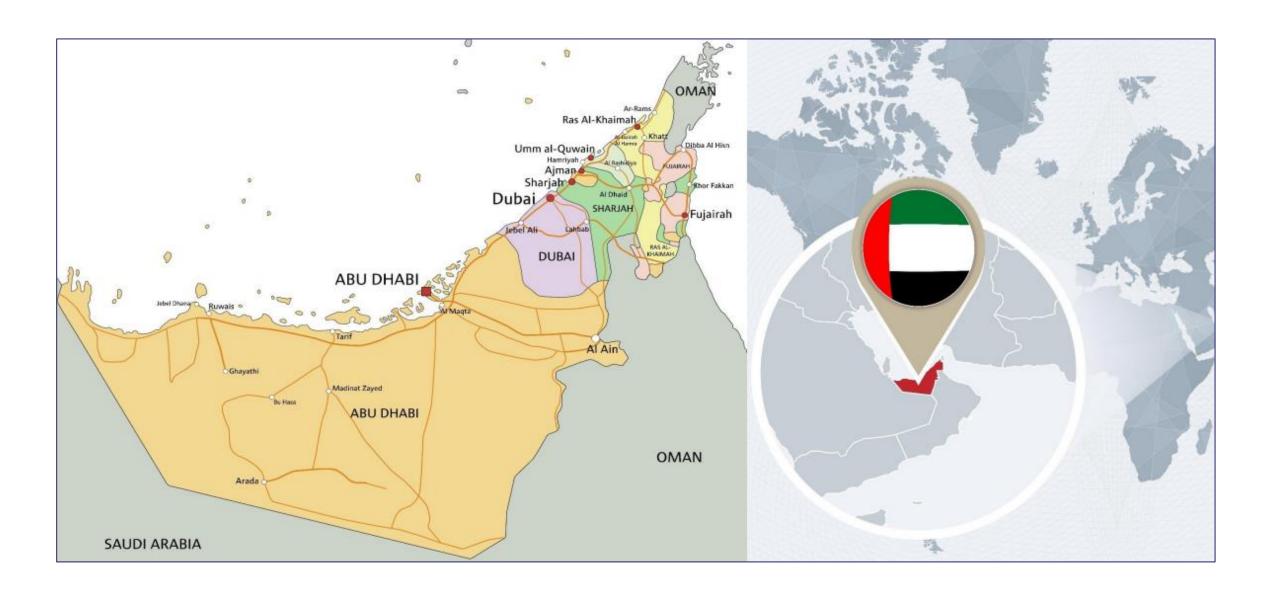


Abu Dhabi, Capital of the UAE





Essential Information



Location

Abu Dhabi is the largest of the seven emirates that make up the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

Language

Arabic is the official language, although English is widely spoken and most road and shop signs, as well as restaurant menus, are in both languages.

Capital

Abu Dhabi is the capital of the UAE and is a fascinating archipelago made up of over 200 islands.

Religion

Islam is the official religion of the UAE and Abu Dhabi is tolerant of other religions with people being free to practise their religious beliefs.

Geography

The emirate of Abu Dhabi is divided into three regions: Abu Dhabi city and surrounds, Al Ain and Al Dhafra.

Currency

The UAE dirham (AED or Dhs), which is divided into 100 fils and is pegged against the US dollar (1 USD = AED 3.6725).

Time

+4 hours Greenwich Mean Time with no daylight saving.

> Power Outlets

Abu Dhabi uses the same type of plug as the United Kingdom: square three-pin sockets with an electricity supply of 220/240 volts at 50 Hz (Type G).

Population

The population of Abu Dhabi is approximately 3 million, 20% Emirati citizens and 80% expatriates from around the world.

> Basic Arabic

Hi: Salam, Good morning: Sabah el kheer, Welcome: Marhaba, Thank you (very much): Shukran (jazeelan), You're welcome (for thank you): Afwan,

Goodbye: Ma'a salama

Iconic Landmarks





SHEIKH ZAYED GRAND MOSQUE

Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque is an iconic and unique house of worship and is the UAE's largest mosque.

Non-Muslims cannot enter mosques in UAE, but Sheikh Zayed Mosque is an exception and accepts visitors with daily guided tours every day.

It can accommodate more than 41,000 worshipers.



