# ロラJeddah GO-TO GUDE

أثــر ATHR

X Islamic Arts Biennale



# THE DOOR TO ART & CULTURE

### Islamic Arts Biennale

IG: @BIENNALE\_SA

### **Q** ISLAMIC ARTS BIENNALE

Presented by the Diriyah Biennale Foundation, this landmark event celebrates the evolution of Islamic arts, bringing together contemporary masterpieces and historical treasures. Held at Jeddah's Western Hajj Terminal from January 25 to May 25, it is set to captivate audiences worldwide.

ATHR proudly marks a historic milestone with our artist Muhannad Shono taking on the role of Contemporary Art Curator at the Islamic Arts Biennale 2025.

MUST-VISIT
// Galleries
& Museums

### ATHR Gallery

IG: @ATHRART

### • ATHR GALLERY

Visit the space where it all began 16 years ago—a vibrant hub for contemporary art and thought-provoking exhibitions. Mark your calendar for January 25th at 9 PM to be among the first to experience three new solo exhibitions: *A Muslim Man* by Rami Farook, *Winter* by Ayman Yossri Daydban, and *Nafs* by Lulua Alyahya—each exploring themes of identity and belonging.

End the night at Jeddah, Bride of the Sea, ATHR's signature annual rooftop dinner. Enjoy a vibrant booth-style setup featuring Jeddah's trendiest cafes and restaurants, along with live music and DJ sets by Wall of Sound. Celebrate art, culture, and community from 9 PM to midnight.



### ATHR Foundation

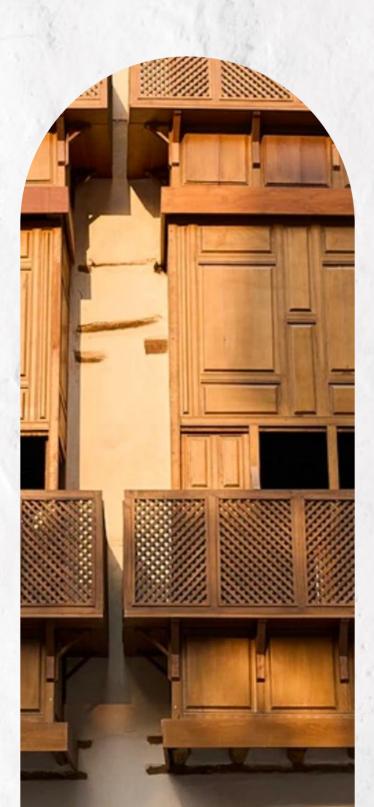
### Shouaib House Residency

IG: @ATHRFOUNDATION

### **P** BAIT SHOUAIB

Step into the vibrant creative hub of our third-cycle artists in residence, nestled in the heart of historic Al Balad. Wander through their studios, take in stunning rooftop views, and enjoy refreshments as you browse exclusive MAAN Editions prints—supporting local art production and practice.

Open daily from January 24 to March 31, 10 am to 9pm.



### Young Saudi Artist (YSA) Exhibition Residency

IG: @WASLARTSPACE

### • WASL ART SPACE

Discover the next wave of Saudi talent at the 9th edition of YSA, curated by Basmah Felemban. Hosted at Wasl Art Space in Jeddah Park, this long-standing program has championed emerging artists in the Kingdom for over 13 years, making it a cornerstone of ATHR's community initiatives.

Opens from 5-10 pm, closed on Sunday.



Every piece tells a story, sparks an idea, or provokes a cherished memory—art is what transforms a house into a home. From early works of Saudi artists to master-pieces of modern Saudi art, my journey through creativity has rooted me deeply in the DNA of the contemporary art movement. Now, I have become a patriot for art, championing grass-roots initiatives through multiple foundations—this is what's closest to my heart.

— Hamza Serafi, ATHR co-founder

### Hafez Gallery

IG: @HAFEZGALLERY EXHIBITIONS

♥ HAFEZ GALLERY - JEDDAH

Founded by Qaswara Hafez, this cornerstone of Saudi modern and contemporary art has been a home for both modern and regional artists since 2014.

