



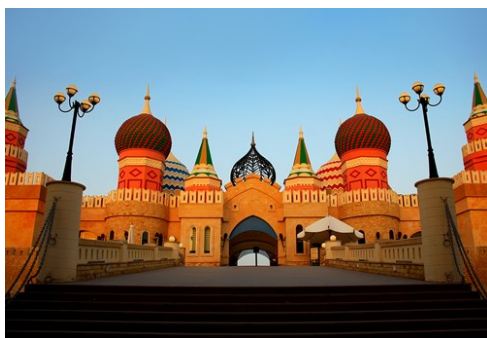
# Sharm el-Sheikh

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Surrounded by a crystal-clear, deep-blue sea and a breath-taking desert landscape, Sharm el-Sheikh has developed into one of the most popular holiday destinations in Egypt. Come here to relax in one of the many well-developed tourist resorts, or dive at the area's unique coral reefs. But 'Sharm' is far more than just a resort town. It is also an ideal spot to discover real Egyptian culture and to travel to the neighbouring historic sites such as the renowned Mount Sinai.



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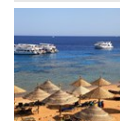
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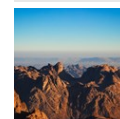
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## THE CITY



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Sharm el-Sheikh - "Sharm" for short - is one of the fastest developing holiday resorts in Egypt. What was a sleepy fishing village less than two decades ago, is now a buzzing tourist destination with some 35,000 inhabitants. Its rocky mountains, beautiful deep-blue sea and its breath-taking desert landscape make it a popular sight for globetrotters from across the world.

Situated on the southern tip of the Sinai Peninsula, Sharm is an area of beaches and resorts stretching some 30 kilometres, with Naama Bay forming the main tourist centre.

## DO & SEE



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Even if you do not want to spend your entire holiday on stunning Red Sea beaches, there are still plenty of reasons to come here. Sharm gives you a taste of real Egyptian life and culture, and serves as a base to visit some of the historic sites

that surround it. Its crystal-clear water and unique sea life have also made Sharm one of the finest diving spots in the world.

## The Bays



Sharm has become one of the top global destinations for snorkelers and divers thanks to its beautiful and diverse sea life, and its sandy beaches have become very popular with holidaymakers.

Naama Bay is by far the most popular of them, and its long, sandy beach is a favourite among swimmers and sun bathers. It is buzzing with life thanks to its many restaurants and shops. Come here to try out the Bungee catapult or take up horse riding sessions.

If you prefer it more quiet, spend a day at Nabq Bay, which is situated outside of the main tourist area, or spend a day on Sharks' Bay, about a 20 minute taxi ride from Naama Bay.

Ras Um Sid, located west of Naama, is great for snorkelling. Situated about five minutes' drive from Sharm, it is famous for its stunning coral reefs and boasts an impressive cliff.

If you are interested in diving, Sharm El-Maya should be your point of reference. The bay, located near Sharm's Old Town area, is home to a number of diving centres that will show you the best waters in Sharm. When picking a diving school, however, make sure the school has been accredited by a professional diving association.

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### Ice Skating



It may sound strange, but Sharm does have its very own ice skating spots like the El Salam Ice Skating at Concord El Salam Hotel. Come here to show off your ice skating skills and let your kids enjoy a good time.

Photo: Vit Kovalcik/Shutterstock.com

Address: White Knight Beach, Sharm el Sheikh

Internet: [www.sharmelshikh.concorde-hotels.com](http://www.sharmelshikh.concorde-hotels.com)

More Info: Located at Concord El Salam Hotel

### Monastery of St. Catherine



Nestled at the foot of Mount Sinai, the monastery was built for Emperor Justinian between 527 and 565 AD. It later took the name of St. Catherine of Alexandria, whose remains are buried there. Today, the monastery houses a priceless collection of art pieces including religious ornaments, beautiful mosaics and a vast collection of illuminated manuscripts.

