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1. Geographical location

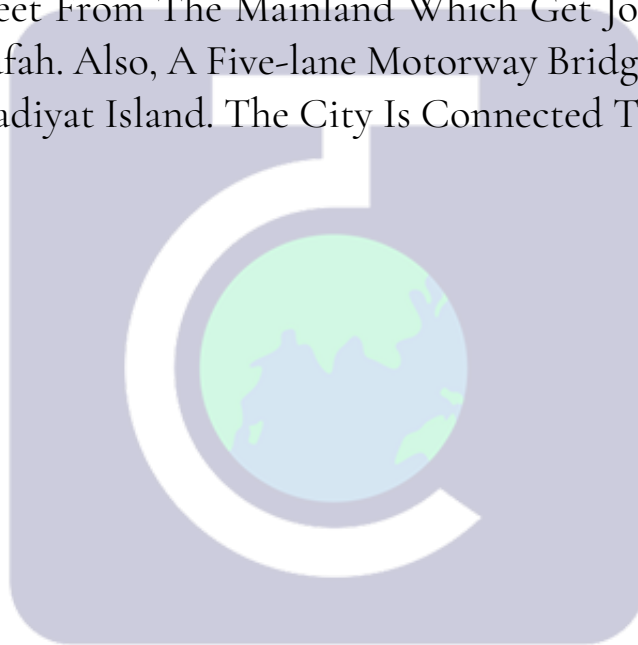
Abu Dhabi, being the world's largest hand-loomed carpet, fastest roller coaster, one of the highest high tea, the tower with a greatest lean, a huge cluster of cultural buildings of the 21st century is at an elevation of 6m that is equal to 19 ft above the sea level. The United Arab Emirates is the nation of the size of Maine and Abu Dhabi is the capital and the second most populous city is the United Arab Emirates. It is the largest place of all the seven UAE's emirates and is the fourth most expensive city for expatriate employees.



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2. Neighbouring cities/countries

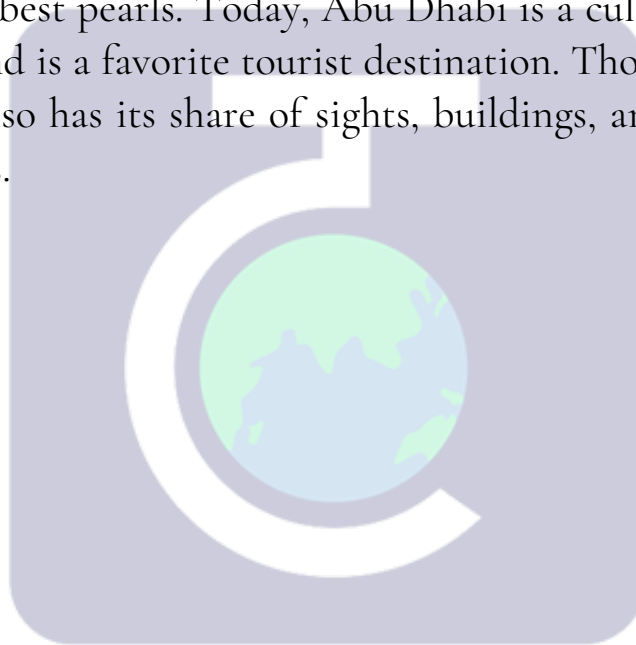
Abu Dhabi Lies On A T-shaped Island Jutting Into The Persian Gulf From The Central Western Coast And Has A Population Of 1.5 Million. Its Neighboring Areas Are Saudi Arabia In The West And South, Oman To The East Side And On North Side Is The Qatar. On The North Eastern Part Of The Persian Gulf In The Arabian Peninsula, Abu Dhabi Is Located And Is On An Island Less Than 250 Meters Or 820 Feet From The Mainland Which Get Jointed By The Bridges Of Maqta And Mussafah. Also, A Five-lane Motorway Bridge Connects An Island Of Abu Dhabi To Saadiyat Island. The City Is Connected To Reem Island By Al-Mafraq Bridge.



