

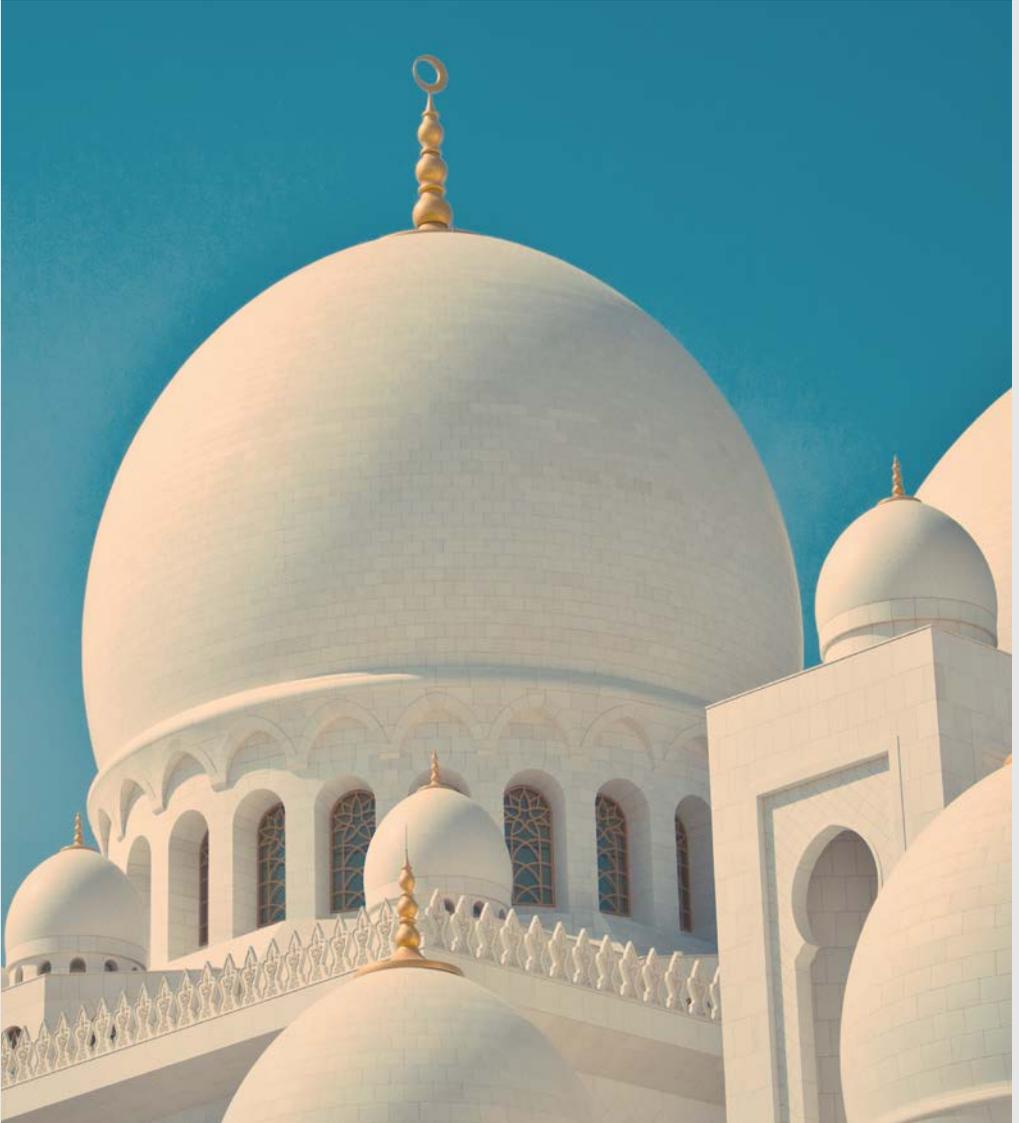
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES TRAVEL GUIDE

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UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

OVERVIEW

Modern, dynamic, hot, expansive, and elusive, The United Arab Emirates is a rapidly growing, exciting and enriching destination, and a gateway to the Middle-East. A federation of seven emirates, UAE is on the Arabian Peninsula bordered by Oman and Saudi Arabia. With a unique mix of Western lifestyle and traditional Muslim values, the diverse culture of Abu Dhabi thrives in a colourful, hot desert climate.

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

WHAT TO SEE



Burj Khalifa

Visit the sky high observation deck on the world's tallest building for panoramic views.