Photo: Berthold Werner (image cropped)

Address: St. Catherine of Alexandria, Sinai Desert, Sharm el-Sheikh

Internet: [www.sinaimonastery.com](http://www.sinaimonastery.com)

### Ras Mohamed National Park



This stunning national park lies some 30 kilometres south of Sharm El-Sheikh, at the southern tip of the Sinai Peninsula. Spread over 480 square kilometres, this desert terrain is home to a number of exotic mammal species,

birds and reptiles. Make sure you do not miss the colourful coral reefs.

Photo: Andrzej Kubik/Shutterstock.com

Address: Ras Mohamed, Sinai Desert

### Tiran Island



This beautiful island, located in the Gulf of Aqaba between Sharm El Sheikh and Saudi Arabia, boasts stunning coral reefs and lagoons, making it the perfect paradise for snorkelers and divers. To get there, you can catch a boat from the southern side of Naama Bay.

Photo: Patryk Kosmider/Shutterstock.com

Address: Tiran Island, Gulf of Aqaba

### Nabq National Park



This impressive natural reserve comprises 600 square kilometres, boasting a diverse animal and plant life. Here you can see Nubian ibexes, foxes and gazelles and other fascinating species.

Photo: VanderWolf Images/Shutterstock.com

Address: Nabq National Park, Sharm el-Sheikh

### Old Town



The Old Town of Sharm was developed as recently as the 1960's. As it is not part of the region's major tourist areas, this is where many of the locals live, and it will give you a feeling of Egyptian culture. Its Old Market is popular with bargain hunters, as goods here are generally

cheaper than in the tourist centres such as Naama Bay. The beach here is rather small, but still worth a visit.

Photo: Lars Plougmann (image cropped)  
Address: Old Town, Sharm el-Sheikh

### Albatros Aqua Park



slides for the younger kids.

This Aqua Park can be found at the Aqua Blue Hotel. The water park includes 32 water games and 9 swimming pools with smaller pools and

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Address: El Khazan Street, Hadaba, Sharm el-Sheikh

### Cleo Park



adventurous rides and a fun filled experience.

Cleo Park was the first themed water park to ever open in Sharm El Sheikh. It is located at Naama bay and offers you a new generation of

Photo: Poznyakov/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Cleo Park, Naama bay, Sharm el-Sheik  
Phone: +20 69 360 4400  
Internet: www.cleopark.net  
Email: info@cleoparkegypt.com

### Soho Square



entertainment for everyone such as bowling, ice skating and Culturama, a journey through the

The Soho Square is a complete family entertainment centre. Here you can find restaurants, cafés, bars and a plethora of

Egyptian history on a 180 degree display.

Photo: Oleg Znamenskiy/Shutterstock.com  
Address: White Night Beach, Sharm el-Sheikh  
Phone: +2 01000 109109  
Internet: www.soho-sharm.com  
Email: mail@soho-sharm.com  
More Info: In front of Savoy Hotel

### Ghibli Raceway



the biggest go-kart track in Egypt.

Ghibli Raceway is a well-renowned provider of international motor sport to the Middle East. Feel the adrenaline surge for the need of speed at

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Address: Naama Bay, Peace Road, Sharm el-Sheik  
Phone: +20 69 360 3939  
Internet: www.ghiblraceway.com  
Email: info@ghiblraceway.com  
More Info: Near Hyatt Regency

### United Submarine



opportunities to see the underwater world of the red sea up close. Five semi submarines run daily tours.

At United Submarine you can discover the underwaterworld, with no need for swimming or diving skills. United Submarines offers a great

Photo: Vlad61/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Hadaba, villa 220 Ard El Mazad, Sharm el-Sheikh  
Phone: +20 69 3662 252  
Internet: www.unitedsubmarines.com

## DINING



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As a seaside resort, Sharm has become famous for its excellent seafood, such as fresh shrimp and deep-fried calamari. Sharm's international clientele and its many top-notch resorts mean you can find excellent restaurants that serve nearly anything from French, Thai, American and Japanese cuisine to traditional Egyptian food.