### MNWR

IG: @MNWRFORUM WWW.MNWR.SA

• HAFEZ GALLERY - JEDDAH

A vibrant creative collective and social hub by Hafez Gallery, where art, design, fashion, music, film, and culinary arts come alive through dynamic events and workshops. Led by an inspiring roster of curatorial facilitators including Qaswara Hafez, Nasiba Hafez, Basma Elkhereiji, Nada Hakeem, Layan Abdul Shakoor, Saud Alturki, Abdelrahman Elshahed, and Wael Abu Mansour.

### Hayy Jameel

IG: @HAYYJAMEEL

• HAYY JAMEEL

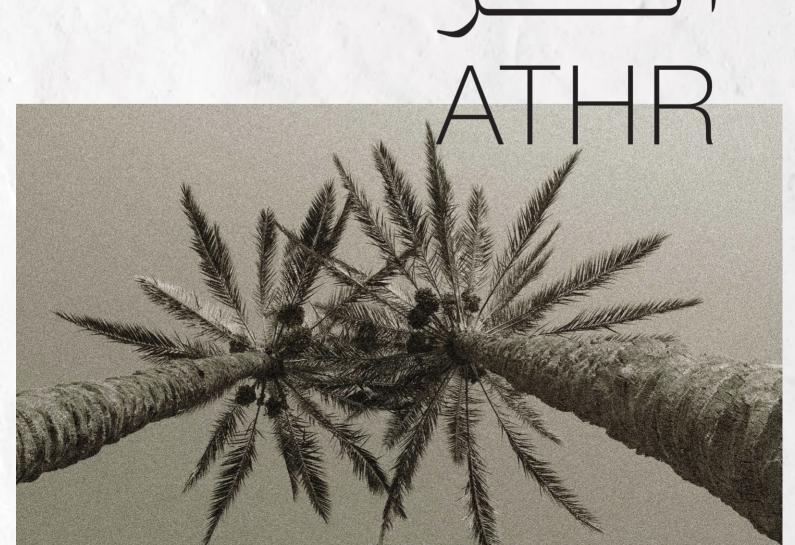
Jeddah's eclectic and vibrant cultural hub, Hayy Jameel, brings together art, cinema, stand-up comedy, shopping, and dining. With year-round events, from exhibitions to performances, it's the go-to spot to experience the city's creative pulse.

### Zawiya 97

IG: @ZAWIYA97

Q ZAWIYA 97

The ultimate hub for local artisans and contemporary practices, driven by Ahmed Angawi. This space offers workshops and a platform for modern crafts. Pro tip: If you can get Ahmed to show you his family house, consider yourself lucky!



### House of Islamic Arts

IG: @IARTS.SA

Q JEDDAH PARK, 5TH FLOOR

Showcasing the Serafi family collection, this museum is a treasure trove of Islamic history. Highlights include the coverings of the Holy Ka'aba, ancient manuscripts, and artifacts from across the Islamic world.

### TeamLab Borderless Museum

IG: @TEAMLAB\_BORDERLESS\_JEDDAH

▼ TEAMLAB BORDERLESS JEDDAH

Step into the groundbreaking museum where reality and imagination merge. Redefining art through cutting-edge digital experiences, Teamlab offers an immersive journey that's a must-see for art and tech enthusiasts alike.

### Tarek Abdelhakim Museum

TICKETS

TAREK ABDELHAKIM CENTER

Explore Saudi Arabia's musical roots and celebrate the legacy of the man known as "the founder of Saudi music." Dive into Abdel Hakim's personal archives, featuring instruments, recordings, and compositions for icons like Umm Kulthum and Mohamed Abdel Wahab—a must-see for music and history lovers.



