

Hurghada, Red Sea, Egypt

Crystal-clear Red Sea waters meet the Sahara Desert at Hurghada — Egypt's premier resort coast and the closest cruise port to the ancient wonders of Luxor.

- Pier (direct docking)
- Typical call: 8-12 hrs
- Egyptian Pound (EGP); USD/€ accepted
- Arabic; English & German widely spoken

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — ships dock alongside the quay; tendering is rare

Walk to center: Marina is in the same Sekala district; short walk/taxi. El Dahar old town ~7 km

Best For: Snorkeling, reef diving, desert safaris, Luxor day trips

Don't Miss: Giftun Island snorkeling or a glass-bottom boat over the coral reef

Getting around: **Taxi** 100–250 EGP (~\$3–8) · **Rideshare** Uber, Careem, inDrive

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Giftun Island & Orange Bay Snorkeling** — Boat trip to the protected Giftun Islands National Park — shallow coral gardens, brilliant reef fish, and powdery white sand in water that reads...
- Luxor & Valley of the Kings Day Trip** — A 3.5–4 hr desert drive brings you to Karnak Temple, Luxor Temple, and the Valley of the Kings — the greatest open-air museum on Earth.
- Desert Quad Biking & Bedouin Safari** — ATV or 4x4 jeep into the Eastern Desert, followed by a camel ride, Bedouin village visit, mint tea, and a traditional dinner show under the stars.
- Resort Beach Day Pass** — Buy a day pass at a Red Sea resort (Steigenberger Al Dau, Marriott Red Sea, or similar) for private beach access, sunbeds, and pool — the cleanest...
- Sindbad Submarine Reef Tour** — A real submarine descends about 22 metres into the Red Sea so non-swimmers and families can witness the coral reef and its tropical fish in comfort...

BEST WALKS

- Hurghada Marina Boulevard Stroll** Easy · ~1.5 km · Flat — A pedestrian-only promenade lined with yachts, cafes, and souvenir shops.
- El Dahar Old Town & Souq** Easy · ~1 km loop · Flat · ~7 km / short taxi from port — The authentic, lived-in heart of Hurghada, about 7 km north of the port in the old town.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 5:20AM–6:09PM · Jun 5:49AM–7:40PM · Aug 6:16AM–7:21PM · Sep 6:30AM–6:49PM · Oct 6:44AM–6:15PM	
Apr	81°	68°	0d	Egyptian Pound (EGP); USD/€ accepted	
Jun	92°	79°	0d		
Aug	95°	83°	0d		
Sep	92°	80°	0d		
Oct	86°	74°	0d		

