ABU DHABI RANKED NUMBER ONE ON THE SAFETY INDEX FOR 2023

With so many moving pieces that come with launching an event, safety remains a chief concern for meetings professionals around the globe. Which is why it gives us great pride to announce that Abu Dhabi has been ranked number one as the safest city in the world for the sixth consecutive year.

With a safety index of 88.4, Abu Dhabi has reinforced its position as a safe and secure place to live, work, invest, and of course host events. Numbeo, a collaborative online database, was established in 2009 for users to share and compare information. The crowd-sourced Numbeo list ranks 459 cities based on user feedback on questions related to cost of living, safety, pollution and crime.

Abu Dhabi ranked ahead peaceful European enclaves such as Switzerland, the Netherlands, and Finland. The capital emirate has been ranked ‘very low’ when it comes to crime, fear of being mugged or robbed, and drug use. It scored ‘very high’ when it comes to feeling safe when walking alone. The emirate has employed several security initiatives to reduce crime, enhance traffic safety measures, and reduce the response time for emergency services.
NEW IN ABU DHABI: BAB AL NAJOUM - AL MUGHEIRAH RESORT

A new waterfront glamping and leisure destination in Abu Dhabi's Al Dhafra Region offers meeting and incentive planners a one-of-a-kind experience for group gatherings.

Anchored by Bab Al Najoum - Al Mugheirah Resort, a luxury boutique campsite within a nature reserve, the property features Scandinavian-inspired cabins and fitted-out Airstreams that put small group meeting attendees close to a range of leisure and outdoor activities in the Marawah Marine Biosphere.

Connected by the stunning Mugheirah Boardwalk that hovers over a mangrove forest, group guests can easily access Mugheirah Bay, a leisure center featuring cafes and restaurants, shopping outlets, and an event lawn. Mugheirah Bay also has a splash park, skate park, outdoor gym, cycling track, laser tag, paintball center, and other amenities offering endless group teambuilding and other group program possibilities.

EVENT SPOTLIGHT: AL HOSN FESTIVAL

Abu Dhabi's annual celebration of Emirati culture and heritage is taking place now through January 22 at Qasr Al Hosn. The Al Hosn Festival highlights the best of Abu Dhabi's heritage and creative spirit. It features traditional shows and musical performances, historical narrations, and demonstrations spanning art, design, cuisine, and more.

The ten-day annual event provides a perfect add-on for meeting and convention attendees. Private group tours can be arranged during the evening festival program, making for an ideal pre- or post-dinner group excursion.
Located in the center of the capital city, **Qasr Al Hosn** is one of the most historically significant sites in Abu Dhabi. Once a fortress, Qasr Al Hosn went on to become a royal residence, and today is a cultural institution exploring the nation’s history with displays of archaeological artifacts alongside multi-media presentations that bring the early days of the emirate to life.

With its classic Arabian architecture, extensive grounds, dramatic courtyards, and a modern theatre and reception space with a convenient location, Qasr Al Hosn is an outstanding location for group receptions and other events ranging in size from 100 or more convention attendees. **Privately guided tours** for groups of ten or more can also be arranged in advance, offering an interactive experience and deeper understanding of the history and people of the United Arab Emirates.

**EXPERIENCE: AL DHAFRA**

Just outside Abu Dhabi’s capital city lies the great expanse known as ‘Al Dhafra,’ meaning ‘where the desert meets the sea.’ From desert adventures to water activities in the Arabian Gulf, the region offers one-of-a-kind experiences. Here are a few of the region’s top offerings for small meeting and incentive groups:

- Groups can enjoy the thrill of dune-bashing through the peaks and valleys of Al Dhafra’s deserts. Led by professionally trained drivers, group dune-bashing excursions can include
HOTEL SPOTLIGHT: ANDAZ CAPITAL GATE ABU DHABI

Andaz Capital Gate Abu Dhabi, only 15 minutes away from the airport and most key attractions, adjacent to ADNEC, an impressive 18° leaning design stands tall as the gateway to a luxury lifestyle hotel stay.

The hotel benefits from direct access to the largest conference and exhibition venue in the Middle East making it ideal for incentives, product launches or corporate events. The Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre (ADNEC), opened in 2007, features 12 halls with a total of 55,000 square metres. The flexible, flat-floored, interconnected halls offer endless possibilities and the venue also has a dedicated team of specialists for Emirati weddings.

Infuse your event with authentic local artistic expression in 165 Below, the city's only hotel art gallery/event space. Break away from the conventional in the studios. Enjoy the transformative flexibility of Prive, the residential urban lounge space. Stimulating and flexible spaces for all your needs.
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HAPPY NEW YEAR
On behalf of the entire Abu Dhabi Convention & Exhibition Bureau team, we hope you had a wonderful festive season and wish you a happy New Year!
The first couple of months of 2023 have been a whirlwind for Abu Dhabi Convention & Exhibition Bureau (ADCEB) in North America. We are happy to share the latest updates from Abu Dhabi and our promotional efforts. Please contact Nkechi Mitchell, ADCEB’s MICE Sales Manager, to learn more about how we can help you plan a successful program in Abu Dhabi!
ABU DHABI MICE MAKING INDUSTRY CONNECTIONS

Abu Dhabi Convention & Exhibition Bureau had a wonderful time connecting with industry friends at several events during the first quarter of the year. We kicked off the year by attending the SITE Global Conference and SITE Incentive Summit Americas. In celebration of SITE’s 50-year anniversary, Abu Dhabi had a six delegates participate at the conference in meaningful ways. Our highlights at SITE GC include hosting the Saturday afternoon lunch and giving away 3 trips to Abu Dhabi.

We also hosted a Learning Lab room and announced the relaunch of the SITE Arabia chapter. At SITE ISA, we donated an auction prize and spent quality time with other participants. We look forward to seeing all the winners in Abu Dhabi. Northstar’s SMU International was a strong show for us, and provided an opportunity for us to share Abu Dhabi updates.

If we didn’t meet you at any of these events, please reach out to Nkechi Mitchell, our NY-based MICE Sales Manager. She would love to chat and share ways to support your program.
Located on a pristine private beach, Emirates Palace Mandarin Oriental is the epitome of luxury in Abu Dhabi, showcasing Arabian hospitality at its finest. This property was originally built to host the GCC Summit, and it recently completed a full renovation of all its hotel rooms, in addition to showcasing a new spa and sports facility. One of the standout elements of the renovation includes the region’s first Vegan Rooms with compassionate design, sustainable bedding, and cruelty-free bath amenities. Each of the resort’s 390 rooms and suites is furnished to the highest levels of comfort and has stunning views of the city, sea, and garden. Twelve dining venues serve a variety of cuisines created by world renowned chefs. Highlights of the enhanced dining options include the one Michelin star Talea by Antonio Guida, the famed Italian ristorante serving Cucina di Famiglia in a vibrant atmosphere.

With many of Abu Dhabi’s main attractions within a short distance, including superb shopping destinations and impressive cultural and heritage sites, Emirates Palace Mandarin Oriental provides guests with the perfect place to explore the beauty and charm of the UAE’s capital. Contact Nkechi Mitchell for an introduction to their team to explore some surprisingly group-friendly rates.

**ABRAHAMIC FAMILY HOUSE OPENING**

The Abrahamic Family House, an interfaith complex housing a church, mosque, and the first-ever purpose-built synagogue in the Gulf Arab state, is the newest architectural marvel to reside on Abu Dhabi’s illustrious Saadiyat Cultural District.

The Abrahamic Family House is significant because it provides the opportunity for groups to learn and experience three unique faiths in one campus. The project was designed by celebrated Ghanaian-British architect David Adjaye who used several architectural styles found in each faith around the world. Each structure is named after a revered leader and are identical in size. The uniformity illustrates baseline message of tolerance, respect, and similarities between all. Despite the similarities, each house uniquely and deliberately pays tribute to meaningful symbols within each faith. For example, His Holiness Francis Church is oriented towards the rising sun in the east and the ceiling is made of timber and is meant to evoke the biblical and Quranic story of Noah’s Ark.