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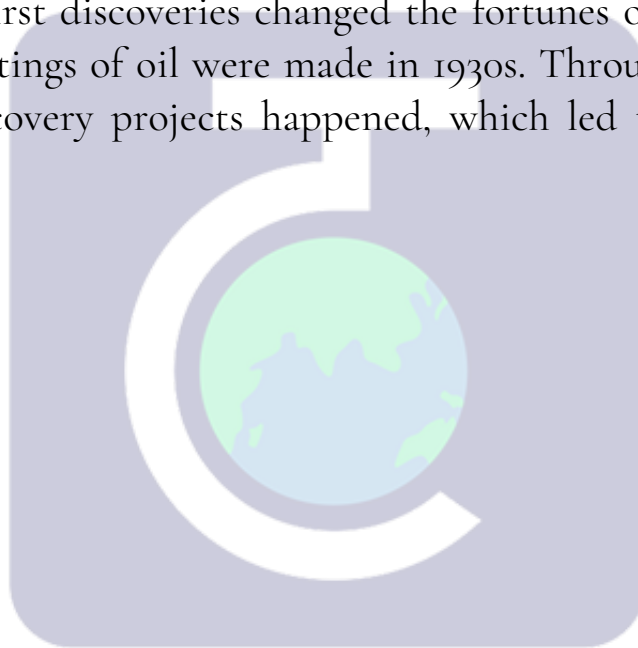
3. Significance

The capital city focuses more on oil export and commerce. It is home to most of the government offices and the royal family. It is the wealthiest emirate in the UAE in terms of GDP and per capita income. Abu Dhabi was the site of early human civilizations that were settled here around 3rd millennium BCE. Pearl trade was one of the earliest businesses of the region as the Persian Gulf was a treasure chest of the best pearls. Today, Abu Dhabi is a cultural and commercial center of the UAE and is a favorite tourist destination. Though not as opulent as Dubai, Abu Dhabi also has its share of sights, buildings, and attractions for the international tourists.



Index**4. History**

Abu Dhabi is the capital of the United Arab Emirates. Historically, Abu Dhabi has been the home-soil of many of the earliest settlements and civilizations. There is plenty of archaeological evidence that has been discovered by experts. After the Al Nahyan family took over the reins of the emirate and became its rulers, Abu Dhabi's prominence grew due to its rich pearl trade. Later as the pearl trade began to sink, oil's first discoveries changed the fortunes of the emirate for the better. The first sightings of oil were made in 1930s. Throughout the decades of 50s and 60s, oil discovery projects happened, which led to the uncovering of various oil-fields.



5. Cultural identity

Abu Dhabi is a multicultural and vibrant city. The city's society is dominated by expats mostly. The population of Abu Dhabi is truly diverse and boasts of various nationalities which live in harmony in the emirate. Like the other emirates, Abu Dhabi has a strong influence of Islamic and Arab culture respectively. Over the years, Abu Dhabi has worked on establishing itself as a cosmopolitan metropolis and that's why there is a growing existence of Asian and Western schools, cultural centers and themed restaurants. Furthermore, Abu Dhabi also is home to various cultural societies.



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6. Natural resources

Abu Dhabi has large deposits of Potash, Lime, Cement, Gypsum, Gold, Aluminium, Cement, Sulfur and steel. Industries of Petrol and Petrochemicals, Ship repair, Fertilizers, Cement, Handicrafts, Textiles are found. Natural minerals such as Petroleum, Natural gas and Crude oil are found. It is amongst the largest producer of crude oil and aluminium in the world. In addition to livestock, such as Sheep, Camel, and some Cattle it also has numerous birds that includes trained Falcons for hunting.



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7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)

7.1. Paid

7.1.1. Ferrari World

Ferrari World in Abu Dhabi offers you the most enthralling experience of rides and attractions, which include restaurants that are all inspired by rich Ferrari brand and its prolific Italian Heritage.

