



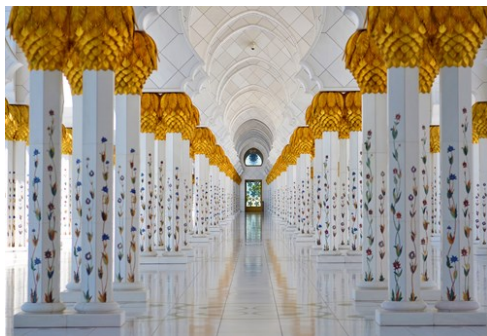
# Abu Dhabi

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With glass skyscrapers that reflect the bustle of daily life, magnificent buildings such as the Emirates Palace, its lively souqs, excellent restaurants and long stretches of white beaches lapped by the crystal clear waters of the Gulf, Abu Dhabi is a city of outstanding contrasts.



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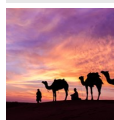
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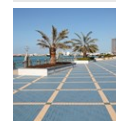
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## THE CITY



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Abu Dhabi can trace its history way back to the Bronze Age and has a long tradition of profitable trading. However, it wasn't until the 1950s — when oil was found — that it was transformed from its desert landscape into the fabulous city it is today. Designed in a grid-like fashion with wide open spaces and boulevards, this is the second-largest city in the oil-rich United Arab Emirates, after its neighbour Dubai, and also the seat of government and capital of the emirate of Abu Dhabi.

Daily life centres around its main thoroughfares, including the busy Sheikh Zayed Street and the paved waterfront Corniche. Always bustling, the Corniche is where you can admire the stunning pink-washed Emirates Palace at the Ras Al Bateen, built as a hotel for visiting royalty, and locals can be seen jogging or cycling with much enthusiasm. Families with children and leisure walkers regularly enjoy the atmosphere.

A short walk from the water's edge, are streets full of shiny new skyscrapers that house the city's financial and banking institutions, its world-famous company offices and its government buildings. At the pavement level, hotels and restaurants cater for every taste, while shopping malls are full of designer fashions. In contrast, the many souqs offer gold,

spices or traditional craft items.

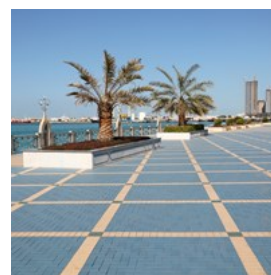
## DO & SEE



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Abu Dhabi's attractions are diverse and vary from landmark architectural triumphs to centuries-old structures and beaches. The Corniche sweeps along the waterfront from one side of the city to the other, passing by the lavishly planted Al Markaziyah Gardens, one of the many parks in the city, and Lulu Island across the water, delightful with its palm trees and nature reserve.

### The Corniche



The Corniche is a stunning waterfront promenade stretching eight kilometres along Abu Dhabi's picturesque coastline. It offers

pristine beaches, beautifully landscaped parks, and a dedicated cycling path. With its panoramic views of the Arabian Gulf, a variety of cafés and restaurants, and a lively atmosphere, the Corniche is a beloved destination for both locals and tourists looking to enjoy the vibrant outdoor life of Abu Dhabi.

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Address: The Corniche, Abu Dhabi

## Zayed National Museum



The Zayed National Museum is one of the most meaningful places in Abu Dhabi to explore the story of the nation and the wider region. Named in honour of the UAE's founding father, the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, the museum brings together culture, heritage, history and the principles he championed.

You will be taken on a journey through time, beginning nearly 300,000 years ago in the stone-tool era, before moving through a series of galleries featuring both permanent and temporary exhibitions. If you like to plan ahead, the museum website provides all the information you need before your visit.

Facilities include a cloakroom, free Wi-Fi, ATMs and restrooms. When it comes to dining, the museum features a restaurant and three cafés set within Al Masar Garden. Before leaving, you can stop by Al Nagwa, the museum's boutique, which offers jewellery and a selection of high-quality gifts.

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Address: Al Saadiyat Island - Cultural District - Abu Dhabi  
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Email: [socialmedia@ZayedNationalMuseum.ae](mailto:socialmedia@ZayedNationalMuseum.ae)

## Natural History Museum



The Natural History Museum is striking even before you step inside, with an architectural design inspired by geological forms that makes it one of Abu Dhabi's most remarkable

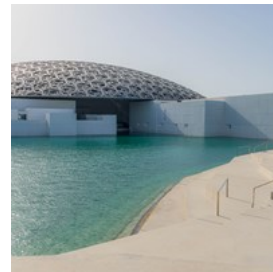
buildings.

It's an excellent choice for families, as children will be captivated by the exhibits. Inside, you'll find meteorites, fossils, dinosaurs and other ancient species, all presented through educational guided tours. The museum leads you through different eras of natural history, emphasising the importance of protecting the planet, one of its core messages.

If you need a break during your visit, Nayzak Café is conveniently located within the museum complex.

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Internet: [www.nhmad.ae/en](http://www.nhmad.ae/en)  
Email: [socialmedia@naturalhistorymuseum.ae](mailto:socialmedia@naturalhistorymuseum.ae)

## Louvre Abu Dhabi



The Louvre Abu Dhabi, the largest art museum on the Arabian Peninsula, is a cultural masterpiece located on Saadiyat Island. Designed by renowned architect Jean Nouvel, the building itself is worth a visit for its unique floating dome, which creates a serene 'rain of light' effect. Inside, the museum presents a 12-chapter history of humanity, from prehistoric artefacts to modern artworks, and also hosts temporary exhibitions.