This campus, located close to the Louvre Abu Dhabi, welcomes visitors to get immersed in culture and architecture, as well as learn about rituals, ceremonies, and celebrations across faiths.
VENUE SPOTLIGHT: AL AIN CULTURAL OASIS

Fed by natural springs and set amid date-palm plantations, Al Ain was once a vital pit-stop on the caravan route between Oman and the Gulf and is the birthplace of the United Arab Emirates’ founding father, Sheikh Zayed. This sprawling city, radiating out from the green heart of its central oasis, is a great place to visit. Its lack of ultramodern skyscrapers, preserved forts, and smattering of Unesco World Heritage sites has given it a reputation as a cultural hub. Qasr Al Ain or Al Ain Palace is one of the best-reinstated forts in Abu Dhabi and an important historical site in the UAE. It was home to the founding father of the UAE and the first President of the country, the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, who lived there with his family until 1966 prior to relocating to Abu Dhabi.
CELEBRATE RAMADAN

The Department of Culture and Tourism - Abu Dhabi (DCT Abu Dhabi) is inviting residents and visitors to experience Ramadan with a vibrant and unique calendar of authentic and inspiring activities across the emirate. The start of Ramadan, that is expected to begin 23 March. Abu Dhabi is preparing to welcome and share Ramadan with visitors from around the world, inviting them to discover experiences at their own pace. Attractions, restaurants and retail outlets will remain open throughout the day, though once the sun sets, the spirit of Ramadan in Abu Dhabi comes alive. During Ramadan, iftar is the meal served at sunset to break the long day of fasting (the word literally means ‘break fast’). You’ll find a rich variety of iftar opportunities scattered across Abu Dhabi over the Holy Month, each with their own unique culinary offerings and ambience. Scheduling programs during Ramadan is a good way to naturally infuse local customs into your program.
STYLE AND FUNCTION ON ETIHAD

Along with helping guests to ‘Choose Well’ by providing exceptional travel choices, Etihad also offers elevated onboard experiences that further complement its award-winning services. Most recently among them is an exclusive collaboration with celebrated designer Giorgio Armani and Armani/Casa.

The airline has taken inspiration from its home collection to reinvent its Business-Class Cabins. Every detail is underpinned by its pride for the UAE and Abu Dhabi - the city Etihad proudly calls home - and the Emirati hospitality it has become renowned for.

The Constellation Collection features contemporary, individual, and understated touches that offer a quiet elegance for Business guests to enjoy the feature durable, high-quality materials and innovative designs, as well as locally sourced materials.

When it’s time to rest, Etihad’s curated turn-down services promise to leave you feeling refreshed with a memory foam mattress and luxurious Armani bedding helping you to sleep well amongst the stars.

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RAMADAN KAREEM

This Holy Month, we celebrate the beauty of unity and coming together with hearts full of peace, harmony, and joy. On behalf of the entire Abu Dhabi Convention & Exhibition Bureau team, Ramadan Mubarak!

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ABU DHABI ON THE ROAD

In November, the Abu Dhabi Convention and Exhibition Bureau (ADCEB) sales team hit the road to meet with top-producing meeting and incentive planners at the Global Incentive Summit and the M&I Forum. Meeting one-on-one with planners at the multi-day events, the team shared the many ways to host dynamic and memorable meetings and reward travel programs in Abu Dhabi. Planners also received updates on the planned 2025 opening of the Guggenheim Abu Dhabi, the newly opened Marina Hall at the Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Center, and ways to experience Emirati culture as part of a group program.

For planners unable to attend who want the latest Abu Dhabi MICE market news, reach out to Nkechi Mitchell, MICE Sales Manager, North America, ADCEB, (pictured second from the left) at nmitchell@dctabudhabi.ae.
‘Bait Al Gahwa’ is an educational initiative launched by the Abu Dhabi Department of Culture & Tourism with guidance from UNESCO’s Committee for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage. The program, developed for Emirati youth, explores the deep history of Arabic coffee preparation and the significance of majlis-hosting in the region. The ‘Bait Al Gahwa’ (‘House of Arabic Coffee’) program teaches the many aspects of preparing and serving Arabic coffee and provides a deeper understanding of majlis, traditional gatherings that are an integral part of Emirati social and political life.

HOTEL SPOTLIGHT: SIR BANI YAS HOTEL

Sir Bani Yas Island, a winner of the World’s Leading Sustainable Tourism Destination award, is home to a stunning wildlife sanctuary offering soft-adventure activities, safari-style experiences, and historical sites to explore with luxury boutique accommodations.

Three luxurious boutique Anantara properties on Sir Bani Yas Island provide a distinctive backdrop for small meetings or incentive programs. The 64-room Desert Islands Resort & Spa overlooks the Arabian Sea and features a conference center and spa. The Al Sahel Villa Resort, set in the grasslands of the Island’s interior, recalls the atmosphere of Africa’s wild savannah. The Al Yamm Resort is reminiscent of an Emirati fishing village with beachfront villas overlooking the Arabian Gulf.

For more information, click here.
ETIHAD UPDATE: A LEADER IN THE SKIES

Etihad Airways, the UAE’s national airline, recently won several prestigious industry awards recognizing its dedication to providing thoughtful hospitality and elevating travel experiences for its guests.

At this year’s World MICE Awards, Etihad swept the categories for World’s Best MICE Airline and the Middle East’s Best MICE Airline. Etihad and its employees also received awards as the Middle East’s Leading Airline for Cabin Crew, Business Class, First Class, Inflight Entertainment, and Customer Experience at the World Travel Awards.

Beyond providing top-flight service to MICE attendees and other travelers, Etihad Airlines’ commitment to sustainability earned the carrier the Environmental Airline of the Year for 2022 in the Airline Excellence Awards.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Abu Dhabi has lifted nearly all Covid-19 restrictions for travel to and within the Emirate. A safe, awe-inspiring, culturally rich destination, travelers are now only required to wear masks in health and special care facilities. Wearing masks is now optional in hotels, restaurants, malls, museums, theme parks, mosques, and other popular locations for group and individual travelers.

PCR tests & Green Pass no longer required to enjoy Abu Dhabi’s variety of experiences. Visitors do not need to register vaccination status via ICA app or ica.gov.ae

For the latest updates on Covid Safe Travel in Abu Dhabi, click here.
MICE Agency Rewards Program

The Abu Dhabi Convention & Exhibition Bureau understands industry partners’ key role in choosing a destination for meetings, incentive programs, or other business gatherings. We’ve launched the Abu Dhabi MICE Agency Rewards program to give back to these dedicated partners. This initiative provides added value for group gatherings with booking incentives that help MICE planners’ bottom line. Based on the number of delegates (min. 50 participants), program highlights include hosted Welcome Receptions, complimentary airline tickets, hotel rooms and upgrades, and more. For details and to apply, click here.
The Advantage Abu Dhabi Program provides meeting planners with a one-stop-shop approach to organizing your program in Abu Dhabi. The Advantage Abu Dhabi Program provides planning support, financial subsidies, and added-value perks to pass on to your attendees. The Advantage Abu Dhabi Program provides access to a network of top-tier partners and suppliers to help coordinate all aspects of your program. Qualified groups can enjoy discounted hotel rates, complimentary air travel, sponsored site visits, a speaker’s program, and more. For more information, click here, or contact Nkechi Mitchell, MICE Sales Manager, North America, ADCEB, at nmitchell@dctabudhabi.ae.

Happy Thanksgiving
On behalf of the entire Abu Dhabi Convention & Exhibition Bureau team, we hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and wish you a happy holiday season ahead!
ABU DHABI LAUNCHES NEW BRANDING CAMPAIGN
With a fresh look and feel, Experience Abu Dhabi, Find your pace, is the new branding campaign launched by the Abu Dhabi Department of Culture & Tourism. Emphasizing the true spirit of Abu Dhabi, the campaign invites travelers to discover, be inspired, and be transformed by enriching and thoughtful travel experiences in the Emirate.

If you are interested in obtaining our newest campaign assets that include videos and images, please contact us.

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WHAT HAS THE ABU DHABI TRADE TEAM BEEN UP TO?
The Abu Dhabi Culture & Tourism team has been connecting with travel advisors throughout the US this fall! Here are just a few highlights:
Emirates, New York City

Close to 100 luxury travel advisors, agency owners, and wedding planners participated in themed workshops on travel to Abu Dhabi and Dubai. From building itineraries to cultural and romance-market offerings, the workshops at The Lightbox NYC helped attendees gain expertise in selling and planning programs for luxury clients.

CCRA Power Solutions, Philadelphia:

With informative roundtable sessions about Abu Dhabi’s luxury offerings and spectacular world-class events, along with a tradeshow with other industry partners, the Abu Dhabi team met with more than 200 luxury travel advisors at this key industry event.

Signature Travel Network Conference Las Vegas

Abu Dhabi connected with more than 1,200 registered travel advisors and met with more than 200 agents in workshops, trainings, and one-on-one meetings at this key industry event. In addition to learning about Abu Dhabi, agents gained a peek at Abu Dhabi’s new destination campaign!
to tee up for the Abu Dhabi HSBC Golf Championship 2023. Taking place at Yas Links Abu Dhabi from January 16-22nd, the event is the first event in the Rolex Series - DP World Tour. For fans, the tournament means up-close access to the world’s top men’s professional golf action, with outstanding entertainment and hospitality options on Yas Island.

Sheikh Zayed Festival
Gain a deeper understanding of Emirati heritage at the Sheikh Zayed Festival. Through March 18, 2023, events include folklore performances, UNESCO presentations, falconry demonstrations, an Arabic coffee barn, and readings of Arabic poems in a majlis setting. Other family-fun activities include a climbing wall, obstacle course, dance pad, and more provided by Al Forsan International Sports Resort.

For more information on upcoming events view our calendar here

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Light and Sound show at Qasr Al Watan

Qasr Al Watan, the Palace of the Nation, invites visitors to enjoy The Palace in Motion light and sound show.

