

Khor Fakkan, Sharjah, UAE

Where jagged Hajar Mountains plunge into turquoise Gulf of Oman waters, this Sharjah enclave offers rugged hiking, coral-rich snorkeling, and a beautifully restored corniche — all without a skyscraper in sight.

- Pier (shuttle to gate)
- Typical call: 7-9 hrs
- UAE Dirham (AED)
- Arabic / English widely spoken
- Dry emirate — no alcohol ashore

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Deep-water pier (6 quays); free shuttle to port gate

Walk to Center: Not walkable — active industrial port; shuttle or taxi required

Best For: Snorkeling, hiking, beaches, UAE history off the beaten path

Don't Miss: Khor Fakkan Amphitheatre & the 45m-long waterfall carved into the mountain

Getting around: **Taxi** AED 14 minimum (~) · **Hop-on hop-off** City Sightseeing Sharjah – Khorfakkan Tour

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Snorkel Shark Island (Sira Khorfakkan)** — Hire a local boat to reach this rocky offshore islet — one of the UAE's top snorkel spots.
- Al Rabi Watchtower Hike** — A well-marked 4-5 km round-trip trail from this 1915 defense tower climbs into the Hajar Mountains for panoramic views over the bay and town.
- Hisn Khor Fakkan Fort & Museum** — This lovingly restored 1950s fort houses exhibits on the east coast's history, archaeological finds, and traditional Emirati life — all for around 10...
- Khor Fakkan Beach & Corniche** — Three kilometres of crescent white sand with calm, warm Gulf of Oman water.
- Al Rafisah Dam Lake** — A mountain lake ringed by greenery — a rare sight in the UAE.

BEST WALKS

- Corniche Promenade Walk** 45-60 min one way · Easy · Waterfront — Follow the 3km seafront promenade from near the fort northward past the beach to the amphitheatre and waterfall.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)			
Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	91°	71°	1d
Jun	103°	83°	0d
Aug	105°	86°	0d
Sep	102°	82°	0d
Oct	95°	77°	0d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Apr 5:56AM–6:41PM · Jun 5:27AM–7:09PM · Aug 5:52AM–6:53PM · Sep 6:04AM–6:22PM · Oct 6:16AM–5:50PM	

