

## Tourism in Yemen

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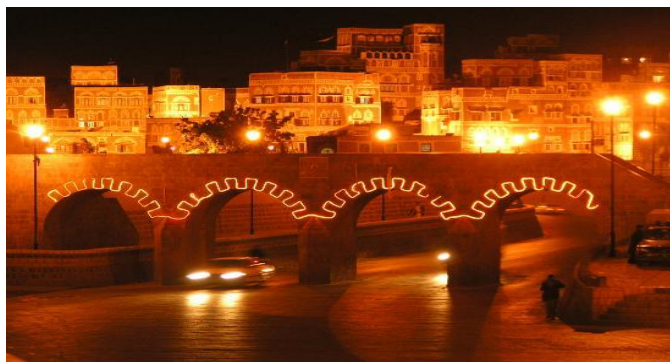
- 1 - licensing of hotel and tourist establishments: hotels, villages, towns and tourist resorts, suites and guest houses, apartments, furnished apartments, hostels, chalets
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- 4 - licensing tourism institutes and training and rehabilitation centers
- 5 - licensing tourist transport vehicles
- 6 – organization of tourism festivals and fairs.

## The most popular tourist attractions in Yemen:

Aden governorate:

The most important tourist areas:

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**Cultural tourist areas:** the old city of Sanaa, which still retains its inherent architectural character, Ghamdan Palace, Sena village, Bait Boss, Bait Hanbas.

**Therapeutic Tourist areas:** the pools of Sanaa old city, pools of Bir Al-Azab, pools of Qa'a Al-Aulufi neighborhood.

**Eco-tourism areas :** Al-Rawdha City, Al-Sabaeen Park, AL-Thawra city, Revolution garden, Berlin Park located in Nuqum suburb, and the neighborhood of Bir Al-Azab.

Sanaa

**Cultural tourism areas:** Manakha, Na'edh and Haraz.

**Eco-tourism areas:** Almonds, Mount, which is a peaceful area, in addition to a group of plains, most important of which are Sanaa plain, and the valleys of Alehintin, Haraz Wadi Surdod, Bani Matar, Al-Haima Al-Kharejya and South Haraz. And there are many species of wild animals in many of the directorates of the province, concentrated mostly in the mountainous parts of the population-free areas.

**Areas of mountaineering tourism:** Most important of these areas are the mountains of Prophet Shuaib, which is located in Bani Matar district at a height (3666 m) above sea level, Mount Bani Ahmad in the Interior Haima (2400 m) above sea level, Aer Mount (2240) above sea level in the exterior Haima, Budge Mount (2080), and Manakha.

**Therapeutic Tourist areas:** Belad Al-Raws Sauna.

Aden



**Areas of cultural tourism:** Aden tanks - Aidarous Lighthouse - Sirah Castle - Ghadeer Castle.



**Areas of marine tourism** (diving - Water Sports - Recreation): Abyan Coast region: extending from the beginning of the beach until the end.

- Sirah Corniche that extends from in front of Al-Aqel petrol station up to Sirah Castle.
- Haqat beach that stretches from from the mountain located opposite the castle of Sirah up to Maasheeq area .
- Gold Moore suburb that stretches from Al-Ma'asheeq area up to the Youth Union Building.
- Laborers Island.
- Caltex roundabout in Brega that extends up to Brega roundabout.
- Berberia, and Alkhamisah.
- Aiyas promontory.
- beaches surrounding the areas of Faqam and Amran cape.
- Socotra, and Azazi Island.

Eco-tourism areas: wetlands - seabird habitats.

### **Taiz Governorate:**



**Areas of cultural tourism:** The province of Taiz, the cultural capital of Yemen is experiencing

cultural and scientific movement throughout the year and there are many of the most important cultural institutions such as Al-Saeed Cultural Foundation.

**Areas of marine tourism:** This area includes the southern part of the coast of the Red Sea that stretches from Al-Sawaida Coast beaches (Bab Al-Mandab ) to the shores of Taif village (Al-Duraihimi district ) that lies to the south of Hodeidah . This area is approximately (270) kilometers in length .

**Eco-tourism areas:** The main areas are concentrated in the agricultural valleys, most important of which are Wadi Nakhla located in Sharaab Al-Salam district, Al-Zera'i valley, Wadi Rcan , Wadi Alberh , Wadi Muza'a, Warazan valley, and Wadi Al-Dhabab that lies between Jabal Habashi and Sabir Mount , Al-Barakani valley, Wadi Ghail, Araf Mount and Bani Omar.

**Tourist mountaineering area:** Sabir Mount , the second highest peak in Yemen after the Mountain of Prophet Shuaib in Sana'a ,with an elevation (3200 m above sea level ), Jabal Habashi, Same'a Mount , a range of highlands which is located in the southern province of Taiz, Al-Selw Mount , Mountain Allowazeiah, mountains of Sharhab and Maqbanah.