Dubai



Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque

This colossal and beautiful mosque showcases astonishing craftsmanship.

Abu Dhabi



Al-Bidayah Mosque

Visit the archaeological site of the oldest mosque in the UAE.

Emirate of Fujairah



The Hajar Mountains

These mountains offer spectacular scenery and fantastic hiking.

Eastern UAE



The Bastakia Quarter

Experience Old Dubai's beautiful buildings and Arabian architecture.

Bastakia



Jumeirah Beach

Wander the white sands by foot or camelback.

Dubai



Sand Boarding Safari

Conquer the dunes while learning to sand board, fun for the whole family!

Abu Dhabi Desert



Ski Dubai

Ski the famous indoor slopes with 22,500 square metres of snow in which to play.

Mall of the Emirates Dubai

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

SHOPPING



Al Mina Fruit & Vegetable Souk

This market sells an array of colourful fresh produce.

Abu Dhabi



Al Ain Souk

Also known as the Central or Old Souk, this is the place to experience the local atmosphere and practice bargaining.

Abu Dhabi



Souk Al Zafarana

Discover Emirati culture and look through traditional garments, incense, spices, and henna.

Abu Dhabi



Madinat Zayed Shopping Centre

With over 400 shops this mall sells everything including fine gold, pearl and diamond jewellery.

Abu Dhabi



Dubai Mall

The ultimate shopping resort offers shopping and entertainment complete with an ice-skating rink and an aquarium.

Dubai



Burjuman Centre

Shop the home of high-end fashion for all your favourite luxury brands.

Dubai



The Galleria

Views, cafes and designer labels are all on offer in the new Central Business District.

Al Maryah Island,
Dubai



Gold Souk

A popular tourist attraction thanks to alleyways filled with sumptuous gold jewellery and gemstones.

Dubai

ABU DHABI

The capital of the UAE offers many tourist attractions and opportunities. Often described as one of the most modern and affluent cities in the world, Abu Dhabi is surrounded by high rises, hotels, casinos, and resorts. Culture and heritage are considered vital to the city's planning and development, so a careful mix of the old and the new has been moulded. Abu Dhabi is a multifaceted tourist haven highly sought after for adventure activities, cultural exploration, water sports, and beaches. A 14-hour flight direct from Sydney, you may feel a long way from home and but excited by the abundance of activities on offer.

HIGHLIGHTS



Abu Dhabi Corniche

Perfect for walking, jogging or sitting outside.



Emirates Palace

The second-most expensive hotel ever built.



Ferrari World

The largest indoor amusement park in the world!



Souk Markets

Sample traditional Arabic delights.

ABU DHABI CORNICHE

Take advantage of the inviting and expansive Abu Dhabi waterfront. This outdoor area is perfect for walking, jogging or sitting outside watching live performances. Over 8 km of waterfront allows you to explore in comfort and style. Visit Corniche Beach and relax under a beach umbrella or dive into the safe, clean waters for a swim. You can even ride a bike to explore on the move.



EMIRATES PALACE

Experience a taste of history, luxury and breathtaking Abu Dhabi architecture in this iconic hotel. The exterior of the building alone is a magnificent site, while those lucky enough to stay here will experience divine Abu Dhabi hospitality. Emirates Palace is the second-most expensive hotel ever built and it's not hard to see why. A 1.3 km private beach (with imported sand) and lush gardens surround the property. At night, the vision is spectacular with the dome pulsating with colourful, changing colours to light the night sky.



FERRARI WORLD

Unleash your motorcar driving potential on Yas Island at Ferrari World, the largest indoor amusement park in the world! Over 20 rides and attractions celebrate the Ferrari brand and experience. Ride the world's fastest roller coaster or step it up a notch with the stomach-dropping 'G-Force' ride which drops 62 metres from the air. For devoted Ferrari fans, there's plenty of memorabilia to purchase as souvenirs.



SOUK MARKETS

Translated as 'marketplace' in Arabic, souks are traditional places where spices, silks, perfumes, and other goods have been sold and bargained for years. While there are many souks to explore, the Souk Central Market is right in the heart of Abu Dhabi, just a couple of blocks from the Corniche. Browse local and traditional products like jewellery, carpets, antiques, and fashion. Best of all, sample traditional Arabic delights.