### // Cultural must-sees

### Balad AlFann

IG: @BALADALFANN BALADALFANN

Witness the vibrant spirit of historic Jeddah, where traditional crafts and performances blend seamlessly with visual and culinary arts from across the Kingdom. Feb-Mar, 5pm - 11pm

# Public Art in Historic AlBalad and Along the Seaside Corniche

### • ALHAMRA CORNICHE

Lining Jeddah's corniche are striking abstract sculptures by 20th-century icons like Henry Moore, Joan Miró, Victor Vasarely, and Jean Arp, alongside Arab greats like Aref El Rayess and Salah Abdulkarim. Brought to life by visionary mayor Mohamed Said Farsi in the 1970s and 80s, these must-see works stand as a testament to Jeddah's rich cultural heritage.



# THE DOOR TO YOUR APPETITE

### Your morning fix

### Minaa Café at Bait Shouaib

IG: MINAA CAFÉ AT BAIT SHOUAIB

• MINAA CAFE

Ask any barista in town, and they'll tell you Jojo brews one of the best cups in Jeddah. Located in the heart of Al Balad, this café offers a perfect blend of atmosphere and exceptional coffee.

### First Crack

IG: FIRST.CRACK

• RED SEA MALL

Here, the entire coffee-making process is done in-house, ensuring top-notch quality. Pair their specialty brews with Turkish eggs and spicy egg tacos for a flavorful start to your day.

### Locals

IG: LOCALS\_CAFE.SA

Q LOCALS CAFE

A chic neighborhood spot known for specialty coffee, fresh sandwiches, and indulgent desserts. Be sure to try their honeycomb cold coffee.

### Meraki at City Yard

IG: MERAKICOFFEE

• MERAKI COFFEE

Founded by Ahmed Shata, Meraki sits at the top of Jeddah's coffee culture. Known for roasting their own beans, this café offers an unforgettable coffee experience alongside must-try breakfast options.

### GoodHood

IG: GOODHOOD.SA

• GOODHOOD

Indulge in the viral cloud coffee at this trendy spot—the perfect post-workout treat and caffeine fix.



### THE DOOR TO

### YOUR APPETITE

### Breakfast & Brunch

### Ext. Seventeen

IG: EXTSEVENTEEN

Q EXT. SEVENTEEN

This home-grown, female-run eatery is the go-to spot for Saudi-inspired breakfast favorites like shakshouka and apple pancakes, all served with a local twist.

### Myra

IG: MYRA.KSA

**Q** MYRA

A chic patisserie bringing a modern twist to French classics. Created by acclaimed Pastry Chef Jonas Plangger, Myra's menu features signature treats like the Popcorn Millefeuille and 1966 Rouge.

### Caffeine Lab

IG: CAFFEINELAB

**Q** CAFFEINE LAB

Craving the perfect cup of coffee paired with a luxurious bite? Caffeine Lab delivers—don't miss their famous egg sandwich.

### Social Bakery

IG: THESOCIALBAKERY.KSA

THE SOCIAL BAKERY

Celebrated chef and entrepreneur Basma ElKhereiji's latest venture, Social Bakery offers exceptional breakfast options in a cozy setting. A must-visit for food lovers in Jeddah.

### Adani Bar

IG: @ADANI.BAR

**Q** ADANI BAR +966569350479

Street food vibes meet cool local charm. Adani Bar serves up authentic tea and sandwiches, right next to the ultra-hip Crowdless concept store.

### Moon Shell

IG: @MOONSHELL\_SA

**Q** MOONSHELL

Vegan, fresh, and effortlessly cool.



### Lunch & dinner

### Section B

IG: SECTIONB\_SA

Jeddah's OG burger joint, serving up mouthwatering beef burgers and chicken burgers hailed as the best in town. Location Tip:
Staying at Asila or Shirvan Hotel?
Head to the Tahlia branch.
At the Shangri-La Hotel or near the

Corniche? The Hira Street branch is

### Crustacean

your spot.