Address : Yas Island - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates

Location : 24.4832389, 54.6074390999999965

Website : <https://ferrariworldabudhabi.com/>

Entry Fee : 1 day ticket Bronze - AED 10 Silver – AED 305 – 360 Gold – AED 445 – 525 2-day Pass Bronze – AED 250 – 295 Silver – AED 380 – 450 Gold – AED 535 – 630

Open & Close Timing : Daily 11:00hrs–20:00hrs

Time Required : 5

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.2. The Corniche

The Corniche Road spreads over a stretch of eight kilometers of manicured waterfront, which incorporates play areas, passerby pathways, bistros, and the Corniche Beach - a lifeguarded corniche park. The shoreline reaches out along Corniche Road from close to the Hilton Hotel to pass Al Khaleej Al Arabi Street.

Address : Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Location : 24.4704622, 54.336500800000007

Entry Fee : AED 50

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.3. Yas Marina Circuit

Yas Marina Circuit is viewed as a standout amongst the most mechanically advanced Formula 1 circuits in the world. A paradise for motorsports in the

Middle East, this Circuit has further developed to offer an extensive variety of staggering encounters, both on and off the track.

Address : Yas Marina Circuit, Yas Island P.O Box 130001-Abu Dhabi-UAE

Zipcode : 130001

Location : 24.4722508, 54.6048803999999956

Contact : +971 (0) 2 6599 999

Website : <https://www.yasmarinacircuit.com/>

Entry Fee : Tours starting from AED1 Drive ranges from AED 2720 - AED 4685

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs–18:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 15-20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.4. Emirates National Auto Museum

Approximately 45 kilometers to the south of Abu Dhabi city, this 'pyramid' consists of 200 automobiles, an endless accumulation of rough terrain vehicles, exemplary American autos, the Sheikh's Mercedes rainbow gathering and the world's biggest truck.

Address : Hameen Road, AlBhasra United Arab Emirates - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates

Location : 24.0988397, 54.41966830000001

Contact : +971 55 749 2155

Website : <http://www.enam.ae/>

Entry Fee : AED 50 (US\$ 13.6), children under 10 enter for free

Open & Close Timing : Daily 08:00hrs–18:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.5. Yas Waterworld

The Yas Waterworld Abu Dhabi is propelled by the UAE's rich legacy of pearl jumping through its one of a kind story of 'The Legend of the Lost Pearl'. With 45 thrilling rides and unique attractions, this waterpark is an unmatched destination for a fun-filled day out.

Address : Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates

Location : 24.487617, 54.599647000000004

Contact : +971 2 414 2000

Website : <https://yaswaterworld.com/>

Entry Fee : 210 AED – 405 AED

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs–19:00hrs

Time Required : 5

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.6. Hili Fun City

This unique family amusement goal in Al Ain has been loved since its opening in 1985 when it turned into the Gulf's first amusement park. Recently redesigned, the park center brags about 28 attractions for all ages, a family demonstrate amphitheatre, outing and play regions.

Address : Hili District Al City - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates

Location : 24.3015589, 55.784913400000005

Contact : +971 3 784 4505

Website : <http://hilifuncity.ae/en/>

Entry Fee : 10 AED – 50 AED

Open & Close Timing : Daily 16:00hrs–22:00hrs

Time Required : 4

Expected Wait Time : 5-10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.7. Al Ain Zoo

This 900-hectare park close to the base of Jebel Hafeet is the place where guests can see a vast collection of animals, such as Arabian antelopes and oryx, eland, gazelle and lechwe. There are a lot of open spaces for picnics, play areas, a cafeteria and a train voyage through the untamed life zone.