### El Masrieen

El Masrieen is a restaurant that offers good oriental and Egyptian food at affordable prices. This place especially famous for its tasty grills.

Address: No.15 Old market, Sharm el-Sheikh  
Phone: +20 199 685 383

### Fares

Fares is ideally located in the The Old Market and is one of the most popular restaurants in the Old Market. They serve fresh and tasty seafood dishes at decent prices.

Address: The Old Market, Sharm el-Sheikh  
Phone: +20 693 664 270

### Jolie Ville Restaurants

At the Jolie Ville resort there is a big selection of eateries. Here you can find The Seagull, an à la carte restaurant, the French La Fleur, a Beach Bar and Restaurant where you can enjoy barbecue for both lunch and dinner, and many more.

Address: Naama Bay, Sharm el-Sheikh  
Phone: +20 69 3600100  
Internet: [www.jolieville-hotels.com](http://www.jolieville-hotels.com)  
More Info: Jolie Ville Resort

### Pomodoro

Pomodoro can be found at the Camel Hotel and is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. The dinner menu features Italian grilled meat, fish dishes, and home-made pizza. The terrace is cooled by fans and mist in summer and heated in winter.

Address: Centre of Na'ama Bay, Sharm el-Sheikh  
Phone: +20 69 3600 700  
Internet: [www.cameldive.com](http://www.cameldive.com)  
More Info: Camel Hotel

### Rangoli

Rangoli Indian restaurant can be found at the Moevenpick Resort in Naama Bay and offers traditional Indian food like hot naans and tandoori. The view of the bay from here is just great, perfect for romantic one-on-ones.

Address: Naama Bay, El Salam Rd., Sharm el-Sheikh  
Phone: +20 69 360 0081  
Internet: [www.moevenpick-hotels.com](http://www.moevenpick-hotels.com)  
More Info: At Moevenpick Resort

### The Blue Fountain

The Blue Fountain offers a varied menu with dishes like seafood, salads and much more. Here, the steaks are claimed to be just great, the service to be excellent and the atmosphere truly inviting.

Address: 1 Market Square, Naama Bay, Sharm el-Sheikh  
Phone: +20 114 400 4401  
More Info: Beside Rear Exit of Carrefour

### Fusion 21

At Fusion 21 you can enjoy Mediterranean dishes out in the open air. This trendy restaurant offers a great atmosphere and is a good choice if you

like Mediterranean cuisine accompanied by refreshing cocktails.

Address: Soho Square, Sharks Bay, Sharm el-Sheikh

Opening hours: 6.30 pm-1 am

Phone: +20 010 0010 9109

Internet: [www.soho-sharm.com](http://www.soho-sharm.com)

### **Caligula Hot Rock**

Caligula Hot Rock can be found at the Savoy Hotel. Here you can choose dishes from a varied and large menu. This is the perfect place to enjoy a good meal and afterwards linger over a couple drinks.

Address: Soho Square, Sharm el-Sheikh

Phone: +20 693 602 500

Internet: [www.savoy-sharm.com](http://www.savoy-sharm.com)

Email: [mail@savoy-sharm.com](mailto:mail@savoy-sharm.com)

More Info: Located at Savoy Hotel

### **La Fleur**

La Fleur is ideally located in Naama Bay and offers high quality dishes. This restaurant is highly recommended by its customers and the breakfast here is claimed to be outstanding.

Address: Naama Bay, Sharm el-Sheikh

### **The Lounge**

The Lounge is a combined bar and restaurant that offers an extensive menu and entertainment. Here you can not only enjoy great food, but also karaoke, quiz nights, live music and parties.

Address: Mall 6, Naama Bay, Sharm el-Sheikh

Opening hours: Mon-Sun 2 pm-3 am

Phone: +20 109 3639585

## **CAFES**



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With the stifling heat of Egypt surrounding you, a hot coffee might be the farthest thing from your mind, but do not give up hope. Taking a break and sipping on an Arabic coffee is surprisingly invigorating and if that is not your cup of tea, there is always the icy alternatives to lessen your thirst.