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Address: Saadiyat - Abu Dhabi  
Phone: +971 6 005 65566  
Internet: [www.louvreabudhabi.ae/en](http://www.louvreabudhabi.ae/en)  
Email: [contact@louvreabudhabi.ae](mailto:contact@louvreabudhabi.ae)

## Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque



The Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque in Abu Dhabi is a magnificent white structure and an iconic landmark that beautifully blends architectural influences from around the world, including Moroccan, Italian, Chinese, and Emirati styles. Named after Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan, the UAE's founding president, the mosque features over 1,000 columns and 80 domes adorned with marble and semi-precious stones. Its vast courtyards and reflective lakes add to its serene beauty, while the four grand minarets at each corner stand as symbols of Islamic tradition.

The mosque not only serves as a place of worship but also as a cultural hub that welcomes visitors from all faiths to marvel at its breathtaking artistry and spiritual tranquillity.

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## SeaWorld Abu Dhabi

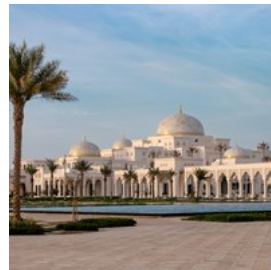


SeaWorld Abu Dhabi is a massive indoor marine park on Yas Island, built around eight themed zones that cover different ocean habitats; from the icy poles to warm coral reefs. You'll see everything from sharks and sea lions to manta rays and tropical birds, plus a few rides and shows mixed in.

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Address: Yas Island - YS6 - Abu Dhabi  
Phone: +971 6 005 11115  
Internet: [www.seaworldabudhabi.com](http://www.seaworldabudhabi.com)  
Email: [contact@yasconciierge.com](mailto:contact@yasconciierge.com)

## Qasr Al Watan



Qasr Al Watan is Abu Dhabi's Presidential Palace, open to the public and worth a visit for its grand interiors and insight into the UAE's political and cultural heritage. The building blends traditional Arabian craftsmanship with monumental scale, featuring vast halls, towering domes, and a 350,000-crystal chandelier. Exhibits cover everything from the country's governing institutions to ancient manuscripts, and an evening light show on the palace façade wraps up the visit.

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Address: Al Ras Al Akhdar - Abu Dhabi  
Phone: +971 6 005 44442  
Internet: [www.qasralwatan.ae](http://www.qasralwatan.ae)  
Email: [contact@qasralwatan.ae](mailto:contact@qasralwatan.ae)

## Jebel Hafeet Road and Mountain



In the outskirts of the emirate of Abu Dhabi, about a 2-hour drive from Abu Dhabi city centre, lies the Jebel Hafeet Mountain, right on the border shared by the UAE and Oman.

Attractions are ample at the foot of the mountain, including luxury hotels with hot springs and refreshing pools, a zoo containing 4,000 animals, and caves open for exploration.

An unexpected highlight is the namesake road leading here, voted 'best road on the planet' by

several magazines based on its driver-friendliness and drama of the surrounding scenery.

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### Abu Dhabi Desert Safari



Adventure lovers should not miss the opportunity to take part in some of the activities offered by Abu Dhabi Desert Safari. Join a dune drive through the desert or a camel ride, attend some belly dancing lessons, try on traditional costumes and take amazing sunset pictures.

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Address: Khalidiya Tower - Floor Room No. 32 - Abu Dhabi

Phone: +971 5 474 04001

Internet: [www.abudhabi-desert-safari.com](http://www.abudhabi-desert-safari.com)

Email: [bookings@extremetours.ae](mailto:bookings@extremetours.ae)

### Emirates Heritage Village



A Bedouin desert camp complete with tents made from goat's hair, a bustling souq, a mud hut village and a fishing harbour are all

reconstructions that make fascinating displays in the Emirates Heritage Village. You can sometimes try their hand at traditional crafts like pottery or weaving, which are demonstrated in a series of small workshops within the village.

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Address: Near Marina Mall - Abu Dhabi Theatre Road, Corniche - Breakwater Road - Abu Dhabi

Phone: +971 2 599 5454

Internet: [www.abudhabiculture.ae/en/cultural-sites/culture-centers/heritage-village](http://www.abudhabiculture.ae/en/cultural-sites/culture-centers/heritage-village)

Email: [ehv@dctabudhabi.ae](mailto:ehv@dctabudhabi.ae)

### Qasr Al Hosn



Qasr Al Hosn, the oldest and most significant building in Abu Dhabi, was built around the 1790s as the city's first permanent structure, initially serving as a watchtower to oversee coastal trade routes and protect the growing settlement. Over the centuries, it has been the home of the ruling family, the seat of government, a consultative council, and a national archive. Today, it stands as a living memorial and narrator of Abu Dhabi's history. The main entrance is adorned with colourful Islamic-style tiles, and inside, centuries-old mashrabiya screens and carved wooden doors showcase the enduring architectural beauty.

