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Modern Marvels and Ancient Sands

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Mesmerising the world with its skyscrapers, posh hotels, fancy malls, and an impressive coastline, UAE is undoubtedly a part of every traveler's bucket list.

Home to some of the world's best resorts and hotels, UAE is an incredible architectural gallery.

Along with these sky-touching structures, the mosques, museums, and most importantly, the famous man-made islands here have an aura that draws people to this land. Ferrari World, Legoland, and Marina Mall are some places to visit in UAE on your vacation here.

The various UAE destinations offer culture fans plenty of things to do. Delve into the country's Bedouin past on starry desert nights before exploring the many forts that guarded the coastline long before the domination of the glitzy high-rises.

While for nature-lovers, the desert starts where the cities end, and the jagged peaks of the Hajar Mountains are ripe for adventuring.



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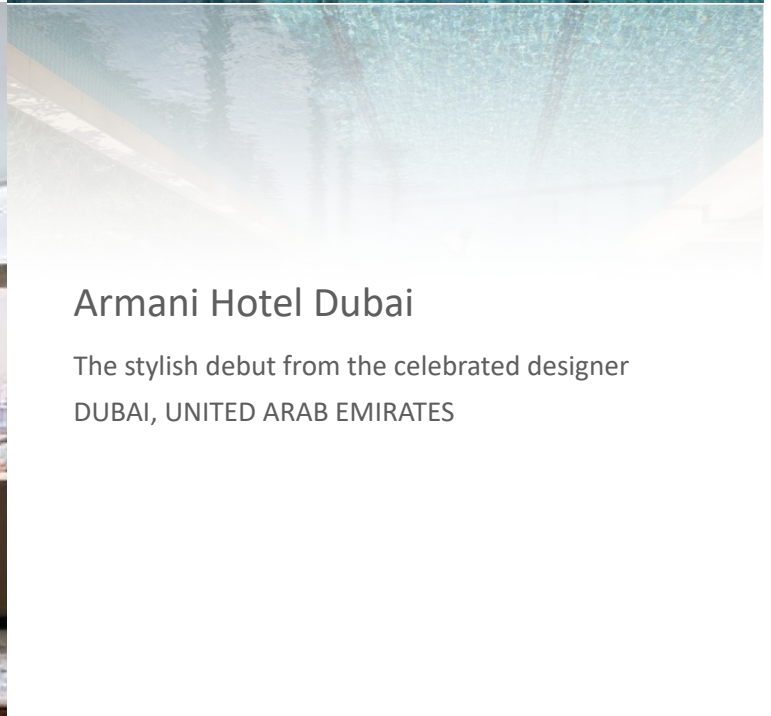
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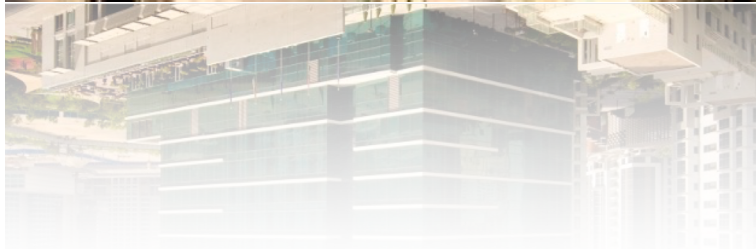
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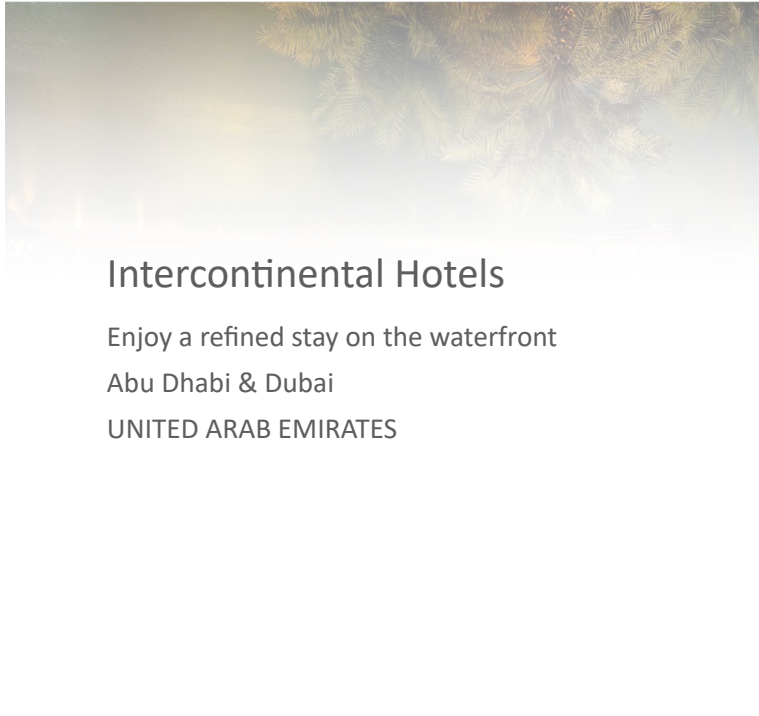


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DUBAI

DUBAI IS A MODERN CITY RISING ABOVE THE COOL, BLUE WATERS OF THE PERSIAN GULF. ITS BUSTLING INTERNATIONAL ATMOSPHERE OFFERS THE BEST OF BOTH A CIVILISED, AFFLUENT SOCIETY AND THE TIMELESS HERITAGE OF THE ARABIAN SANDS. THE NATURAL DUBAI CREEK DIVIDES THE CITY INTO TWO REGIONS ALONG A 9.5 MILE INLET IN THE PERSIAN GULF, WHERE THE CITY'S TRADE DEVELOPED.