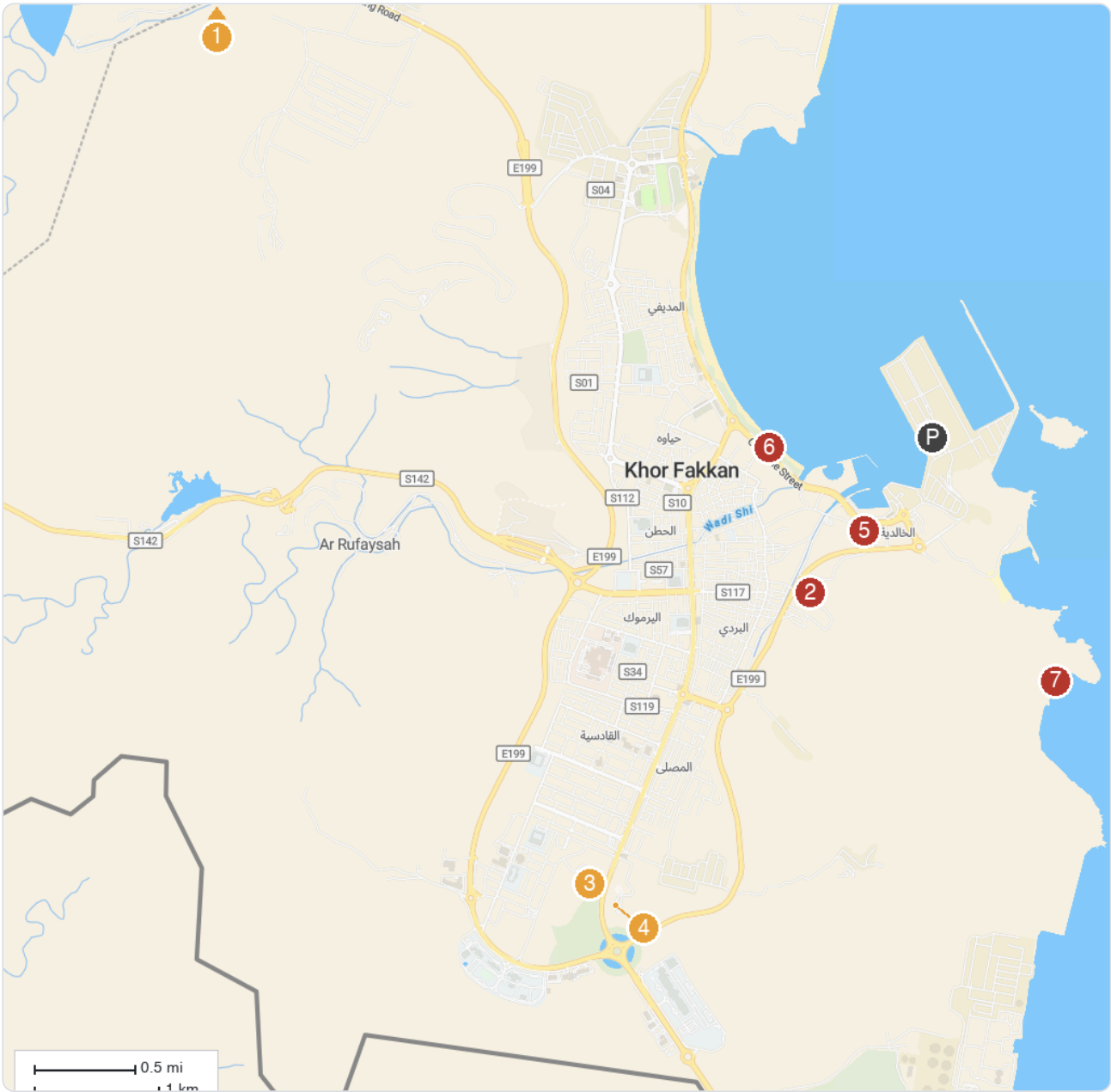
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Dry emirate:** Sharjah strictly prohibits alcohol. You cannot buy it ashore in any restaurant, shop, or hotel — and bringing it off the ship is not permitted.
- Dress modestly:** Cover shoulders and knees away from the beach. Swimwear is fine in the water and on the sand, but wrap up before hitting the promenade or entering any shops.
- Shuttle is mandatory:** The port is an active industrial zone — you cannot walk out. Take the free bus to the gate, then grab a metered taxi for the Corniche (about 10–15 AED).
- Cash in AED:** Cards are accepted at most restaurants and shops, but carry some dirhams for taxis, market stalls, boat trips to Shark Island, and small entry fees.
- Peak season is Oct–Apr:** Summer (May–Sep) is extremely hot and humid. Hiking is only advisable in cooler months. Drink plenty of water year-round.
- Best snorkeling in the UAE:** Shark Island (Sira Khorfakkan) sits just offshore — hire a local boat at the beach for a return trip. Sea turtles and reef fish are common highlights, with blacktip reef sharks possible in season.

Khor Fakkan, Sharjah, UAE — 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 | Wadi Wurayah Biosphere Reserve محمية وادي الوريعة | Protected mountain reserve with waterfalls, wildlife, and hiking trails. |
| 2 | Al Rabi Tower | Historic watchtower offering panoramic views of Khor Fakkan. |
| 3 | Resistance Monument | Monument commemorating historical resistance against Portuguese invasion. |
| 4 | Flag Area | Prominent area featuring a large UAE flag and waterfront views. |
| 5 | Old town Khorfakan | Historic city center with traditional architecture and local souks. |
| 6 | Khorfakkan Beach | Main public beach for swimming, relaxation, and water sports. |
| 7 | AlQalqali beach | Serene, natural beach perfect for quiet relaxation and picnics. |
| P | Cruise port / terminal | |