Photo: Philip Lange/Shutterstock.com

Address: Rashid Bin Saeed Al Maktoum Street (2nd Street) - Al Hisn - W3 - Abu Dhabi

Phone: +971 2 697 6400

Internet: [www.qasralhosn.ae](http://www.qasralhosn.ae)

Email: [info@qasralhosn.ae](mailto:info@qasralhosn.ae)

### Warner Bros. World Abu Dhabi



Go back to the Stone Age with a visit to Bedrock, explore Gotham City and Superman's Metropolis at Warner Bros.'s first indoor amusement park. Spread across 38 acres and divided into six lands, this is the perfect place to unleash your inner child on thrilling and fun rides of your favourite cartoon characters and DC heroes.

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Phone: +971 6 005 11115

Internet: [www.wbworldabudhabi.com](http://www.wbworldabudhabi.com)

Email: [contact@yasconcierge.com](mailto:contact@yasconcierge.com)

### Ferrari World



Ferrari World, the first Ferrari-branded theme park in the world, lives up to its name by housing a variety of Ferraris, themed exhibits, and

several exciting rides. This motor racing-themed complex is home to the planet's fastest rollercoaster and offers thrill and family rides, driving simulators, and a car factory tour. Plan to spend a few hours to fully enjoy all the attractions and experiences this enormous venue has to offer.

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Phone: +971 6 005 11115

Internet: [www.ferrariworldabudhabi.com](http://www.ferrariworldabudhabi.com)

Email: [contact@yasconcierge.com](mailto:contact@yasconcierge.com)

### Al Maqtaa Museum



AlMaqta'a Fort is a watchtower built over 200 years ago to protect the sea crossing from the mainland to Abu Dhabi.

Constructed in traditional style with soft sand-coloured stone and ornately carved wooden features, it remains almost intact and serves as an important testament to the city's past.

The building functions as a small museum displaying artefacts from the 1950s to the 1970s, while also presenting the history of the nearby Maqtaa Bridge. It offers a brief but interesting insight into the area's past and the development of one of Abu Dhabi's earliest crossings.

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Address: 18 Al Mawaqid Street - Sas Al Nakhl - Abu Dhabi

Phone: +971 2 599 5999

More Info: Near Al Maqtaa Bridge

### Al Ain Camel Market



The Al Ain Camel Market in Abu Dhabi is a fascinating destination where tradition meets commerce. As the last remaining camel market

in the UAE, it offers a unique glimpse into the region's rich cultural heritage. You can witness the lively trading of camels, along with goats and sheep, and interact with local farmers and traders. The market buzzes with activity and offers an authentic experience of Emirati life.

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Address: Cattle Market, Zayed Bin Sultan Road, Al Ain - Al Noud - Abu Dhabi

### Observation Deck at 300



Located inside the Conrad Abu Dhabi Etihad Towers, the 74th-floor observation deck offers 360° views and is the highest vantage point in

Abu Dhabi. Entry comes with a fee, but the experience is most definitely a rewarding one. Additionally, the deck features a café serving high tea, adding to the overall appeal.

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Address: Tower 2 - Level 74 King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud Street - Al Bateen - W32 - Abu Dhabi

Phone: +971 2 811 5666

Internet: [www.hilton.com/en/hotels/auhctci-conrad-abu-dhabi-etihad-towers/dining/observation-deck-at-300/](http://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/auhctci-conrad-abu-dhabi-etihad-towers/dining/observation-deck-at-300/)

### Women's Handicraft Centre



No holiday in Abu Dhabi would be complete without a visit to this fascinating centre. Local female Bedouin artists and artisans, usually

wearing a traditional dress, demonstrate age-old crafts, including henna body painting, embroidery and silver thread work in a series of small huts. You should remove your shoes before entering the huts, as is the local custom.

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Address: Women's Association Complex, Karama Street, Abu Dhabi

Phone: +971 2 447 6645

## DINING



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Emirati cuisine is quite cosmopolitan and you can find food from all over the world. The specific food for the United Arab Emirates is a blend of Asian and Middle Eastern cooking.

Breakfast is usually bread served with cheese or egg, while the main meals contain plenty of meat, grain and dairy. People often drink a cup of red tea with mint after dinner, as it helps the digestion.

### Cho Gao Marina Walk



Lose yourself in the incredible Asian atmosphere of Cho Gao Marina Walk lounge, noticeable in every single detail, from the decor to the food and even the service. The wide choice of Asian fusion dishes will impress you. Try the more common — nevertheless excellent — sushi, the Chinese pecking duck, or the intriguing Thai and Vietnamese cuisines, and complement your meal with a good drink.

Photo: nioloxs/Shutterstock.com

Address: InterContinental Abu Dhabi, Abu Dhabi

Phone: +971 2 666 6888

Internet:

[www.abudhabi.intercontinental.com/cho-gao-marina-walk](http://www.abudhabi.intercontinental.com/cho-gao-marina-walk)

Email: [inquiries.icabudhabi@ihg.com](mailto:inquiries.icabudhabi@ihg.com)

### Fishmarket



A market-style restaurant that has a long-held reputation for its Thai-style lobster, crab and other seafood speciality dishes, each

presented with a creative twist. Fishmarket, located right on the beach and is part of the Intercontinental Hotel, opens for lunch and evening dining daily.

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Address: InterContinental - King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud Street - Al Bateen - Abu Dhabi

Phone: +971 5 699 08317

Internet: [www.abudhabi.intercontinental.com/fishmarket](http://www.abudhabi.intercontinental.com/fishmarket)

### Vendôme



Located in the amazing Emirates Palace, Vendôme offers an array of simple and quality dishes, for which the talented chefs carefully select the best seasonal ingredients. Sitting outside, or on its terrace, you will have the most elegant buffet in the city with a view over the beautiful beach.

