



Shopping Information in Yemen

Daily Shopping

Supermarkets: Most of the groceries you need you will find in Sana'a. Every street has a load of small shops and supermarkets. Some items are offered everywhere but for some things you may need to visit a few different shops. The most frequently used supermarkets are:

Al Hamadi: A small overloaded supermarket on the Medina a few hundred meter from the 14 October Street. You will find most things you need here. The vegetables in this supermarket are usually of good quality. No fresh meat, only a small choice from the freezer.

Al Huda: Frequented by many foreigners. Two shops of the same name and owner exist, one in Zubairy Street, after half a kilometer on your right when turning right from Hadda Road, the other one is in the Sana'a Trade Centre on the entrance floor in one of the corners. Both large supermarkets with almost everything you need. They have a fresh meat corner, some fresh fish, small household items etc. Their choice of fruit and vegetables is very limited.

Shammar: This supermarket is on Hadda road, a few hundred meters before the Medina when going up to Hadda. They are open 24 hours per day. They offer a good variety of products and have separate spaces for cleaning and cosmetic stuff, for electronics and some clothing. Their fruits and vegetables are generally fresh and they offer some good choice for home-baking.

Shumaila Hari: They have a large building of mainly glass just off Hadda Road, between Djibouti Street and 60 meter road. The supermarket on the ground floor is spacious and well stocked. Meat here looks good. Upstairs they sell clothes, make-up etc.

Al Jandool: Further up Hadda Road on the corner with Iran Street (before called 24th Street), a fairly spacious shop that also offers clothing, perfumes, stationary and of course groceries. There is a deep freezer with meat and fresh meat and poultry as well as vegetables. They have their own parking lot in front of the building.

Fruits and vegetables: Along Hadda road you will find many fruit stalls. In some of them you might sometimes find nice things like avocado, mulberries, strawberries, cherries etc. On the Medina small roadside vendors offer a variety of vegetables and they sometimes sell “new” things like leek or red paprika. Check them out if you need something special but keep in mind that some vegetables are seasonal.

Other fresh choice of vegetables you will find at **Al Hammadi Supermarket**. Other larger supermarkets also offer vegetables but check on their freshness. If your family is large enough or you have a good consumption of fruit and vegetables it is worth to try the whole sale market for vegetables (called Mathbah). Their building is on the left side of the road to Wadi Dhar, just at the place where you find all the roadside market stalls. Here you buy all the spices, herbs, vegetables and fruits in big quantities at very low rates.

Another vegetable market is the **Souk al Qa’a** in the old Jewish quarter. Here you will also find fish and meat. Another small vegetable market can be found on the street from Tahrir to the old city, the Bab as Saba. Inside you will also find a meat market.

Bakeries: In Sana’a you can find a lot of different breads. The most traditional ones are the kudaam. These are small round breads made of fine ground whole-wheat baked on the oven floor. Their taste is good if you eat them fresh otherwise they get very dry and tough. Another type is the small French bread. The small sticks are available from almost any supermarket and from bakeries. These breads are all made of white flour. For the kudaam as well as the French goes that you can freeze them when fresh and put them a few minutes in a hot oven when still frosted. The crust becomes crunchy again. This allows you to stock up some bread and always have crunchy bread available.

On Hadda Road you will find a number of bakeries. The Lebanese bakery has an outlet on Hadda Road at the corner opposite to the large mosque (before reaching up to the Medina). They offer some nice things like croissant, soup sticks, pita bread etc.

Further down to the city centre on Hada road in the direction of Zubairy Street you will find the **Mocca** and **Paris bakery**. They are situated in the block just after Mujahid/Khartoum Street. The shops are close to each other and they offer (birthday) cakes, toast-bread, cinnamon rolls, croissants, small pizzas, éclairs etc. Check them out and see what you like best.

Al Jandool bakery shop you will find next to the Al Huda supermarket at Zubairy Street. They offer a wide range of sweets, cookies and some bread.

The Taj Sheba Hotel sells all kinds of birthday cakes in every shape, size and color.

Butchers: Besides the well stocked butchers in the Al Huda and Shumaila Hari supermarkets, a number of butchers have their shops on the Medina. They will offer beef or lamb. Sometimes they have a slaughtered animal hanging from which you can buy a piece, but often you can just point out one living animal and they will slaughter it on the spot for you. As this is the freshest possible you will need to keep the meat in the fridge for a few days otherwise it remains tough (unless boiled for hours). For these butchers every piece of meat boils, fries or bakes so do not expect cutlets or steaks. You'll just get chunks.

Fish markets: In Sana'a a few fish markets are existing where you can buy different kinds of fresh fish. Although the fish has to come from the coastal areas it is generally fresh and non-frozen and prices are very low. A number of these markets are only open in the morning.

A famous fish market you will find in the street next to Gumhuriyya Hospital on Zubairy Street. Here you can ask to have the fish cleaned and fried for you or buy it raw.

Opposite to Hamadi supermarket (on the Medina) in the small side street you will find a fish shop that sells good quality fresh fish although the choice is limited.