ABU DHABI

ACCOMMODATION



 *Based on 2807 reviews

JUMEIRAH AT ETIHAD TOWERS

West Corniche,
Abu Dhabi, Emirate of Abu Dhabi,
Tel: +97143647111

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
HJMoore
Reviewed 7/01/2017*

We've visited Abu Dhabi many times but this was our first time at Etihad Towers.

We had a fantastic holiday and we would all happily return to the hotel.

Positives-
Location is good for Marina Mall, Corniche, Emirates Palace and there are lots of good restaurants in the hotel and near by at the Hilton, St Regis, Emirates Palace and Intercontinental hotels.



 *Based on 819 reviews

ROSEWOOD ABU DHABI

Al Maryah Island 2 St, Abu Dhabi Global
Market Square Abu Dhabi, Dhab41184
Tel: +97128135550

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Katie H
Reviewed 7/01/2017*

On a recent trip in Abu Dhabi we felt like kings in the rosewood being waited on hand and foot. Nothing was too much and staff were amazing. We purchased the manor suite package which includes buffet breakfast, lunch (hot and Cold selection), evening tea (sweets and cakes) and cocktail hour that al includes tapas. Food was amazing and there was a great selection to choose from. Cocktail hour was between 6:30 to 9:30 where you can choose from a ...

*TripAdvisor ratings and reviews accurate as of January 2017

ABU DHABI

ACCOMMODATION



  *Based on 2745 reviews

YAS VICEROY ABU DHABI

Yas Island Leisure Drive,
Abu Dhabi, Emirate of Abu Dhabi,
Tel: +97126560000

Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
mkeptrvl
Reviewed 8/01/2017

Yas Island is a very touristy part of Abu Dhabi. I felt that the one day we spent there was plenty to enjoy the area. Yas Viceroy is a great place to stay if this is where you want to be. A regular shuttle stops at the hotel and takes you to the bigger attractions, including the beach, the mall/Ferrari World and others. The room is clean, spacious and roomy. The restaurants were very good.



  *Based on 1765 reviews

PARK HYATT ABU DHABI HOTEL & VILLAS

Sheikh Khalifa Highway (E 12 Road), Jazirat As Saadiyat, Abu Dhabi, 52007
Tel: +97124071234

Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
sfhtraveltheworld
Reviewed 8/01/2017

This has been our 5th time and we will be back soon! I am not going to give detailed feedback this time as it has been wonderful like all our other stays. We love the hotel and hope that with the high occupancy and the years it has been in the market it will see regular refurbishments to keep the high standard.

*TripAdvisor ratings and reviews accurate as of January 2017

ABU DHABI

WINE & DINE



 *Based on 428 reviews

KOI RESTAURANT & LOUNGE

The Collection, Saadiyat, The Collection
Abu Dhabi, Emirate of Abu Dhabi,
Tel: +971 2 678 3334

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
BLUEFINES .
Reviewed 8/01/2017*

Me and my buddies meet here to have a nice drink and quick bites, we ordered the salmon appetizers was fine but not superb, then came platter of maki rolls, well to be honest i didn't find any extra especial about their food if you compare the Quality and authenticity of their food to Tori No su of Etihad towers i will choose Tori no su. the only good about this place is the Ambience and service.



 *Based on 327 reviews

ANGAR

Yas Viceroy Abu Dhabi, Yas Island
Abu Dhabi, Emirate of Abu Dhabi,
Tel: +971 2 656 0600

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Ahmed A
Reviewed 5/01/2017*

If you are a fan of Indian kitchen I recommend to try Angar. Very friendly staff and lovely styles and decorations. It may be expensive, it worth a try though.

*TripAdvisor ratings and reviews accurate as of January 2017

ABU DHABI

WINE & DINE



 *Based on 328 reviews

SONTAYA

Saadiyat Island, c/o The St Regis Saadiyat Island, Abu Dhabi,
Tel: +971 2 498 8888

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Tintana
Reviewed 4/01/2017*

We came here for a meal thinking it was just Thai food but there's different Asian foods which was actually nicely done. The outside seating is next a small pool very romantic. Service is great. The cocktails are good too. Highly recommended.



