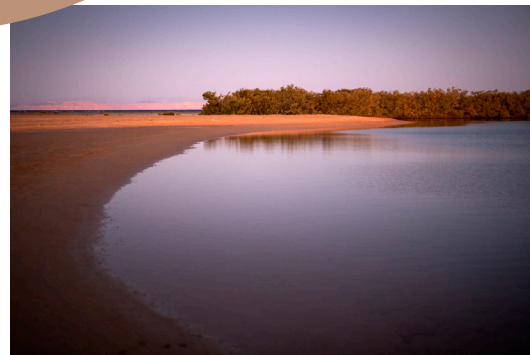




History, wildlife, and underwater exploration – Nabq has it all!

Announced as a protectorate in 1992 and covering 600 km², the Nabq Protectorate offers access to the Red Sea, with plenty of stunning coral reefs, dense mangrove forests and unique desert topography. Nabq is home to the Grey Heron, the Steppe Eagle, and the Dugong. For history buffs, the 1956 Maria Schröder cargo shipwreck is an intriguing excursion.



El Gharqana Beach

Crystal-clear water and towering mountains surround this ideal camping spot.



El Rowayseya

Immerse yourself in the story of a 1956 shipwreck.



Mangrove Al Munqatea

Dive site with plenty of mangroves.



Nakhlet El Tal

Relaxing, sun-soaked site for divers and snorkelers.

نابق NABQ PROTECTED AREA – الدلتا

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SEE

Natural Phenomena, Animals, Plants

Keep an eye out for the mangroves that spread across the Munqatea area in Nabq, where you'll find the most northerly stands of mangrove in the world. See if you can spot a few Toothbrush Bushes (Arak), too! Egyptians have used the branches of this unique plant as a natural toothbrush for centuries. Nabq hosts the Spoonbill Bird, which has a distinctive bill resembling the shape of a spoon, is unique to this part of the country and therefore exciting to try and spot among Nabq's wildlife. Be sure to check out the Maria Schröder cargo shipwreck here. Originally named the Ralph Jarl, this ship ran aground on a coral reef in 1956 and its debris has since remained in Nabq.



DO

Activities, Excursions

Dive and snorkel your way through Nabq's Red Sea waters to bask in the beauty of the protectorate's coral reefs and diverse marine life, which includes Dugongs, Hawksbill Turtles, Giant Moray Eels, and Clownfish (i.e. "the Nemo fish"). The presence of rare birds makes Nabq a great spot to birdwatch and a visit to the Maria Schröder cargo shipwreck is sure to impress all history buffs!

MEET

Local People, Tribes

Nabq is inhabited by the Mazayna, a large tribe with Saudi Arabian origins. They are known for their hospitality and will likely offer you some of their signature Marmaria tea, made with sage. The Mazayna people are also particularly fond of the Habaq herb, which they use to make another peppermint-like tea – a Bedouin favorite. Clothing and crafts-making is a pillar of Bedouin cultural heritage. Women among both the Tarabin and the Mazayna tribes produce traditional craft items with striking decorative embroidery and beadwork. This is a wonderful opportunity to find gifts for friends or source authentic personal souvenirs, all while benefiting the local community.

STAY

Places To Lodge

Several campsites line the Gharqana and Munqatea beaches in Nabq.

PARKS EGYPT MISSION

To conserve Egypt's rich biodiversity, unique protected areas and encouraging sustainable economic growth, environmental awareness, and nature-based tourism for future generations.

Help Preserve Our Natural & Cultural Heritage



VISITOR CODE OF CONDUCT

Please do not:

- Disturb or damage animal and plants
- Collect or damage rocks or geological features
- Leave any garbage
- Make loud noise or play music
- Drive off of marked tracks or on vegetation or on sand dunes
- Touch, walk or sit on the reefs
- Fish, hunt or feed the fish
- Use wild plants for firewood
- Disturb turtle nesting sites
- Pollute the water sources
- Write, paint or carve graffiti
- Disrespect the customs and sensitivities of the local community
- Camp outside of designated areas

FOR YOUR SAFETY

A permit from military or governmental authorities is required to access a number of protected areas, so make sure you have it before starting your adventure.

- Before starting your adventure, hire a knowledgeable and experienced guide as it is highly recommended for visiting desert areas.
- In remote areas, make sure to travel in convoys of at least two 4x4 vehicles.
- Make sure to bring appropriate clothing and an insect repellent.

VISITING HOURS

- Ticket Office: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm every day
- Visitor Center: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm every day
- Park Office: 8:00 am – 8:00 pm every day

DIRECTIONS

- By car, bus or taxi
- From Cairo: 500 km
 - From Sharm El Sheikh: 32 km
 - By 4x4 through Wadi Kidd

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