

Khor Fakkan, Sharjah, UAE

Where jagged Hajar Mountains plunge into turquoise Gulf of Oman waters, this Sharjah exclave 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...
- Hisn Khor Fakkan Fort & Museum** — This lovingly restored 1950s fort houses exhibits on the east coast's history, archaeological finds, and traditional...
- 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)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	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	
Apr	91°	71°	1d		
Jun	103°	83°	0d		
Aug	105°	86°	0d		
Sep	102°	82°	0d		
Oct	95°	77°	0d		

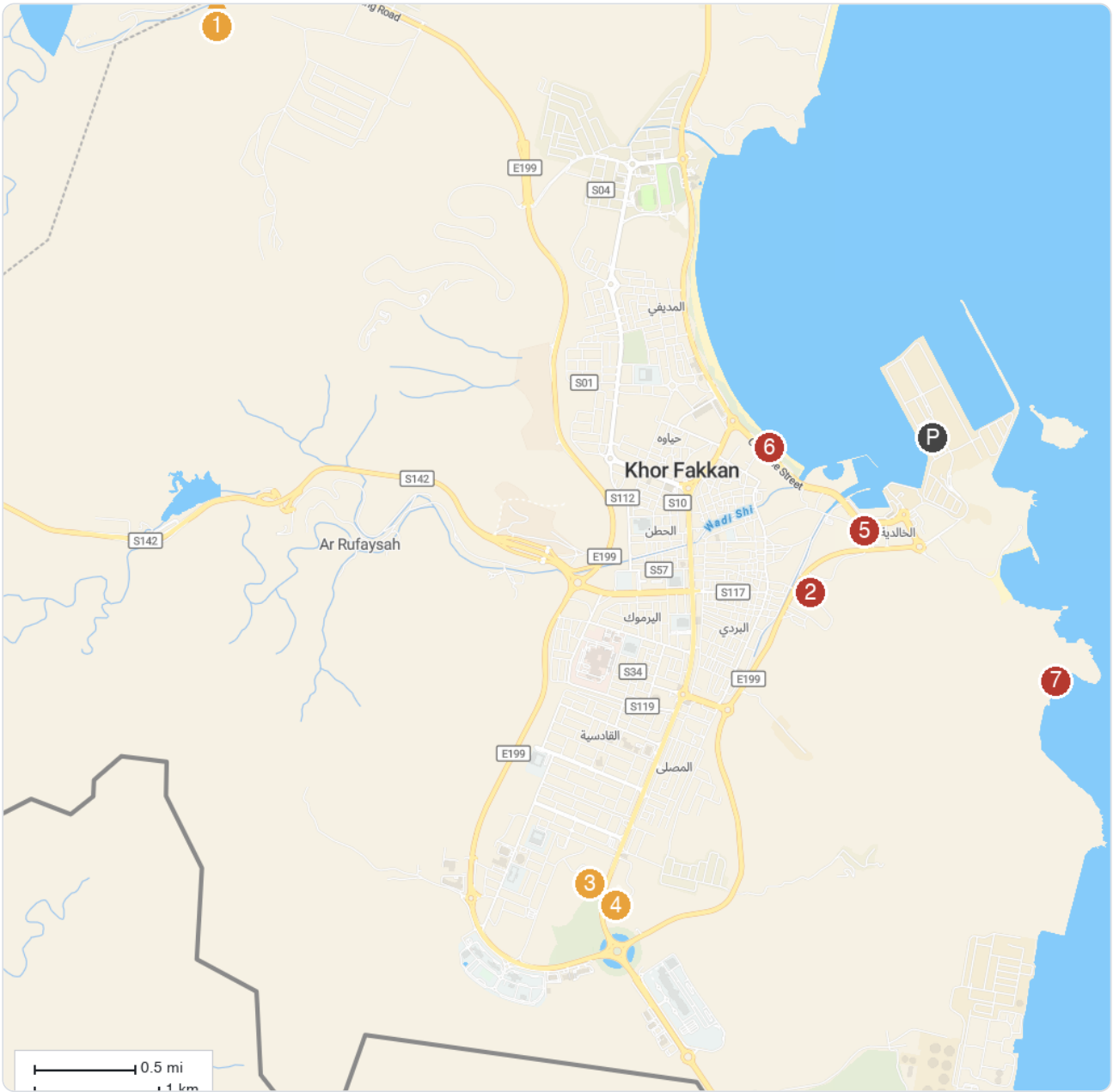
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- 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.

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 | |