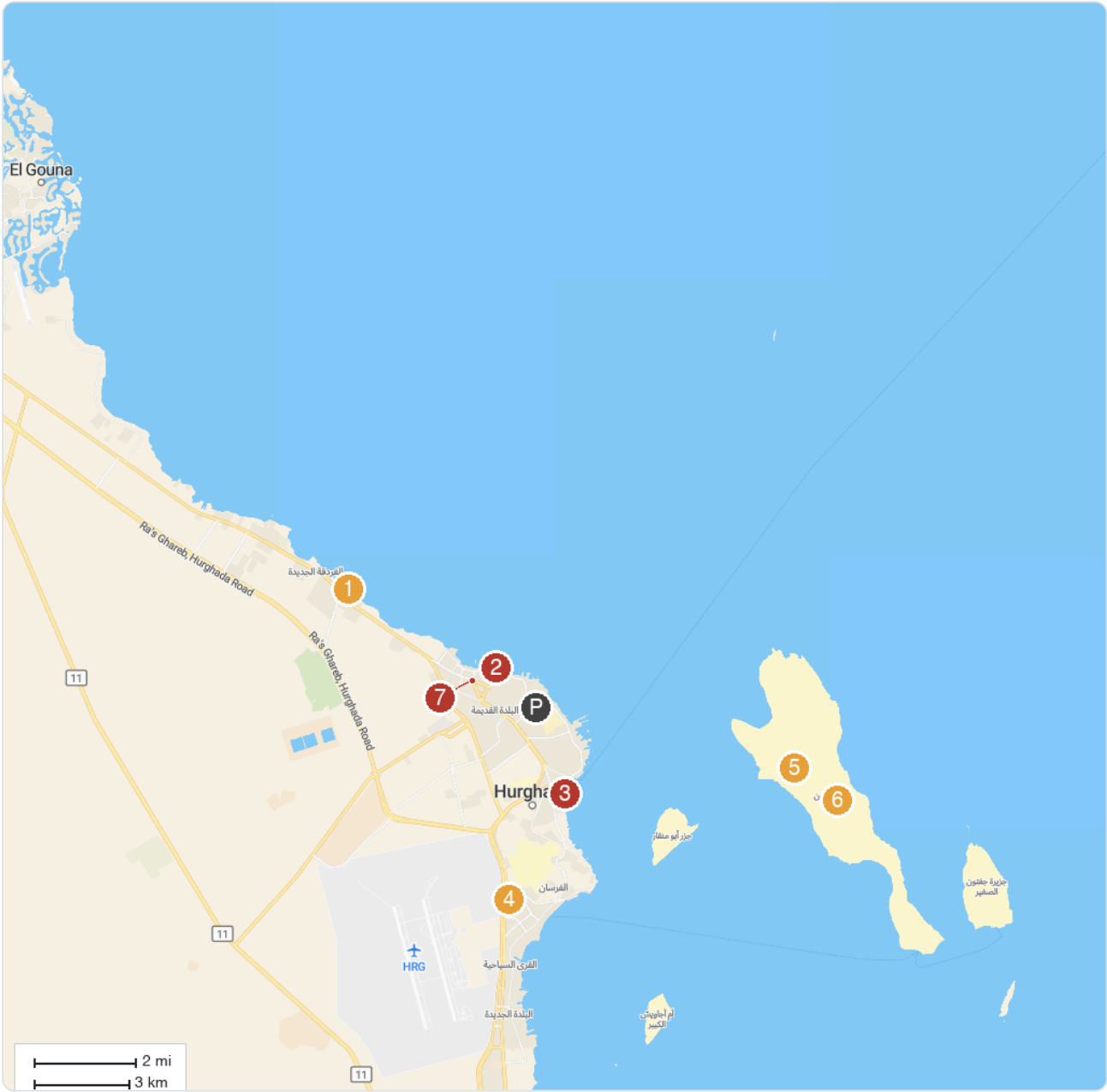
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Use Uber, not port-gate taxis. Careem/Uber costs a fraction of what taxi drivers charge tourists at the port gate, and prices are agreed upfront in the app.
- Luxor is a long day. The round-trip drive is 7–8 hrs alone — only attempt it if your ship is in port 12+ hours, and only on a ship-sponsored excursion so the vessel waits if you're delayed.
- Pack strong sunscreen. Hurghada averages 350 sunny days a year and almost no humidity. The Red Sea reflects UV intensely — reef-safe SPF 50 is the right choice.
- Bottled water only. Don't drink tap water or use it to brush teeth. Sealed bottled water is cheap and everywhere.
- Dress modestly off the beach. Swimwear is fine on private beaches and tour boats; cover shoulders and knees when walking through El Dahar or the city streets.
- "La, Shukran" means 'No, thank you' in Arabic. Say it firmly and keep walking — don't ask 'how much?' if you're not genuinely interested.

Hurghada, Red Sea, Egypt — Port Map

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



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| 1 | Hurghada Marine Museum & Aquarium | See Red Sea marine life and history exhibits. | 2 | Red Sea Aquarium | Discover diverse Red Sea fish and marine creatures. |
| 3 | Hurghada Marina | Waterfront promenade with yachts, restaurants, and shops. | 4 | Selkhet Papyrus | Shop for authentic Egyptian papyrus art and souvenirs. |
| 5 | Giftun Islands | Beautiful islands for snorkeling, diving, and beach relaxation. | 6 | جزيرة الجفرون | Stunning islands for snorkeling, diving, and beach relaxation. |
| 7 | hurghada.primatrips | Book tours and excursions for Hurghada attractions. | P | Cruise port / terminal | |