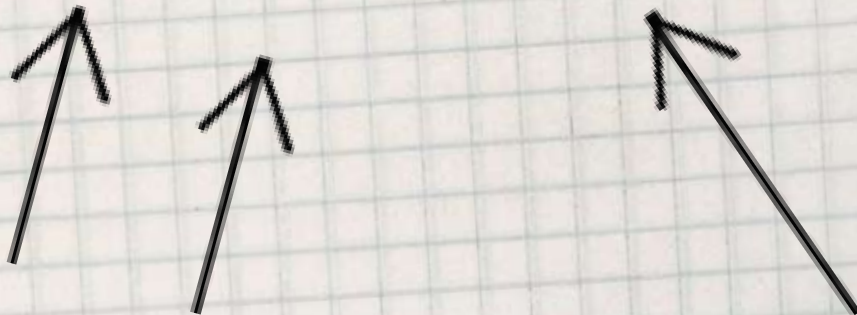
*Address: Naama Bay  
Tel: +20 (0)69 3601280  
Double rooms: from 140 US-Dollars (Hotel quotes prices in US-Dollars)  
www.sonesta.com/egypt\_sharmclub*



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## GOOD VALUE

### Iberotel Palace

The Iberotel has its private sandy beach in Sharm el Maya Bay, a few minutes' walk from the Old Town.

*Address: Sharm El Maya Bay  
Tel: +20 (0)69 366 11 11  
Double room: from around 550 LE  
www.iberotel-eg.com/palace/*

## BASIC

### Mercure Luna Sharm El Sheikh

This hotel is located away from the beach on Om Sid Hill, five kilometres from the town centre and 6 kilometres from Naama Bay. It is owned by a French chain of budget hotels and offers 101 air-conditioned, comfortable and clean rooms. The hotel features an unheated outdoor pool.

*Address: Om El Sid Hill  
Tel: +20 (0)69 366 5660  
Double room: from 389 LE, excluding breakfast  
www.mercure.com*

### Camel Dive Club & Hotel

This friendly hotel in the centre of Naama Bay is tailored specifically towards divers and features a dive centre and school. The beach is a two-minute walk away. Popular with British tourists.

*Address: Naama Bay  
Tel: +20 (0)69 360 0700  
Double room: from around 250 LE  
www.cameldive.com*



## ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

### Airport

The Sharm El Sheikh Airport is located about 15 kilometres north of Naama Bay. From there, you can either take a minibus or a taxi. A minibus ride costs around 2 EGP to get to downtown Sharm, for a cab ride you'll have to pay around 40 EGP. A taxi ride to Naama Bay will cost you about 25 EGP. Some hotels also offer bus transfers, as do tour operators.

*Tel: +20 (0)69 360 1141*

### Local Transport

Public transport in Sharm El-Sheikh is provided by minibuses, which run from the Northern to the Southern part of Sharm and back. You have to hail the bus to get on. Expect to pay around 1 LE per ride. However, public transport in Sharm is limited, and due to its sheer size it is often necessary to take a taxi.

Tel. Bus station: +20 (0)69 366 0600

### Taxi

There are essentially two types of taxis, 4 and 8-seaters, which you can hail on the street. Prices can vary, so make sure you agree to a price

before getting into a cab. A ride from Naama Bay to the Old Market, for instance, should not cost you more than 20 EGP in a 4-seater or 35 EGP in an 8-seater. Many up-market hotels use private taxi companies that are more expensive.