Address : Nahyan The First St - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates

Location : 24.179223, 55.739554

Contact : +971 3 799 2000

Website : <http://www.alainzoo.ae/en/>

Entry Fee : 10 AED – 25 AED

Open & Close Timing : Daily 08:00hrs–22:00hrs

Time Required : 3

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.8. Al Ain National Museum

On the end of Al Ain Oasis, this exhibition hall showcases the city's special legacy and history. Separated into three principle segments - archaic exploration, ethnography and gifts. Its presentations outline different parts of UAE lifestyle and incorporate a fascinating accumulation of Bedouin gems, musical instruments, weapons, and a reproduction of a customary majlis.

Address : Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates

Location : 24.2161491, 55.77405870000007

Contact : +971 2 657 6171

Website : https://www.abudhabi.ae/portal/.../en/.../gen_info20?

Nearest Public Transport : Al Ain Bus Station

Entry Fee : 1 AED – 3 AED

Open & Close Timing : Daily 8:30hrs–19:30hrs;Friday 15:00hrs-19:30hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 30 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.9. Al Ain Palace Museum

Home of the late UAE organizer, Sheik Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan, the Al Ain Palace Museum is now an eminent historical center. Its private rooms and gardens, which were once used by the 'Father of the Nation' have been made open to guests.

Address : Al Ain St, near the commercial area on the road to Sinaiyya

Location : 24.2151096, 55.76066990000004

Contact : +971 3 751 7755

Website : <http://visitabudhabi.ae/en/see.and.do/attractions.and.landmarks/cultural.attractions/al.ain.palace.museum.aspx>

Nearest Public Transport : Al Ain Bus Station

Entry Fee : 1 AED – 3 AED

Open & Close Timing : Daily 8:30hrs–19:30hrs; Friday 15:00hrs–19:30hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.10. Al Qattara Arts Centre

Al Qattara Arts Centre is now home to brilliant art galleries. It offers thousands of modern exhibits and also has a dry studio for a wide range of activities ranging from crafting to music.

Address : Al Ain - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates

Location : 24.26015379999999, 55.74910030000001

Contact : +971 3 761 8080

Website : <http://tcaabudhabi.ae/en/default.aspx>

Open & Close Timing : Daily 9:00hrs–20:00hrs; Friday 16:00hrs–20:00hrs

Time Required : 3

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : No



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7.2. Free

7.2.1. Emirates Palace

The fundamental Palace building extends over a kilometer from wing to wing, and the gardens spread over 100 hectares. The hotel highlights 114 domes, with the central dome at the height of 72.6 meters. Gold and precious stones dominate the insides of the palace.

Address : West Corniche Road - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates

Location : 24.4616954, 54.31716630000005

Contact : +971 2 690 9000

Website : <http://www.emiratespalaceabudhabi.com/>

Open & Close Timing : Daily: Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.2. Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque

Opening its doors for thousands of worshippers, the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque is the largest mosque in UAE. Be it the carpets, chandeliers or the gigantic structure in itself, the mosque is an architectural and design marvel.

Address : Sheikh Rashid Bin Saeed Street -United Arab Emirates

Location : 24.4125412, 54.475140099999976

Contact : +971 2 4191919

Website : <http://www.szgmc.ae/en/>

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.3. Heritage Village

The Heritage Village is a window into the pre-oil era, with a display of brilliant craftsmanship, spice markets, Bedouin culture and a variety of other attractions that reflect a rural lifestyle.

Address : Corniche, Brake water  Near Marina Mall - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates

Location : 24.476719, 54.331343999999945

Contact : +971 2 681 4455
Website : <http://torath.ae/>
Time Required : 4
Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes
Buy Ticket : No

7.2.4. Capital Gate

Famous as the 'Leaning Tower of Abu Dhabi', Capital Gate enjoys the status of housing the largest conference and exhibition venue in the Middle East.

