



The Red Sea

named Red Sea because of a red algae that sometimes grows there. I noticed red colored particles along the shore where the waves were lapping....

The seaside is divided into private and public beaches. In this photo notice how waves also break beyond the edge of the sand pier. The reason is that seashore at Jeddah is composed of a vast coral reef. So folks can swim in the ocean, part of the shoreline has been excavated and sand brought in. There are nets to keep out sharks and poisonous fish or sea snakes.

The point where waves are breaking is beyond the fake beach - where the ocean breaks on the reef. The snorkeling is supposed to be fabulous.

bottom left: The further outcropping is at the end of another tongue of land. Scuba divers and snorkelers get into the ocean from there.



bottom: A quick snapshot of the beach. Again - no photos allowed, so I was being careful not to photograph people.



Close up of coral on an outcropping.



Downtown Jeddah. Smoke stacks are from desalinization plants.



All images on this page taken from the outcropping where divers enter the water.





Rocks at the ocean's edge. The Red Sea was very warm. I walked on to the underwater metal grating (while holding onto the raid and wearing flip-flops, so I could see the beautiful fish swimmin on top of the reef. Bottom is part of the beach. The house is someone's private seaside home.





Taken from the bus on the way back to the compound, we are heading South. The mountains are to the East. This is more what the desert looks like without plantings. Construction is everywhere.



More shots from the bus. The billboard to the left didn't turn out very well, but you can see how closely houses are built next to each other when construction is done in an area.

I am not sure if the bottom left is a mosque or a house near a mosque. You can see the minarette in the distance.

One of my favorite billboards on the right - as we exit the highway to the road which heads to the compound.

I realized that this trip to the ocean was the first time I have gone swimming in salt water since I was a teenager. The taste of salt water in my mouth brought back old memories.



Tw was a great day at the beach. Being near large bodies of water refreshes my soul.