IG: @CRUSTACEAN\_SA

### **Q** CRUSTACEAN

RESERVATIONS

Modern Vietnamese fare by Chef Helene An, Crustacean has quickly become a sensation on Jeddah's fine dining scene. Founded by Tal Nazer, Mohi Kamel, and Sinan AlSaadi, the restaurant blends bold flavors with innovative presentations. Among Cool Inc's exceptional offerings in Jeddah and Riyadh, Crustacean is a firm favorite.

### Albasali

IG: @ALBASLI.SA

### **Q** ALBASALI

RESERVATION:

+966542424244

The OG of Jeddah's seafood scene. Dive into fried Najel, grilled Hareed, and buttery shrimp, and don't skip the iconic AlMarsa dessert—it's worth every bite.

### Kuuru

IG: @KUURUKSA

### **V** KUURU

PHONE: 920035739

RESERVATIONS FOR 8+

Peruvian-Japanese fusion at its finest. From theatrical presentations to high-quality local ingredients, Kuuru is the latest culinary innovation from the legendary Attas family.

### Shababik

IG: @SHABABIKKSA

### **SHABABIK**

RESERVATION:

YASEEN +96658200628 ZAHER +966542669096

Authentic Lebanese dishes, modern flair, and the best shisha in town. Pair that with a stunning terrace view, and you've got the perfect evening spot.

### Bait Jokhdar Hotel

IG: @BHC\_ALBALAD

### **Q** AL BALAD HOSPITALITY

RESERVATION:

MOHAMMED JOUNI +966564110055

A modern twist on old-town charm. Beit Jokhdar is the place to soak in Jeddah's cultural vibes while enjoying an unforgettable meal in a one-of-a-kind setting. (Tour guide available with room or dining reservations).

### Lunch & dinner

### Alieia

IG: @ALIEIA.ME

### **Q** ALIEIA

RESERVATION:+966125788230

Seafood lovers, this is your spot. Alieia takes you straight to the ocean with flavors as rich as Jeddah's coastal heritage.

### San Carlo Cicchetti

IG: @CICCHETTISAUDI

### SAN CARLO CICCHETTI

Experience the Venetian tradition of cicchetti—small, shareable plates bursting with flavor. This chic yet cozy spot is perfect for indulging in authentic Italian cuisine in the heart of Jeddah.

### Myazu

IG: @MYAZUSAUDI

### **9** MYAZU

Voted Jeddah's best restaurant and Asian cuisine in 2023, Myazu serves modern Japanese cuisine with a creative twist. Think signature sushi and bold robata dishes in a sleek, stylish setting.

### Al Nakheel

IG: @ALNAKHEEL\_KSA

### • AL NAKHEEL

A Jeddah landmark since the 80s, Al Nakheel serves up authentic Hijazi flavors, shisha with gorgeous sea views, and a hsitory of hosting royal clientele.

### Sofia's Bistro

IG: @SOFIAS\_BISTRO

### ♥ SOFIA'S BISTRO

RESERVATION:

HOSSAM ENABA +966547167126

Mediterranean magic in a sleek, modern space. Bold flavors, elegant plates, unpretentiously cool crowd.

### Toki Restaurant

IG: @TOKIKSA

### **TOKI RESTAURANT**

Toki elevates Chinese cuisine to an art form. A must-visit for those seeking a lux-urious dining experience that's nothing short of extraordinary in Jeddah.

### Irth Culinary Boutique & Cafe

IG: @IRTHCULINARY

### ♥ IRTH CULINARY BOUTIQUE

& CAFE

Experience authentic flavors from across Saudi Arabia at Irth's newest Al Balad location—a must-visit for traditional dishes with a modern twist.



# THE DOOR TO STYLE

Jeddah's shopping scene seamlessly blends traditional charm with modern luxury. Here are some top spots to explore:

### Homegrown

IG: @HOMEGROWN\_HAYY

• HOMEGROWN HAYY

Hip, fun, and unapologetically local, Homegrown is a vibrant treasure trove of local designers and unique finds—a must-visit for anyone seeking style with a community vibe.