Dubai, the destination full of luxury and business hub of the Middle East, is one of the highly preferred destinations by tourists from all over the world.

Comprising of various beautiful architectures manifested with modern aspects & beautiful features along with all the luxury outlets of high-end brands from all over the world, Dubai is now the amalgamation of tradition as well as urbanisation.

The luxury tours to Dubai would provide the best of this amazing destination to you.

The mesmerising mosques and beautiful age-old monuments make up the majority of Dubai.

On the other hand, there are all the amazing humongous towers touching the sky and giving the perfect amount of modern outlook to Dubai.

The beautiful souks and the local markets along with the luxurious outlets of numerous designers form the base of the cultural amalgamation.



ABU DHABI

NEARLY 250 MILES OF BEACHES ARE A POPULAR YEAR-ROUND DESTINATION WITH THE CITY'S SUNNY, ARID CLIMATE. A BLEND OF ETHNICITIES AND RELIGIONS MAKES ABU DHABI A UNIQUE METROPOLIS IN THE MODERN ARAB WORLD. THE AREA PLAYS HOST TO SEVERAL ANNUAL CULINARY AND CULTURAL FESTIVALS AND SPORTING EVENTS INCLUDING AN INTERNATIONAL TRIATHLON AND THE RED BULL AIR RACE.

Amidst the glitz of the city that has sprouted out of the sand in the last 50 years lies a history dating to Biblical times. A short drive to the mainland offers opportunities for desert sports and exploration.

Liwa Oasis

Abu Dhabi makes an excellent hub for visiting the Liwa Oasis, about two and a half hours south of the city. The oasis sits on the edge of the Empty Quarter, the world's largest expanse of sand at 255,000 square miles.

Al Ain

On the other end of the spectrum, Al Ain is an oasis of palm trees and blue waters. You won't find tall skyscrapers here. Known as the 'Garden City,' Al Ain is another easily accessible area to explore from Abu Dhabi.

Yas Island in Abu Dhabi

Yas Island is one of the top tourism projects in Abu Dhabi and is packed with family-friendly adventures. The entertainment hub is home to an F1 race track, a links golf course, a beautiful beach, marina, and several theme parks.



SHARJAH

HOME TO BEAUTIFUL BEACHES, ANCIENT LANDSCAPES, CULTURAL ATTRACTIONS AND SMART EATERIES, WHATEVER YOU ARE LOOKING FOR, YOU WILL FIND IT WHEN YOU FIND YOUR SHARJAH.

Sharjah is the third-most populous city in the United Arab Emirates, after Dubai and Abu Dhabi, forming part of the Dubai-Sharjah-Ajman metropolitan area. The emirate of Sharjah borders with Dubai to the south, Ajman and Umm Al Quwain to the north and Ras Al Khaimah to the east.

Sharjah is the arts capital of the United Arab Emirates, and its efforts to preserve the area's history garnered Sharjah the title of Cultural Capital of the Arab World by UNESCO in 1998.

For the museum and art lovers, Sharjah is crammed full of excellent sightseeing opportunities.

The renowned Sharjah Museum of Islamic Civilisation and the Art Museum are the city's major tourist attractions and top of most visitors' things to do list, while the Heritage Area is full of interesting buildings dedicated to Emirati history.

This is also a wonderfully family-friendly destination, with lots to keep the kids amused, including Al Noor Island, with its butterfly house, and exploring the underwater world at the aquarium.

The Sharjah Central souk, also known as the Blue souk is the most famous market of the city and loved by tourists for its great collection of dates, artifacts, carpets and handicrafts along with various other things.



RAS AL KHAIMAH

WITH OVER 7,000 YEARS OF FASCINATING HISTORY AND CULTURE, RAS AL KHAIMAH IS THE PERFECT GETAWAY FROM EVERYDAY LIFE. OFFERING MAGNIFICENT LANDSCAPES, BREATHTAKING COASTLINES AND RICH, TERRACOTTA DESERT PLANES, THE EMIRATE HAS FIRMLY ESTABLISHED ITSELF AS ONE OF THE MOST AUTHENTIC DESTINATIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

Ras Al Khaimah is the northernmost emirate of the United Arab Emirates. It's known for its gulf beaches. In the capital city of the same name, the National Museum of Ras Al Khaimah occupies a centuries-old fort.

The museum features regional history and archaeological exhibits. Nearby is the large, traditional Mohammed bin Salem Mosque. Northeast, the mountaintop Dhayah Fort dates from the 19th century.