**Therapeutic Tourist areas:** Shuba sauna, Rcan sauna, Sabir Mount sauna.

## Hadramout



**Areas of cultural tourism:** Wadi Hadramout (Alhjerin-Al-Mashhad - Shibam - Harika - Trim)

**Areas of marine tourism** (diving - Water Sports - Recreation):

First Zone: extends from Juhr post up to Broome.

Second Zone stretching from Broome to Khalaf.

Third Zone: stretching from Khalaf up to Shahr and Sharafa.

Fourth Zone: stretching from Sharafa up to Sayhut.



**Therapeutic Tourism areas:** Tabalah sauna (Hadramaut), Eastern Dees (Hadramaut), Al-Hami area, Sawyer and Garchiat .

**Eco-tourism areas:** Balhaf - Broome.

**Areas of desert tourism:** one of the most important tourist attractions are the following:

- Marib, Ramlet Al-Sabaatain , old Shabwa.
- Marib, old Shabwa, Sai'aun.
- Marib, Sai'awn.

Hodeidah Governorate:



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**Areas of cultural tourism:** One of these areas (Zabid - Hais - Bait Faqih – Al-Luhia - Zaidia - Marawah) - Mukhtar Mount (Madar Valley ) – Al-Amrukh Mount ( Bani Al-Haij market - Al-Zuhra Castle - Al-Mahalib - Mountain Salt Castle – Castle of Bait Faqih - Zabid Castle. Furthermore, there are other extinct ancient cities such as Mahjm - Kadra - Fashal - Dogan – Kazabah.

**Areas of marine tourism** (diving - Water Sports - Recreation): This area stretches along 400km coastline from Al-Luhaia in the north up to Kawkha in the south.

First Zone: stretching from Maidi to Salif.

Zone II: stretching from Salif up to Araj .

Zone III: stretching from the military point of Al-Katheeb port up to the university campus.

Region IV: starting from Naqt and passes through the areas of Zaman - Nekheila - Taif - Alaoise - Ghulaifeqah - Almjhli –Al-Fazah - Alfowaireq - AlHaissa - Alqtaya – Al-Zahr- Alhaisha – Al-Khawkha – Al-Waera – Al-Malik - Mocha.

Region V: includes Tafqash Island, Zuqar Mount Island, Lesser Hanish islands and major island of Hanish , Zubair Island, Abu Ali, Al-Tair Island and other tourist attractions.

**Eco-tourism areas:** The main areas are Bura'a Forest Reserve , Luhia , Kamran, and turtle breeding settlements in Aqaban and others.

Therapeutic Tourism areas: Sukhna / Al-Kathya Ein in Zuhra, Shwaia Ein in Hajila.

**Areas of desert tourism:** this includes Zabid and Fazah.

**Mountaineering Tourist areas:** Buraa Mount with a height of 2400 meters above sea level – Jabal Raas with a height of 2000-meter above sea level - Dabbas Mountain in Jabal Raas district, Rakab in Jarahi ,Zabid - Dhamer / Bajel.

Marib

**Areas of cultural tourism:** The city itself (Marib) is the most famous of Yemen cities as it represented the metropolis of Sheba kings. Of the most important areas in the governorate are the famous Marib Dam, the throne of Bilqis, Awam Temple, the Temple of the Sun, the ancient city of Sarwah and Brach, and Al-Jufainat dam.

**Areas of desert tourism:** one of the most important tourist attractions:

- Marib, Ramlet Saba'atain, Old Shabwa.
- Marib, old Shabwa, Saiaun
- Marib, Saiaun.

**Abyan Governorate:**

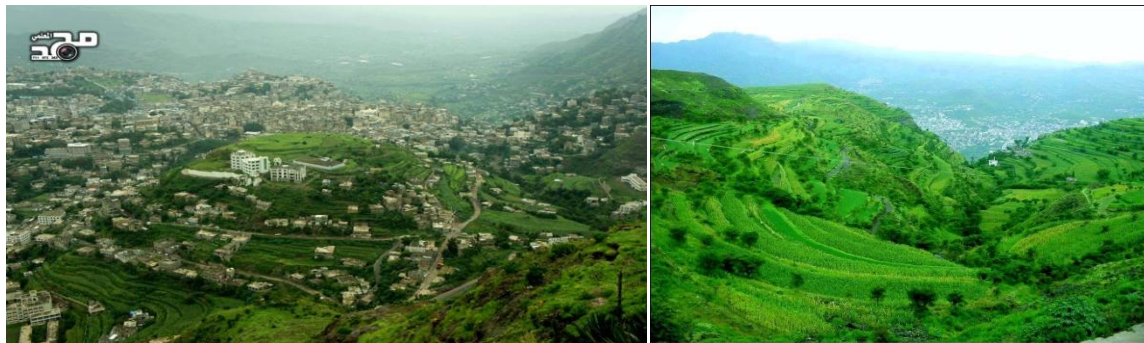
**Areas of cultural tourism:** Jaar - Mukairas - Muawaih.