Photo: Andrey Bayda/Shutterstock.com

Address: Emirates Palace, The Corniche, Abu Dhabi

Phone: +971 2 690 7999

Internet: [www.mandarinoriental.com/en/abu-dhabi/emirates-palace/dine/vendome?src=loc.local\\_listing.epauh.yxt](http://www.mandarinoriental.com/en/abu-dhabi/emirates-palace/dine/vendome?src=loc.local_listing.epauh.yxt)

Email: [restaurants@emiratespalace.ae](mailto:restaurants@emiratespalace.ae)

### Pizza di Rocco



Rocco's award-winning pizzeria is said to be one of the best pizza restaurants in Abu Dhabi. Not completely satisfied with the most traditional Italian pizzas, the owner created his very own using locally sourced ingredients, to always offer new, unexpected flavours.

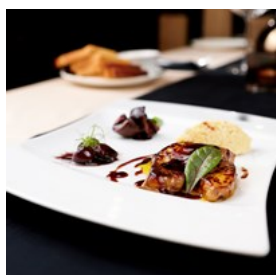
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Address: A, Etihad Plaza - 372 Al Mireef Street - Khalifa City - SE45 - Abu Dhabi

Phone: +971 8 007 6226

Internet: [www.pizzadirocco.com](http://www.pizzadirocco.com)

### Hakkasan Abu Dhabi



Fine dining in a spectacular location, designed with unique, modern embellished wooden furniture and marbled Chinese forms.

This upscale Asian restaurant is located inside the Emirates Palace Hotel and serves delicious duck dishes, along with other Cantonese specialities and excellent seafood. Hakkasan wine list is also impressive, with a selection of Italian, French, South African, and Australian labels.

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Address: Emirates Palace, West Corniche Road, Abu Dhabi

Phone: +971 2 690 7739

Internet:

[www.hakkasangroup.com/venues/hakkasan-abu-dhabi](http://www.hakkasangroup.com/venues/hakkasan-abu-dhabi)

Email: [hakkasan@emiratespalace.ae](mailto:hakkasan@emiratespalace.ae)

### Camacho Italian Restaurant & Sushi Bar



Serving a fusion of Japanese and Italian cuisine, Camacho brings together the best of both worlds: quality sushi and freshly made pizza and pasta, along with a huge list of desserts and non-alcoholic fresh cocktails, also known as 'mocktails'.

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Address: Al Seef Village Community Mall, 27 Al Murouj Street - Al Muntazah - Zone 1 - Abu Dhabi

Phone: +971 2 444 9660

Internet: [www.camachorestaurant.com](http://www.camachorestaurant.com)

Email: [info@camachorestaurant.com](mailto:info@camachorestaurant.com)

### Byblos Sur Mer



Fine dining in a unique location with a great rooftop terrace. Byblos Sur Mer is an upscale restaurant that enjoys a spotless reputation and serves a variety of dishes, including local specialities and top-quality Lebanese cuisine. It's considered the best in the city.

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Address: InterContinental - King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud Street - Al Bateen - W32 - Abu Dhabi  
Phone: +971 2 666 6888  
Internet: [www.abudhabi.intercontinental.com/byblos-sur-mer](http://www.abudhabi.intercontinental.com/byblos-sur-mer)  
Email: [byblos.icabudhabi@ihg.com](mailto:byblos.icabudhabi@ihg.com)

## CAFÉS



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Abu Dhabi offers a vibrant café and tea culture that blends tradition with modernity. You can enjoy traditional Arabic coffee, gahwa, flavoured with cardamom and saffron at cultural coffee houses, or savour strong, spiced Karak tea at local cafeterias and roadside stalls.

The city's café scene includes artisanal coffee shops like The Third Place Café, where high-quality beans and innovative brews are served in stylish settings. For a touch of luxury, indulge in high tea at upscale hotels like the Emirates Palace, featuring a variety of teas, pastries, and stunning views.

## LOCAL



LOCAL is a lifestyle concept in Abu Dhabi that brings together a specialty café, barbershop, and sneaker boutique all under one roof. Located in Al Zeina, Al Raha Beach, it has a minimalist, industrial-chic vibe with concrete

floors, leather sofas, and a communal table. The café serves expertly brewed coffee from Seven Fortunes in Dubai, along with pastries and light bites.

Next door, the barbershop offers haircuts and beard trims, with a complimentary coffee included. Behind a mirrored wall, the sneaker boutique showcases exclusive streetwear and high-end kicks, plus a sneaker laundry service to keep your shoes fresh.

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Address: Al Zeina Complex, Block C - Abu Dhabi  
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Internet: [www.localco.ae](http://www.localco.ae)  
Email: [info@localco.ae](mailto:info@localco.ae)

## The Bench



The Bench offers a warm, inviting ambience with ample, indoor or outdoor seating. Their coffee, made with Ethiopian beans, is presented with latte art. The truffle croissant and their matcha are a must-try.

Additionally, The Bench has excellent breakfast options, and it is pet-friendly.

