

Yanbu Al-Bahr, Madinah Region, Saudi Arabia

Saudi Arabia's emerging Red Sea cruise port blends a 500-year-old coral-stone old town with some of the clearest, least-crowded dive sites on the planet. Tourism is new here — and locals are thrilled to welcome you.

Pier (docked)

Typical call: 8-10 hrs

Saudi Riyal (SAR)

Arabic (English widely understood in tourist areas)

Best Nov–Apr

MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — Yanbu Commercial Port; large cruise ships dock directly, no tender

Best For: Red Sea diving & snorkeling, Old Town history, authentic Saudi culture

Walk to center: ~2 km to Yanbu Corniche; ~4 km to Old Town (Yanbu Al-Balad); taxis/Uber recommended

Don't Miss: Lawrence of Arabia House, Souq Al Layl night market, coral reef snorkeling

Getting around: **Taxi** SAR 30–50 · **Rideshare** Uber, Careem

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Yanbu Old Town (Al-Balad) Walk** — Wander lanes of 500-year-old coral-stone buildings, spot fossilized sea life embedded in the walls, browse Souq Al...
- Lawrence of Arabia House** — Visit the restored house where T.E.
- Red Sea Snorkeling & Diving** — Yanbu's reefs are among the least-crowded on the Red Sea.
- Baridi Island Beach Escape** — A short boat ride from port, Baridi Island has powdery sand, turquoise shallows, and good snorkeling reefs — perfect if...
- Yanbu Corniche & Waterfront Stroll** — The modern corniche runs along the Red Sea with cafes, street food stalls, an outdoor amphitheater, and evening...

BEST WALKS

- Old Town Heritage Loop** 1.5 km loop • ~45 min • Easy • Mostly flat — Start at the historic Souq Al Layl, wind through coral-stone alleyways past traditional merchant houses, stop at Al Nakheel Mosque...
- Yanbu Corniche Promenade** 2 km one-way • ~30 min • Easy • Seafront — Walk north along the Corniche from Al-Salam Park to the Waterfront Theater.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		91°	71°	0d
Jun		103°	82°	0d
Aug		102°	84°	0d
Sep		101°	83°	0d
Oct		95°	77°	0d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:06AM–6:49PM · Jun 5:39AM–7:16PM · Aug 6:03AM–7:01PM · Sep 6:14AM–6:31PM · Oct 6:25AM–6:01PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Prayer time pauses: Shops close 15–20 min for each of the 5 daily prayers. Don't be alarmed — staff step outside and reopen promptly. Plan your souq shopping in the aaps.

Yanbu Al-Bahr, Madinah Region, 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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Night market

Yanbu's evening market for local goods and food.
- 2

yanbu cruise parking

Dedicated parking area for cruise ship passengers.
- 3

Yanbu Cruise Pirs

The docking piers for cruise ships at Yanbu port.
- P

Cruise port / terminal