### Crowdless

IG: @CROWDLESS

• CROWDLESS

Want to know where the coolest kids in Jeddah shop? Crowdless is your answer. Step in a normie, step out influencer-ready.

### AlSaisam

• ALSAISAM

Antiquing with soul—this local gem is your first stop for treasures steeped in history and charm.

### Souq Al-Alawi

SOUQ AL-ALAWI

Step back in time at this Al-Balad treasure. Lose yourself in winding alleys filled with spices, textiles, and handmade goods that echo Jeddah's rich cultural heritage.



# THE DOOR TO OLD TOWN GEMS

### Al-Asheq for Shoes

### • AL-ASHEQ FOR SHOES

Authentic leather Saudi sandals crafted with care for over 60 years. A true heritage gem for quality footwear.

### Shalabi Spice Shop

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Step into a century-old spice haven with the freshest herbs and spices in town.

### Electric Bakery

### • ELECTRIC BAKERY

Home of fresh Samoli bread baked in an oven that's been serving locals for over 80 years.

### Al Sheikh Bakery

### AL SHEIKH BAKERY

The OG of spiced brown bread in Jeddah, delighting taste buds for 102 years.

### Saif Abdo Grocery

### SAIF ABDO GROCERY

Feeling adventurous? Ask for their secret menu item, the "Sakalance Sandwich"—only for the bold.

### Tethkar Jeddah

### • TETHKAR JEDDAH

Your go-to spot for authentic souvenirs that capture Jeddah's charm.

### Bab Makkah Oil Press

### **Q** BAB MAKKAH OIL PRESS

Experience tradition in action with freshly pressed sesame oil—a must-visit for an authentic taste of local culture.

### Baissa Mandi Meat

### P BAISSA MANDI MEAT

For adventurous foodies, this is the goto spot for a unique local delicacy: lamb heads. Don't knock it till you try it.

### Foul al Fattah

### P FOUL AL FATTAH

Step into this time capsule in AlBalad, one of the city's oldest breakfast spots, and savor the rich flavors of authentic Hijazi cuisine.





# THE DOOR TO THE RED SEA

Make waves with these top adventure picks and trusted recommendations:

## Snorkeling and Shark Tours

IG: 17SIXTY

**Q** 17SIXTY

ABDULELAH IDRIS +966548888667

For thrill-seekers and marine life enthusiasts. (Booking requires three days' notice)

### Charter boat cruises

LA LEENA BOAT RENTALS

IG: @LALEENA\_REDSEA

ELI VERGARA +966502852064

### For certified divers

RED SEA DIVERS

IG: @C.MIMI\_\_DIVING\_INSTRUCTOR

• RED SEA DIVERS

SAMI ALTURKI +966504674196

Dive into the depths with ex-artist turned expert diver Sami AlTurki. Offering private snorkeling trips, discovery scuba for beginners, and advanced diving experiences.



# THE DOOR TO YOUR WELLNESS



### KARVE

IG: @KARVE.KSA

**Q** KARVE

Elevate your fitness game at KARVE, a high-intensity Pilates studio with custom-designed reformers in a New York loft-inspired setting.

### Karama Yoga Studio

IG: @KARAMA\_YOGA

KARAMA YOGA STUDIO

Find your zen with Hatha, Ashtanga, and Vinyasa classes, established in 2016 before yoga trended in Saudi. Owner Lana Nazer is renowned for her energizing and challenging flows.

### HEAD & CO

IG: @HEADANDCO.SA

9 HEAD & CO

Indulge in Korean spa luxury offering facials, rejuvenating massages, and expert nail care. Their signature scalp treatments and hydration therapies are a must-try.

# THINGS WE LIKE TO DO





### The Pulse of Jeddah's Football Culture

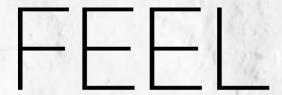
Catch an Ittihad FC match and witness the legendary Bin Zeema in action—it's a must for football fans!