This spectacular audiovisual display projects onto the façade of the Palace to tell a story in three acts, with an accompanying narration that tells the visual story of the UAE’s past, present, and future.
Yoga sessions are back with a twist. Move, breathe, and calm your mind in the picturesque surroundings of Louvre Abu Dhabi. You are invited to discover the restorative power of ancient yogic practices and sound-based healing by joining our Immersive Flow Sessions.

Hotel Spotlight

The St. Regis Abu Dhabi – Festive Season at “The Best Address”

Located at the heart of Abu Dhabi, The St. Regis Abu Dhabi, is where the festive season springs to life. Signifying the commencement of cheerfully-spirited December, a Tree Lighting ceremony coupled with a Gingerbread-Making Workshop, will take place in December 2022. The hotel also offers a myriad of culinary venues that will host spectacular Christmas Day Brunches, complimenting all palates. Ranging from a family-friendly brunch at Terrace on the Corniche to an exquisite seaside Brunch at our newest bespoke seafood restaurant, Catch at St. Regis. Our famed New Years’ Eve program will undoubtedly dazzle all those that choose to welcome 2023 here with us at “The Best Address”. For further information, click here.
From sumptuous dining to stellar stargazing, private island getaways to fast-paced racecar fun, couples can make lasting memories at these romantic spots in Abu Dhabi!

**Helipad Sunset Supper**

At St. Regis Abu Dhabi, a once-in-a-lifetime dining experience awaits. Couples can enjoy intimate dining on the UAE’s highest active helipad. With views of the famed Corniche and Arabian Gulf, this unforgettable meal includes caviar, oysters, free-flowing champagne, and more.

**A Night at Emirates Palace**

The best of Arabian splendor awaits romance-seekers at Emirates Palace. The five-star property offers couples the ultimate in Arabian luxury with oversized guest rooms, spectacular views, outstanding dining experiences, as well as a spa, private beach, and several pools for relaxing, rejuvenating, and feeling like royalty.

**Private Villa Experience**

Head to Zaya Nurai Island for an overnight at the boutique private island resort located in the azure waters of the Arabian Gulf. Each private beachfront villa features a plunge pool, with in-villa or food-to-fork dining options, complete with dedicated butler service.
entire galaxy at the Al Sadeem Observatory. Located in the desert just outside the city, couples can take in the desert night sky with the latest advancements in telescope technology for an out-of-this-world experience.

**Challenge Each other at Yas Kartzone**

For adrenaline-fueled fun, rev your engines with your partner at Yas Kartzone. Go-karting on Yas Island is the perfect way to race your partner head-to-head and heart-to-heart for thrill-seeking driving excitement.

**Upcoming Webinar**

*Arabian Coffee Break, AL AIN*

Be sure to join Abu Dhabi on December 7th at 1:00 P.M. Est, for a webinar on the historic garden city of Al Ain. Click [here](#) to register.
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Find more information on Ramadan [here](https://www.visitabudhabi.ae).

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THE ABU DHABI TRADE TEAM
OUT & ABOUT!

Here are just a few highlights:
The Department of Culture and Tourism Abu Dhabi met with key decision makers from top tour operating companies throughout the 4-day conference which brings together a high caliber of U.S. trade industry professionals, suppliers, and destinations from around the world in one single venue to discuss business.

Nightcap with Dubai & Isreal Texas:

For the first time Israel, Dubai and Abu Dhabi came together as one unified unit to host a Nightcap event at USTOA. 450 influential members gathered to celebrate with Israeli and Arabic music and beats reflecting the harmony of this momentous occasion.

Al Ain Fam Trip

Representatives from DCT's international offices converged in the "Garden City" of Al Ain for 4 days, unlocking the hidden treasures of the destination and exploring the Al Jahili Fort, Jabel Hafit Desert Park and the breathtaking Al Ain Zoo to name a few. These Al Ain experts will be sharing all that they have learned with the trade
Kevin Hart will be bringing his ‘Reality Check’ worldwide tour for a UAE-exclusive show at Etihad Arena on Wednesday, 22nd February! Known for his gold standard stand-up material, Kevin has shattered box office records everywhere.

Ultra Abu Dhabi

Ultra Worldwide, the world’s largest music festival brand, will make its Middle East debut in ULTRA Abu Dhabi. The two-day festival will take place in one of the world’s fastest growing leisure and entertainment destinations of the Etihad Park in Yas Island, located in the pinnacle of luxury in the Crown Jewel of the United Arab Emirates in Abu Dhabi.

For more information on upcoming events view our calendar [here](#INABUDHABI)
Indian Cinema

As part of its rich 2022-2023 cultural season, Louvre Abu Dhabi has announced its upcoming exhibition, Bollywood Superstars: A Short Story of Indian Cinema, opening from 24 January and running until 4 June 2023. Organised in partnership with Musée du quai Branly - Jacques Chirac and France Musées, the exhibition will showcase the depth and richness of the Indian sub-continent’s art and civilisation through its long tradition of image making, and the diversity of the Indian filmmaking industry.

Night Glow Kayak Jubail Island

You will experience the beautiful mangroves of Jubail Mangrove Park at night, a two-hour kayak ride that is equipped with special underwater LED lights. The trip begins with paddle instruction by one of Their experienced guides.

Hotel Spotlight
Brunch At The Park

From an exciting twist to breakfast classics, to live oyster shucking, DIY tiramisu, VIP (Vegans in Park) and many more, this new Limited Edition Brunch is immaculately crafted to flaunt the very best that the culinary team has to offer.

Check out more on the Park Hyatt [here](#).

New Authentic Emirate Experiences

Explore three amazing experiences below that will elevate your trip to Abu Dhabi and bring you closer to the people of the UAE.

VISIT A LOCAL RANCH

On a traditional Emirati farm you'll find camels, horses, sheep, falcons and so much more. Join Naser Sabaan to learn how an Emirati farm operates and interact with the animals. Enjoy performances of traditional Emirati songs and dances and try on traditional Emirati dress.
longstanding businesses which have contributed to the city’s urban culture and economy for decades. On this tour, we will explore some of the city’s monuments and architecture as well as some of these Urban Treasures throughout Abu Dhabi’s vibrant and lively neighbourhoods.

SAVOUR A TRADITIONAL MEAL
A reflection of the UAE’s trading heritage, Emirati food is infused with spices and ingredients from throughout the Middle East and Asia. With your Emirati host, you’ll learn how Emirati food is made, try traditional dishes, discover the etiquette of an Emirati majlis, and end your experience by indulging in popular local sweets.

Upcoming Webinar

Arabian Coffee Break
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Abu Dhabi in the News
These Are the 8 Best Hotels in Abu Dhabi for a Truly Local Stay

Sparkling waters, otherworldly sand dunes, and palm-shaded oases await at Abu Dhabi’s most exciting hotels.
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Saadiyat Best Beach Campaign

Overlooking the glittering turquoise waters of the Arabian Gulf and a short drive from Abu Dhabi’s downtown, guests can expect to be mesmerized by the tranquil and idyllic beaches nestled on Saadiyat Island. For the 11th consecutive year, Saadiyat Island Abu Dhabi has been crowned as the “Middle East’s Leading Beach Destination” by the World Travel Awards, reaffirming its spot as the Middle East’s #BestBeach destination.

HAPPENING SOON
April, Abu Dhabi’s residents and visitors can expect an electrifying line-up of concerts across the city to mark the public holiday. Music lovers can be excited for a special night on the second night of Eid, 23 April. DCT Abu Dhabi, in partnership with Yas Island and Live Nation Middle East, presents Abdelmajeed Abdulla live at Etihad Arena.

**Backstreet Boys DNA World Tour**
The Backstreet Boys, one of the best-selling bands of all time, are coming back to the UAE for the first time since 2018 on May 07, 2023. Set to wrap up their DNA World Tour on March 15th in Hong Kong, which has already seen the vocal group perform in the likes of Madrid, Munich, Budapest, London, Las Vegas, and much more, the five-piece will be touching down in Abu Dhabi for an exclusive event.

For more information on upcoming events view our calendar [here](#)

**IN AL AIN**

The UAE’s Garden city isn’t just a treat for the eyes and the soul. It’s also home to some of the most unique experiences you can encounter.
Take a break from the chaos of the city and reconnect with nature through a one-of-a-kind camping experience. Go on a majestic stroll around the mountain and enjoy stunning sunset views from the highest point in the city. Sleep beneath the stars in a beautifully furnished and fully-equipped dome tent.

Hotel Spotlight

A New Golden Era

Emirates Palace hotel had now Rebranded as Emirates Palace Mandarin Oriental, Abu Dhabi

Their team takes pride in serving their guests with the legendary Mandarin Oriental Hospitality and remains committed to becoming the most iconic beachfront resort.

With that the invite you to the Palace to experience this new golden era,

Your Palace, Your Story.

Iftar

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by the impeccable iftar spread at Layali Al Baraka. Set within the hotel’s grand and opulent oculus and beautifully adorned with Ramadan decorations, the memorable affair elegantly embodies all the most treasured traditions of the special period. Spanning every family member’s favourite seasonal recipes, including colourful mezze, fresh salads and heartwarming Arabic specialties from the UAE, Lebanon and beyond.