With year-long sunshine and 64 kilometres of white sandy beaches, just 45 minutes from

the busy metropolis of Dubai, Ras Al Khaimah offers an entirely unique experience from its neighbouring emirates. Combining the past and the future, Ras Al Khaimah brings you the best of both worlds. Five star hospitality with an authentic Emirati welcome.

Delicious international and local cuisine, prepared with passion and served with pride. Beautiful resorts by the glistening blue waters of the Arabian Ocean, endless desert and mountain views to take your breath away and unforgettable experiences for the holiday of a lifetime.



AL AIN

AL AIN IS THE CAPITAL'S GARDEN CITY, ONE OF THE WORLD'S OLDEST PERMANENTLY INHABITED SETTLEMENTS AND A UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE. DON'T FORGET YOUR PHONE WHEN VISITING THIS GREEN REGION BECAUSE IT'S FILLED WITH VISUAL GEMS AND CHARACTERFUL SIGHTS PERFECT FOR PHOTOS.

Al Ain, in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), is an inland oasis city on the eastern border with Oman. It's known as the Garden City for its palm groves and natural springs.

Bronze Age remains include tombs on the towering Jebel Hafeet, a mountain to the south, and in Al Hili Archaeological Park, to the north. The central Al Ain National Museum displays artifacts from these sites.

Think lush & ancient oases you can wander through, historical forts, archaeological parks home to ancient artefacts, old-world palaces,

charming camel markets, an equestrian, shooting and golf club, and vibrant souks (markets) selling authentic Emirati crafts, spices, carpets, perfumes and more.

Located just an hour and 45 minutes from the city, Al Ain is a quiet retreat from the city. The city has an 8,000-year history and is considered to be one of the world's oldest inhabited settlements.

In 2011 it was named a UNESCO World-Heritage Site, the first in the UAE recognized by UNESCO.



AJMAN

AJMAN IS THE CAPITAL OF THE EMIRATE OF AJMAN IN THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES. IT IS THE FIFTH-LARGEST CITY IN UAE AFTER DUBAI, ABU DHABI, SHARJAH AND AL AIN. LOCATED ALONG THE PERSIAN GULF. IT IS THE SMALLEST EMIRATE OF THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES AND IS ENGULFED BY THE LARGER EMIRATE OF SHARJAH.

One of the seven Emirates of the United Arab Emirates, Ajman's culture is steeped in exceptional hospitality. It is an inherited tradition borne out of the austere natural environment and the resulting emphasis on receiving and providing for guests.

In Ajman, neighbours still celebrate life together, guests are warmly welcomed-in and sincere generosity is evidenced throughout everyday life.

More than its beaches, quality driven hospitality offerings or investment friendly policies, it is the genuine welcoming nature of its people that defines Ajman's true sense of place.

Ajman is a laid-back, sun-drenched destination in the United Arab Emirates with white-sand beaches, rolling desert dunes, craggy mountain backdrops and thriving mangrove forests.

It's also a modern city where the tradition of welcoming strangers is ancient & ingrained.

Guests are offered cardamom-infused coffee and fresh dates, and greetings are often delivered with a hand over the heart.



HATTA

FROM TAMING THE ROUGH TERRAIN ON A MOUNTAIN BIKE TO TACKLING THE TEAL WATERS BY KAYAK, DUBAI'S MOUNTAIN TOWN OF HATTA IS THE IDEAL SPOT FOR ADVENTURE.

Hatta is an exclave of Dubai, in the United Arab Emirates, high in the Hajar Mountains. The restored, centuries-old Hatta Heritage Village features a defensive tower, stone houses with palm-frond roofs, and falaj, the traditional water system.

Other exhibits include traditional weapons, furniture and crockery. At the nearby Hatta Dam, the Hatta Reservoir Visitor Point overlooks the pools of striking green water.

There's possibly no better way to experience the meandering pathways of hills, wadis and farmland in Hatta than from the back of a mountain bike.

Multiple trails for beginner to advanced-level riders have been set up by the Hatta Mountain Bike Trail Centre, spanning across 52kms. The trails are free to ride and are self-guided with clear markers.

The landscapes of Hatta possess some of the most beautiful natural scenery in the UAE. Enjoy the changing scenes from desert to mountain on your way into Hatta.

Once there, head south towards the Hatta Dam, which is an indelible sight: calm turquoise waters set against the rough-hewn mountains.



FUJAIRAH

FUJAIRAH IS THE CAPITAL OF THE EMIRATE OF FUJAIRAH IN THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, IT IS SEVENTH-LARGEST CITY IN UAE, LOCATED ON THE GULF OF OMAN. IT IS THE ONLY EMIRATI CAPITAL CITY ON THE UAE'S EAST COAST. FUJAIRAH OWNS DIBBA AND MASAFI

Fujairah city is a modern, industrial town and the main settlement of the east coast. The emirate is separated from the rest of the United Arab Emirates by the jagged line of the Hajar Mountains, and although the city itself is a grid pattern of high-rise office blocks with little to offer visitors, Fujairah Emirate's beaches to the north are some of the nicest in the UAE.

