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Sharm El Sheikh International Airport (SSH)

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THE ANSWER

The cleanest arrival is a fixed-price transfer: USD 20 per car to any of Sharm's 15 resort zones on operators' published lists - same price at 2 AM or 2 PM, driver with your name in arrivals.

Street taxis here are pure bargaining with inflated dollar quotes, so a per-car fixed price removes both the haggle and the FX games. No booking? Uber/Careem show a firm in-app fare before you ride. Cheapest? Blue-and-white rank taxi: agree EGP 150-400 by zone, in Egyptian pounds, before getting in.

EVERY WAY OUT — REAL PRICES

Pre-booked fixed-price transfer *BEST FOR MOST* **USD 20 per car (all zones)**
Operators publish a flat USD 20 per car to Naama Bay, Soho Square, Nabq Bay, Hadaba, Old Market and the rest - minivan for 5-7 for about $5 more. 10-30 min depending on zone, name sign in arrivals, no night surcharge, price is per vehicle not per person.

Uber / Careem **firm in-app fare, shown in EGP before you book**
2026 airport guides point to the apps specifically to skip haggling: you see the price upfront, pay card or cash in-app. Open the app after baggage claim and follow the in-app pickup pin; drivers cancel on mismatched locations.

Official taxi rank **EGP 150-400 by zone - agreed before the door opens**
Blue-and-white taxis queue at Terminal 1 around the clock. 2026 guide ranges: Soho Square 150-200, Naama Bay 200-250, Hadaba/Old Market 250-300, Nabq Bay 300-400 EGP. Meters exist but drivers quote fixed; agree the number in EGP first.

Shared microbus **small EGP cash fare - no published tariff**
Private minibuses serve the area from beside Terminal 1; the network has no fixed stops - you flag it down and pay the driver. About 15 min to the core area, tight with luggage. Ask the price before boarding; no official fare list is available online.

Rental car **desks in the arrivals area**
Car-rental desks at the airport make the Dahab (90 km) or Ras Mohammed (60 km) day runs practical; expect passport and credit card at pickup.

THE TRAPS — WALK PAST THESE

The $25-30 visa you may not owe
Arrive by air at Sharm, stay under 15 days at Sharm/Dahab/Nuweiba/Taba resorts, and you need no visa at all - the FCDO confirms a free entry permission stamp on arrival. Only leave-the-Sinai or over-15-day plans cost money: on-arrival visas are $30 cash at kiosks (Egypt's official portal says $25 at the bank counter). **Do this:** walk to the passport line without buying anything - ignore third-party sites selling a 'Sinai visa'

Dollar quotes at the taxi rank
Drivers start bargaining in dollars or euros at their own private exchange rate. Every current guide ends the same way: pay in Egyptian pounds. **Do this:** name your price in EGP first and pay the agreed amount in EGP

The 'EGP 40 to Naama Bay' you read online
Legacy airport-aggregator pages still quote regular-taxi fares around EGP 40 - a pre-devaluation antique. Realistic 2026 rank numbers run 150-400 EGP depending on zone. **Do this:** budget the 2026 range, not the old page - and expect end-of-ride 'extras' you never agreed

Peak-season queue and child-seat gap
In summer and Christmas the rank line runs 10-15 minutes, and standard taxis almost never carry baby or child seats. **Do this:** families with little ones: book a transfer with a seat at booking time, not at the kerb

KNOW BEFORE YOU WALK

- Withdraw small EGP notes at the arrivals ATM before you reach the rank - 'no change' is a classic fare-rounding trick.
- Distances: Naama Bay 12 km (15-20 min), Old Market 18 km, Nabq 23 km; Dahab ~90 km (guides quote 400-500 EGP), Taba ~200 km.
- The free stamp covers only South Sinai - a Cairo detour means buying the real visa at the bank counter before immigration.
- Agree the FULL price before getting in and refuse add-ons after the ride - drivers sometimes try them.
- A pre-booked transfer costs the same at 2 AM as at noon - night arrivals are the moment it beats the rank.

Prices verified Oct 2026 against Sharm Connect's published per-car rate list, 2026 Sharm taxi guides and GOV.UK / Egypt's official tourism portal for entry rules. Egypt's airport-authority site is unreachable from our network, so rank fares are given as 2026 tourist-typical ranges. Transfer USD 20/car - taxi 150-400 EGP by zone - visa USD 25-30 if you actually need one.

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