### **Upcoming Matches:**

Jan 22: Ittihad vs. Shabab Jan 25: AlAhli vs. AlRiyadh

Jan 30: Ittihad vs. AlKhulood (TBC)

Get Your Tickets



### The Beat of Jeddah

Balad Beast (Jan 30-31)

Jeddah's hottest music event brings MDL Beast vibes with a lineup of 70+ artists, featuring global stars like Wiz Khalifa and 21 Savage. An epic two-day celebration set to electrify the city!

### Hidden Gems for Live Music

Makan Music Space:

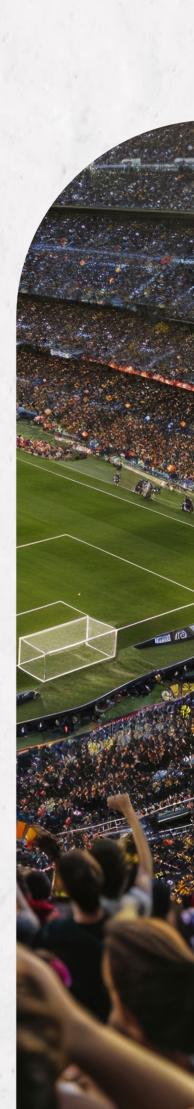
Where culture meets sound in a creative hub for live performances.

@makan.pro

Muse:

Jeddah's go-to for cozy concerts and unforgettable tunes.

@muse.saudi



### Jeddah's Need for Speed F1 Track

### **9** F1 TRACK

The fastest street circuit in Formula 1 history. Catch the adrenaline-pumping Jeddah E-Prix on February 15 and mark your calendars for the F1 STC Grand Prix on April 20.

### Corniche Strolls

### • CORNICHE STROLLS

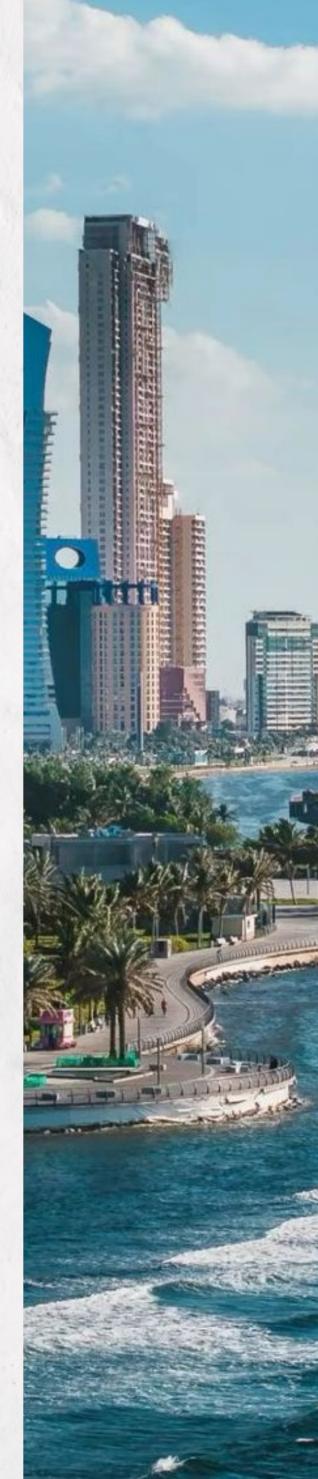
Take in Jeddah's waterfront with a jog or leisurely walk along the Corniche. Begin your journey at the Hilton Hotel for a scenic start.

# Ahmed Mustafa Murals at Dar AlFikr Schools

# ♥ DAR ALFIKR SCHOOLS FOR VISITS, CONTACT KHALDOON +966 56 976 3697

A must-see for Arabic calligraphy enthusiasts, these stunning murals by world-renowned Egyptian artist Ahmed Mustafa were specially commissioned for the school.

