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Tourists have visited Egypt for thousands of years, but it's only recently that they've been drawn to the increasingly popular Red Sea resort of Sharm el Sheikh. Sharm el Sheikh, located on the tip of the Sinai Peninsula, has grown beyond all recognition over the past 40 years and has gained a great reputation with both bargain hunters and well-heeled travellers. With its superb range of restaurants and bars, luxury hotels and great sandy beaches, Sharm el Sheikh looks to have everything you'd expect from a beach holiday. However, with some of the best diving and snorkelling in the world just a short boat ride away, Sharm el Sheikh certainly has a USP. If you still need convincing of the merits of this Egyptian treasure, here's a list of some main reasons to visit [Sharm el Sheikh hotels](#).

1. Breathtaking Scenery

With extensive sandy plains, azure waters and a moon-like landscape of rugged mountain ranges, Sharm el Sheikh isn't quite your average beach resort. Visitors regularly pay a visit to protected mangrove forests of Nabeq bay, a large stretch of coastline named after a Bedouin village and oasis. Alternatively, holidaymakers can simply choose to relax on the pristine sandy beaches that Sharm el Sheikh hotels are famous for.

2. Red Sea Diving

Some of the most famous diving spots in the world can be found just a short boat trip from Sharm el Sheikh. The reefs of Ras Mohammed and Tiran are teeming with thousands of different species of fish and coral.

3. Retail Therapy

Offering everything from the latest in designer luxury to traditional souvenirs, Sharm el Sheikh's characterful market stalls and fashionable boutiques are the ideal places to indulge in a little retail therapy. Many visitors take a morning to explore the market at Sharm Old Town, where there are lots of fascinating stalls selling authentic Bedouin wares.

4. Brilliant Beaches

Sharm el Sheikh is a real hit with beach lovers. Most of the hotels in Sharm el Sheikh look out over its shimmering sandy beaches and crystalline waters. The best beach in the area is probably Na'ama Bay, which also boasts a lively beachfront crammed with great bars and restaurants.

5. Fascinating Cultural Attractions

For those looking for a break from the beach or the reef, there's no shortage of great day trips for visitors to [Sharm el Sheikh hotels](#). The Greek Orthodox monastery of St Catharine, located at the foot of Mount Sinai, dates back to the fourth century has been awarded UNESCO World Heritage Site status for its priceless collection of icons and codices from the earliest days of Christianity.

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