

Duba, Tabuk, Saudi Arabia

A frontier port on the Red Sea's pristine northwest coast, Duba sits at the crossroads of ancient Midianite history and Saudi Arabia's \$500 billion vision for the future — with untouched coral reefs just offshore.

- Pier (docked — mandatory shuttle to town)
- Typical call: 8-10 hrs
- Saudi Riyal (SAR) · cards widely accepted
- Arabic · English understood in tourist areas
- Modest dress required — shoulders & knees covered

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier-docked at secure commercial port; mandatory shuttle to Duba Corniche (~15–20 min)

Best For: Red Sea snorkeling, desert adventures, Saudi culture & cuisine

Walk to Center: Not walkable from port — shuttle required; Corniche & Old Town compact on foot

Don't Miss: King Abdulaziz Castle overlook, fish market sayadiyah, Wadi Al-Disah canyon (guided excursion)

Getting around: **Taxi** SAR 15–30

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Wadi Al-Disah Canyon** — Saudi Arabia's most dramatic natural wonder: soaring sandstone cliffs, freshwater springs, and towering palm groves in a remote desert canyon.
- Red Sea Snorkeling & Coral Reefs** — The waters off Duba host pristine coral gardens with minimal dive tourism — near-zero bleaching compared to the southern Red Sea.
- Tabuk City & Castle** — Drive about 2.5 hours inland to Tabuk's Ottoman-era castle (built circa 1559 to guard the Hajj water station, restored several times), the historic...
- Duba Old Town & Fish Market** — A self-guided walk through the compact old town: browse the fish market where local fishermen bring in fresh Red Sea catch, sample sayadiyah at a...
- Sharma Private Beach** — About 50 km north of Duba lies an unspoiled white-sand beach with shallow turquoise water, now bordering the developing NEOM zone.

BEST WALKS

- Corniche to King Abdulaziz Castle** 1.5 km · 25 min · Easy — From the Corniche promenade, walk north past the Prince Fahd bin Sultan Mosque and climb the hill to King Abdulaziz Castle.
- Fish Market & Old Souq Loop** 1 km · 20 min · Easy — Head to the old harbor area for the daily fish market — best before noon — then browse the souq stalls for dates, spices, and local crafts.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)			
Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	94°	70°	0d
Jun	107°	81°	0d
Aug	109°	85°	0d
Sep	105°	81°	0d
Oct	98°	75°	1d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Apr 5:56AM–6:41PM · Jun 5:28AM–7:09PM · Aug 5:52AM–6:53PM · Sep 6:04AM–6:22PM · Oct 6:17AM–5:51PM	

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Modest dress is essential. Women do not need an abaya, but must cover shoulders and knees. Men should avoid sleeveless tops and very short shorts. Lightweight linen works well in the heat.
- Alcohol is strictly illegal in Saudi Arabia. Do not bring any off the ship, and do not expect it anywhere ashore. This is a hard rule — violations carry serious consequences.
- Shops close briefly for prayer times (5x daily, ~20-30 min each). Friday mornings most businesses close until afternoon. Plan accordingly — carry water and shade during wait times.
- Cards accepted almost everywhere, including taxis and market stalls. Carry a small amount of Saudi Riyals (SAR) for the fish market or very small vendors. ATMs are available in town.
- Never miss the last shuttle. The port is a secured facility — if you miss your ship's return shuttle, you cannot walk back independently. Confirm the final departure time before going ashore.
- Heat is extreme, particularly May–September (40°C+).

Duba, Tabuk, Saudi Arabia — 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

Duba beach front

Duba's sandy beach offers swimming, sunbathing, and relaxation.
- 2

كورنيش ضباء

Duba's waterfront promenade offers scenic walks and sea views.
- P

Cruise port / terminal