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Address: Crescent Residences - Al Rahah - Al Seef - Abu Dhabi  
Phone: +971 2 642 5788  
Internet: [www.instagram.com/thebench.ad](http://www.instagram.com/thebench.ad)

### Art House Cafe



Tucked behind Al Bateen Mall next to the Etihad Modern Art Gallery, Art House Café is a creative spot where upcycled furniture and local art create a laid-back vibe, perfect for chilling over coffee or tea. The menu features hearty breakfasts like shakshuka and truffled scrambled eggs, along with fresh salads, burgers, pizza, and pasta, plus desserts like molten lava cake with ice cream. If you're feeling creative, you can paint your own ceramic plate or mask, which gets displayed on the café's walls, contributing to its artistic ambience.

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Address: Al Huwelat street - Villa 15, opposite Al Bateen - Bateen Area - Abu Dhabi

Phone: +971 2 666 0175

Internet: [www.arthousecafead.com](http://www.arthousecafead.com)

Email: [arthousecafe@etihadmodernart.com](mailto:arthousecafe@etihadmodernart.com)

### Vienna Plaza



An Austrian-style café, the Vienna Plaza serves delicious pastries and light snacks. Bright and elegant, it is a delightful place to meet friends or business associates for a quick meeting on the move.

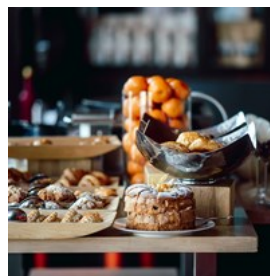
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Address: West Corniche Road - Al Bateen - Abu Dhabi

Phone: +971 2 692 4999

Internet: [www.radissonhotels.com/en-us/destination/united-arab-emirates/abu-dhabi](http://www.radissonhotels.com/en-us/destination/united-arab-emirates/abu-dhabi)

### Café 302



Highly recommended for its healthy breakfast buffet, Café 302 is a quiet spot with a modern interior located at the Al Maha Arjaan Hotel. It offers a wide assortment of global dishes and desserts. Have a seat on the terrace, if the weather allows, and enjoy a cup of coffee with some pastries in a nice, relaxed atmosphere.

Photo: Demkat/Shutterstock.com

Address: 302 Saeed Bin Ahmed Al Otaiba Street - Al Danah - Zone 1 - Abu Dhabi

Phone: +971 2 610 6666

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More Info: Located at the Al Maha Arjaan by Rotana

### Jones the Grocer



Jones the Grocer, established in 1996 in Australia, has expanded internationally and become a favourite in the UAE. This upscale market and café offers a unique blend of gourmet groceries and global cuisine with an Australian twist. Renowned for its relaxed yet chic atmosphere, patrons enjoy a diverse menu featuring everything from brunch staples and pastries to innovative mains and high-quality cheese and charcuterie.

Photo: Jacob Lund/Shutterstock.com

Address: Al Mamoura Building B Ground Floor 06/07 Corner 4th Muroor & 15th Street - Abu Dhabi

Phone: +971 2 443 8762

Internet: [www.jonesthegrocer.com](http://www.jonesthegrocer.com)

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## BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Abu Dhabi has a good choice of bars and nightclubs, although almost all of them will be found inside hotels. Hookah lounges are popular, as are rooftop bars and establishments offering stunning views over the shining UAE capital. Alcohol is served freely to non-Muslims.

### Blu Sky Lounge & Grill



Blu Sky Lounge & Grill is an award-winning venue instantly recognisable for its unique blue lighting and ambience. It combines a grill-focused menu and drinks with big-screen sports, live lounge events, quizzes, and an indoor golf simulator, giving visitors plenty of fun ways to spend an evening in Abu Dhabi.

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Address: Al Mina Street - Al Zahiyah - Abu Dhabi

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 3pm-3am, Fri-Sun noon-3am

Phone: +971 2 818 4888

Internet: [www.southern.sun.com/southern-sun-abu-dhabi/dining/blu-sky-lounge-and-bar](http://www.southern.sun.com/southern-sun-abu-dhabi/dining/blu-sky-lounge-and-bar)

More Info: Located at the Southern Sun Abu Dhabi

### Jazz Bar



A must for jazz enthusiasts, Jazz Bar at the Radisson Blu Hotel & Resort hosts regular live performances from full jazz bands and soloists.

The music ranges from classic standards to contemporary interpretations. Pair your evening with a carefully crafted cocktail or a light snack while enjoying some of Abu Dhabi's finest jazz.

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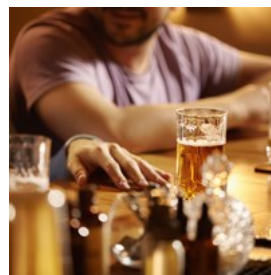
Address: W Corniche Rd - Al Bateen - Abu Dhabi

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 7pm-2am, Fri-Sun 7am-3am

Phone: +971 56 104 1114

Internet: <https://jazzbar.ae>

### Captain's Arms



Located inside Le Meridien Village, Captain's Arms brings a slice of classic English pub culture to Abu Dhabi. The venue blends traditional British pub décor with more modern touches, offering a wide range of draft beers, pub grub, as well as foosball and billiards.