Address : Hyatt Capital Gate, Abu Dhabi

Location : 24.4186834, 54.43472680000002

Contact : +971 2 596 1234

Website : <https://abudhabicapitalgate.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html>

Open & Close Timing : Daily: Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.5. Al Ain Oasis

Dotted with shady palm trees, the Al Ain Oasis is an invigorating escape in the lap of bone-dry deserts. The tranquillity of this endless ocean of sand makes it a destination which cannot be missed.

Address : Al Mutawaa - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates

Location : 24.2169951, 55.77034570000001

Contact : +971 3 712 8429

Website: <http://visitabudhabi.ae/en/see.and.do/attractions.and.landmarks/family.attractions/al.ain.oasis.aspx>

Nearest Public Transport : Al Ain Bus Station

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.6. Arabian Wildlife Park

The Arabian Wildlife Park is an extravagant celebration of wildlife and an open home for thousands of animals.

Address : Sir Bani Yas Island, Jebel Dhanna

Location : 25.28518249999999, 55.69734990000006

Contact : +971 2 801 5400

Website : <http://www.sirbaniyasisland.com/Arabian-Wildlife>

Open & Close Timing : Monday-Friday 09:00hrs-20:00hrs; Saturday-Sunday Closed

Time Required : 4

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.7. Al Jahili Fort

Erected in 1891 to defend the city, the Al Jahili Fort is extremely iconic from the standpoint of architecture. The fort protects the precious palm groves and is daintily set in a landscaped garden, which tourists are encouraged to explore.

Address : Al Mutawaa, Near Al Jahili Park, Al Ain - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates

Location : 24.2161346, 55.752681599999996

Contact : +971 2 666 4442

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 09:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.8. Zayed Heritage Center

This exhibition hall and museum located in an Emirati legacy town packed with camels is an extraordinary reverence for the man who formed the country. The museum is speckled with individual memorabilia and a beautiful art gallery.

Address : Al Bateen, Near Crown Prince - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates

Location : 24.4512051, 54.339712599999984

Contact : +971 2 665 9555

Open & Close Timing : Sunday to Thursday: 09:00hrs-22:00hrs Friday and Saturday: Closed

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.9. Yas Mall

Located in one of the most scenic areas of the city, Yas Marina Mall in Abu Dhabi houses more than 400 international fashion, leisure and entertainment stores. It promises to be an all-round family entertainment spot, with a mid-sized ice rink, multiplex movie complex, bowling alley, roller coaster rides and musical fountains, making it a spectacular place to spend your day.

Address : Yas Mall, Yas Island, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Location : 24.4885048, 54.60877770000002

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.10. Abu Dhabi Mall

With over 200 stores, cinemas and amusements centers, the Abu Dhabi Mall truly justifies the tag of a world-class shopping mall. It offers a wide selection of local specialities such as nuts, perfumes and Arabic sweets, and is an extravaganza of high-end shops, restaurants and designer boutiques.

Address : Abu Dhabi Mall, Al Zahiyah, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Location : 24.4959241, 54.38322590000007

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.11. Marina Mall

This mall features an ice rink, a Cineplex, a bowling alley, musical fountains and hundreds of high street brands and stores. A true Abu Dhabi landmark, Marina Mall's large variety of restaurants and coffee shops make it possible to spend a full day here.

Address : Marina Mall, Al Marina, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Zipcode : 0

Location : 24.4760586, 54.321514200000024

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.12. Al Wahda Mall

Zipcode : o

Location : 24.4701782, 54.3725915

Time Required : o

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.13. Khalidiyah Mall

Zipcode : o

Location : 24.469963, 54.35176799999999

Time Required : o

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.14. Madinat Zayed Shopping Centre

Zipcode : o

Location : 24.4838263, 54.36533489999999

Time Required : o

Buy Ticket : No



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8. Key sites sports & adventure

Abu Dhabi is a great travel destination. This is because it has so much to offer to the tourists and visitors. It has many extreme adventure sports which include parasailing, free diving, surfing, skiing, sand boarding, wake boarding, desert safari, power boat racing, sand yachting, fishing and wadi bashing.