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This Ramadan, enjoy a vibrant iftar spread and amplify your cravings as you dine with your friends and family at Garage. Offering a wide selection of unique delectable options from the various stations, everyone’s palate will be catered for, and every appetite will be satiated. With a menu jam-packed with delicious taste sensations, including Malaysian Martabak with Beef, Chicken Shawarma, Arabic Spice Salmon, Modernist Butter Chicken, Lamb Ouzi, and much more, this is sure to be an iftar to remember.

Explore the events calendar for delightful iftar experiences around the city.

Find more information on Ramadan here

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Abu Dhabi in the News

Eating Local: Where to Try Abu Dhabi’s Best Dishes

From croissants and pickled eggplant at breakfast to late-night kunafa, here are our favorite spots to dine out in the capital city.

Abu Dhabi: Women entrepreneurs showcase products, services at Ramadan and Eid exhibition

The Abu Dhabi Businesswomen Council, a subsidiary of the Abu Dhabi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ADCCI), hosted the Ramadan and Eid exhibition, which provided female entrepreneurs across a range of sectors with a platform to showcase their products and services.
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Abu Dhabi Launches Authentic Emirati Experiences in Collaboration with Local Tour Guides

Abu Dhabi, UAE, 13 December 2022: The Department of Culture and Tourism – Abu Dhabi (DCT Abu Dhabi) has created a list of seven authentic Emirati cultural experiences visitors are recommended to try on a visit to the emirate. The experiences, created in collaboration with Emirati tour guides, will be featured on Airbnb, the global holiday rental website, offering residents and visitors the opportunity to delve deeper into the UAE's history and heritage.

Abdulrahman Al Zaabi, one of the city's dedicated Emirati tour guides, was inspired to share his city with tourists after travelling the world and learning about different cultures and traditions through the destination's local citizens. "In Abu Dhabi, Emirati representation is vital when it comes to guiding guests through the city," he said. "So, seeing the need for more, I decided to take it upon myself and pursue that. Being a tour guide gives me a lot of insight into my own culture, something people expect us to know by nature, but we often don't realize how much we don't know. As much as I am helping our visitors learn about our valued Emirati culture, discovering the hidden gems of the city and its people, I'm also learning a lot myself."

Local guide Nasser Sabaan became a tour guide after volunteering around Abu Dhabi and realising that many expat residents have only scratched the city's surface. Talking about his motivations, he...
educating and informing those interested all about the unique identity of the UAE, its authentic culture and historical traditions."

Diversifying his business offering, tour guide Ebrahim Al Harbi switched his focus from outbound travel to inbound, creating unique, tailored experiences that tell the story behind Abu Dhabi and its formation. "I am extremely proud to represent my country to a world audience," he explained. "Thus far, I have served nearly 70 different nationalities since 2018, sharing a historical narrative that combines land and sea. With my tour experience to the local fish and date markets, together we discover the significance of the ocean in the creation of Abu Dhabi and regaling stories from pearl diving and how fishing was, and still is, an important resource for the Emirati family. With the dates market, we explore the importance of date palm farming and how the fruit has become a staple in Emirati cuisine and a healthy source of nutrition."

Available to book from 4 November 2022 onwards, the experiences cover traditional cuisine, bustling souqs, thrilling sports and unforgettable sights, including:

- **Savour a traditional meal with an Emirati**: Embark on a culinary journey of the UAE with a traditional meal, shared in an Emirati home. The intimate dining experience allows guests to sample local dishes infused with spices and ingredients sourced from across Asia and the Middle East, reflecting the UAE’s strong trading heritage.
- **Visit a local ranch with an Emirati**: Take part in an Arabic coffee (gahwa) and dates educational experience with a visit to a local ranch. Learn about selecting and preparing gahwa, discover the different kinds of animals raised by Bedouins, the etiquette for the Majlis forums, as well as experiencing traditional Emirati songs and dances.
- **Discover the local date and fish markets with an Emirati**: Visit a market to explore the vast variety of dates, while discovering the cultural significance of the fruit. Also, take a tour of the Abu Dhabi Fish Market, a bustling marketplace crowded with restaurants, wholesalers and visitors, to learn about the UAE’s seafaring past, while watching local fishermen unload their catch of the day.
- **Enjoy a homemade Emirati breakfast**: Savour local breakfast dishes such as chebab (crispy Emirati pancakes topped with date syrup or honey) and gahwa, and discover the cultural nuances and activities by trying on traditional clothes, sampling incense and learning about the art of ‘Sanaa’, the unspoken gestures and set behaviours that Emiratis learn from a young age.
- **Take an Urban Treasure tour**: A lively tour of Abu Dhabi’s neighbourhoods to learn about the city’s ‘Urban Treasures’ – the longstanding establishments, including markets, shops and restaurants, which have played a crucial role in shaping the urban culture of the destination. These include Al Ibrahimi Restaurant, Malik & Shaheed Stores, Fish Market, Carpet Souq and many more.
- **Tour Abu Dhabi by night**: Learn about the rise of the modern cosmopolitan heart of the destination on a night-time tour of the city. Meet before the sun goes down on the Corniche, where Emirati guides will share stories of the rise of the city’s iconic skyline as the sun sets, followed by a stop at the Founder’s Memorial, with the tour ending at the Qasr Al Watan light show.

A destination packed with heritage-rich experiences, a bustling contemporary art and culture scene, exhilarating family fun attractions, and a diverse culinary landscape, Abu Dhabi is the ultimate holiday destination for inspiring, exciting and restorative experiences.

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DCT ABU DHABI SIGNS STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP WITH HOTELBEDS TO FURTHER DEVELOP THE EMIRATE AS A WORLD-CLASS LEISURE DESTINATION

Abu Dhabi, UAE, 8 November 2022: The Department of Culture and Tourism – Abu Dhabi (DCT Abu Dhabi) has announced a partnership with Hotelbeds, global leaders in the TravelTech space, to encourage travel agents to promote Abu Dhabi across key and emerging markets as a leading tourist destination.

The strategic partnership will drive further awareness of Abu Dhabi among Hotelbeds’ network of travel agents and partners. The partnership also opens up opportunities for the two entities to work together on roadshows and meetings with travel partners, as well as collaborate on initiatives to promote attractions and events in Abu Dhabi.

Additionally, the partnership will promote Abu Dhabi’s ESG initiatives through Hotelbeds’ existing projects such as the ‘Green Hotel Programme’. Designed to identify and promote officially certified properties as sustainable accommodation, Hotelbeds’ Green Hotel Programme is part of a pledge to offer solutions for destinations to participate in the travel industry’s path towards sustainability.

The 12-month partnership, which was announced at World Travel Market (WTM) 2022 in London, will help drive further awareness of Abu Dhabi as a destination that is unique in the diversity of thoughtful and enriching experiences it offers, among consumers and trade partners.

HE Saleh Mohamed Saleh Al Geziry, Director General for Tourism at DCT Abu Dhabi, said: “We are delighted to announce the extended partnership with Hotelbeds, which will further boost
visitors to find their own pace and explore all that it has to offer.

Joseph Sheller, Head of Global Destination Marketing at Hotelbeds, said: “Our partnership with Abu Dhabi opens a lot of doors for us in the UAE market and we are delighted to further our relationship with DCT Abu Dhabi on key initiatives to provide an attractive proposition to consumers and trade partners, along with joining forces to contribute to a more sustainable travel industry.”

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Experience A Unique Ramadan and Eid Celebrations In Abu Dhabi With Authentic Emirati Hospitality, Family Festivities & Exclusive Activations

Abu Dhabi, UAE, 7 March 2023: The Department of Culture and Tourism - Abu Dhabi (DCT Abu Dhabi) is inviting residents and visitors to experience Ramadan with a vibrant and unique calendar of authentic and inspiring activities across the emirate.

The start of Ramadan, that is expected to begin 23 March, will coincide with the term break from schools. Abu Dhabi is preparing to welcome and share Ramadan with visitors from around the world, inviting them to discover experiences at their own pace. Attractions, restaurants and retail outlets will remain open throughout the day, though once the sun sets, the spirit of Ramadan in Abu Dhabi comes alive.

From Iftar to Suhoor, festivals and pop-ups at the city's hotels, restaurants and attractions, there are no shortage of
RETAIL RAMADAN POP-UPS

The First Fendi Majlis in the Region
FENDI takes over Abu Dhabi's tashas Al Bateen for the holy month to host their very own Ramadan Majlis. Surrounded by the iconic codes of the FENDI Maison, the Majlis welcomes the community to gather family and friends every evening for Suhoor. Starting from 26 March, and for the entire month this especially unique concept will surely be the most glamourous evening in the region. Make it a must to visit this one-off experience which includes a mouth-watering menu curated by tashas exclusively for Fendi.

Charlotte Tilbury Majlis
The First Charlotte Tilbury Majlis in the Region will welcome guests from 6 - 17 April with a specially curated and iconic Charlotte Tilbury Ramadan café in the heart of Abu Dhabi. Taking over Society in Mamsha Saadiyat, this luxury F&B concept offers a memorable Ramadan experience with consumer-led exclusive masterclasses hosted by Regional and Global Make-up artists, gaming opportunities as well as product discoveries.