LOUVRE ABU DHABI A UNIVERSAL MUSEUM

Designed by Jean Nouvel, displays permanent galleries and temporary exhibitions.

Includes a children's museum, rooftop café and Michelin star chef at Fouquet's restaurant.

*Image courtesy of Department of Culture and Tourism - Abu Dhabi



QASR AL HOSN

Qasr Al Hosn, also known as the White Fort, is the oldest stone building in the city, and as such has become a symbol of Emirati heritage, culture, and tradition.

The iconic fort opened to the public in late 2018, showcasing a range of historical artefacts, photographs, and Memorabilia.



QASR AL WATAN

Qasr Al Watan - 'Palace of the Nation', the new cultural landmark in Abu Dhabi.

Boasts of seven zones showcasing: Presidential Gifts, Spirit of Collaboration, A Memory from the Palace, The Great Hall, The Presidential Banquet, House of Knowledge and the Qasr Al Watan Library.

Iconic Landmarks





YAS ISLAND

AN ENTERTAINMENT DESTINATION

CLYMB: Yas Island's newest attraction

Warner Bros. World™ Abu Dhabi

Ferrari World Abu Dhabi: The world's first Ferrari-brand theme park

Yas Waterworld: Award-winning waterpark

Yas Marina Circuit: Hosts the annual F1 Etihad Airways Abu Dhabi Grand Prix



JUBAIL MANGROVE PARK
ABU DHABI'S LATEST ATTRACTION

First self-contained educational, nature and leisure destination of its kind.

Cultural and ecological information on the trees in the region.

Focused on protection and preservation of the natural habitat and wildlife.

Open daily: 8 am to 6:30 pm

Kayak tours through the mangroves are also available.



DUNE BASHING DESERT EXPERIENCE

Dune bashing is a fantastic way to explore Abu Dhabi's soaring dunes and impressive sand valleys.

Dune-bashing experiences also feature camel rides, sandboarding, henna painting, trying on traditional clothing, falcon and sometimes saluki (desert hunting dog) shows, and belly-dancing performances.



PEARL DIVING

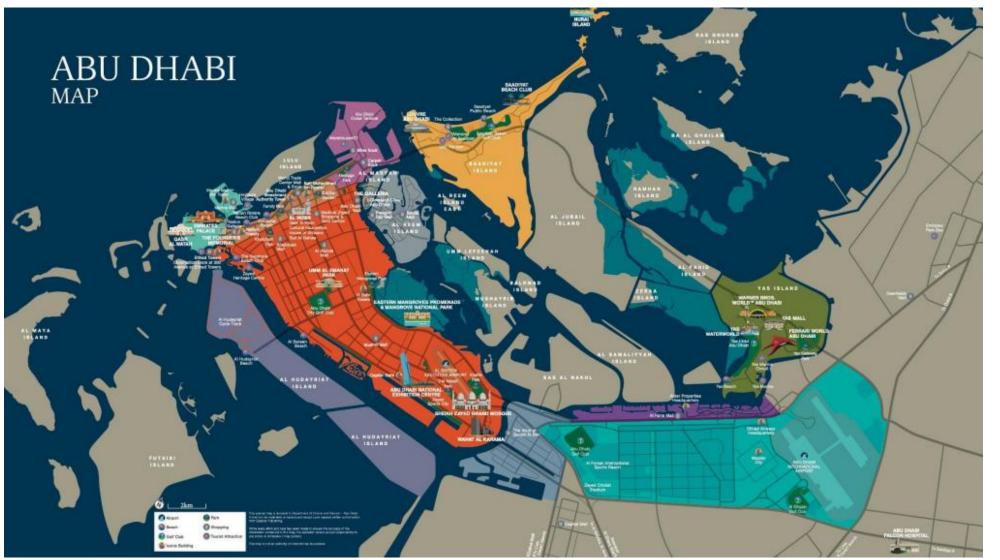
Abu Dhabi's history is deeply connected to the sea and the pearling industry contributed to the economic growth of the UAE.

The world's oldest-known natural pearl, which was 8,000 years old, was found in Abu Dhabi in 2019.

Tours are hosted on traditional pearling dhows, while Emirati guides explain how the country's forefathers dived for and traded pearls, the crew sing traditional songs and guests are given the chance to dive for pearls followed by a meal onboard.