- **Shooting -**

Address : Al Maqtaa - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates

Location : 24.4016623,54.4753683999999

Contact No : +971 2 441 6404

Website : <http://www.caracalsc.ae/>

Entry Fees : 250 AED/ Hour

Open / Close Time : Daily 12:00hrs–21:30hrs;Friday 14:00hrs–21:30hrs

Time Required : 3.00

Wait Time : 30 minutes

- **Desert safari -**

Address : #103, Nisanian Floor, Al Mazdood Bldg, Al Karamah Road, Al Karamah, - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates

Location : 24.4624276,54.3699477

Contact No : +971 55 484 2001

Website : <http://www.abudhabi-desert-safari.com/>

Entry Fees : 800 AED- 1600 AED

Open / Close Time : Daily 07:00hrs–23:55hrs

Time Required : 5.00

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9. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

Football is the major local sport played in this city. Other local sports include cricket, golf, badminton, table tennis, basketball and rugby among others. The city has stadiums and sport arenas that include;

- **Zayed Sports City Stadium - Zayed Sports City - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates:**

Address : Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates

Location : 24.4160706,54.45359589999998

Contact No : +971 2 403 4200

Website : <http://www.zsc.ae/en/>

- **Mohammed Bin Zayed Stadium - Al Etihad - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates:**

Address : Sultan Bin Zayed The First St - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates

Location : 24.4527612,54.392188199999964

Contact No : +971 2 445 4455

Website : <http://www.jc.ae/>

- **Al Nahyan Stadium - Al Wahdah - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates:**

Address : Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates

Location : 24.4693856,54.375312399999984

10. Spas and relaxation

- **Rosewood Abu Dhabi:**

Address : Rosewood Abu Dhabi, Al Maryah Island - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates

Location : 24.499621,54.387838999999985

Contact No : +971 2 813 5550

Website : <http://rosewoodhotels.com/abudhabi>

- **ESPA at Yas Viceroy Abu Dhabi - Yas Island - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates:**

Address : Yas Viceroy Abu Dhabi, Suite 5, Yas Marina Circuit - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates

Location : 24.467367,54.605657199999996

Contact No : +971 2 656 0862

Website :

http://www.viceroyhotelsandresorts.com/en/abudhabi/spa_and_wellness

- **Zen the spa at Beach Rotana - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates:**

Address : 10th St - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates

Location : 24.495086,54.384646999999997

Contact No : +971 2 697 9333

Website : <https://www.rotana.com/rotanahotelandresorts/unitedarabemirates/abudhabi/beachrotana/recreation/zenthspa>

- **EASTERN MANGROVES HOTEL & SPA BY ANANTARA:**






Address : Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates

Location : 24.4463456,54.43703549999998

Contact No : +971 2 656 1000

Website : <http://abu-dhabi.anantara.com/>

- **Stop Relax Spa - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates:**

Address : Madinat Zayed, Abu Dhabi Kish Airlines Building, Near NMC
Hospital -      - United Arab Emirates

Location : 24.482298,54.36255900000003

Contact No : +971 2 628 2202

Website : <http://www.stoprelaxspa.com/>



11. Events calendar

Month

Events

Flamboyant Impressions – Photo Exhibition 2017 @ Emirates Palace (the whole month)

Come and see the great German photographer, Andreas Denstorf as he showcases his photography and images transformed into pop- art with flashy colors.

Bang On A Can All-Stars 2017 @ New York University Abu Dhabi (2nd)

An event where all music stars of music genres such as rock, classic, jazz, and experimental music will be performing live.
2nd International Motor Show Abu Dhabi 2017 @ Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre (30th to 31st)

Come and participate in launching latest new cars and get a chance to buy a new car at a special offer and enjoy fun filled activities with family.
Abu Dhabi International Jazz Festival @ Abu Dhabi (mid May)

**An event where all great jazz artists perform live as if a jazz fan this is not a festival to miss.
Eid-Al-Fitr 2017 @ Abu Dhabi (25th)**

A Muslim holiday held to mark end of the holy month fasting (Ramadan) where the Muslims celebrate and cook all types of dishes.

