

Ras Mohammed National Park

Covering 480 km², Ras Mohamed forms the southernmost tip of the Sinai Peninsula at the junction of the Suez and Aqaba gulfs. Acknowledged as one of the best diving areas in the world, this is Egypt's oldest and best known national park. Ancient fossil coral reefs fringe the shoreline and in some places ascend 100 meters above the sea. Ras Mohammed includes the islands of Tiran and Sanafir, and coastal waters fronting the Sharm El Sheikh and Nabq tourism development areas. The Mangrove Channel and Hidden Bay are feeding grounds for birds such as herons, terns, gulls and three turtle species nest on the park's beaches.

Coral Reefs and Diving

Coral reef ecosystems found in the park are recognized internationally as among the world's best. The most popular diving sites are Shark and Yolanda Reefs with their rich corals, clear water and spectacular vertical profiles with 700 meter drop-offs. Other highlights include the Eel Garden's strange sea-creatures, the Main Beach's stunning coral walls, the Old Quay's excellent shallow reef structure, and Marsa Bareika's superior corals.

Desert Flora and Fauna

Ras Mohammed is home to over 80 coastal and inland desert plant species, as well as a diversity of desert mountain and wadi habitats, gravel plains and sand dunes. The desert hosts fauna such as the Sinai agama, dhub lizard and occasional gazelle and ibex. The most spectacular wildlife attractions are the migratory birds including huge flocks of white storks, with some 250,000 passing through the park each autumn on their migration from Europe to Africa.

Parks Egypt mission

To maintain a well-managed, representative system of parks conserving natural resources, contributing to sustainable economic growth and providing education, inspiration and enjoyment for all.

Visitor code

Check and follow safety precautions.

Please do not:

- disturb or damage animals and plants.
- collect or damage rocks or geological features.
- leave any garbage.
- drive off of marked tracks or on vegetation.
- touch, walk or sit on the reefs.
- fish, hunt or feed the fish.
- write, paint or carve graffiti.
- camp outside of designated areas.

Accommodation

Camping allowed in specified area. Please arrange with the rangers at park entrance. Movement in and out of park prohibited between sunset and sunrise.

Visiting hours

Ticket office: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm every day.
Visitor centre: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm every day.

How to get there

By private car, bus or taxi from Cairo - 446 km.
By private car or taxi from Sharm El Sheikh - 12 km.



To contact Ras Mohammed park office:
Tel./Fax: (069) 366-0668/0559

Welcome to
RAS MOHAMMED



Discover Nature!



Main Attractions

- 1** Laboratory
- 2** Khashaba Beach
- 3** Bareika Beaches
- 4** Saline Lake
- 5** Old Quay
- 6** Mangrove Channel
- 7** Yolanda Bay
- 8** Shark Reef
- 9** Observatory Beach
- 10** Aqaba Beaches
- 11** Jack Fish Alley
- 12** Ghezlani beach
- 13** Old Stone Entrance Gate
- 14** Earthquake Crack
- 15** Tiran Reefs
- 16** Jackson Reef

