

Sustainable Tourism Development of Port Ghalib New City Red sea – Egypt

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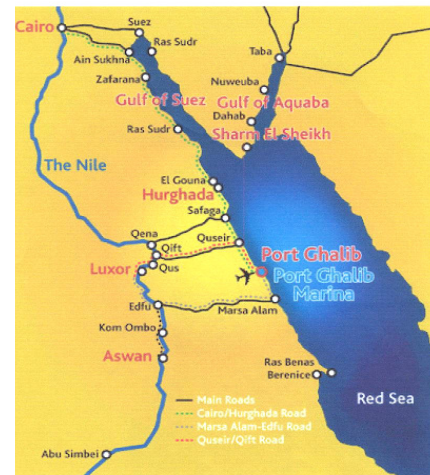
Port Ghalib city is located at 780 km south of Cairo, 280 km south of Hurghada along the Red Sea coast and 220 km to the east of Luxor city.

The Vision:

The dream behind Port Ghalib city was that nature should be protected, that the sea and the desert should not be polluted.

The assembling of human activities should avoid scattering which wastes the environment.

The dream is to give the tourist industry a human face. The value of respecting the others, of cultural exchange, of respectful cohabitation, must dominate the mechanical and mercantile aspects of this industry. This is the reason why we are so attached to the idea of the village, which symbolises a human community, rather than an addition of the incoherent hotels, closed up in their "fences". Tourists, workmen, merchants, rich and poor together.



The Master Plan Concept

Nature and topography have inspired the planner for the composition plan of this little city of 40.000 hotel beds, which be Port Ghalib.

The PORT :

The port was dredged at the bottom of the Wadi, by utilising the actual Marsa Ghalib as a natural entrance passage. Thus work is economized in the sea, and the corals are not destroyed. The big basin which accepts yachts, up to 60m, includes a main quay and the promenade with the principal animation of the port, where visitors, yachts, restaurants, diving clubs, fishermen ... are concentrated. The East shore of the basin includes a beach from where it is possible to watch the sunset on the city. This beach, which forms Anz island, will be even and without constructions (except for the boat petrol station), so that the sea view from the main quay will be clear.

The Laguna :

The difficulty to swim on the reef has conducted us to imagine a large laguna, dredged into the Wadi El - Anz. It will be bordered by beaches with islands and restaurants on the water (on stills). This laguna will also create a sea view for the surrounding buildings: particularly two hotels in the North, the golf club and the houses in the South.

The Interior of the CITY :

The interior of the city receives all the necessary activities for its life, such as handy craft, shops, permanent and secondary residences, administrations, cultural and cultural activities, landscaped parks, schools with sports equipments. Large shadowy parkings serve the commercial center and the souk in order to reserve some space for the pedestrian circulation. These places receive the festivals and exceptional events in dismountable installations.

The Community :

A campanile tower placed in the highest part of the land symbolizes the agglomeration of this community. It is well visible from the principal avenues, being a guide mark to everyone. Coming from the South or the North on the national road, its silhouette will emerge from the city.

The Visitor Center :

The visitor center is introducing the natural and cultural aspects of the southern part of the Red Sea region.

Port Ghalib will attract visitors as an exceptional site because it will be a human community, variegated, colorful and inventive.
