

Jeddah, Hejaz, Saudi Arabia

Gateway to the Holy Cities and the Red Sea, Jeddah blends thousand-year-old coral architecture with a modern waterfront skyline — and Saudi Arabia's wildly beloved fried chicken.

⚓ Pier (Jeddah Islamic Port) ⌚ Typical call: 8-10 hrs 🇸🇦 Saudi Riyal (SAR) 🗣️ Arabic (English widely spoken) 🧥 Conservative dress required

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — Jeddah Islamic Port passenger terminal, no tender

Walk to Center: Not walkable — port is industrial; 15-20 min by taxi/shuttle to Al-Balad

Best For: UNESCO coral architecture, Red Sea history, vibrant souqs, iconic fountain

Don't Miss: Al-Balad historic district and a stop at Al Baik for legendary Saudi fried chicken

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ SAR 20–50 (~\$5–14) negotiated · 📱 **Rideshare** ✅ Uber, Careem

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Al-Balad UNESCO Walking Tour** — Explore Jeddah's 1,400-year-old walled city, renowned for its rawashin — intricately carved wooden bay windows atop coral-stone facades.
- **Red Sea Corniche & King Fahd Fountain** — Stroll Jeddah's 30-km waterfront promenade past Henry Moore and Joan Miró sculptures, then watch King Fahd Fountain — the world's tallest at 312 m...
- **Al-Tayebat City Museum** — A multi-level palace replica showcasing thousands of artifacts spanning Islamic and Saudi history.
- **Obhur Beach Club Day Pass** — Private beach clubs north of Jeddah (Silver Sands, Oia Beach) offer pool, beach, and Red Sea access where Western swimwear is permitted within resort...
- **Al-Rahmah Floating Mosque & Corniche Walk** — Visit the iconic mosque built on stilts over the Red Sea — stunning at high tide when the structure appears to float.

BEST WALKS

- **Al-Balad Historic Core Loop** 2–3 km | 2–3 hrs | Moderate (uneven surfaces) — Start at Bab Makkah gate, then weave through Souq Al Alawi to Nassif House Museum, Al-Shafei Mosque, and Madrasa Al Falah.
- **Corniche Waterfront Stroll** 2–4 km | 1–2 hrs | Easy — Walk the paved Red Sea promenade from Al-Rahmah Floating Mosque south toward King Fahd Fountain.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌤️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)			
	Mon	High	Low
Apr		90°	75°
Jun		95°	80°
Aug		97°	84°
Sep		95°	82°
Oct		93°	79°
			Rain
			1d
			0d
			0d
			0d
			1d

🇸🇦 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY	
Apr 6:04AM–6:42PM · Jun 5:40AM–7:06PM · Aug 6:01AM–6:53PM · Sep 6:10AM–6:26PM · Oct 6:19AM–5:58PM	