This beautiful slice of coastline is ideal for sunbathing, swimming, and scuba diving. Away from the sand, Fujairah is a great base for exploring the Hajar Mountains and the series of small forts and historical buildings, such as Al-Bidyah Mosque, that speckle the coast.

Fujairah's historical importance goes back to 3000 B.C. when the area was inhabited by herders and fishermen. It was then named as the Land of Titans or 'Ard Al Jababerah'. It is unofficially called 'the Jewel of the Middle East'.

Wadi Al Wurayah waterfalls and Ain Al Madhab Gardens are major attractions in Fujairah. Wadi Wurayah, a 31,000-acre nature reserve, lies between Khor Fakkan and Bidiyah.

The site is the UAE's only waterfall. Other sites include the UAE's oldest mosque Al Bidya Mosque and the Heritage Village.



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It is also tangible proof of Dubai's growing role in a changing world. In fewer than 30 years, this city has transformed itself from a regional centre to a global one.

This success was not based on oil reserves, but on reserves of human talent, ingenuity and initiative. Burj Khalifa embodies that vision.

The Burj Khalifa is one of the United Arab Emirates most famous buildings and the soaring sky-high landmark of Dubai.

Not only is it the world's tallest building, it also lays claim to the titles of tallest freestanding structure in the world, highest observation deck in the world, and elevator with the longest travel distance in the world.

A trip up to the observation deck, with its panoramic views across Dubai, is a sightseeing highlight for most tourists who visit, though for those who suffer from vertigo, it might be best to give it a miss.



SHEIKH ZAYED MOSQUE

ABU DHABI

THE SHEIKH ZAYED GRAND MOSQUE IS LOCATED IN ABU DHABI, THE CAPITAL CITY OF THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES. THE LARGEST MOSQUE IN THE COUNTRY, IT IS THE KEY PLACE OF WORSHIP FOR DAILY, FRIDAY AND EID PRAYERS. DURING EID, IT MAY BE VISITED BY MORE THAN 41,000 PEOPLE.

The impressive and inspiring Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque is one of the world's largest mosques and the only one that captures the unique interactions between Islam and other world cultures.

Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, the Founder of the UAE, had a very specific vision for this mosque: to incorporate architectural styles from different Muslim civilisations and celebrate cultural diversity by creating a haven that is truly welcoming and inspirational in its foundation.

The mosque's architects were British, Italian and Emirati, with design ideas borrowed from parts of Turkey, Morocco, Pakistan and Egypt, among other Islamic countries. The end result is a breathtaking, gleaming architectural marvel.

The welcoming mosque's open-door policy encourages visitors from around the world, from families to groups, solo travellers to celebrants, to not only witness its beauty but also gain a deeper understanding of the emirate's cultural beliefs in a space that encourages open dialogue.



HAJAR MOUNTAINS

AL-HAJAR MOUNTAINS IN NORTHEASTERN OMAN AND ALSO THE EASTERN UNITED ARAB EMIRATES ARE THE HIGHEST MOUNTAIN RANGE IN THE EASTERN ARABIAN PENINSULA. ALSO KNOWN AS "OMAN MOUNTAINS", THEY SEPARATE THE LOW COASTAL PLAIN OF OMAN FROM THE HIGH DESERT PLATEAU, AND LIE 50–100 KM INLAND FROM THE GULF OF OMAN.

The hajar mountains scythe through the desert, creating the jagged and wild heart of the United Arab Emirates.

Twisting roller-coaster roads with spectacular scenery along the way connect the region's tiny villages, making this region road trip heaven.

Nature lovers will find plenty of hiking, trekking, and bird-watching opportunities, while the vast amount of picturesque wadis (dry riverbeds; valleys) in the area are also fun to explore.

You can also make the trip on four wheels rather than on your feet, by booking a full-day safari from Dubai, so you can discover the dramatic canyons and valleys of the nation's highest mountain range.

Soak in the glorious solitude of the area, far removed from the hectic nature of big city life, before visiting the picturesque villages that lie in the shadow of the mountains. Few sights can match the subtle beauty of this mountain range in the UAE.

Hikers and mountain climbers flock to the range for an unforgettable experience set in the open desert air.



LOUVRE ABU DHABI

THE LOUVRE ABU DHABI IS AN ART AND CIVILIZATION MUSEUM, LOCATED IN ABU DHABI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES. THE MUSEUM IS LOCATED ON THE SAADIYAT ISLAND CULTURAL DISTRICT. IT IS APPROXIMATELY 24,000 SQUARE METRES IN SIZE, WITH 8,000 SQUARE METRES OF GALLERIES, MAKING IT THE LARGEST ART MUSEUM IN THE ARABIAN PENINSULA.

The newest and most spectacular museum in the United Arab Emirates, the Louvre Abu Dhabi takes visitors on a journey through human history with objects sourced from across the globe and through the ages to demonstrate the links between cultures.