Ethr Take Over by Dyptique
From the chic streets of Paris, to paradise in Abu Dhabi, Dyptique, the pioneering parfumerie Maison, will bring to life a mesmerizing, first of its kind café takeover at Ethr, a hidden gem in Abu Dhabi located in Mamsha Saadiyat. Offering visitors the chance to discover new and exciting fragrance collection Eau Nabati, and flavours that weave through the exotic and the magical surroundings. Friends of the brand, perfume connoisseurs and beauty enthusiasts will also be able to appreciate the Layali Ramadan Campaign event further thanks to a series of creative workshops that will be taking place over 14 days, to unveil the special Dyptique scent launch of Eau Nabati. The Ethr Take Over by Diptique runs from 5 - 22 April.

RITUALS Wellness Retreat
As a pre Ramadan event, the wellness brand RITUALS COSMETICS will be hosting a rejuvenating wellness getaway from 16 - 19 March at the magnificent Park Hyatt, in Abu Dhabi. This 4-day retreat will allow you to immerse yourself into the World of Rituals and indulge in sound meditation, manifestation workshops and fragrance zoning to get your mind, body and home ready for Ramadan.

The Ramadan Market
In collaboration with the home-grown brand Mirbad, Retail Abudhabi will host the first Ramadan night retail market in the emirate from 24 - 27 March at Manarat Al Saadiyat, where over 100 local and global vendors will showcase and host different brand experiences. For the first time, the Mirbad market will be embedding international brands and adding to their programming entertainment. The Ramadan Market will give visitors a chance to immerse themselves in the local culture with a modern twist.

AUTHENTIC ARABIAN HOSPITALITY

The Majlis by the Sea at Emirates Palace Mandarin Oriental
The Emirates Palace Mandarin Oriental presents The Majlis by the Sea, a Ramadan tent uniquely situated by the Arabian Gulf. With glittering views across the Abu Dhabi skyline, this Arabian-inspired contemporary tent offers luxury hospitality, serving world-class Arabic and Michelin-starred cuisine and live Arabic musical entertainment. The Iftar buffet, daily from 6.00 pm to 9.00 pm, is priced at AED 325 per person, and Suhoor, from 10.00 pm to 2.00 am priced with a minimum spend of AED 175.

Iftar and a Suhoor Under the Stars at Rosewood Abu Dhabi
Celebrate Iftar and Suhoor against a magnificent backdrop of the city or under the stars at the Rosewood Abu Dhabi. For Iftar, Aqua has curated an enchanting gastronomic offering with magical flavours, sure to enchant guests each evening from 6.00 pm to 9.00 pm. Suhoor Under the Stars, from 10.00 pm to 3.00 am, shares a night to remember at Gio with its à la carte Suhoor menu being served al fresco on its beautiful terrace with views over the sparkling waters.
Ramadan at Rixos Premium Saadiyat Island
This Ramadan offers plenty at the Rixos Premium Saadiyat Island with exceptional Suhoor and Iftar experiences offering authentic atmosphere and sumptuous food across its outlets. From the all-day dining venue, Turquoise, to a serene beachfront Suhoor at Mermaid and an Ottoman experience at Orient, families and friends can gather together to break their fast daily from 6.00 pm to 10.30 pm. Guests can avail of the Iftar Buffet at AED 299 per person and the Suhoor Buffet at AED 200 per person, both including Arabic juices, soft beverages, tea or coffee and water.

Ramadan Village at Shangri-La
This Ramadan, Shangri-La Qaryat Al Beri invites guests to join them in the spirit of togetherness among traditional Arabian hospitality at the Ramadan Village. Dining with panoramic views of the Khor Al Maqta creek, the Shangri-La Ramadan Village serves up a Suhoor to remember with immersive experiences, seasonal-inspired culinary stations, fresh juice bars, speciality coffee carts and authentic entertainment. Price packages start at AED 100 minimum spend per person for standard and lounge seating, AED 500 minimum spend for a Suhoor Majlis for up to 5 people and AED 1,500 minimum spend to reserve the Grand Majlis up to 15 people. Opening on the 22nd of March and ideal for groups and social gatherings, the month-long festivities at the Ramadan Village begins with the exclusive ‘Culinary Master Series’ with Michelin-awarded Chef Greg Malouf presenting a four-course menu for Suhoor during the first week of Ramadan. The four-course menu is priced at AED 275, with guests selecting two starters, one main and one dessert dish from the à la carte, sharing-style menu.

Ramadan at the Oasis Tent & Majlis Suhoor by the Beach At Park Hyatt Abu Dhabi
The Park Hyatt Abu Dhabi offers lots this Ramadan with its Oasis Tent and beachside Majlis. Guests can enjoy an Iftar at the Oasis with an Arabian Nights-themed Iftar under the stars with a generous selection of signature dishes in a one-of-a-kind setting in the lush gardens of the Park Hyatt. For Suhoor, relax under the Saadiyat night and escape the hustle and bustle whilst savouring an Arabic-style gourmet menu paired with refreshments and shisha and refreshments. Iftar at the Oasis, from 6.00 pm to 9.00 pm, is priced at AED 320 per person and the Suhoor, from 10.00 pm to midnight, at AED 150 per person.

Ramadan at the Liwa Tent Four Seasons Hotel
As the sun sets over Al Maryah Island, the spirit of Ramadan shines at The Four Seasons Hotel Abu Dhabi. Experience the essence of Ramadan at the Four Seasons Abu Dhabi Liwa Tent, with flavourful five-star Iftar and Suhoor menus that can be taken indoors or in the open air under the night sky. At AED 310 per person, the experience will tantalise your taste buds and offer additional traditional entertainment with a wide selection of aromatic shisha and captivating live performances.

Ramadan at one of the city’s Michelin Stars
Abu Dhabi is a hotspot for cultural and culinary excellence. With an impressive line-up of Michelin Star recognised restaurants, why not spend the evening dining on a world-renowned Ramadan offering? With leading chefs curating Iftar menus for the holy month, guests can make reservations for a truly traditional touch at Tajazal on Al Qana Walk or Layali Al Baraka at Jumeirah Hotel at Etihad Towers. For those looking for a more modern twist on international cuisines, the Galleria Al Maryah Island’s COYA offers us an immersive 360-degree Peruvian experience, whilst Mamsha Al Saadiyat’s homegrown Niri Restaurant serves up Japanese cuisine and spirit and the Punjab Grill at the Venetian Village at The Ritz-Carlton Abu Dhabi, Grand Canal shares an authentic Indian six-course tasting menu from Chef Sandeep Ali. LPM Abu Dhabi at the Galleria Al Maryah Island promises a succulent Ramadan transporting guests somewhere else, far away in time and place, and 99 Sushi Bar & Restaurant at the Four Seasons Hotel Abu Dhabi at Al Maryah Island invites guests to celebrate Iftar with a generous 13-dish Michelin-star menu.

Ramadan at the Louvre Abu Dhabi
Whilst the iconic Louvre Abu Dhabi remains closed on Mondays, throughout Ramadan, the museum has extended its hours from 10.00 am to midnight on Tuesdays to Sundays, allowing more time to soak up world-class arts and culture. Inside, the galleries close at 6:30 pm on weekdays (Tuesday to Thursday) and 8:30 pm on weekends (Friday to Sunday). After sunset, the Louvre Abu Dhabi offers individual and private group dining options. Appetite Café serves up specialised evenings throughout the week, with an authentic three-course set Iftar menu, at AED 165 per person, of middle eastern and international cuisines from 6.00 pm to 00:30 pm on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays. On Thursdays and Fridays, from 6.00 pm to 11.00 pm, the café hosts an à la carte celebration of Mediterranean street food.
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AWE-INSPIRING ACTIVATIONS

Underwater Iftar by Shangri-La at the National Aquarium
The National Aquarium, in partnership with Shangri-La Qaryat Al Beri, Abu Dhabi, is hosting a one-of-a-kind ‘underwater’ Iftar evening with unparalleled access to the National Aquarium for groups between 30 to 50 guests. Taking place from the 10 - 11 April, business partners, family or friends can come together in the spectacular setting and connect over an elevated Iftar offering from the culinary team at Shangri-La, showcasing flavours from across the region, including traditional Arabian-influenced dishes and tempting sweet delights. This exclusive experience requires booking at least 48 hours in advance and is priced at AED 600 per person.

SALT Camp at Louvre Abu Dhabi
UAE homegrown favourite SALT will pitch its 'tent' this Ramadan with the Salt Camp pop-up at Louvre Abu Dhabi. From 1 March to 21 April, SALT Camp presents a space for friends and family to meet and enjoy the laidback menu favourites against a backdrop of SALT-inspired activities and activations.