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THE CORNICHE

The Corniche is 8 km long, and includes children's play areas, separate cycle and pedestrian pathways, restaurants, cafés and the Corniche Beach.

What to do: Walk/Cycle along the Corniche, enjoy a Golden Cappuccino at Emirates Palace, visit Marina mall, enjoy the spectacular view from Observation Deck at 300 (the highest vantage point in Abu Dhabi), relax on the beach, visit the Heritage Village and marvel at one of the worlds tallest flagpoles

Where to eat: From cafes along the Corniche to fine dining restaurants, there is plenty on offer, including a revolving restaurant and high tea at Emirates Palace or Observation Deck at 300

Distance from Airport: 30 minutes













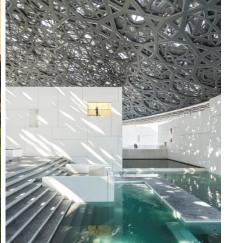














SAADIYAT ISLAND

Saadiyat Island in Abu Dhabi offers an enticing mix of things to do, including arts and culture.

What to do: Visit Louvre Abu Dhabi and Manarat Al Saadiyat, enjoy a round of golf at the Saadiyat Beach Golf Club, relax on the beach at Mamsha Al Saadiyat's Soul Beach or at the Saadiyat Beach Club

Where to eat: Mamsha Al Saadiyat offers more than 10 F&B outlets along a pristine strip of beachfront, each hotel has several dining outlets from pool bars to sports bars and casual restaurants to fine dining options

Distance from Airport: 30 minutes

YAS ISLAND

This landmark, family-friendly entertainment hub is the perfect place to bring kids (from toddler to teen), thrill seekers and those looking to unwind.

What to do: Yas Island is home to an F1™ racetrack (on certain days of the week you can walk/run/cycle around the track), several theme parks (CLYMB, Warner Bros. World™ Abu Dhabi, Ferrari World Abu Dhabi (the world's first Ferraribrand theme park) and the award-winning Yas Waterworld, an incredible links golf course, beautiful beach, stunning hotels, an impressive mall and the new Etihad Arena

Where to eat: Pier 71 offers more than 10 F&B outlets, Yas Marina offers several more F&B options, and each hotel has several bars and restaurants

Distance from Airport: 15 minutes

























AIRPORT & KHALIFA CITY

The Abu Dhabi Airport, Khalifa City and surrounding areas includes one of the world's most sustainable urban communities amongst other residential areas.

What to do: Choose from a variety of activities at the Al Forsan International Sports Resort including; motorsports, paintball, water sports, equestrian, shooting, archery and more, play a round of golf at the Abu Dhabi Golf Club and experience Masdar City - one of the world's most sustainable urban communities

Where to eat: Between two Marriott managed 5* hotels there are 11 F&B options to choose from, there are cafes, coffee shops and food trucks scattered across the area with different cuisines to try

Distance from Airport: 10 minutes

GRAND CANAL (MAQTA BRIDGE)

Al Maqta Bridge was built in 1968 and was the first to connect the Abu Dhabi island to the mainland, this area offers spectacular views of the canal and the iconic Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque.

What to do: Visit the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque, enjoy boat rides across the canal and other water sports, relax on the beach, shop at The Souk Qaryat Al Beri and visit Al Qana, which features The National Aquarium

Where to eat: Each of the hotels offers several F&B options, there is also The Souk Qaryat Al Beri and The Venetian Village (located near the Ritz-Carlton Abu Dhabi Hotel) that offer additional dining options

Distance from Airport: 15 minutes

























ABU DHABI ISLAND

Abu Dhabi city itself is on an island, 250 metres (820 feet) from the mainland. There are a number of bridges that connect it to the mainland and other islands, including Saadiyat Island and Reem Island.

What to do: Visit the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque, Qasr Al Hosn, Qasr Al-Watan, shop at malls or traditional shopping centers (including the World Trade Centre Souk), relax at Umm Al Emarat Park, attend exhibitions at the Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre, play a round of golf at the Abu Dhabi City Golf Club, Kayak in the mangroves and explore the surrounding Abu Dhabi islands

Where to eat: With an abundance of hotels (each offering their own F&B outlets) there are hundreds of options to choose from, there are street side cafes, coffee shops, food trucks and mall dining options

Distance from Airport: 20-30 minutes

















