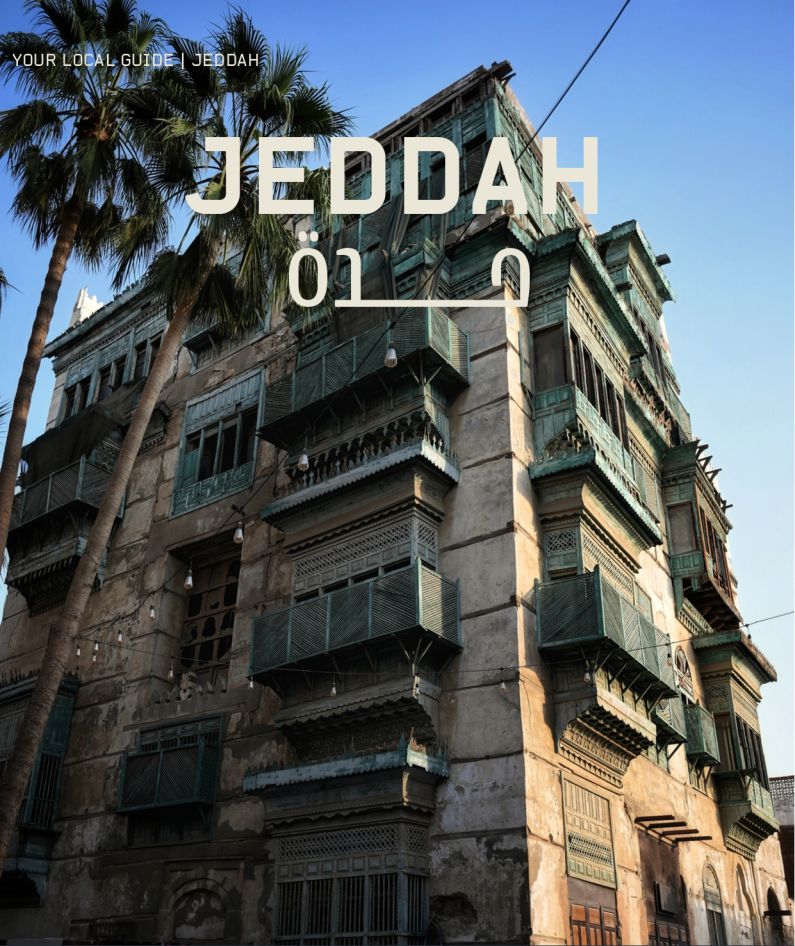




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For many visitors, Jeddah is simply the starting point of their journey through Saudi.

But we think it deserves more than a quick stop.

Stay a little longer and you'll discover historic streets, local cafés, memorable meals and a coastline that's made for slowing down. Spend a day by the Red Sea, head out on a boat, or dive beneath the surface to discover one of the city's best-kept treasures.

These are the places we found along the way and kept coming back to.



A collection of places, flavours and experiences that capture the many sides of Jeddah, from the historic streets of Al Balad and its local stories to long lunches, hidden cafés, Red Sea sunsets and the world beneath the water. These are the places and moments that made us fall for the city, and kept us coming back for more.

WHAT TO SEE

Al Balad

Don't rush your time in Al Balad. Wander through the old streets, explore Artists Square, and stop for a coffee at Mina Café, whose name means port a fitting nod to Jeddah's long history as one of the Kingdom's most important ports. And if your guide suggests an early lunch at Baeshen, one of the city's oldest seafood restaurants, say yes!

Get hands-on with Al Balad's local crafts. Ask your guide to arrange a workshop where you can try your hand at ceramics, traditional wood craftsmanship, or even create your own oud blend. It's a fun way to take home something a little more personal than a souvenir.

WHAT TO SAVOUR

Al-Nakheel

Nakheel Restaurant is a great place for a relaxed, satisfying meal. Order the falafel and kofta platter, and start with a few classics like waraq enab and hummus to share around the table. Simple, generous and full of flavour — exactly the kind of meal that's best enjoyed slowly and together.





WHAT TO ASK

Ask your guide where local families like to take their evening walks along the Jeddah Waterfront. The Corniche is a completely different experience when you know where to go — especially around sunset, when families come out to walk, sit by the Red Sea and enjoy the cooler evening air.

WHAT TO BRING HOME

Jeddah has plenty to take home beyond the usual souvenirs. Pick up locally blended oud or bakhoor, a piece of Al Balad-inspired craftsmanship, or some Saudi coffee and dates to share with friends and family. For something more personal, ask around the old city for handmade pieces created by local artisans, the best souvenirs usually come with a story.



WHAT TO EXPERIENCE

Diving and snorkelling in Jeddah are a must. The Red Sea is right on the city's doorstep, and getting out on the water gives you a completely different side of Jeddah. Whether you're an experienced diver or trying snorkelling for the first time, make sure to set aside a day to explore what's beneath the surface.

A little tip: book with a local dive guide or diving centre. They can take care of the logistics, equipment and transport, and guide you to the best spots based on the day's conditions. It makes the whole experience much easier, especially if you're visiting Jeddah for the first time.