Iftar with the Lions and Giraffes at Al Ain Zoo
From 23 March to 21 April, go wild this Ramadan with an Iftar with the lions and giraffes at Al Ain Zoo. Both Iftar settings promise an evening to remember, bringing guests and their loved ones next to exciting wildlife in the world’s largest man-made African Safari setting. Iftar with the Lions sees a breath-taking Iftar moment with the king of the jungle, whilst Iftar with the Giraffes sees visitors dining with Miss Zafarana the Giraffe and her family after the sunset, and even an up-close-and-personal feeding experience and photo opportunity.

Ramadan at the Warner Bros Hotel Abu Dhabi
From authentic Arabic dishes to the cosy Ramadan-themed ambience and even meet-and-greets with renowned WB™ characters, including Tom & Jerry, Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck and Robin, Ramadan at the WB™ Abu Dhabi is sure to be a memorable experience for all the family. Taking place at Sidekicks restaurant from 6.00 pm to 10.00 pm each evening, the Iftar will combine authentic traditions with modern flair, with an array of authentic and lavish Levantine cuisine.

Ramadan at the Oasis
The Al Ain Oasis will host its ever-popular Ramadan Nights at the Oasis from 10.00 pm to 1.00 am each evening from 1 - 15 April, hosting a series of cultural activities, entertainment and live TV broadcast.

Ramadan Arcade
Taking place at Manarat Al Saadiyat from 6 - 16 April from 9.00 pm to 2.00 am, Ramadan Arcade returns this Ramadan to embrace cultural traditions in a contemporary setting with a fantastic round-up of cultural activities, a variety of entertainment and music, art, games, workshops and more, making it the ultimate hang out spot in Ramadan!

Pixoul Ramadan Nights
Every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday throughout Ramadan, Pixoul Gaming, located in Al Qana, hosts a rare Suhoor experience with activities designed to bring families and friends together. From 10.00 pm to 3.00 am, the immersive gaming Suhoor experience allows guests to meet with the local gaming community, play vintage Arcade games, save Planet Pixoul with a VR experience, and show off skills at the Esports Hub, all whilst enjoying refreshments from the E-Sports Bar.

A Reflection on Cultural Heritage at Louvre Abu Dhabi
From 15 February to 15 May, 6.30 pm to midnight daily, the Concrete Beach of the Louvre Abu Dhabi is set to stun with...
SPORING SPECIALS

Science & Soulful at Jubail Mangrove Park
This Ramadan, stay active and reconnect with nature at Jubail Mangrove Park. In addition to scenic boardwalk experiences through native wildlife to clear your mind and detoxify your body, the environmentally-protected park is hosting various water activities, yoga sessions and creative art classes. On the water, single or double kayaking guided experiences through mangroves, seeing stunning sunrises and sunsets whilst discovering native wildlife, or navigating the night with the newly-launched Night Glow experience in specially fitted, LED-lit kayaks. Promoting spiritual reflection, Jubail Mangrove Park has curated a schedule of ladies-only yoga practices every Monday from 8:30 pm to 9:30 pm, including a Detox Flow with Sound Healing Journey, Yin with Roll & Release, Detox Pilates to Reset and Breath & Meditation.

Ramadan at the Circuit
Yas Marina Circuit is hosting an array of adrenaline-packed activities, from driving packages to thrilling Ramadan Karting Cup and Yas Super Street Challenge, the ADNOC TrainYAS Ramadan Challenge presented by ADSC encouraging guests to stay active over Ramadan and be in for a chance of winning some fantastic prizes.

Hudayriyat Mar Vista
With something for all ages, tastes and interests, be sure to visit Hudayriyat Island this Ramadan. The one-stop island destination boasts everything you will need for a great day or night out, with ample indoor and outdoor attractions such as cycling and biking tracks and trails, obstacle parks and pristine beaches, restaurants and food trucks and the cultural Hudayriyat Heritage Trail.

Wellness Iftar at Pura Eco Resort
Disconnect from the world around you and be engulfed by nature with Pura Eco Resorts’ unique Wellness iftar. Over two weekends with limited spaces available, the extensive Ramadan programme will include a series of yoga and meditation classes before coming together to break fast with a delicious and healthy iftar designed by Emirati Chef Faisal Al Harmoodi. Hosted on 31 March and 1, 7 and 8 April, the sessions promise guests moments of reflection and connection with their inner selves set in the stunning surroundings of Pura Eco Resort.

FIREWORK FLOURISHES & EXHILARATING EID CELEBRATIONS

Kicking off the Eid celebrations, Abu Dhabi’s citizens, residents and visitors will be dazzled by fireworks lighting up the skies across the city from 9.00 pm with shows along the Abu Dhabi Corniche, at Al Ain’s Hazza Stadium and Madinat Zayed Public Park, Gayathi and Al Marfa’s AlMugheirah beach in the Al Dhafra region.

Music lovers can revel in the sounds of the most iconic stars from the Arab world with special concerts hosted at Etihad Arena on the second day of Eid. Concerts, with details and artists yet to be announced, will also occur on the same evening in Al Ain and Al Dhafra.

Throughout the Eid public holiday, activations will be hosted by iconic tourist and cultural attractions, including Yas Bay Waterfront, Yas Island, Manarat Al Saadiyat and Qasr Al Hosn. Al Ain’s Palace Museum will see special Al Ayyala and Al Razfa performances, with Al Ain Oasis and Qasr Al Muwaiji also hosting yet-to-be-announced celebrations across the four days.

For more information, please visit https://visitabudhabi.ae/en/campaign/ramadan-abu-dhabi

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Football Fever Hits The UAE Capital With Abu Dhabi Fanzone – FIFA World Cup(TM) Viewing Experience Set To Host Residents And Visitors This Winter

The dedicated fanzone, situated on Yas Links, Yas Island Abu Dhabi, will unite football fans from across the globe with a daily hosting capacity of 2,000

Interactive football-themed activations and non-stop family fun entertainment to feature throughout the tournament

Abu Dhabi (UAE) - November 1, 2022: Building on the rising football fever, the Department of Culture and Tourism – Abu Dhabi (DCT Abu Dhabi) has announced the ultimate football fan watch-spot in the UAE capital with the Abu Dhabi Fanzone – FIFA World Cup(TM) Viewing Experience with a daily hosting capacity of 2,000.

Located on Yas Links, Yas Island Abu Dhabi, the 10,000 sqm dedicated fan space created in partnership with Miral and AB INBEV, is inviting residents and visitors from around the world to cheer on their teams along with their friends and families throughout the football tournament from 20 November to 18 December.

Split into four action-packed zones; main viewing zone, activation zone, F&B zone and VIP lounge zone, the neon-themed, Instagram-worthy Abu Dhabi Fanzone – FIFA World Cup(TM) Viewing Experience has something for everyone with an abundance of seating options, interactive activations and e-sports, food, beverage and retail outlets, stage and roaming entertainment.

The main viewing zone will feature a giant LED screen, measuring 16 x 9 meters, making it one of
specialist commentary, crowd and community competitions and non-stop entertainment. The action continues off-screen, with a streaming line-up of musical and performance artists entertaining fans with stage shows, DJ sets, and roaming artists.

A place to cheer on their home teams, the main viewing zone offers plenty of seating space for fans and their friends and families, including standing stations, bean bags and communal tables. With comfort and convenience in close reach, the area is surrounded by refreshing food and beverage stations from local and homegrown popular eateries. The intimate VIP Lounge offers next-level comforts in a more private zone with a second game screen and shisha lounge.

Central to the fanzone, visitors will feel the real sense of community and get competitive, challenging each other over themed football activations, including FootPool, Fast Feet and Targeted Kick screens. Creating a tournament within a tournament, the fanzone will host daily and weekly FIFA(TM) 23 community tournaments on PS5*. Gamers, football enthusiasts and fans alike will be able to register and play for free directly through http://adfanzone.zemmz.com/.

The dedicated gaming zone will include a variety of PS5 games, arcades, and a gaming lounge, along with many sports challenges and games. This family-friendly space will become the hub for everyone to challenge their friends, compete against the best in the UAE to showcase their e-sports skills and gain bragging rights; participants will be in the run-up to receiving exclusive prizes.

Further elevating the fan experience, visitors can purchase official FIFA(TM) Licensed merchandise like World Cup Trophy replicas and nation-themed footballs.

Tiered entry options are available with General Admission passes costing AED 50, All Game Access passes at AED 95, and Season passes at AED 950. The VIP shisha lounge is also available for table bookings.

For more information on the Abu Dhabi Fanzone – FIFA World Cup(TM) Viewing Experience, entry fee information and table bookings, please visit https://abu-dhabi.platinumlist.net/abu-dhabi-fanzone-fifa-world-cup.

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About Yas Island
Yas Island is one of the world’s fastest growing leisure and entertainment destinations, located on the golden shores of Abu Dhabi - just 20 minutes from downtown Abu Dhabi and 50 minutes from Dubai. Yas Island offers holiday makers a diverse mix of award-winning leisure and entertainment experiences, from one-of-a-kind theme parks, world-class shopping and superb dining, to a links golf course, exciting water and motor sports, and spectacular musical, entertainment and family events all within the 25 sq km Island.