### **Ali Baba Oriental Cafe**

This stylish rooftop café offers a good selection of oriental coffees and teas as well as water pipes (Shishas) with a variety of flavoured tobaccos. You can pop by in the evening to watch the sun set.

Address: 1 Sonesta Circle, Naama Bay, Sharm el-Sheikh

Phone: +20 69 360 0725

Internet: [www.sonesta.com](http://www.sonesta.com)

More Info: Sonesta Beach Resort

### **Sultan Gardens**

At the Sultan Gardens Resort there are many dining options. If you feel like a refreshing drink or coffee you can relax, you are in good hands.

Address: Shark Bay, Sharm el-Sheikh

Phone: +20 69 60 2130

Internet: [www.sultangardens.com](http://www.sultangardens.com)

### **Makani Bakery**

Makani Bakery serves a wide variety of homemade bread, sandwiches and puddings as

well as sushi. You can decide to eat in or take away.

Address: Naama Bay, Sharm el-Sheikh  
Internet: [www.divine-worx.com](http://www.divine-worx.com)

### Vanilla

Relax at Vanilla on the terrace, a comfortable chill-out zone with water pipes. You can choose from a range of tasty treats like ice cream, iced coffees and smoothies.

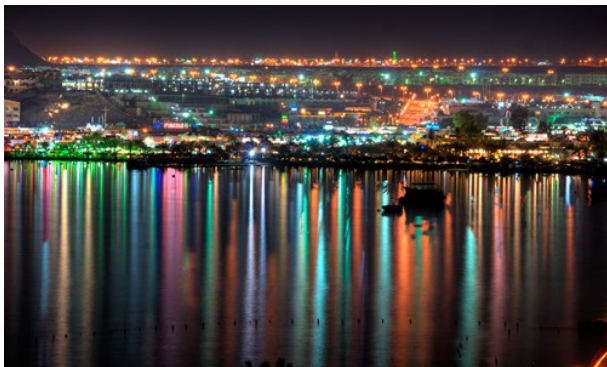
Address: Naama Bay, Sharm el-Sheikh  
Phone: +20 69 360 0700  
Internet: [www.cameldive.com](http://www.cameldive.com)  
More Info: Camel Hotel

### Charleston Bakery

The food at Charleston Bakery is claimed to be spot on. Here you can enjoy everything from filled doughnut to chocolate fudge cake.

Address: IL Mercato, Sharm el-Sheikh  
Phone: +20 69 366 6318

## BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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What better thing is there than to relax with a cold beverage after a long day of sightseeing or sunbathing? Sharm has many top-notch bars that serve anything from exotic cocktails to imported European beer.

Sharm is famous for its lively and diverse

nightlife. Enjoy a drink in the stylish Little Buddha bar, or quench your thirst with a pre-party cocktail at the Bus Stop. Then move on to one of Sharm's bigger venues such as the famous Pacha Nightclub. Whether you want to chill-out or rave until dawn, Sharm has it all.

### The Sunset Bar



Enjoy a beautiful view of the Tiran Islands in the Red Sea waters while quenching your thirst with a refreshingly exotic cocktail. The bar is based

within the Hilton complex in Sharks Bay.

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Address: Ras Nusrani, Sharks Bay, Sharm el-Sheikh

Opening hours: 10 am-10 pm

Phone: +20 69 360 3333

Internet: [www.hilton.com](http://www.hilton.com)

More Info: Hilton Sharks Bay Resort

### Pirate's Bar



This bar has a strong nautical theme, with fishnets and compasses decorating the walls. It is particularly popular with foreign visitors thanks to

the large selection of imported draught beers from Ireland, Germany, and Scotland. Find it next to the reception of the Hilton Fayrouz Resort.

Photo: [Arina P Habich/Shutterstock.com](http://Arina P Habich/Shutterstock.com)

Address: Peace Road, Naama Bay, Sharm el-Sheikh

Phone: +20 69 360 0136

Internet: [www.hilton.com](http://www.hilton.com)

More Info: Hilton Fayrouz Resort

### Bus Stop



the R&B and soul beats.

