

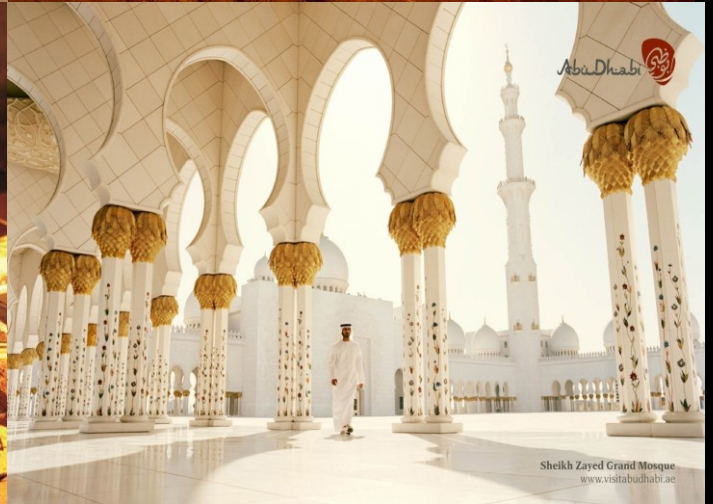
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ABU DHABI 2015



LOCAL CUISINE

While in Abu Dhabi don't miss the opportunity to sample Emirati and Gulf food, which is a reflection of the UAE's trading heritage being infused with spices and ingredients from throughout Asia and Arabia.

Cinnamon, saffron and turmeric, along with nuts, limes and dried fruit heighten the flavour of Emirati dishes, some of the most popular of which are Al Harees, a dish of meat and wheat slow-cooked in a clay oven or pot and served with ghee, and Al Majboos, made by boiling meat in water to which a distinctive blend of spices and dried limes are added. Cooked rice with saffron is layered throughout the mix. Fish is a mainstay of many local dishes with Al Madrooba, a mix of salted fish, spices and thick sauce being one of the most popular while rice is ever present and is most often served with saffron, nuts and spices.

You'll find **Emirati & Gulf cuisine** at:

Al Arish

One of the UAE's first restaurants to serve authentic Emirati cuisine, this is tucked away in the Al Dhafra Tourist Village near Mina Zayed Fish Market. It serves an array of salads, starters and traditional regional favourites.

Where: Al Mina Area, Near Fish Market

Telephone: +971 2 673 2266

Al Dhafra Dinner Cruise

A restaurant on a traditional dhow where the cruise offers great Corniche views. Upper deck seating is majlis-style with the lower deck seating around 50 people in air-conditioned comfort. Al Dhafra is renowned for serving a great range of local sweets.

Where: Al Mina area, Nr Fish Market

Telephone: +971 2 673 2266

Al Maqam

Dine in true Emirati ...

Bu Tafish

This restaurant was one of the first to find its feet in Abu Dhabi. ...

Café Arabia

Get a real feel for Arabia at this unique café opposite ...

Mezlai

This Emirates Palace favourite is Abu Dhabi's first fine dining Emirati restaurant. The restaurant serves authentic Emirati food with the kitchen being run by an Emirati chef. Mezlai, has two floors...

SAADIYAT CULTURAL DISTRICT



Unprecedented in scale and scope, Saadiyat Cultural District is set to become a global cultural hub, housing the world's largest single concentration of premier cultural assets. These will include the Louvre Abu Dhabi, Zayed National Museum and Guggenheim Abu Dhabi - all designed by Pritzker prize winners.

Louvre Abu Dhabi

Born of an agreement between the governments of Abu Dhabi and France, the museum will house the aesthetic expressions of different civilisations and cultures, from the most ancient to the most contemporary.

Zayed National Museum

At the heart of the Saadiyat Cultural District, this is UAE's national museum, telling the story of the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, his unification of the United Arab Emirates, the history of the region and its cultural connections across the world. .

Guggenheim Abu Dhabi

Designed by internationally renowned architect ...