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Ramadan at Hafeet is a World of Wonder in Al Ain

Three-week Ramadan activation offers nightly entertainment and retail pop-ups during the Holy Month

Abu Dhabi, UAE, 24 March 2023: This Ramadan, Al Ain welcomes local and regional guests to immerse themselves in a world of wonder during its new Radaman at Hafeet experience. The engaging three-week activation is organised by the Department of Culture and Tourism - Abu Dhabi (DCT Abu Dhabi), in cooperation with their strategic partner, Al Ain City Municipality.

Ramadan at Hafeet features an eclectic programme of culture, culinary delights, arts, family fun, shopping, and live entertainment - set against the backdrop of the rugged Jabel Hafeet mountain. The nightly entertainment and retail pop-ups all represent the joys of UAE culture and Al Ain’s spirit.

In addition to the captivating and unique experience, Ramadan at Hafeet will offer roaming artists such as compelling Hakawati storytellers, puppet shows and a Tarabish band, alongside on-stage musical performances. Visitors can enjoy popular international and homegrown food kiosks, as well as retail pop-ups at the Ramadan Souk, with endless entertainment for friends and families spending time together over Ramadan.

The Radaman at Hafeet activation will open on the first day of Ramadan and remain open for three
Ramadan Village.

Visitors can Indulge in an exclusive food experience at the ‘Jalst Ramadan’ section. Located on an elevated platform, the dining concept is designed for optimal comfort and ideal for those seeking a special evening to unwind and enjoy the overall ambiance of Ramadan.

A limited number of VIP Lounge tables are available and fully-redeemable packages range from AED 600 for a four-person table, to AED 900 for six persons and AED 1,200 for eight persons, and 150 per person. Guests are advised to book in advance to avoid disappointment and ensure a front-row seat to the colourful array of entertainment.

Tickets to Ramadan At Hafeet are available via Platinumlist.net

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Ringing 2023 with two epic fireworks displays on Yas Island

Abu Dhabi, UAE, 13 December 2022: From festive cheer to a magical atmosphere, Yas Island, one of the world’s leading leisure and entertainment destinations, is the most fun-packed place to ring in the New Year in style. Yas Island will be lit up with colorful lights and fireworks with the launch of two special fireworks displays on New Year’s Eve at 9pm and midnight, celebrating the start of 2023. Families can gather with their kids with the all-new launch of the destination’s spectacular fireworks displays as part of the family friendly New Year’s Eve fireworks show at 9pm, ahead of the second traditional midnight fireworks spectacle.

As with every year, the skies over Yas Island are due to burst with color in celebration of the New Year. This year’s New Year celebrations will be decked out as guests can sit back and enjoy the fireworks with an extensive selection of dining options at Yas Marina restaurants, as the Abu Dhabi skies burst with color with 2022 coming to a close.

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STAY FIT WHILE FASTING THIS RAMADAN WITH EXCITING HEALTH AND WELLNESS EXPERIENCES IN ABU DHABI

Invigorate after indulgence during the holy month with a range of family-friendly fitness, sporting and wellness activities

Abu Dhabi, UAE, 30 March 2023: The Department of Culture and Tourism - Abu Dhabi (DCT Abu Dhabi) is encouraging residents and visitors to take time for self-reflection this Ramadan with a series of sporty and restorative experiences focusing on personal health and wellness.

Running throughout the holy month, sporting facilities and entertainment attractions across Abu Dhabi are hosting special events open for participants of all ages and fitness levels to experience.

SOULFUL EXPERIENCES

Wellness Iftar at Pura Eco Resort
Disconnect from everyday life and immerse yourself in soothing nature with Pura Eco Resort’s unique Wellness
on 31 March and 1, 7 and 8 April, the sessions promise guests moments of reflection and connection with their inner selves, amid the stunning surroundings of Pura Eco Resort.

**Serenity at Jubail Mangrove Park**
Stay active and reconnect with nature at Jubail Mangrove Park, with a scenic boardwalk experience through native wildlife that will clear your mind and detox your spirit. The environmentally protected park will host water activities, yoga sessions and creative art classes. On the water, embark on a guided kayaking experience, gliding through mangroves, seeing stunning sunrises and sunsets, and discovering native wildlife - or navigate the night waters with the newly-launched Night Glow experience in specially fitted, LED-lit kayaks. To promote spiritual reflection, Jubail Mangrove Park has curated a schedule of ladies-only yoga sessions every Monday from 8:30pm to 9:30pm, including Detox Flow with Sound Healing Journey, Yin with Roll & Release, Detox Pilates to Reset and Breath & Meditation.

**SPORTING EXPERIENCES**

**Hudayriyat Mar Vista**
With something for all ages, tastes and interests, Hudayriyat Island is a one-stop destination with everything you need for a great day out this Ramadan. With ample indoor and outdoor attractions including cycling and biking tracks and trails, obstacle parks and pristine beaches, restaurants and food trucks, endless opportunities exist to stay fit and healthy on the island.

**Ramadan at the Circuit**
Get your adrenaline pumping at Yas Marina Circuit this holy month. Race the track with thrilling driving packages, watch the nail-biting Ramadan Karting Cup and Yas Super Street Challenge, or tread the track as part of the ADNOC TrainYAS Ramadan Challenge, presented by ADSC, and be in with a chance of winning some fantastic prizes.

For more information, please visit [https://visitabudhabi.ae/en/campaign/ramadan-abu-dhabi](https://visitabudhabi.ae/en/campaign/ramadan-abu-dhabi)

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UNIQUE RAMADAN EXPERIENCES STEEPED IN HISTORY AND CULTURE ON THE ABU DHABI CALENDAR

Abu Dhabi, UAE, 31 March 2023: With a wide variety of Iftar and Suhoor dining experiences across the emirate this holy month, the Department of Culture and Tourism - Abu Dhabi (DCT Abu Dhabi) has announced a range of unique and awe-inspiring Ramadan activities for residents and visitors to immerse themselves in the history and culture of Abu Dhabi and the UAE.

Featuring storytelling under the stars and traditional musical evenings, cultural workshops and wellness sessions, retail pop-ups, and the Ramadan Arcade, the whole community can come together to celebrate the holy month and create new cultural connections. Here is a selection of experiences to get you into the spirit of Ramadan.

CAPTIVATING CULTURE

LOUVRE ABU DHABI
Al Manama at Louvre Abu Dhabi
22nd March to 22nd April
Louvre Abu Dhabi will host three cultural activities across three evenings under a series named The
heritage of architecture in the UAE and an Oud and Calligraphy Performance. Each evening is free to attend but requires a reservation in advance.

A Reflection on Cultural Heritage at Louvre Abu Dhabi
15th February to 15th May, 6.30 pm to midnight daily
The Concrete Beach of the Louvre Abu Dhabi is set to stun with mesmerising projections seen from the Promenade. Iconic images of Emirati heritage will come alive on the seafront surfaces with projections of cultural activities and traditions from maritime moments and desert travellers, urban and rural landscapes and architecture and portraits of the people and lifestyle of the city.

Salt Camp: The Art Has Left the Frame at Louvre Abu Dhabi
24th February to 30th April, 1.00 pm to 12.00 am
UAE’s favourite Salt is inviting all art and food enthusiasts to experience a one-of-a-kind journey at the iconic Louvre Abu Dhabi with its pop-up, ‘The art has left the frame’, a world of 3D art in which one can experience classical artists’ work like never before. On an elevated stage, nestled amidst the sand, Salt Camp will host a mesmerizing showcase of live performances from jugglers to Oud players.

MANARAT AL SAADIYAT
Ramadan Arcade at Manarat Al Saadiyat
6th April to 16th April, 8.00 am to 10.00 pm daily
Manarat Al Saadiyat’s Ramadan Arcade invites visitors to embrace cultural traditions this Ramadan in a contemporary, community setting with a fantastic round-up of cultural, social and entertainment activities such as games, workshops, talks, art and more.

OASR AL HOSN
Ramadan at Al Hosn
31st March to 3rd April, 9.00 pm to 1.00 am - Entry Fee, AED 30/per person
The four-day celebration during the holy month of Ramadan welcomes guests to engage in traditional Ramadan activities, including live entertainment, food vendors, and hands-on activities at the cultural landmark Qasr Al Hosn. For the first two days, the area between Qasr Al Hosn and the House of Artisans will be exclusive to women, while the rest of the Al Hosn site will be accessible to the public.

AL AIN
Ramadan at Hafeet, Al Ain
23rd March to 11th April, 9.00 pm to 3.00 am - General Admission, AED 10/per person
Al Ain welcomes all guests to experience its new Ramadan at Hafeet, presenting the joys of UAE culture and Al Ain’s spirit. The engaging three-week activation features an eclectic programme of culture, culinary delights, arts, family fun, shopping, and live entertainment - set against the backdrop of Jabel Hafeet mountain. Visitors can enjoy an exclusive food experience at the ‘Jalst Ramadan’ section which is located on an elevated platform. VIP experiences are also available with packages from AED 600 for a four-person table, and upwards.