Shaped like a big red bus, Bus Stop is a popular pre-party venue for the Pacha Nightclub. Here you can chill-out with a cool beverage and absorb

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Address: Naama Bay, Sharm el-Sheikh

Phone: +20 69 600 1978

More Info: Sanafir Hotel

### Pacha Nightclub



beer at the pool party bar, play in the foam zone or get your groove on at the dance floor. If it gets too hot, cool down in the on-site swimming pool.

Pacha Nightclub is arguably the most well-known club in Sharm El-Sheikh, and a big one too. This is a great place to chill-out with a cool

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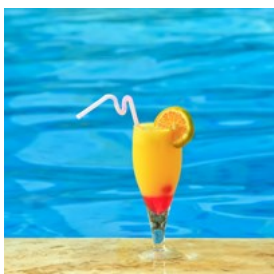
Address: Naama Bay, Sharm el-Sheikh

Phone: +20 69 360 0197

Internet: [www.pachasharm.com](http://www.pachasharm.com)

More Info: Sanafir Hotel

### Cascades Pool Bar & Restaurant



Restaurant is ideal for a quick, refreshing lunch.

This pool bar is set among cascading waterfalls and offers a range of cool drinks and tasty snacks. The Cascades Pool Bar &

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Address: The Gardens Bay, Sharm el-Sheikh

Phone: +20 69 360 1234

Internet: [www.sharmelsheikh.regency.hyatt.com](http://www.sharmelsheikh.regency.hyatt.com)

More Info: Hyatt Regency

### Hard Rock Cafe



stream Western dishes such as chicken wings, onion rings and hamburgers. This place also serves alcohol.

The Sharm affiliate of the well-known American chain comes stuffed with Rock 'n' Roll memorabilia as usual. Its menu is dominated by main

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Address: Naama Promenade, Naama Bay, Sharm el-Sheikh

Phone: +20 69 360 2664

Internet: [www.hardrock.com](http://www.hardrock.com)

### Camel Bar & Roof



drinks menu, including cocktails and shooters.

The Camel Bar & Roof is one of the most popular bars where you can watch big sports games and live bands. They serve tasty snacks and have a full

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Address: Naama bay, Sharm el-Sheikh

Phone: +20 69 3600 700

Internet: [www.cameldive.com](http://www.cameldive.com)

More Info: Camel Hotel

### Little Buddha



then sit down on one of the soft sofas spread across the lounge area or dance to the resident DJs' rhythmic house beats.

This could be one of the most stylish venues in town, boasting a flashy, futuristic décor. Order a drink at Buddha's illuminated bar counter,



Photo: Aleksandar Mijatovic/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Naama Bay, Sharm el-Sheikh  
Phone: +20 69 360 1030  
Internet: [www.littlebuddha-sharm.com](http://www.littlebuddha-sharm.com)  
More Info: Naama Bay Hotel

## Space



One of the prime nightclubbing locations in the area, Space is a high-end venue with three different rooms available for guests, including an outdoor lounge.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Space Sharm, Sharm el-Sheikh  
Internet: [www.spacesharm.com](http://www.spacesharm.com)

## SHOPPING



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Without a doubt, Naama Bay is the top spot in Sharm for shopping. The lively tourist area is packed with fashionable clothes shops, jewellery stores and other shops offering pretty much anything. As the Naama Bay area is a thriving night life spot, many shops here stay open until midnight or even later.

In Nabq you can find Al Khan and La Strada, two malls with shopping, food and entertainment and in Al Hadaba the main shopping spot is Il Mercato. Do not be afraid to haggle - it is well

expected, and prices can be brought down significantly if you demonstrate enough persistence.

## Old Market



Bargain hunters should go to the Old Market in down town Sharm, which is also the best location in the area to buy classical Egyptian souvenirs. Why not buy a traditional water pipe here?

Photo: bikeriderlondon/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Old Market, Sharm el-Sheikh

## SOHO Square



Shop till you drop in one of Sharm's biggest shopping areas, with multiple boutiques selling everything from clothing to jewelry. Plenty of dining options are also available.