Photo: Cast Of Thousands/Shutterstock

Address: Le Meridien Abu Dhabi, Al Zahiyah - Abu Dhabi

Opening hours: Daily 12:30pm-2am

Phone: +971 56 688 5361

Internet:

[www.lemeridien.villageexperience.com/captainsarms](http://www.lemeridien.villageexperience.com/captainsarms)

### Trader Vic's



Trader Vic's at the Beach Rotana Hotel has been part of Abu Dhabi's dining and nightlife scene for decades. Here, tropical-inspired drinks

and a fusion of French-Polynesian, Creole, and Chinese-influenced dishes are paired with music and an animated crowd. Live rhythms and Latin-American-tinged sounds are common, especially later in the week.

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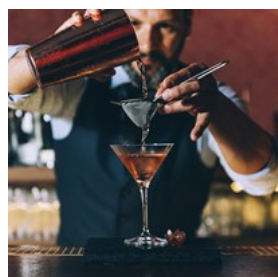
Address: 10th St - Al Zahiyah - E16 01 - Abu Dhabi

Opening hours: Daily 6pm-3am

Internet: [www.tradervics.com](http://www.tradervics.com)

More Info: Beach Rotana Hotel

### Ray's Bar



Ray's Bar occupies the 62nd floor of the Conrad Abu Dhabi Etihad Towers, boasting panoramic views over the city and the Gulf. Renowned for its

contemporary cocktail list and elegant setting, the bar is a popular spot for sunset drinks and late-night socialising. Besides cutting-edge cocktails, it also offers an Asian-influenced menu, and on many evenings, a resident DJ provides a relaxed soundtrack to the skyline views.

Photo: santypan/Shutterstock

Address: Level 62 King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud St - Al Bateen - W32 - Abu Dhabi

Phone: +971 2 811 5666

Internet: [www.hilton.com/en/hotels/auhctci-conrad-abu-dhabi-etihad-towers/dining/rays-bar](http://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/auhctci-conrad-abu-dhabi-etihad-towers/dining/rays-bar)

### Glo



Glo is a rooftop bar and lounge on the terrace of the Rosewood Abu Dhabi on Al Maryah Island, offering views of the skyline and the water.

Guests can enjoy cocktails, wine, and a selection of international dishes, as well as shisha.

Evenings are relaxed, with music that

complements the open-air terrace setting. Special events, including live DJs or themed nights, take place from time to time, but the focus here is on enjoying drinks and the view in a casual setting.

Photo: Chubykin Arkady/Shutterstock

Address: Rosewood Abu Dhabi, Al Maryah Island, Abu Dhabi

Opening hours: Sun-Thu noon-1am, Fri & Sat noon-2am

Phone: +971 2 813 5520

Internet: [www.rosewoodhotels.com/en/abu-dhabi/dining/glo](http://www.rosewoodhotels.com/en/abu-dhabi/dining/glo)

More Info: Located at the Rosewood Abu Dhabi

### Level Lounge



Perched atop the Millennium Downtown Abu Dhabi, Level Lounge is a rooftop bar where drinks and skyline views go hand in hand. The

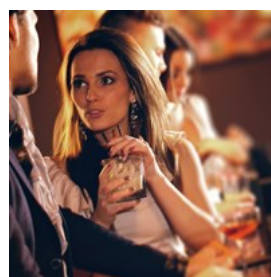
terrace and indoor seating offer an easygoing setting for cocktails as the sun sets and the city lights up. Music is part of the atmosphere, and the panoramic vista makes it a great choice for an early evening drink or a night out in the city.

Photo: Gamjai/Shutterstock

Address: Millennium Downtown, Rooftop - Hamdan Bin Mohammed St - Abu Dhabi

Phone: +971 2 621 6800

### Black Pearl



Black Pearl is a sleek cocktail bar on the waterfront at Al Raha Beach, featuring elegant décor and plush seating. With an impressive drinks

menu and live music most evenings, guests can unwind while enjoying views of the water.

Photo: Jacob Lund/Shutterstock

Address: Creek - Channel St - Al Rahah - RBW13 - Abu Dhabi

Opening hours: Daily noon-3am

Phone: +971 2 508 0555

Internet:

<http://alrahabeach.danathotels.com/en/black-pearl.html>

Email: [fmb.alraha@danathotels.com](mailto:fmb.alraha@danathotels.com)

More Info: Located at the Al Raha Beach Hotel

## SHOPPING



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Whether you choose to haggle for a bargain at a bustling market, otherwise known as a souk, or spend time in a lavish air-conditioned mall just off the Corniche, shopping in Abu Dhabi will be a memorable experience.

Traditional purchases include carpets, rugs, textiles, gold, and spices, all of which can be found in dedicated souks where lots of stalls selling the same thing are grouped together. An example is the Gold Souk, not far from Sheikh Rashid Bin Saeed Al-Maktoum Street. Such items can be found in general souks too, or in specialist shops.

Souks are also good for finding antiques or craft items to take home as souvenirs. In contrast, shopping malls tend to be full of expensive jewellery and designer fashion.

## Mina Market



Mina Market is a bustling hub of local culture and commerce, offering a vibrant and authentic shopping experience.

Located near the port, this market is renowned for its fresh seafood, with a wide array of fish and shellfish arriving daily from the Arabian Gulf. Beyond seafood, visitors can explore stalls brimming with fresh produce, spices, and traditional crafts, all set against the lively backdrop of vendors' animated negotiations and colourful displays.

