

Aqaba, Aqaba Governorate, Jordan

Jordan's only sea port sits where four countries meet at the tip of the Red Sea. From this compact resort city you can reach Petra's rose-red ruins and Wadi Rum's otherworldly desert — or simply snorkel pristine coral reefs steps from the shore.

- Docked (cruise pier)
- Typical call: 8-12 hrs
- Jordanian Dinar (JOD)
- Arabic (English widely spoken)
- Hot & dry — bring water and sunscreen

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Docked at Aqaba Cruise Terminal, ~4 km south of city center; no walking through port — shuttle bus required

Best For: Petra day trip, Wadi Rum desert, Red Sea snorkeling & diving

Walk to center: Not walkable from pier; free cruise-line shuttle to downtown, ~10 min

Don't Miss: The Treasury at Petra, a Bedouin 4x4 in Wadi Rum, or snorkeling the South Beach coral reefs

Getting around: **Taxi** 5–15 JOD (~\$7–21) · **Rideshare** Bolt · **Hop-on hop-off** Hop-on hop-off

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Petra — the Rose-Red City** — Walk the Siq gorge to emerge before the Treasury facade, then explore Royal Tombs, the Roman Theatre and Qasr Al Bint.
- **Wadi Rum Desert 4x4 Safari** — A Bedouin driver takes you through the 'Valley of the Moon' — towering sandstone pillars, Lawrence's Spring, Al-Khazali Canyon inscriptions and...
- **Petra + Wadi Rum Combo** — A full-day express hitting both UNESCO sites.
- **Red Sea Snorkeling — South Beach Reefs** — Aqaba's southern coast has pristine coral reefs often just metres from the waterline.
- **Aqaba City & Fort Walk** — Downtown Aqaba is walkable once the shuttle drops you off.

BEST WALKS

- **Aqaba Historic Core Loop** ~2 km · 1-1.5 hrs · Easy · Mostly flat — From Arab Revolt Square, walk to the Great Arab Revolt Plaza flagpole, then to Aqaba Fort (Mamluk Castle), the Ayla ruins next door, and the Aqaba Archaeological Museum.
- **Old Souk Wander** ~1 km · 30-60 mins · Easy — Dive into the back streets behind Arab Revolt Square for Aqaba's traditional market — spices, textiles, silver and street food.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:13AM–7:06PM · Jun 5:39AM–7:41PM · Aug 6:08AM–7:20PM · Sep 6:24AM–6:44PM · Oct 6:41AM–6:09PM	
Apr	87°	64°	0d		
Jun	100°	75°	0d		
Aug	103°	79°	0d		
Sep	98°	76°	0d		
Oct	90°	70°	0d		