Photo: Marc Ryckaert (MJJR) (image cropped)  
Address: Soho Square, Sharm el-Sheikh  
Internet: [www.soho-sharm.com](http://www.soho-sharm.com)

## Genena City



Genena City is a recent addition to the city's shopping scene. With its stores, boutiques and entertainment options, this mall will surely keep you occupied for quite a while.

Photo: gpointstudio/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Peace Road, Sharm el-Sheikh  
Internet: [www.genenacity.com](http://www.genenacity.com)

### La Strada Mall



Not only a variety of stores and boutiques, but also plenty of cafes to sit down for a quick break await you at this shopping center. Don't be hesitant to bargain - it is well expected.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com

Address: Sharm El-Sheikh Peace Road, Nabq Bay, Sharm el-Sheikh

### Secret of Egypt



Secret of Egypt is the place to go if you're looking to shop for natural cosmetics of all kinds, be it body oils, creams or perfumes. The owner himself frequently advises shoppers, and the quality of the products is known to be superb.

Photo: masa44/Shutterstock.com

Address: Soho Square Shop E1, Sharm el-Sheikh  
Phone: +20 128 238 3442

### Il Mercato



A great spot not only for shopping, but also going on an evening promenade - the atmosphere is much more relaxed than at other Sharm malls, and the architecture of the mall is nice to look at.

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Address: Hadaba, Um el Sid, Sharm el-Sheikh  
Phone: +20 112 629 9922

## TOURIST INFORMATION



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### Sharm El Sheikh International Airport



The Sharm El Sheikh International Airport is located about 18 kilometers from the city. To get to the city you can either go by bus, taxi or car. There are regular bus services and the journey takes about 15 minutes. The taxi ranks can be found next to Terminal 1. Some hotels also offer bus transfers, as do tour operators.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Sharm El Sheik International Airport, Sharm el-Sheikh

Phone: +20 69 360 1141

Internet: [www.sharm-el-sheikh-airport.com](http://www.sharm-el-sheikh-airport.com)

### Public transport



You can easily walk around the city. The public transport in Sharm El-Sheikh is provided by minibuses, which run from the Northern to the Southern part of Sharm and back. You have to hail the bus to get on.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

## Taxi



There are essentially two types of taxis, 4-seaters and 8-seaters, which you can hail on the street. Prices can vary, so make sure you agree to a price

before getting into a cab. Many up-market hotels use private taxi companies that are more expensive.

Photo: ArrivalGuides

## Post



You can ask at your hotel for the nearest post office. Main Post Office:

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: Banks Str. Ras Um Sid, Sharm el-Sheikh

Opening hours: 8.30 am-2 pm. Closed on Fridays

Phone: +20 69 366 0518

## Pharmacy



Ask at your hotel for the nearest pharmacy or call for advice and more information. The Omar Pharmacy Chain has pharmacies at several

locations around the city

Omar Pharmacy:

Photo: Gemma Garner

Address: Sultan Kabous Street, Sharm el-Sheikh

Phone: +20 693 600 830

Internet: [www.omarandomarpharmacy.com](http://www.omarandomarpharmacy.com)

## Telephone



Country code: +20 Area code: 069

Photo: Jardson Almeida

## Electricity



220 volt

Photo: Stirling Tschan

## Population

Approximately 35,000

## Currency

1 Egyptian Pound (LE) = 100 piasters

## Opening hours

Opening hours may vary. Shops are generally open until late.

## Newspapers

al-Ahram

al-Gomhuriya

al-Achbar

## Emergency numbers

Emergency: 123

Police: 126

Fire Brigade: 180

## Tourist information

Main Tourism Office

Sharm El Sheikh

Open: 8 am-8 pm

+20 69 366 4721





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Tower 

Tower Street

Zoo Street

El Fanar Street

City Council Street

Motels Street

HADABA

El Ferusseya Street

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Sharm el Maya Road

Peace Road

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