Whether you're interested in early history, the great Empirical ages, or modern art, you'll find the museum exhibits fascinating, while the stark and ultra-modern architecture of the building draws visitors in itself.

Wishing to make their country a top cultural destination, internationally recognised for art,

education, and culture, the leaders of the UAE of Abu Dhabi launched the development of this major, universal art museum, which opened its doors on November 11, 2017.

By developing tourism, education, and services, they aim to prepare for the post-oil age.

Abu Dhabi called on French expertise to help them successfully bring the Arab world's first universal museum to life.



JEBEL JAIS

THE UAE'S HIGHEST PEAK, JEBEL JAIS IS PART OF THE SPECTACULAR HAJAR MOUNTAINS THAT WERE FORMED OVER 70 MILLION YEARS AGO IN THE EASTERN PART OF RAS AL KHAIMAH, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES AND OMAN. TOWERING AT 1,934 M ABOVE SEA LEVEL, JEBEL JAIS BOASTS BREATH-TAKING VISTAS, THRILLING ADVENTURES, AND A WELCOME RESPITE FROM THE HEAT WITH TEMPERATURES AROUND TEN DEGREES COOLER THAN SEA LEVEL.

The highest peak in the UAE, Jebel Jais in the emirate of Ras Al-Khaimah has become much easier to access in recent years thanks to the switchback road that twists and turns all the way up the mountainside.

At the top of the road, a series of landscaped terraces and viewing platforms offer up mountain vistas that roll right down to the sea, while those hankering to pair up their mountain scenery with an adrenaline buzz can opt to throw themselves off the peak on the world's longest zipline, which runs down the side of Jebel Jais for over two kilometers, reaching up to 120 kilometers per hour.

Ras Al Khaimah's Jebel Jais, at 1,934 metres tall, usually records temperatures that are 10°C cooler on average than other popular landmarks across the country.

Jebel Jais mountain is home to a number of mountain goats, camels, foxes, wildcats as well as hundreds of bird species. After the winter rains, the mountains of Ras Al Khaimah burst into colour with purple lilies, wild irises and white daisies.

The Sidr tree, highly appreciated for its medical use, can also be found in the Wadis. Its pollen also attracts bees that produce excellent mountain honey.



SHARJAH ARTS MUSEUM

THE SHARJAH ART MUSEUM IS AN ART MUSEUM IN THE CITY OF SHARJAH, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES. IT WAS HOUSED IN BAIT AL SERKAL IN AL SHUWAIHEAN AREA. IT IS ONE OF THE LEADING ART INSTITUTIONS IN THE PERSIAN GULF REGION.

The most important museum dedicated to the arts in the Emirates, the Sharjah Arts Museum is home to the most diverse art collection in the United Arab Emirates.

The museum is recognised for its collection of works by Arabic artists and also for its important pieces by European artists who specialised in painting the Arab world. The museum is also noted for its program of temporary exhibitions throughout the year.

A world of beauty, art and creativity

With the opening of this stunning museum,

you can now visit one of the largest art exhibitions in the Gulf region, which contains permanent collections and paintings by renowned artists. You can explore the history of the region through the fascinating masterpieces of local painters and Arab artists who have left an important mark in the local and Arab art world.

Explore a three-storey museum dedicated to showcasing artistic creations and collections of more than 500 artworks of various mediums and techniques.



JEBEL HAFEET

JABAL HAFEET IS A MOUNTAIN IN THE REGION OF TAWAM, ON THE BORDER OF THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES AND OMAN, WHICH MAY BE CONSIDERED AN OUTLIER OF AL HAJAR MOUNTAINS IN EASTERN ARABIA. DUE TO ITS PROXIMITY TO THE MAIN HAJAR RANGE, THE MOUNTAIN MAY BE CONSIDERED AS BEING PART OF THE HAJAR RANGE, SENSU LATO.

A must-do for anyone who wants to snap a great vista, the summit of Jebel Hafeet is a favorite day trip from Abu Dhabi and Al Ain. This is the second highest peak in the United Arab Emirates, and far-reaching, sumptuous desert panoramas greet you all the way up to the top on the winding road.