 *Based on 407 reviews

THE TERRACE ON THE CORNICHE

Hameem-Abu Dhabi Rd, Nation Towers,
Corniche Abu Dhabi,
Tel: +971 2 694 4553

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Soozemct
Reviewed 7/01/2017*

We had brunch at The Terrace and as brunches go it was fantastic. The food was amazing, drinks plentiful and the staff friendly and attentive without being overbearing. Thanks to Raj our waiter who was lovely. The cheese selection in particular was like nothing we'd seen before! The restaurant had a great ambience and afterwards we sat in the bar (comfy sofas) to enjoy Happy Hour ... Would definitely recommend

*TripAdvisor ratings and reviews accurate as of January 2017



DUBAI

Dubai has the largest population of all UAE cities and is located on the UAE's northern coast. Full of bright lights and exciting architectural developments, Dubai is a global city with a dominant business orientation. Resorts, hotels, shopping malls and man-made islands are all key icons of the city, which rates as one of the best in the Middle East to live in.

HIGHLIGHTS



Burj Khalifa
The world's tallest tower.



Global Village
Brings the people of Dubai together.



Palm Islands
Truly spectacular to visit.



Ski Dubai
The Middle-East's first indoor ski resort.

BURJ KHALIFA

A trip to the top of the world's tallest tower is on the agenda for many Dubai tourists. Head to level 124 of the Burj Khalifa to visit the highest observatory tower in the world! Through your journey to the top, you will discover the history behind the tower and Dubai itself.



GLOBAL VILLAGE

A vast combination of live entertainment, shopping and cultural attractions, Global Village brings the people of Dubai together. Authentic handicrafts, cuisine, and daily live performances happen under one roof. True to its name, Global Village celebrates global cultures, such as unique South American music and folklore.



PALM ISLANDS

While these two palm-shaped islands off Dubai are man made, they are truly spectacular to visit. Palm Jumeirah and Palm Jebel Ali offer over 100 luxury hotels, residential areas, shopping malls, and private beaches. Palm Jumeirah is the place to go for a resort break with luxury shopping, fine dining and perfect areas to view the Dubai sunset.



SKI DUBAI

The Middle-East's first indoor ski resort is nothing short of amazing. A world of skiing, snowboarding and other activities provide a welcome family break away from the desert heat of Dubai. Watch the resident penguins come out a few times a day to meet visitors.



DUBAI

ACCOMMODATION



 *Based on 652 reviews

RESIDENCE & SPA AT ONE&ONLY ROYAL MIRAGE DUBAI

Al Sufouh Road, Jumeirah Beach Road
Dubai, Emirate of Dubai, 37252
Tel: +97143248888

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Mbsmiff54
Reviewed 7/01/2017*

a definite must absolutely brill I looked and felt younger my skin glowed and tighten best face treatment I have ever had cant wait to go back and have another well worth it thank you again for a brill holiday and nice to be back with the "family"



 *Based on 3076 reviews

RAFFLES DUBAI

Sheikh Rashid Road, Wafi
Dubai, Emirate of Dubai, 121800
Tel: +97143248888

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Erum F
Reviewed 8/01/2017*

Diplomatic suite was most luxurious and modern we have stayed in Dubai with breathtaking views of the downtown skyline with Burg Khalifa. Egyptian pyramid architecture Connected to beautiful WAFI mall in healthcare city. Amazing staff and service. Would definitely recommend and return.

*TripAdvisor ratings and reviews accurate as of January 2017

DUBAI

ACCOMMODATION



  *Based on 921 reviews

ONE&ONLY THE PALM DUBAI

West Crescent, Palm Jumeirah
Dubai, Emirate of Dubai, 114843
Tel:

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
lydiajennings2017
Reviewed 5/01/2017*

One and Only The Palm is absolutely exceptional! We had an amazing holiday and overall experience, the hotel is stunning and the setting but also the staff make the hotel just that much better. They are all so welcoming and friendly, I would specifically like to point out our 'host' Russel, he is a huge asset to One & Only, his manor, friendliness, nothing is too much for him, such a welcome addition to our 10 day holiday.

Thank you for making ou...



  *Based on 3556 reviews

JUMEIRAH DAR AL MASYAF AT MADINAT JUMEIRAH

Jumeirah Beach Road, Madinat Jumeirah
Resort, Dubai, Emirate of Dubai, 75157
Tel:

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
NWJ66
Reviewed 8/01/2017*

We stopped here for the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix. I don't know what to say other than with amazing rooms, over 40 restaurants and incredibly polite and efficient staff I cannot rate staying here highly enough. We had one of the Arabian summer houses. It was amazing. We traveled everywhere by abra (small boat) as they stopped at the restaurants. I wouldn't hesitate to stop here again.