Photo: Ekaterina Pokrovsky/Shutterstock

Address: 146 Al Teelah Street - Zayed Port - Harbour - Abu Dhabi

Opening hours: Daily 8am-10pm

## Yas Mall



Yas Mall is Abu Dhabi's largest shopping destination, housing over 370 stores, including international brands such as Zara, Nike, and the capital's only Apple Store. You'll also find plenty of dining choices and entertainment options to fill your day.

Photo: Rawpixel.com/Shutterstock

Address: Yas Island - Abu Dhabi

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 10am-10pm, Fri & Sat 10am-midnight

Phone: +971 800 9276255

Internet: [www.yasmall.ae/en/home](http://www.yasmall.ae/en/home)

Email: [info@yasmall.ae](mailto:info@yasmall.ae)

### Al Ain Souk



The Al Ain Souk, also known as the Central or Old Souk, is located in the historic garden city of Al Ain, about an hour and a half from Abu Dhabi.

This vibrant market presents a fantastic opportunity to explore, immerse yourself in the local atmosphere, and hone your bargaining skills, making it a must-visit destination for those seeking to experience traditional Emirati culture.

Photo: Corrado Baratta/Shutterstock

Address: Al Ain Souq - Central District - Abu Dhabi

### Reem Mall



Reem Mall on Al Reem Island is one of Abu Dhabi's newest large-scale shopping centres, home to more than 400 retail outlets and around 80 restaurants and cafés. Alongside the commercial offering, the mall includes major leisure attractions such as Snow Abu Dhabi, an indoor snow park with over 20 activities, and Cube Challenges, an interactive, puzzle-based gaming experience. VOX Cinemas also operates a multiscreen complex here.

Photo: Naufal MQ/Shutterstock

Address: Al Reem Island - Najmat Abu Dhabi - Abu Dhabi

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 10am-10pm, Fri & Sat 10am-midnight

Phone: +971 800 707070

Internet: [www.reemmall.ae](http://www.reemmall.ae)

### The Galleria



Housed in an elegant Arabic-style glass building, The Galleria is the ultimate Abu Dhabi shopping mall experience. It features an array of luxury brands, numerous family and fine dining restaurants, as well as top-notch entertainment options.

Photo: MG Best For You/Shutterstock

Address: 107 Hamouda Bin Ali Al Dhaheri St - Al Maryah Island - Abu Dhabi Global Market Square - Abu Dhabi

Opening hours: Sun & Mon 10am-2am, Tue, Fri & Sat 10am-midnight, Wed & Thu 10am-10pm

Phone: +971 2 493 7400

Internet: [www.thegalleria.ae/en](http://www.thegalleria.ae/en)

Phone: +971 2 493 7400

Internet: [www.thegalleria.ae/en](http://www.thegalleria.ae/en)

Email: [info@thegalleria.ae](mailto:info@thegalleria.ae)

### Abu Dhabi Mall



Abu Dhabi Mall is one of the city's long-established shopping centres, featuring a wide mix of international brands, mid-range fashion, electronics, and everyday services, plus a broad selection of cafés and restaurants.

Photo: oneinchpunch/Shutterstock

Address: Al Zahiyah - Abu Dhabi

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-10pm, Sat & Sun 10am-11pm

Phone: +971 2 645 4858

Internet: [www.instagram.com/abudhabimall](http://www.instagram.com/abudhabimall)

Email: [info@abudhabi-mall.com](mailto:info@abudhabi-mall.com)

### Marina Mall



Set in one of Abu Dhabi's most picturesque districts near the Corniche, Marina Mall is a top-class destination facing the Arabian Gulf waters.

Housing over 400 stores, it offers a vast array of retail, dining, and entertainment options, including designer shops, a bowling alley, and an ice rink.

Photo: NDAB Creativity/Shutterstock

Address: Marina Mall Ring Road - Al Kasir - Al Marina - Abu Dhabi

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 10am-10pm, Fri & Sat 10am-midnight

Phone: +971 800 6623

Internet: <https://marinamall.ae>

## TOURIST INFORMATION



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### Passport & Visa



Entry requirements for Abu Dhabi (and the UAE generally) depend on your nationality and travel document. Citizens of Gulf Cooperation

Council (GCC) states do not need a visa and may enter with a passport or national ID. Many nationalities — including those from the European Union, the UK, the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea, Singapore, and Malaysia — are eligible for a visa on arrival, typically valid for 30 or 90 days depending on nationality.

Nationals who are not eligible for a visa-on-arrival must obtain a visa before travelling. Passport validity of at least six months beyond your date of arrival is generally required. For the most accurate and up-to-date information, always check with the nearest UAE embassy or the official UAE government visa portal before booking travel.

Photo: ConvertKit/unsplash

### Zayed International Airport (AUH)



Zayed International Airport (AUH) is the main international gateway for Abu Dhabi, located about 30 km from the city centre. Public buses

operate from the airport to central Abu Dhabi, with the A1 service running regularly (typically every 30-40 minutes) and taking around 45-60 minutes to reach major stops such as Al Zahiyah and Abu Dhabi Central Bus Station; other routes connect to Al Ain and other regional destinations. Metered taxis and app-based services like Uber and Careem are available 24/7 outside the arrivals hall for more direct transport into the city.