Jan 23, 26, 28, 30. From 3:30pm - 5:30pm. For visits, contact Mohamad Khaldoun Dia +966569763697



### Real Estate Meets Restaurant Hopping

### • REAL ESTATE MEETS RESTAURANT HOPPING

Discover the future of Saudi living at Roshn's Sales Center in Cascade Jeddah, where the visionary developer brings contemporary design to life through vibrant, community-centered spaces. Cap off your visit with some international restaurant-hopping just around the corner.

### Café Lapérouse

IG: @CAFELAPEROUSE.SA

Q CAFÉ LAPÉROUSE

A slice of Paris in Jeddah! Enjoy French breakfast favorites and perfectly brewed coffee in an elegant setting.

### Roka

IG: @ROKARESTAURANT.KSA

• ROKA

Where Japanese robatayaki meets sleek sophistication. Expect bold flavors, signature dishes, and an unforgettable dining experience.

### Amar

IG: @AMARRESTAURANTSKSA

**Q** AMAR

Lebanese classics reimagined in a chic, waterfront setting.



### VISIT THE HOLY CITIES

Makkah & Madinah by Train

Embark aboard the Haramain High-Speed Rail, offering stateof-the-art comfort for both pilgrims and travelers.

### Makkah Highlights (For Muslim Visitors):

TRAVEL TIME: 30 MINUTES FROM

SULAYMANIYAH STATION.

Q AL-SULIMANIYAH

ESSENTIALS: USE THE NUSUK APP TO ISSUE PERMITS FOR UMRAH AND VISITS TO THE HOLY MOSQUE.

APP STORE GOOGLEPLAY APP GALLERY

TRANSPORT: MAKKAH AND MADINAH OFFER EXTENSIVE PUBLIC BUS SERVICES AND HOP-ON/OFF BUS TOURS (RED LINE FOR ALL; GREEN LINE FOR MUSLIMS).

ARCHITECTURE TIP: AL SULIMANIYAH TRAIN STATION WAS DESIGNED BY LEGENDARY ARCHITECT NORMAN FOSTER

### Madinah Highlights:

TRAVEL TIME: 1 HOUR 50 MINUTES FROM JEDDAH (AL-SULIMANIYAH STATION).

• AL-SULIMANIYAH - JEDDAH STATION RAILWAY

SITES & MUSEUMS: EXPLORE MADINAH'S MUSEUMS, HISTORIC LANDMARKS, AND ICONIC MOSQUES.

NOTE FOR NON-MUSLIM VISITORS: WHILE ENTRY
TO THE HOLY MOSQUE CAMPUS IS RESTRICTED,
MADINAH OFFERS PLENTY OF OTHER ATTRACTIONS
TO EXPLORE.



### THE DOOR TO YOUR WASTA

**Wasta** (noun): The Middle Eastern equivalent of "it's not what you know, it's who you know".

### Private Access Beaches

Jeddah's private beaches are as exclusive as they come, with access granted by invitation or membership only.

### OIA Beach

IG: @OIABEACH Q OIA BEACH RESORT

A boutique escape inspired by the Greek islands, with whitewashed architecture echoing Mykonos and Santorini.

### Indigo Resort

• INDIGO BEACH RESORT

A luxurious Bali-inspired oasis with cascading waterfalls and infinity pools.

### Silver Sands

IG: @SILVERSANDSBEACH ♥ SILVER SANDS Serene waters, relaxed vibes—a timeless Jeddah favorite.

### Members only

### Khalila Lounge

IG: @KHALILA.ME • KHALILA

Jeddah's first members-only lounge, Khalila brings sunset shisha with modern twists on traditional Saudi dishes, served as sharing plates in a refined and intimate setting.