FAMILY ATTRACTIONS

ABU DHABI CORNICHE

Corniche Beach

This lengthy stretch of beach extends along Corniche Road from near the Hilton Hotel to beyond Al Khaleej Al Arabi Street, where you'll find its main entrance. During the week you can usually find a beach umbrella, but during the weekend they may all

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FERRARI WORLD ABU DHABI



The world's first Ferrari-branded and largest indoor theme park is home to a winning mix of Ferrari inspired rides and attractions, the biggest Ferrari Store and a range of authentic Italian dining options, so there's plenty of choice for the whole family! Beneath its gigantic, iconic red roof it houses numerous high-adrenaline rides including the world's fastest rollercoaster, Formula Rossa, with a top speed of 250kmph in 4.9 seconds, family-friendly attractions, state-of-the-art simulators, electric-powered go-karts, live shows and an inspiring treasure of racing memorabilia! Open 365 days a year, at Ferrari World Abu Dhabi the fun never stops as it offers a unique experience for visitors of every age in a refreshing, indoor, climate-controlled environment.

Opening Hours: Sun-Sat, from 11am to 8pm

For a full day experience, this futuristic Yas Island waterpark spans an area of around 15 football pitches, with 43 rides, slides & attractions – five of which are one-of-a-kind.

Yas Waterworld

visitors will be able to try the world's first and largest hydromagnetic-powered, six-person tornado waterslide - it's over 235 metres long! For adrenaline seekers there ...

OBSERVATION DECK AT 300

On the 74th floor of Tower 2 at the Etihad Towers complex, the Observation Deck at 300 offers unbeatable views of Abu Dhabi's cityscape and surrounding islands. What's more, ...

BEHIND THE SCENES AT YAS MARINA CIRCUIT

Take a tour behind the scenes of one of the world's most technologically advanced motorsports circuits. The Yas Venue Tour is a must-do for those who ...

SHEIKH ZAYED GRAND MOSQUE



This architectural work of art is one the world's largest mosques, with a capacity for an astonishing 40,000 worshippers. It features 82 domes, over a 1,000 columns, 24 carat gold gilded ...

EMIRATES PARK ZOO

With over 1700 animals, including a majestic pair of white tigers...

Emirates palace A real iconic Abu Dhabi landmark, this luxurious hotel blends Arabian splendour with the latest technology to create a magical and memorable experience. During daytime, the hotel's golden-sandy colour contrasts with its fresh green gardens, silvery water fountains and the blue sky. At night, the hotel's lighting changes subtly, featuring a majestic rainbow-changing effect over the main dome.

The main Palace building stretches over a kilometre from wing to wing, and its ...

YAS VICEROY



A true architectural triumph, this five star iconic hotel is the only one in the world to straddle an F1 race track being breathtakingly built half on land and half over water. The hotel's main feature is its unique 'grid shell' - a 219 metre ...

ETIHAD TOWERS



A dramatic architectural statement, this five tower complex invites residents and visitors to live, work, stay, shop and dine in one destination with panoramic city and Arabian Gulf views. A benchmark for luxury experiences, the complex includes ...

SOUQ AL QATTARA

Dating back to the mid-20th century and founded by the late Sheikh Shakhbut bin Sultan Al Nahyan on the palm-lined road linking Al Ain's Al Qattara and Al Jimi oases, the ...

MIRAJ ISLAMIC CENTRE



An extensive collection of museum-like displays of unique Islamic art pieces sourced from around the Muslim world from places like Egypt, Syria, Iran, India, Iraq, Kashmir and Russia. Displays include meticulously hand woven pictorial and bejewelled carpets, silk textiles, jewellery, marble pieces, Arabic calligraphy engraved vases...

WOMEN'S HANDICRAFT CENTRE

This creative initiative is run by the Abu Dhabi Women's Association as a showcase for local arts and crafts. The small museum within is the chance to examine and learn about local artists' ...

NATION GALLERIA

Nestled at the foot of the stunning twin Nation Towers, which also house the luxurious St. Regis Hotel, Abu Dhabi, Nation Galleria is a high-end boutique retail destination with some of the world's most unique and renowned retail outlets spread over three floors.

