

# Sinbad

## THE SAILOR

Theme park will indulge kids and adults alike with childhood favourite

The new waterpark is proposed for Sohar in Oman

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Sinbad the Sailor is a mystical character in contemporary Middle Eastern culture, the mythology of the seafarer is made evident by the number of places that claim him as one of their own. One such place is Sohar in Oman, claimed to be the birthplace of Sinbad the Sailor and the proposed site of a new waterpark inspired by his "Adventures of the Seven Voyages".

The mythology of Sinbad the Sailor still retains a powerful attraction for many across the Middle East; he is a symbol of the region's seafaring history and tales of his exploits are retold in different forms throughout the Arab Peninsula.

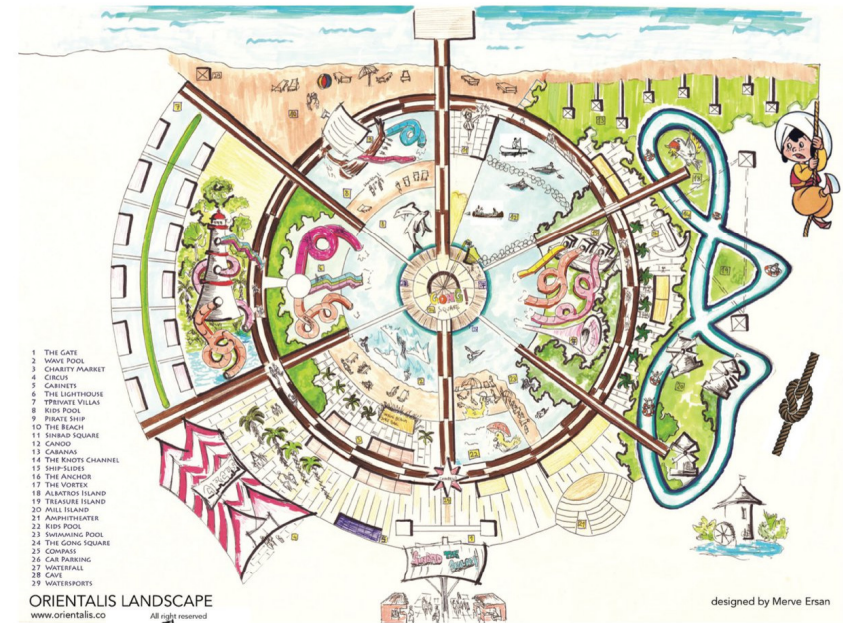
### Blueprint and Strategy

The water park as a plan resembles a circular shape divided into seven functional areas around a centralized main tower, neighboring private villas and service areas.

The project consists of two circulation axes—the main and secondary axis. The main axis connects the main entrance to the seaside. At the main entrance (referred to #1 on the map) there is a preparation/changing area for guests to get ready for their day ahead at the waterpark. This area consists of cabinets, changing rooms and shops.

"The seven voyages of Sinbad" is showcased via a wave pool with a sandy area, as well as zones consisting of a lighthouse, sliders, kids pool, spray action, splash battle and sliding river.

The main hub of the project is a bridge that connects the theme park with the centralized Sinbad Tower, which is inspired by the deck of a ship (referred to #15 on the map). The first floor of the tower is designed as a terrace offering 360 degree views of the entire project. The bottom level of the tower offers cool shaded areas including a juice bar with



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panoramic views of the waterfall. At the top of the mast located at the center of the tower, lies a Sinbad sculpture/ landmark showcasing himself as the explorer captain gazing through the theme park as if navigating and cheering the users on their daily excursions of the theme park.

At the upper end of the tower lies a kids swimming pool with spray action consisting of a tiny beach for children to play and parents to safely watch their children.

The splash battle feature is a fun water game for all ages (referred #13 on the map). This is a biological pond surrounded by tropical greenery creating an adventurous treasure island atmosphere. Adjacent to the splash battle, is a vortex slider offering a journey through the seven seas (referred to #14 on the map).

In addition to splash battle, there is an Olympic size swimming pool to host swimming competitions, perfect for spectators with its state-of-the-art grandstand. (referred to #14 on the map)

Beyond the main circulation zone, there is a Sinbad corner acting as a meeting point for guests. To the right, there lies a river consisting of multifunctional sub-zones, each serving a different purpose. The river design is inspired by the figure 8 Knot creating micro islands, facilitating boat tripping and pressurize water.

There are three micro islands; Albatross island (featuring Sinbad's bird who was an integral partner on his journey). Treasure island where the sunken ship is located and a space designed for kids to find treasure – all surrounded by an island with a huge green area.

Mill island is the largest of them all. This is the only island connected by a bridge and therefore is proposed as a restaurant by mill concept. Following riverside, Anchor is also inspired from navigation tools and it is proposed as one of the major landmarks, with an added function as a lift to take people to the upper level to access the biplane which runs on top of the islands as well as three towers for zipline stations.

At the Beach side (#9), there are trendy cabanas, water sports and a dock, all designed with the theme in mind. While a circus and amphitheater is also proposed in front of the entrance for use in the evening time.

It's also been requested by a client to construct private villas with pools so families can enjoy their own space. Either way, families are destined to have a memorable experience! ■



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