**Areas of marine tourism** (diving - Water Sports - Recreation): these include the coastal strip of the Arabian Sea extending from the shores of Ras Al-Nashaima to the shores of Al-Alam military point.

Therapeutic Tourism areas: Al-Hami. Some 178 km from Zanzibar , there is a volcanic fountain frequented daily for healing, Haji Abdullah sauna, Ma'ajalah saunas.

Eco-tourism areas: mountain chain code.

Ibb Governorate:



**Areas of cultural tourism:** Jableh – Ba’adan.

**Therapeutic Tourism areas:** Damt saunas.

**Mountaineering tourism zones:** the Green province highlands, most famous of which are Ta’akar, Samara Mount, Ba’adan Mountain, Udayn Mountain.

#### **Al-Baidha Governorate:**

**Therapeutic Tourism areas:** throne of Bilqis saunas, Al-Safia sauna, Al-Musala sauna, in the district of Radaa, and Ali sauna in Al-Taffa area.

#### **Hajja Governorate:**

**Areas of cultural tourism:** Shahara, Khuhlan- - Mabian - Al-Tawr - Mahabisha.

**Therapeutic Tourism areas:** There are hot springs, which has recently been discovered on the roads leading to Tihama lowlands such as: Al-Tawr sauna, which is 35 km from the city of Hajja, Yaslam hot spring. There is also another hot spa in Khamis Bani Al-Haij.

#### **Saada Province:**

Mountaineering tourism areas: the mountains of Saada.

**Dhamar Governorate:**

**Therapeutic Tourism areas:** Hamam Ali in Anis district, , Allsi sauna (Ans).

Eco-tourism areas: Ottoma district .

Mountaineering Tourism areas: Wesab Mountains.

**Lahj governorate:**

**Areas of cultural tourism:** Al-Dhababat-Dar Al-Araea-Al-Qudaimi-Al-Wahat.

**Therapeutic Tourism areas:** healing and recreation) : there are many saunas in the areas of Alhuyemi (Kersh area), and Shara'ah (Radfan).

**Mountaineering Tourism areas:** Radfan Mountains.

**Mahweet province**

**Areas of cultural tourism:** Thela - Shibam - Kawkaban - Hbaba – Al-Taiwlah.

**Mountaineering tourism Areas :** Mountains Mahweet, Al-Taiwlah Mountains.

**Al-Mahra governorate:**

Areas of marine tourism (diving - Water Sports - Recreation): this includes the coastal strip of the Arabian Sea stretching from the shores of Hawf on the Yemeni-Omani border in the east to the shores of the village of Hsaa in the west.

First Zone: Sayhut - Kashan.

Zone II: from Kashan to Nashtun.

Zone III: from Nashtun up to Ghaydah .

Zone IV: Ghaydah - Hawf

Therapeutic Tourism areas: Illot village, Ghaida district.

Areas of desert tourism: Shahan, Mnar, Ghaydah and Masilah.

Eco-tourism areas: Hawf and Kashan.

Mountaineering Tourism areas: Marara Mount , Macairm Mount , Ream Mount , Khara Mount, , Hatob, Thor, Hathom, Mount Shahrut in Hawf , Da'abeesh, Bsiot Mount, Sawn mountain in Hat area.

**Shabwa Governorate:**

Areas of cultural tourism : old Shibuya - Azzan - Hibbaan - Mayfa'a - Bayhan -crow Fort.

Areas of marine tourism (diving - Water Sports - Recreation):

First Zone: Belaid Fort, Omair, Alhabaylh, Al-Nashima.

Zone II: Ain Bamabd, Ja'alah, Balhaf, Mahzv.

Zone III: Fort Crow, Bear Ali, Chouran Lake, Mejrhh, Sabah Coast.

Zone IV: Jazar , including Sikhah Island, Buraq Island, Alhalithia island, Bojan Island.

Tourism therapeutic areas: Bath vultures - bathroom Ruddum.

**Areas of desert tourism:** old Shibuya (Ataq). Of the most important tourist attractions are :

- Marib, old Shabwa, Saiaun.

- Marib, Saiaun.

**Eco-tourism areas:** Beer Ali.

**Mountaineering tourism regions:** the mountains of Aqlah.

**Imran governorate:**

therapeutic Tourism areas: Al-Madan

Dalea:

Eco-tourism zones: the Valley of Ghail



**therapeutic areas Tourism:** there are many saunas and tourist attractions in the areas of Damat, Yarhad, Radam and Jubanb.

Tourism mountaineering areas: Jahaf mountains, Al-hareer, Al-Maafari, Al-Nad, Al-Dhubait, Al-Nad, Al-Sha'eri and Al-Hasha.

**Raima Province:**

**Mountaineering tourism areas:** Raima Mountains.

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