Ramadan Nights at the Oasis
1st March to 15th April, 10.00 pm to 1.00 am daily
The ever-popular Ramadan Nights at the Oasis returns this Ramadan with the Al Ain Oasis hosting a series of cultural activities, dining experiences and family entertainment plus a unique ‘live from the oasis’ broadcast of ‘Al Shara’ a popular TV program broadcast on Abu Dhabi and Emarat channels.

Ramadan Talks at Al Ain Palace Museum
13th to 15th April
Ramadan Harees at Al Ain Palace Museum
Fridays only, 24th and 31st March, 7th and 14th April
Reviving the tradition of the Harees meal preparation, Al Ain Palace Museum and its community will distribute Harees to its neighbours during Ramadan, bringing back the same tradition of the late Sheikh Zayed, who used to do the same when he lived with his family in Al Ain Palace Museum.

Tales from Al Ain at Al Jahili Fort
11th April, 10.00 pm onwards
Tales from Al Ain is a storytelling experience bringing in experts, historians and people from the community to regale stories and anecdotes of Al Ain's history, social practices, and it's people. For this evening, the storytelling focuses on the mighty Jebel Hafit mountains and their surroundings.

Bait Mohammed bin Khalifa Ramadan Program
24th March, 3rd and 11th April, 10.00 pm onwards
Throughout Ramadan, Bait Mohammed Bin Khalifa will host various live musical evenings inspired by the spirituality of the month and oriental genres of music with oud, qanun, violin and flute performances.

Bait Mohammed bin Khalifa Monawaat Music Program
24th March to 21st April, selected days during Ramadan
The stage will be set for the Monawaat music program at Bait Mohammed bin Khalifa during Eid, with Jalsaat sessions of Emirati and Khaleeji music and performers, bringing to life the nostalgic vibes of Jalsat, particularly in the 90s and early 2000s.

RETAIL RAMADAN POP-UPS

Fendi Majlis
1st April till the end of Ramadan
For the first time in the UAE, Fendi Café Majlis will launch at Tasha’s in Al Bateen, offering the perfect place to catch up and converse with friends this Ramadan.

Charlotte Tilbury Majlis
7th to 20th April
The first Charlotte Tilbury Majlis in the region will welcome guests with a specially curated and iconic Charlotte Tilbury Ramadan café in the heart of Abu Dhabi. Taking over Café Society in Mamsha Saadiyat, this luxury F&B concept offers a memorable Ramadan experience with consumer-led exclusive masterclasses hosted by the brand's global make-up artist.

Ethr Café Take Over by Dyptique
6th April till the end of Ramadan
Global fragrance brand Dyptique will take over the Ethr Café at Mamsha Saadiyat, bringing the Dyptique Café concept to life with specialized menus and workshops.

For more information, please visit the Abu Dhabi Calendar at www.visitabudhabi.ae. And for additional images, please click here.

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USA Basketball Announces Agreement with DCT Abu Dhabi

2023 USA Basketball Showcase to Feature Exhibitions in the United Arab Emirates

3 March 2023: USA Basketball announced an agreement with the Department of Culture and Tourism - Abu Dhabi (DCT Abu Dhabi), under which the United States will host three games in Abu Dhabi featuring the men’s national teams from the U.S., Germany and Greece. The USA Basketball Showcase Abu Dhabi represents USA Basketball’s first men’s national team activity in the United Arab Emirates.

In preparation for the 2023 FIBA Men’s World Cup, the U.S. Men’s National Team will host Greece and Germany on Aug. 18 and 20, respectively. Germany and Greece are set to play on Aug. 19.

“USA Basketball is thrilled to work with DCT Abu Dhabi to bring the USA Basketball Showcase to Abu Dhabi. This is the first time our Men’s National Team will play in the UAE and we’re excited to engage with fans from across the globe, while also offering our players and coaches memorable on- and off-court experiences,” said Jim Tooley, CEO, USA Basketball. “We are grateful to the national federations of Greece and Germany for their participation as we prepare...
Saleh Al Geziry, Director General of Tourism at DCT Abu Dhabi: “It’s set to be an unforgettable summer in Abu Dhabi and it’s an honour to host the first USA Basketball Showcase in the UAE. We look forward to welcoming players and fans from the USA, Germany and Greece, to cheer on their national teams and to discover a wide range of experiences in Abu Dhabi that inspire, excite and restore.”

Additional USA Basketball Showcase details, including team rosters, broadcast information and training camp dates, will be announced later.

The U.S. officially qualified for the 2023 FIBA World Cup last month. One of seven teams set to represent FIBA Americas in the 32-team field, the USA will play all its games in Manila as the tournament is set for Aug. 25-Sept. 10, in Indonesia, Japan and The Philippines. The World Cup draw is set for April 29, 2023, in Manila. For more information, click here.

ADDITIONAL QUOTES:
Ingo Weiss, president, German Basketball Federation: “It’s really great for us to be able to play the USA and Greece in Abu Dhabi just before the FIBA World Cup. Abu Dhabi is an excellent location for such a top-class basketball event and is developing more and more into a real sports stronghold. The DBB is very much looking forward to our time in the United Arab Emirates and the great games there.”

Vangelis Liolios, president, Hellenic Basketball Federation: “We are excited to be part of such a great celebration of basketball. Three continents will meet on the eve of the 2023 World Cup thanks to DCT Abu Dhabi. The Hellenic Basketball Federation accepted the invitation with a mix of joy and excitement for this double-encounter with the USA and Germany. We are looking forward to an amazing experience on and off the court. Our men’s national team will be ready to enjoy the game, hoping to bring smiles to the fans.”

MEDIA INFORMATION:
Media credentialing for the USA Basketball Showcase Abu Dhabi will open following the World Cup draw on April 29. Creative assets, including photos and b-roll from today’s announcement featuring USA Basketball CEO Jim Tooley, will be uploaded here (courtesy USA Basketball and DCT Abu Dhabi).

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Yas Island and Saadiyat Island Win Big at the 2022 World Travel Awards

Yas Island recognized as ‘World’s Leading Theme Park Destination 2022’
In addition, Saadiyat Island and Qasr Al Watan receive strong accolades

Abu Dhabi, UAE, 18 November 2022: Miral Destinations, the trusted one-stop destination partner for Yas Island Abu Dhabi and Saadiyat Island, has been recognized at the prestigious World Travel Awards 2022 in the Middle East and World categories, with Yas Island and its world-class theme parks and experiences winning across multiple categories in addition to Saadiyat Island and Qasr Al Watan.

In total, Yas Island was recognized in six categories and received the ‘World’s Leading Theme Park Destination 2022’ award, a testament to the destination’s global standing as a leading leisure and entertainment hub.
award-winning rollercoasters, receiving the ‘Middle East’s Leading Theme Park 2022’ as well as ‘World’s Leading Theme Park 2022’. In addition, Yas Waterworld, the world’s first Emirati-themed waterpark, has once again been awarded ‘Middle East’s Leading Water Park 2022’, while Warner Bros. World™ Abu Dhabi, the world’s largest indoor theme park, was acclaimed as the ‘Middle East’s Leading Tourist Attraction 2022’. The record-breaking adventure hub CLYMB™ Abu Dhabi, boasting the world’s largest indoor flight chamber and the region’s tallest indoor climbing wall, was once again awarded the accolade of ‘Middle East’s Leading Adventure Tourist Attraction 2022’.

Furthermore, Saadiyat Island, the UAE capital’s luxury and cultural natural island destination, was awarded ‘Middle East’s Leading Beach Destination 2022’ while Qasr Al Watan, the Presidential palace of the UAE and an iconic cultural landmark, received the award for ‘Middle East’s Leading Cultural Tourist Attraction 2022’.

Liam Findlay, CEO of Miral Destinations, said: “This year has been a record-breaking year as we not only celebrated a new chapter through Miral Destinations but also continue to succeed in enhancing Abu Dhabi’s position as a global tourism destination. We are delighted that Miral Destinations’ iconic attractions and experiences have once again been recognized by the world as we strive to continue offering guests memorable experiences.”

The World Travel Awards are regarded as the people’s choice accolade as they are decided entirely by public vote. They were established in 1993 to acknowledge, reward, and celebrate excellence across all sectors of the tourism industry. The awards are recognized globally as the ultimate hallmark of quality, with winners setting the benchmark to which all others aspire.

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**About Miral Destinations**

Miral Destinations is the trusted one-stop destination partner that inspires and connects people through the power of shared experiences, delivering countless memorable moments and joy to guests across leisure, entertainment, and tourism attractions and landmarks throughout Abu Dhabi and beyond.

The Miral Destinations umbrella encompasses the two key destinations Saadiyat Island and Yas Island, which is home to world-class theme parks such as Ferrari World Abu Dhabi, Yas Waterworld, and Warner Bros. World™ Abu Dhabi and incredible attractions such as the record-breaking CLYMB™ Abu Dhabi, and the thrilling Yas Marina Circuit - home to the FORMULA 1 ETIHAD AIRWAYS ABU DHABI GRAND PRIX™.

Miral Destinations will contribute to Abu Dhabi achieving international recognition and commercial success, strengthening the emirate’s reputation as a global tourism hub.

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