Taxi station: +20 (0)69 366 0357

### Medical/Dental service

Tel: +20 (0)69 366 0893

### Medical emergencies

Tel: +20 (0)69 360 0554

### Post Office

Tel: +20 (0)69 366 0518

### Pharmacy

Tel: +20 (0)69 366 0388

### Telephone

Country code: +20  
Area code: 069

### Electricity

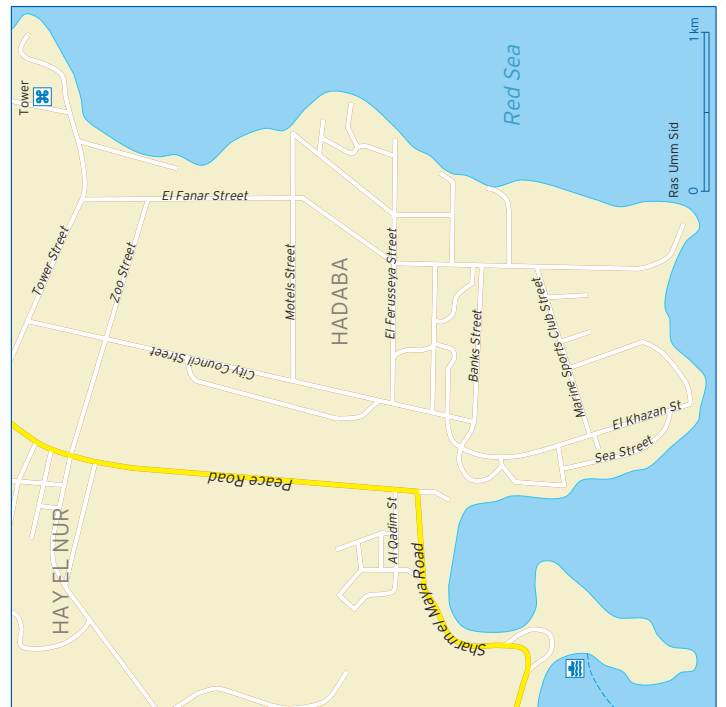
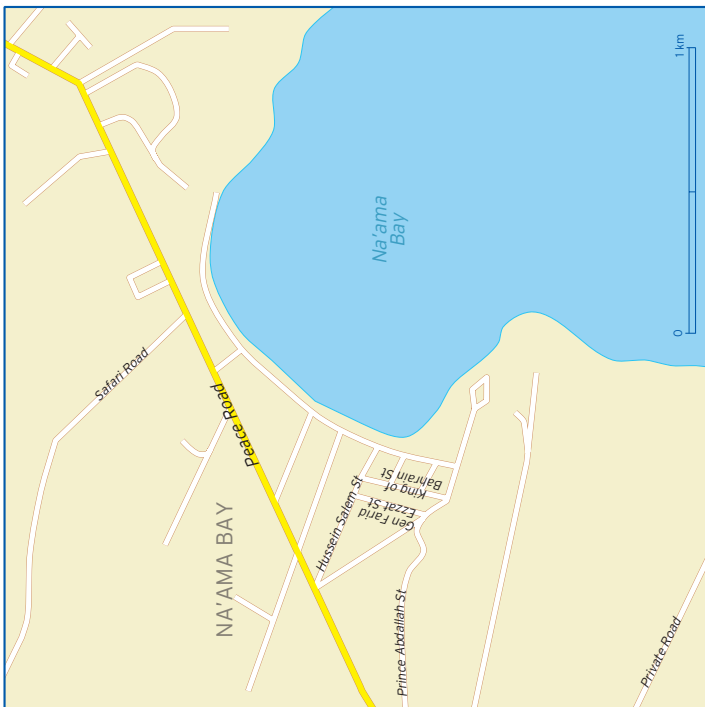
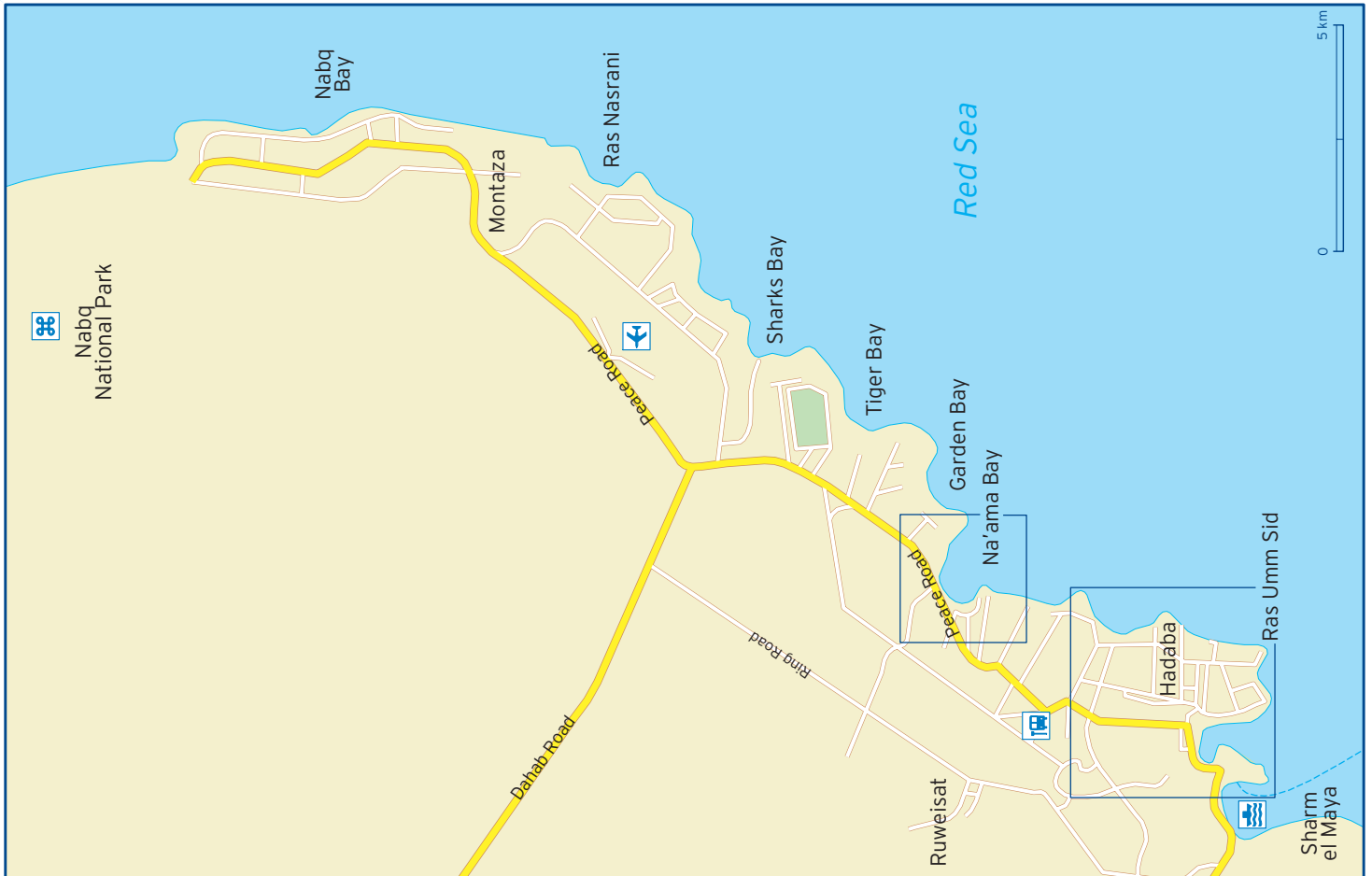
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