# ARCHITECTURAL RECOMMENDATIONS

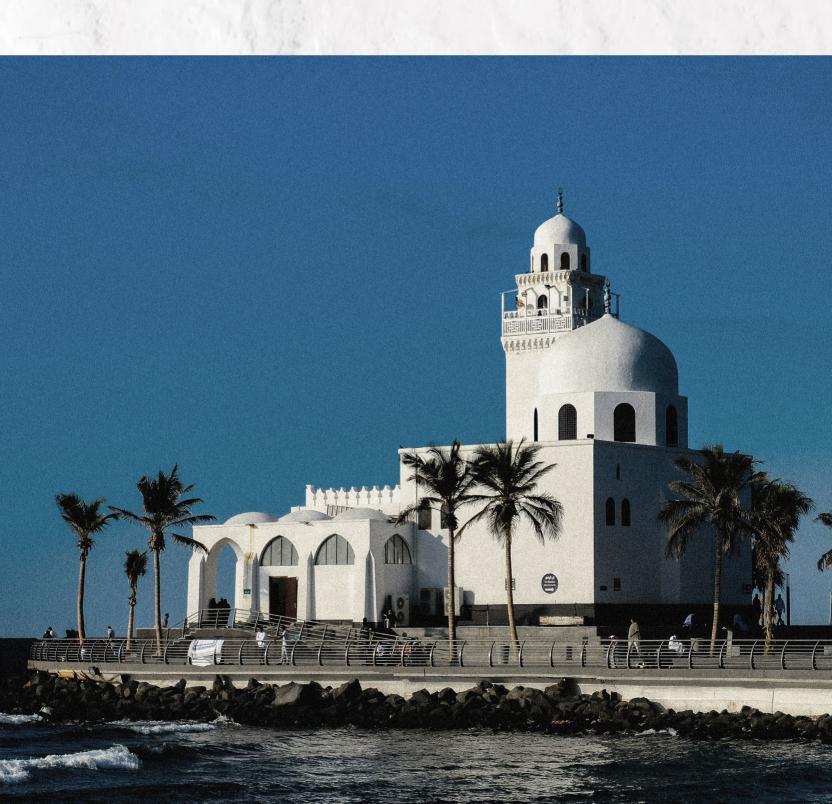
### Frei Otto Sport Tent - ♥ King Abdulaziz University

Designed by renowned German architect Frei Otto, this innovative "tent" structure is a masterpiece of modern architecture. Serving as the university's stadium, it showcases Otto's groundbreaking use of lightweight, tensile materials—a must-see for architecture lovers.

### Masterpieces by Abdel-Wahed El-Wakil

Some of Jeddah's iconic landmarks designed by Egyptian architect Abdel-Wahed El-Wakil, one of the most influential figures in Islamic architecture.

- ♥ Island Mosque
- King Saud Mosque
- Juffali Mosque



### ♥ Kenzo Tange Palace

Designed by renowned Japanese architect Kenzo Tange, this striking modernist palace on Jeddah's AlHamra Corniche is a masterpiece of 20th-century architecture. Once the residence of H.R.M. the King, it reflects Tange's signature blend of traditional Japanese elements and contemporary design. Now being transformed by Boutique Group, the palace is set to become a luxury wellness destination.

### SNB Tower - Saudi National Bank HQ

Designed by SAO, the architects behind the iconic Biennale Hajj Terminal, this landmark blends Jeddah's heritage with modernity. Overlooking AlArabeen Lake, its triangular structure boasts a dramatic hall and a signature rectangular void.

### Jeddah Tower

Still under construction, Jeddah Tower is set to become the world's tallest building at 1km high. Located in the Obhur Resorts District, this crown jewel of futuristic Jeddah is already visible from miles away.

### Jeddah Fountain

A stunning landmark along the Corniche, the Jeddah Fountain is the world's tallest, soaring up to 312 meters.



# ESSENTIAL APPS FOR JEDDAH

### Groceries on the Go



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ESSENTIALS DELIVERED IN 30 MINUTES OR LESS.

### **Foodie Favorites**





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### **Getting Around Town**



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Jeddah's doors will always be open for you