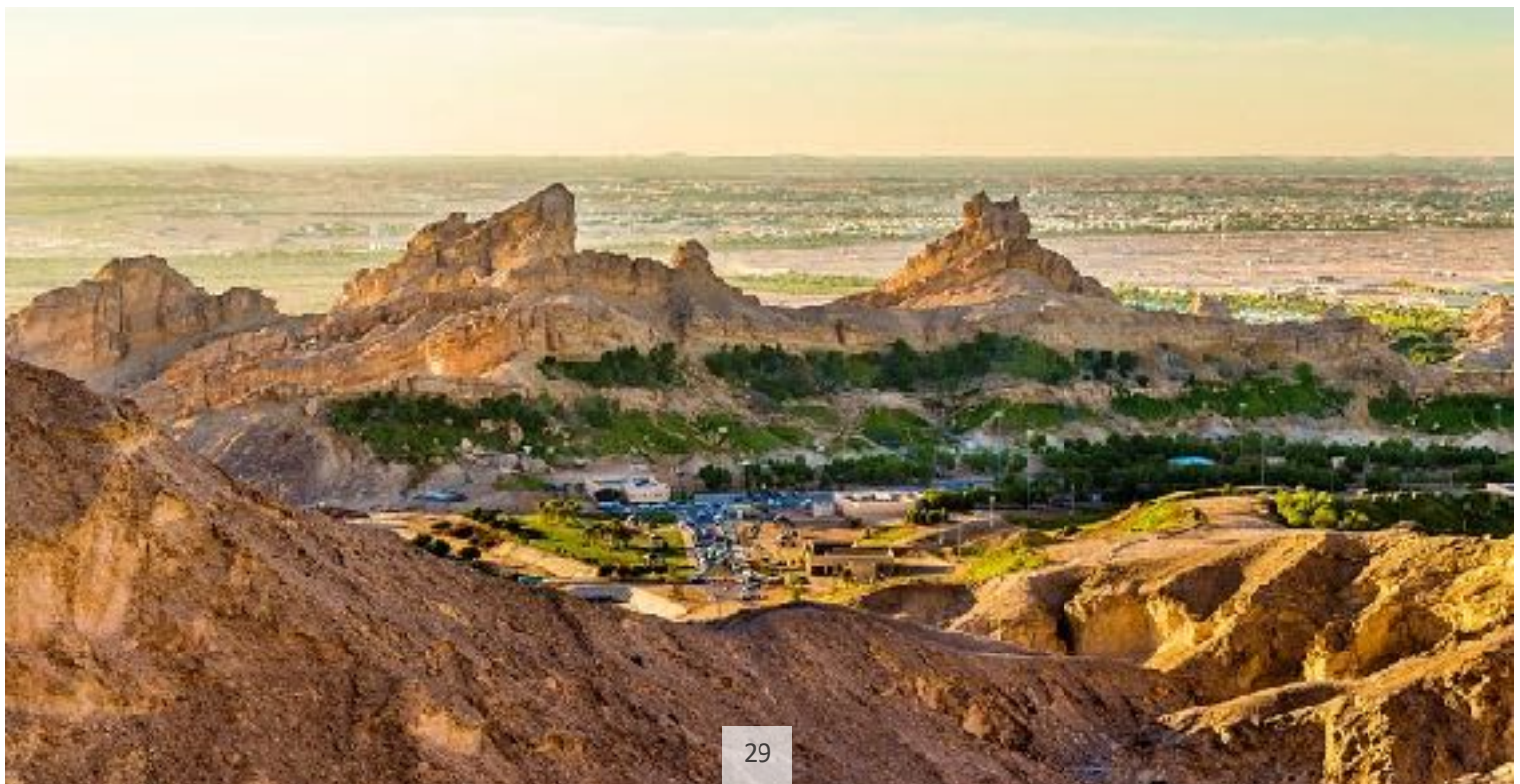
After the twisting mountain road drive, you are rewarded with being able to see across the area's vast sweep of desert.

For incredible sunrise and sunset photos, as well as majestic views of Abu Dhabi's lush garden city of Al Ain, head to the top of Jebel Hafit mountain.

Rising to a height of 1,249 metres, this skyline-dominating peak is Abu Dhabi's highest, and the UAE's second tallest.

Reach the summit of this rocky mountain by car, motorbike or, if you have the stamina, bicycle.

Standing guard over Al Ain and the borders of Oman, this craggy limestone behemoth has been weathered over millennia, with significant fossil discoveries made in the area being vital pieces in the jigsaw that makes up the city's ancient history.



BASTAKIA

AL FAHIDI HISTORICAL NEIGHBOURHOOD IS A HISTORIC DISTRICT IN DUBAI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES. THE CONSTRUCTION OF AL FAHIDI HISTORICAL NEIGHBOURHOOD DATES BACK TO THE 1890S. IN ITS PRIME, THE LOCALITY WAS CAPABLE OF 60 HOUSING UNITS, MOST OF WHICH WERE SEPARATED BY NARROW, WINDING LANES.

The Bastakia quarter of Dubai is the last remaining fragment of Old Dubai and shouldn't be missed. This small heritage area really evokes the simpler, gentler past of the city before skyscrapers took over the skyline.

Narrow lanes are lined with beautifully preserved buildings in typical Arabian architectural styles, many with wind-tower features.

Various museums allow you to enter the houses and see typical Arabian interiors within the quarter, along with mosques and a small surviving segment of the original Dubai city wall.

Al Fahidi Historical District, commonly referred to as Al Bastakiya, holds the memories of an era that pre-dates the federation of the Emirates.

Dubai is known for glitz and glamour, but before the tourism boom, before the discovery of oil and before the union of the Emirati tribes in 1971, it was a vastly different place.

The UAE was an area of sheikdoms – where bedouins lived as herders, date farmers and fishermen.