Spice shops: Sana'a can boast of a load of spice shops with good quality at low prices. In most of the spice shops you will also get fresh ground coffee and nuts or dates. In the Hadda area Dallas spices on Hadda Road is a good choice. They can be found on the right side of Hadda Road between the 60 Mtr Road and the Medina. Other ones can be found on the Medina, close to Hamadi supermarket. More towards the city centre you will find them on Hadda Road, just before Zubairy Street.

Yasseen's Spices, next to Al Huda on Zubairy Street has fresh ground Yemeni coffee and spices, and Indian and Japanese snacks.

Asian food: If you're hooked on Indonesian or Thai food you will find most of the spices in any of the spice shops around the city. For more specific ingredients like shrimp paste, tofu or Tempe go to the Asian Food Shop on Mujahid or Khartoum Street. Coming from Hada via Hada Road take the first big street (with traffic light on a T-crossing) on your right after the UN road. Close to the Samsung shop (at the left side) you will find the Asian Food Shop. Their choice is not very big but maybe they offer what you're looking for.

General Shopping

Toys:

Yemen Happy Toys: A toyshop on the left of Hada Road, before the 60 meter road, when going in direction of the city. They offer a variety of toys for all ages, including game-boys. Good for girls' dress-up dolls and small toys for party bags. Here you also find the big drive-yourself battery operated cars and other big things.

A few hundred meters further in the direction of Hada is another small toyshop that offers fairly good quality toys and there's a selection of kids bicycles.

A specialised Lego shop you will find in the Sana'a Trade Centre on the first floor. Their variety is not big but at least you find renowned quality albeit at high price.

Chicco: They have their shop on the right side of Mujahid or Karthoum Street when coming from Hada Road and offer all kinds of baby stuff and toys of their own brand.

Right on Hada Road in the direction of the city you will find a few toy shops just before the UN Road. The shops are overloaded with toys of all sorts. They also sell game-boys.

Handicraft: Yemen does offer some handicraft but not in a vast choice. Some choice you will find in the Souk, (behind the Bab al Yemen entering from Tahrir Square) e.g. the small samples of Yemeni houses, stone cooking pots, incense and incense burners, Yemeni silver work, shawls, Jambias etc.

Another place to find some handicraft produced by a development project (although fairly expensive and not of good quality) is the Tihama Caravan. They offer a choice of glass and silverware, some jewellery, some badly

stitched bags, hand-woven cloth from Tihama etc. Check out their shop regularly to find some new items. Their shop is towards the end of Iran Street when driving in from Hadda Road.

Another option is the **Women's Handicraft Center** in the old city. They are close to Wadi Saila. Ask around for the right directions if you are in that area.

Malls

- Sana'a Trade Center (Libyan Center, Algiers Street)
- Al-Kumaim Trading Center. (Hada Street)
- Yemen Mall (Dayri Street)
- Al-Sayeeda Mall (Al-Zubairi Street)
- Souq Al-Anesi (Jamal Street)
- Old Sana'a Souq (Bab Al-Yemen)

Restaurants and Café's

Name	Telephone Numbers	Remarks
Ali Baba	711760945	The ideal place in Hada for sheesha lovers.
Amore	734123000	Café' on Hada, catering available.
Déjà vu	01-430188	A stylish Café in Hada with live music on weekends
Hashem	01-206543	Spacious café and restaurants with a nice outdoor area
Mokha Bunn	01-430233	A new café with a lovely outdoor seating area, serves coffee and pastries. Off Iran street.
The Coffee Trader	01-442615	A cozy café on Hada Street. Serves coffee, sandwiches and pastries.
Grill 101	733666621	Steak House in Hada.
Al Fakher	01-427888	Yemeni Cuisine.
Al Khaima Restaurant	01-444705	Yemeni Cuisine
Al Mata'am Al Yemeni Al Aseel	01-428450	Yemeni Cuisine
Al-Shaibani Restaurant		Yemeni Cuisine has three top branches in the general Hada Area

Name	Telephone Numbers	Remarks
Al Waleema	01-414781	Lebanese Cuisine
Bilqis	01-272371 01-271123	Taj Sheba Hotel
Koreana	01-413491	Korean Cuisine
Mumbai Durbar	01-446487	Indian Cuisine
Pizzaiola	01-429529	Pizzeria
Sayadia	733666613	Sea Food
Shanghai	01-450350	Chinese Cuisine
Thailand	01-419249	Thai Cuisine
Villa De Angelo	01-412581	Italian Cuisine
Ya Mal Al Sham	01-410434	Lebanese Cuisine
Zeit W Za'atar		Lebanese Pastries
Zorbas	01-428855	Mediterranean Cuisine
Fresh and Tasty	01-442049	Fast Food
Hot and Crispy	01-430775 01-465409	Fast Food
KFC	01-509876	Fried Chicken
Caramel	01-430975	Desserts
Ganache	734436969	Desserts
Movenpick	733050018	Desserts
Sazra Chocolatier	01-448576	Belgian Chocolate

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