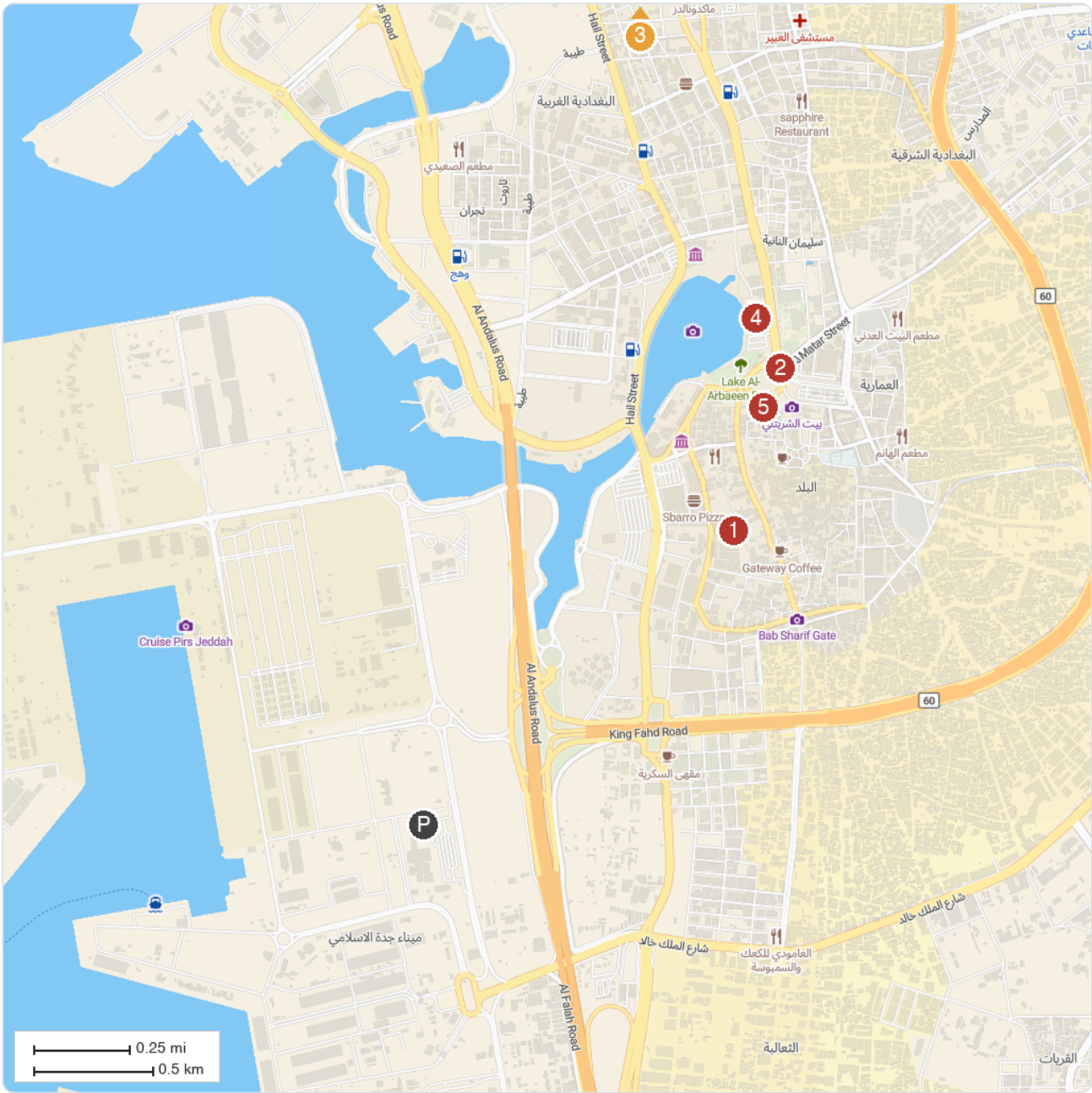
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Dress modestly — it's the law. Women: cover shoulders and knees; the abaya is no longer required but loose, modest clothing is mandatory. Men: no shorts or sleeveless shirts in public areas.
- Uber and Careem are your best friends. Don't hail random taxis. Download either app before your cruise — they're cheap, GPS-tracked, and the price is set upfront. Cost: 30–60 SAR to Al-Balad.
- Eat at Al Baik. This legendary Saudi fast-food chain serves broasted chicken with garlic sauce. It's a genuine cultural phenomenon — lines are long but move fast, and it's dirt cheap.
- No alcohol — absolutely none. Saudi Arabia has a strict ban. Don't attempt to bring any off the ship. Penalties are severe and enforcement is real.
- Cards are accepted almost everywhere. Visa and Mastercard work in taxis, souqs, restaurants, and most shops. The Saudi Riyal is pegged at 3.75 SAR per USD — easy math.
- Friday calls: plan around prayers. On Friday mornings, the city is very quiet and many shops stay closed until after midday prayers (~2 PM). If your ship calls Friday, head to the Corniche or Al-Balad's open-air spaces in the morning.

Jeddah, Hejaz, 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.



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| 1 Akkash Mosque | Historic mosque known for its unique Ottoman architecture. | 2 Al-Bay'ah Square | Historic square where allegiance was pledged to kings. |
| 3 Darat Safeya Binzagr | Art gallery showcasing works by pioneering Saudi artist Safeya Binzagr. | 4 Jaffali Mosque | Prominent modern mosque with striking architecture and a large prayer hall. |
| 5 Barhat Bab Jadid | Historic square marking the site of Jeddah's old New Gate. | P Cruise port / terminal | |