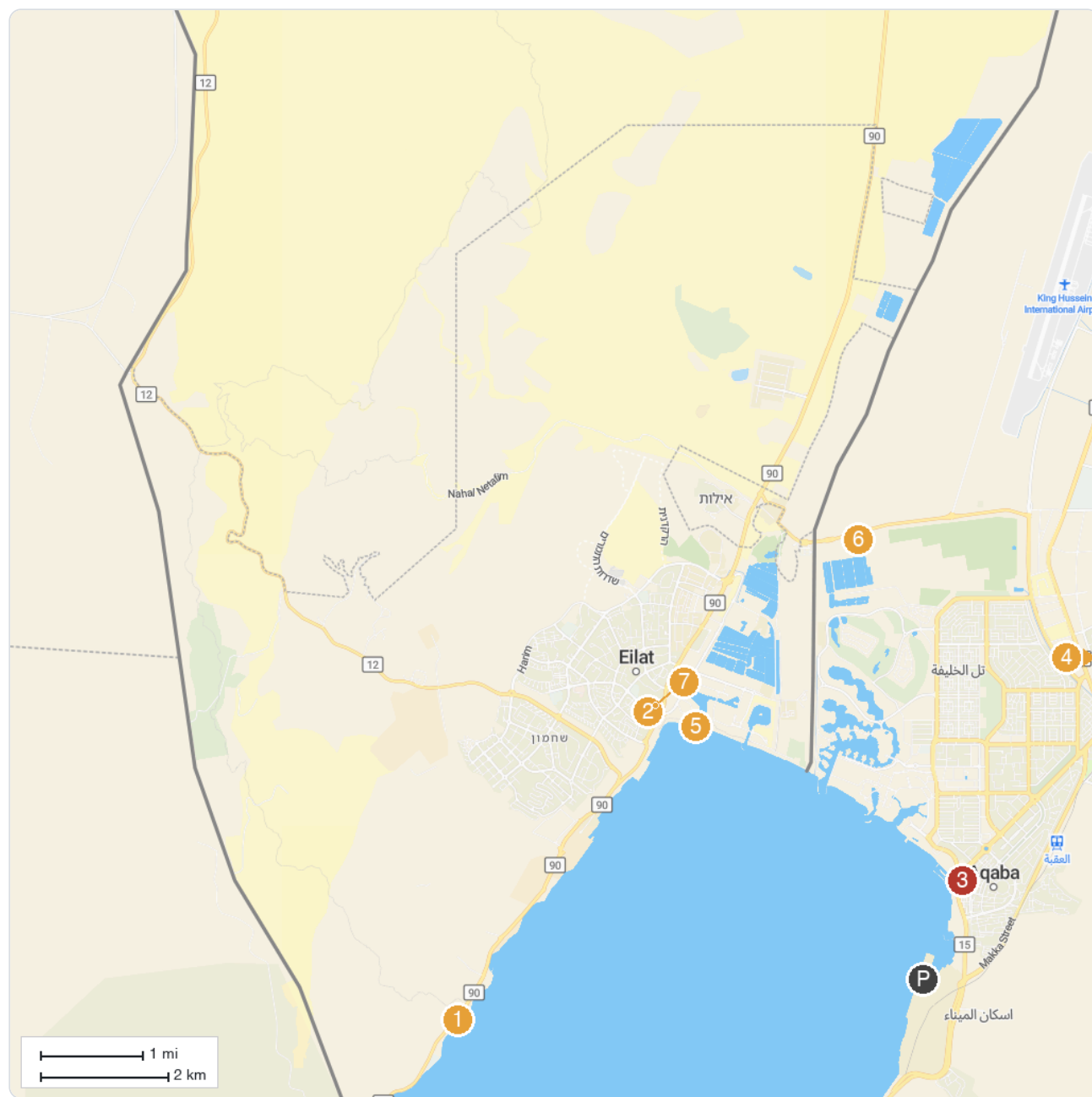
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Shuttle first, always. You cannot walk out of the port — take the complimentary cruise-line shuttle to downtown. It drops near Arab Revolt Square where taxis and tour buses wait.
- Petra is a full day. The drive is 2 hours each way. If your ship departs before 19:00, a Petra trip is tight — choose Wadi Rum (1 hr away) or a local half-day instead.
- Currency is Jordanian Dinars (JOD). ATMs are available in the city centre. USD is sometimes accepted but at poor rates. Petra entrance is ~JOD 50 (~\$70) per person.
- It gets very hot. Summer temps exceed 40°C (104°F). Start excursions early, carry a litre of water, and wear a hat. Wadi Rum has zero shade.
- Stay local for snorkeling. Aqaba's South Beach has outstanding reefs at shallow depths — you don't need to leave the city for world-class marine life. Day passes at Berenice Beach Club run ~JOD 15-25.
- Dress modestly at cultural sites. Cover shoulders and knees at Aqaba Fort and souks. Swimwear is fine at resort beaches — less so at the public city-centre beach.

Aqaba, Aqaba Governorate, Jordan — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



1 שמורת טבע חוף האלמוגים

3 Sharif Hussein bin Ali Mosque

5 Hananya Beach - חוף חנניה ספורט ימי ושיט

7 Musical Fountain Eilat

2 Nightmare Horror Maze

4 Aqaba Special Economic Zone Authority

6 Aqaba Bird Observatory

P Cruise port / terminal