Photo: Chuttersnap/unsplash

Address: Zayed International Airport - Abu Dhabi

Phone: +971 2 505 5555

Internet: [www.zayedinternationalairport.ae/en](http://www.zayedinternationalairport.ae/en)

### Best Time to Visit



Winter is the best period to come to Abu Dhabi in terms of weather: temperatures are not too hot and not too humid, which makes this the

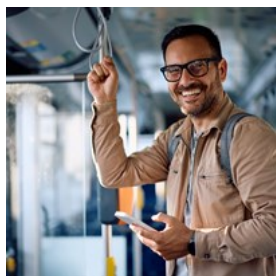
peak season. It is advisable to avoid the

extremely hot summer months, although hotel rates are at their lowest then and not many tourists will be visiting the city.

Abu Dhabi can be doable in spring, between April and May, or fall, from September to October, both periods marked by pleasant weather, with prices starting to decrease in springtime, but on the rise in the fall season, as winter approaches. Also, many sporting and cultural events are held between April and May.

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### Public Transport



Abu Dhabi has a growing and increasingly efficient public transport network. The city's bus system, operated by the Department of Transport (DoT), is extensive, with blue-and-white buses running along major routes across the city and to nearby suburbs. Tickets are purchased using a Hafilat Smartcard, which can be loaded at ticket vending machines located at bus stations, major stops, or DoT Customer Service Centers. Simply tap your card on the reader when boarding and exiting to validate your journey.

Ferry services also operate on selected routes, connecting coastal areas and offering a scenic alternative to road travel. Passengers are generally advised to arrive at least 30 minutes before departure and carry a valid ID.

Although Abu Dhabi does not currently have a fully operational metro, plans for a rapid transit network are in development. For now, taxis, ride-hailing apps, and private car hire remain the most flexible ways to cover longer distances or

reach destinations not served by buses.

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### Taxi



Taxis are a convenient and affordable way to get around Abu Dhabi, with vehicles readily available throughout the city.

Ride-hailing apps such as Uber, Careem, and Bolt also operate across the capital.

Photo: Maik Winnecke/Unsplash

### Post



There are many post offices in Abu Dhabi, which are operated by Emirates Post. The main one is the Central Post Office, located in Zayed City, close to the Gold Souk.

Photo: Ali Bakhtiari/unsplash

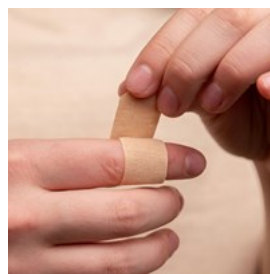
Address: Murour Road, Zayed City - Abu Dhabi

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-8pm, Sat & Sun closed

Phone: +971 600 569696

Internet: [www.emiratespost.ae](http://www.emiratespost.ae)

### Pharmacy



In Abu Dhabi, several main pharmacy chains provide a wide range of pharmaceutical products and healthcare services. Some of the prominent ones include Aster Pharmacy, Boots, Life Pharmacy, and Al Manara. For medical emergencies, call 998.

Photo: Diana Polekhina/unsplash

Address: Al Manara Pharmacy - Abu Dhabi Mall  
Opening hours: Daily 8am-midnight  
Phone: +971 56 426 1170  
Internet: emanara.com

### Telephone



Country code: 971 Area  
code: 2

Photo: Miryam León/unsplash

### Electricity



In Abu Dhabi and throughout the United Arab Emirates, the standard plug type is G, characterised by three rectangular pins

arranged in a triangular pattern. The electrical system operates on a 230V supply voltage with a frequency of 50Hz.

Photo: Hamish Kale/unsplash

### Population

4.1 million (2025)

### Currency

The dirham (AED) = 100 fils

### Opening hours

The large shopping malls usually open from 10am to 10pm, from Saturday to Thursday, and in the afternoon on Fridays, the day of prayer. Supermarkets often open earlier and smaller shops usually close for lunch for around two to three hours. The weekend in Abu Dhabi is Friday and Saturday.

### Internet

[www.visitabudhabi.ae/en](http://www.visitabudhabi.ae/en)  
[www.abudhabi.gov.ae](http://www.abudhabi.gov.ae)

### Newspapers

The National: [www.thenationalnews.com](http://www.thenationalnews.com)  
Gulf News: <https://www.gulfnews.com>  
Khaleej Times: [www.khaleejtimes.com](http://www.khaleejtimes.com)  
Gulf Today: [www.gulftoday.ae](http://www.gulftoday.ae)

### Emergency numbers

Police: 999  
Ambulance: 998  
Fire: 997

### Tourist information

Visit Abu Dhabi - Department of Culture and Tourism  
Nation Towers Corniche, Building B - Abu Dhabi  
+971 2 444 0444  
Open Mon-Thu 8am-4pm, Fri 7:30am-noon, Sat & Sun  
closed



Al Falah Street	D3	Corniche Road East - 1st Street	B2 C1	Rashid Bin Saeed Al Maktoum Street	B2 B3 C3
Al Istiqlal Street	A2 B2	Corniche Road West	A2 A3 B1 B2 C1	Sheikh Hamdan Bin Mohammad Street	B2 C2 D1 D2
Al Meena Street	D1	East Street	C2 C3 D3	Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Street	B2 C1 C2 D1
Al Nasr Street	A3	Khaled Bin Al Waleed Street	A3 B3	Umm Al Nar Street	C1
Al Salam Street	D1 D2	Liwa Street	B2	Zayed the First Street	A3 B3
Bani Yas Street	D2	Lulu Street	C2	Zayed the Second Street	C2 C3 D2
Corniche Road	C1 D1				