DESERT SAFARI

DESERT SAFARI DUBAI SPECIALISES IN TOURS OF THE VAST AND SPECTACULAR UAE DESERT. CATCH A STUNNING VIEW OF THE ORANGE SUNSET AND EXPERIENCE ONE OF DUBAI'S MOST ADVENTUROUS ACTIVITIES. THE DESERT SAFARI COMPANY OFFERS A VARIETY OF PACKAGES, INCLUDING A TRIP TO LAHBAB TO MEET 'BIG RED' – DUBAI'S TALLEST SAND DUNE, NAMED AFTER ITS PICTURESQUE RED COLOUR.

For those with an adventurous streak, make a beeline for the empty stretch of desert hugging the coastline outside the cities.

You'll find plenty of things to do here, from four-wheel-drive trips and dune-buggy journeys to sandboarding, hiking, and camel treks.

Most people plan a desert day trip from Dubai, but Abu Dhabi and Fujairah are also excellent bases for desert sightseeing. Bedouin-style dinners are a softer alternative if you want to experience the empty beauty of the desert.

The morning safari includes sandboarding and taking in the amazing sunrise over the impressive landscape. Camel riding offers an ideal way to venture across the desert in the same way as those who inhabited the region for centuries.

The evening desert safari grants a thrilling ride over the sand dunes before stopping in at the desert camp to enjoy a traditional Arabian feast.

Enjoy an overnight stay where you can gaze at the starry open sky after a night of entertainment with dancers and music.



BEACHES

THE MIDDLE EASTERN EMIRATE OF DUBAI MAY BE WELL KNOWN AS A LUXURY TRAVEL DESTINATION, BUT IT'S ALSO HOME TO MILES AND MILES OF SNOWY-WHITE, FINE-SAND BEACHES. THESE BEACHES ARE ON THE WARM, AQUA-BLUE PERSIAN GULF (KNOWN LOCALLY AS THE ARABIC GULF), TURNING THE AREA INTO A TRUE BEACH RESORT DESTINATION.

There's a beach for everyone in the United Arab Emirates. From the city beaches along the coast of Dubai, with their high-rise background, and Abu Dhabi's golden sand beaches along its island-littered coastline, to the luxury sweeps of sand around Ajman and the wilder beaches of the Emirate of Fujairah, you have plenty of choice.

Many luxury hotels in Dubai and Abu Dhabi have private patches of sand, which non-guests can use for a day fee. Water-sports such as diving, Jet Skiing, stand up paddleboarding, and snorkeling are also available at many resort locales.

Although many beaches are private and associated in luxury hotels, the government has made sure to provide a large number of public beaches. Most beaches in Dubai are man-made, so they're flat and wide, with soft white sand.

Dubai's intense summer temperatures mean many people go to the beach after dinner and into the night. The busy season is during winter, when many tourists come from Europe to escape the cold.

Most beaches have basic services: bathrooms, changing rooms, and showers, and most of the official beach parks also have lifeguards.



DHOW CRUISE

CRUISING DOWN DUBAI CREEK IS A NOVEL EXPERIENCE, ONE WHICH YOU CANNOT MISS WHEN IN DUBAI. IMAGINE YOURSELF ON HAVING DINNER ON A DHOW CRUISE WITH THE FACINATING LIGHTS OF DUBAI CREEK WITH MUSIC AND TANURA DANCE SHOW WITH A SIP OF YOUR FAVORITE DRINK AND BBQ BUFFET DINNER . ROMANCE FOR NEVER SO EASY TO FIND.

Cruising down dubai creek is a novel experience, dinner on a dhow cruise with the facinating lights of dubai creek with music and belly dancing with a sip of your favorite drink and bbq buffet dinner.

The Burj Khalifa may give you that famous skyline view from up high, but the most iconic Dubai views are still taken from the water.

Dubai Creek slices through the city, and the best way to experience Dubai is from one of the beautiful dhows (traditional Arabic boats) that ply the creek. Sunset cruises (which often come with entertainment and dinner)

are particularly beautiful as you watch the lights of the high-rises begin to twinkle in the dusk. Or, for a budget cruise, just hop on one of the ablas (local ferries), which ply the water between Bur Dubai and Deira.

Enjoy the spellbinding night views of Dubai city while sailing through the alluring waters. While unfolding the journey, feast on the sumptuous meals served in buffet style amid the impressive ambience with breathtaking views of the surrounding landscapes and significant highlights of Dubai city in the background.



AL-BIDYAH MOSQUE

ONE OF THE OLDEST MOSQUES IN THE UAE, AL BIDYAH MOSQUE STANDS TESTAMENT TO THE CULTURAL HERITAGE OF FUJAIRAH. THE HISTORICAL LANDMARK THAT DATES BACK TO THE 15TH CENTURY TELLS STORIES OF HISTORICAL CIVILISATIONS AND IS A WINDOW TO THE INNOVATIVE ENGINEERING OF THAT ERA.

The oldest mosque in the United Arab Emirates, Al-Bidyah, about 35 kilometers north of Fujairah city is one of the country's and the Emirate of Fujairah's most important historical sites.

Although modest in proportions, this adobe building was beautifully designed, with its original ventilation shaft patterns in the walls still visible. The entire surrounding area is an archaeological site, where many pottery and metal artifacts have been excavated.