With direct access from Nation Residences, Nation Offices and the St. Regis Hotel...

AVENUE AT ETIHAD TOWERS

One of the world's most expensive and exclusive collections of boutique shops, with many of the boutiques having luxurious private rooms for VIPs to shop in privacy. This myriad of luxury brands includes many 'firsts' for the Abu Dhabi market, some 'firsts' for the region, and one boutique making its ...

THE GALLERIA ON AL MARYAH ISLAND

In the capital's new Central Business District on Al Maryah Island, with spectacular waterfront and cityscape, The Galleria has over 130 of the world's most renowned brand outlets - including 50 Abu Dhabi 'firsts'.

Designer labels and high-end brands now with their first store in the emirate are: Aspinall of London, Berluti, Boucheron, Celine, Diane von Furstenberg, Jimmy Choo, Marc Jacobs, Mulberry, ... The Galleria is connected with the uber-luxurious Rosewood Abu Dhabi - through a unique network of climate-controlled corridors.

YAS MALL

With 235,000 square metres of floor space and 10,000 car parking spaces, Yas Mall is Abu Dhabi's biggest shopping centre and the UAE's ...

EASTERN MANGROVES PROMENADE

This new retail and lifestyle hub within the Eastern Mangroves complex is connected to the five-star Eastern Mangroves Hotel and Spa by Anantara, and boasts a mix of 11 restaurants, health & beauty and leisure outlets, and ...

CENTRES & BARGAIN OUTLETS

- **Madinat Zayed Shopping Centre & Gold Centre**

Shopaholics will love this mall. It has over 400 shops selling just about everything and some traditional souk traders have moved here. The Madinat Zayed Gold Centre, next to the main mall, sells the finest gold, diamond and pearl jewellery.

Where: Between Airport Road and Murour Road, off Sheikh Zayed the 1st Road, Abu Dhabi

Telephone: +971 2 633 3311

Hamdan Centre

Something of an institution on Abu Dhabi's shopping scene, this vibrant centre in the heart of the city is a good place to buy, leather goods, shoes, ...

TRADITIONAL MARKETS & SOUKS

- Souk is Arabic for 'marketplace.' Historically, dhows from the Far East and India would offload their cargo and the goods would be haggled over in the nearby souks. Over the years the goods on sale have diversified dramatically; today alongside the spices, silks and perfumes you'll find electronic goods, souvenirs, clothing and household items. Abu Dhabi's souks are worth a visit for their bustling atmosphere, eclectic variety of goods, and to observe the traditional way of doing business.

Every morning, fishermen load ...

YAS BEACH

- Set on a majestic stretch of white sand, and easily connected to all of the island's diverse leisure activities, this laid-back beach is a blissful new development on the emirate's entertainment district. Sun seekers holidaying at any of Yas Island's seven hotels and hotel apartments can now enjoy complimentary access to Yas Beach. To enter for free (and bag a complimentary sun lounger), Yas Plaza ...

ABU DHABI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT



With more than 52 airlines flying to and from some 85 cities in over 49 countries, Abu Dhabi International Airport holds the 2013 World Airport Awards' 'Best Airport in the Middle East' accolade, for the second year running.

The newly refurbished Terminal 1, with design and architecture reflecting traditional Emirati hospitality elements set in a high-end, ultramodern ambience, delivers a 5-star travel experience.

The home of Etihad Airways - the national airline of the United Arab Emirates – Terminal 3 welcomes travellers to plush Etihad lounges and an award-winning concierge style check-in. Impressive retail is managed by DFS, the world's largest luxury retailer, and is complemented by up-market restaurants and cafés.

The planned Midfield Terminal Complex (MTC), the centrepiece of Abu Dhabi Airport's Company (ADAC)'s multibillion-dollar investment programme, will provide a full terminal ...

YAS EXPRESS

Yas Express – the complimentary shuttle bus service in Yas Island – runs daily in two routes providing easy access to Yas Island's main attractions and landmarks.

Blue route:

Operating daily from ...

BON VOYAGE

With complements

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