*TripAdvisor ratings and reviews accurate as of January 2017

DUBAI

WINE & DINE



  *Based on 1151 reviews

ENTRECOTE CAFE DE PARIS

The Dubai Mall, Lower Ground, Waterfall,
Dubai, Emirate of Dubai,
Tel: +971 4 434 0122

Review by TripAdvisor Traveller

Reviewed 7/01/2017

We ordered Gateau and Sticky date pudding and it was really nice. They make perfect coffee too. The service is excellent!



  *Based on 184 reviews

FOUNTAIN RESTAURANT

19th Street, Opp. American Hospital, 19th
Street, Oud Metha RoadDubai, 32733
Tel: +971 4 336 6000

Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
ADee53

Reviewed 7/01/2017

Was pleasantly surprised at both the quality of food and ambience of this restaurant in oud Metha. There was a decent selection that catered to the veggies and meat eaters in my family with some yummy deserts too.

The restaurant itself is located on the ground floor but is tucked away nicely.

We used an entertainer voucher for added value too! Would definitely visit again on their themed nights.

*TripAdvisor ratings and reviews accurate as of January 2017

DUBAI

WINE & DINE



 *Based on 299 reviews

MISTRAL

Ibn Battuta Gate Hotel Gardens Cross Rd,
Dubai, Emirate of Dubai, 211508
Tel: +971 4 444 0000

Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
fknudsen
Reviewed 8/01/2017

Excellent selection of food with great staff Singh, Swapnil, Winnie, Elizabeth and Naveed. We like the atmosphere and we come back again.



 *Based on 285 reviews

THE EDGE

Crescent Dr, Atlantis, The Palm
Dubai, Emirate of Dubai,
Tel: +971 4 426 2626

Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
W M
Reviewed 2/01/2017

Excellent service, great place to eat lunch or dinner. BBQ buffet dinner evening is definitely worth attending but you do have to reserve your table in advance.

*TripAdvisor ratings and reviews accurate as of January 2017

INFORMATION

PACKING ESSENTIALS

- **Loose clothing** - Make sure to be respectful of the culture while staying cool in the warm weather.
- **Camera** - Capture the amazing desert and city landscapes.
- **Phrase book** - If you have a limited knowledge of Arabic.

INFORMATION

TRAVEL TIPS

- Plan your visit to Sydney Airport by doing some research on the airport and your terminal, whether it be T1, T2 or T3.
- Check the security regulations in relation to what you can and cannot take through the security screening point and onto an aircraft, including prohibited items, dangerous goods, and liquids, aerosols, and gels (LAGs).
- Check your baggage allowance with your airline.
- Use the directional signage at the terminal to ensure a smooth and enjoyable journey through the airport.
- Ensure that your driver's licence can be used in your country of destination or that you have organised an international driver's licence.
- If you have not already purchased travel insurance along with your ticket, you can purchase it at Sydney Airport at the Last Chance Travel Insurance located in the International Terminal (T1) after Customs. Alternatively, purchase insurance at any Travelex outlet or the Australia Post Shop at International Terminal (T1) located before Customs, near check-in counter J.

GET TO THE AIRPORT

- Make sure you have plenty of time ahead of check-in. If you are unsure as to when you should arrive at the airport, contact your airline directly.

GET READY FOR BOARDING

- Security screening – whether your destination is within Australia or overseas, allow sufficient time to proceed through security screening.
- **Australian Customs and Border Protection Service** – allow sufficient time to proceed through Customs and Border Protection.
- **Passports** - must be valid for a minimum of six months ahead of your departing date for most countries. We strongly recommend you verify exact requirements with your airline.
- **Boarding passes** - issued at the airline check-in counter upon presentation of your ticket reservation (printed e-ticket) or booking confirmation number along with your valid passport.
- **Immigration cards** - available before you enter Customs and Border Protection. The cards must be filled out and presented to the Customs and Border Protection Officer along with your passport and boarding pass.
- **Find your departing gate** using display screens. These screens are available in the airline check-in area and at each departure gate.

RELAX

- At Sydney airport, you have plenty of options to shop while you are waiting to board your flight. Remember that all duty free purchases must be finalised 20 minutes before your flight departs.

INFORMATION

YOUR DESTINATION



**DISTANCE
FROM SYDNEY**
12,069 kilometres



WHEN TO GO
November - April



LANGUAGE
Arabic



WEATHER
Summer: 28°- 41° Celsius
Winter: 21°- 34° Celsius



TIME ZONE
UTC +4



CURRENCY
United Arab Emirates
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