For history lovers, this small mosque should be a must-do, and it makes an excellent

contrast with the over-the-top opulence of Abu Dhabi's Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque.

Al Bidya is uniquely built, mainly because it has fewer domes than other mosques. It has four layered domes, each containing a central pillar to support the structure.

While it now has modern lighting and air conditioning, the worn minbar (pulpit), niches for decoration or lighting, and tiny windows for lighting and ventilation echo to a bygone era. Modestly dressed tourists may visit this place of worship, which still features daily prayers.



PALM ISLANDS

THE PALM ISLANDS ARE THREE ARTIFICIAL ISLANDS, PALM JUMEIRAH, DEIRA ISLAND AND PALM JEBEL ALI, ON THE COAST OF DUBAI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES. CREATION OF THE ISLANDS STARTED IN 2001.

It's a big call but Dubai's Palm Islands are perhaps one of the country's boldest mega projects undertaken. Often referred to as the 'eighth wonder of the world' Dubai's Palm Islands are the largest manmade islands in the world and take their name from their artificially crafted palm tree shape.

These offshore islands were created from reclaimed land and have since become a popular holiday destination thanks to their uniqueness and Dubai's fast-growing tourist trade.

There are three islands in total that make up Palm Islands Dubai including Palm Jumeirah,

Palm Jebel Ali and Palm Deira, however the only island open to visitors is the Palm Jumeirah.

Home to the popular tourist attraction and famous luxury hotel Burj Al Arab, Palm Jumeirah also features residential property, some of which are home to the likes of celebrities including David Beckham, as well as commercial attractions such as Crescent, The Trunk and 16 Fronds.

All up, Dubai's Palm Islands are home to 60 luxury hotels as well as a number of marinas, health spas, shopping malls, restaurants, cinemas, sports facilities and dive sites.



SOUKS

LAVISH GOLD JEWELLERY, HANDWOVEN FABRICS, TRADITIONAL PERFUMES AND SPECIAL SOUVENIRS - YOU WILL FIND IT ALL AT DUABI AND ABU DHABI'S SOUKS.

For many visitors to the United Arab Emirates, shopping is one of the main attractions. There are megalithic, glitzy malls by the dozen, but for a more local approach to shopping jaunts, you can't beat the souks (market streets).

In Dubai, the Deira district is the main destination, with its world-famous gold souk and rather more down-to-earth fish souk, but all of the Emirati cities have their own souk districts to explore.

The souks are where you come to get a good deal on local handicrafts and much better prices (with some haggling) on products than you'd get at one of the malls.

Fittingly for Dubai, 'the city of gold', the Gold Souk is a must-see for couples looking for a statement jewellery piece, or visitors hunting for that special memento from their time in Dubai.

The wide passageways are alive with tradesmen and artists trained in the craft of designing jewellery, from bespoke pieces to alluring Arabic designs, with prices that aren't set in stone.

So what are these so-called souks in Dubai, you may wonder? Souks are Arab market or marketplace, a bazaar to be specific. They are spread all over the city.



DUBAI SHOPPING FESTIVAL

Most holidays begin with packing your bags — not this one. When you're visiting the world's biggest retail extravaganza, you've got to travel light. After all, you're going to have your hands full on your way back. So take those empty suitcases and make your way to the Dubai Shopping Festival.





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GENERAL INFORMATION

Welcome to UAE

The UAE is a global business center. New businesses should nonetheless have some awareness of Arabic culture and the ways of commerce in Arabian business environment. In the Arab world, more than anywhere else, business is conducted on the basis of personal relationships and mutual trust. It is vitally important to build on these.

Although this is changing rapidly and may not apply to all large firms, companies are often a family affair, with the ultimate decision-maker being the head of the family. Even if this is not the case, it is essential to clearly identify the decision-maker. However, initial meetings will probably be at a lower level.

Working Hours

The official weekend in the UAE is on Friday and Saturday. Some smaller private companies only close on Friday.

Government offices open at 7.30 a.m. and close at 3.00 p.m. Private offices tend to keep longer hours, adopting either “straight shift” or “split shift.” The former normally requires eight working hours beginning between 7:30am and 9:00am with a lunch break lasting 30 minutes to an hour.

The latter involves commencing between 9:00am and 10:00am and ending between 8:00pm and 9:00pm, with a three- to four-hour break in between.

During Ramadan, working hours shorten by two to three hours, with most of the work accomplished in the early hours of the morning or much later in the evening after the day’s fast is broken (at sunset).

All about the money

Currency & Exchange

The domestic currency is Emirati Dirham. Local and foreign money may be brought into UAE as cash, traveler’s check, and credit cards.

Foreign currency of all kinds may be exchanged at the airport, banks, post offices, most hotels or licensed exchange agencies in large cities. Cash withdrawals can be easily made from the many widespread ATMs via International credit or debit cards.

Language

Although Arabic is the official language, English is widely used in business transactions in the UAE.

Print business cards in English and Arabic and make sure that all brochures and presentation material are full-color and well produced.







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