

King Abdullah Port KAEC, Makkah, Saudi Arabia

Saudi Arabia's bold new planned city on the Red Sea — pristine beaches, a championship golf course, and a futuristic promenade that feels more Dubai than desert.

 Pier (docked)

 Typical call: 7-10 hrs

 Saudi Riyal (SAR) — nearly cashless

 Arabic / English widely spoken

 Shuttle required from port to city

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — ships dock at King Abdullah Port; no tendering

Best For: Red Sea beaches, golf, modern Saudi culture, water sports

Walk to center: Not walkable — shuttle bus ~15-20 min to Bay La Sun

Don't Miss: Yam Beach snorkeling and the Bay La Sun canal promenade

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  Negotiated; ~50–150 SAR within KAEC ·  **Rideshare**  Uber, Careem

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Yam Beach Day** — KAEC's signature beach in Bay La Sun — calm Red Sea waters protected by a coral reef, sun loungers, paddleboards, and kayaks.
- Red Sea Snorkeling & Diving** — Boat trips from KAEC Bay run 30-minute coastal cruises or full-day diving expeditions on the coral-rich Red Sea reefs.
- Haramain High-Speed Train to Jeddah** — KAEC has its own bullet-train station.
- Juman Karting** — A 700-metre outdoor go-kart track near Bay La Sun — fast, fun, and popular with families.
- Mangrove Kayaking** — Guided kayak tours through the mangrove forests along KAEC's protected coastline — a surprisingly lush Red Sea ecosystem right at the port's doorstep.

BEST WALKS

- Bay La Sun Canal Promenade** 1.5 km · Flat · 20-30 min — Stroll the waterfront boardwalk from the Bay La Sun Hotel marina south past Juman Park and the outdoor art murals.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		90°	72°	1d
Jun		97°	79°	0d
Aug		98°	83°	0d
Sep		98°	81°	0d
Oct		95°	77°	1d

 **DAYLIGHT & MONEY**

Apr 6:03AM–6:43PM · Jun 5:39AM–7:09PM · Aug 6:00AM–6:54PM · Sep 6:10AM–6:26PM · Oct 6:20AM–5:58PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- You cannot walk out of the port. The port gates are secured. Every passenger must use the cruise-line shuttle bus or a booked excursion. Budget SAR 20-40 per person for the shuttle if your ship charges.
- Dress code applies everywhere outside the beach. Shoulders and knees covered for both men and women in the city. An abaya is not required for foreign tourists in KAEC, but loose-fitting clothing is strongly recommended.
- Saudi Arabia is nearly cashless. Visa and Mastercard are accepted everywhere — even food trucks. Apple Pay works on 5G networks. You may not need any SAR cash at all.
- Heat is intense — only Nov–Mar calls are comfortable (25-30 °C). Summer calls can exceed 40 °C with high humidity. Bring sunscreen, a hat, and a refillable water bottle regardless of season.
- KAEC has a bullet-train station. The Haramain Railway runs to Jeddah (~40 min), Mecca (non-Muslims prohibited), and Medina (~1.5 hr). An independent day trip to Jeddah's Al-Balad historic district is very feasible on a long port call.
- No alcohol in Saudi Arabia — zero exceptions. But the mocktail and specialty coffee scene is excellent. Try Saudi Gahwa (cardamom coffee) with dates at any traditional café.

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



P Cruise port / terminal