Abu Dhabi Summer Season @ Emirate – Wide (7th)

There are various entertainment activities such as stage shows, international performers and few explicit promotions offered by malls.

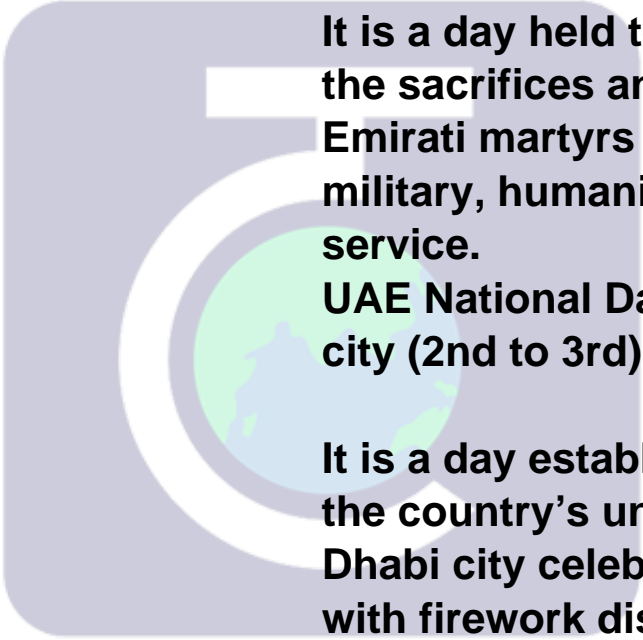
The District @ Du Forum (18th)

**The event is solely dedicated to youths who fall under the age group of 14-22 to help them explore new skills including science, innovation, fashion, technology and sustainability.
Eid Al Adha @ mosques and homes (12th)**

A Muslim holiday held to honor Ibrahim for his act of submission to God's command when he was told to sacrifice his son.

Hijri New Year's Day @ mosques and homes (2nd)

**A Muslim holiday which marks the beginning of a new year according to their calendar.
Yawm Al Shahid (Martyrs' Day)
@ Abu Dhabi streets (30th)**



It is a day held to remember all the sacrifices and lives the Emirati martyrs gave in the military, humanitarian and civil service.

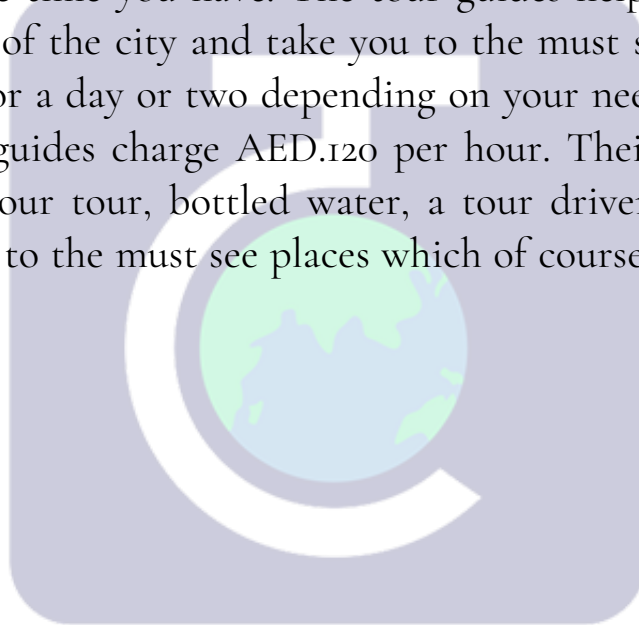
UAE National Day @ across the city (2nd to 3rd)

It is a day established to mark the country's union and Abu Dhabi city celebrates this union with firework displays, a lot of fun activities, live concerts and heritage displays across the city.

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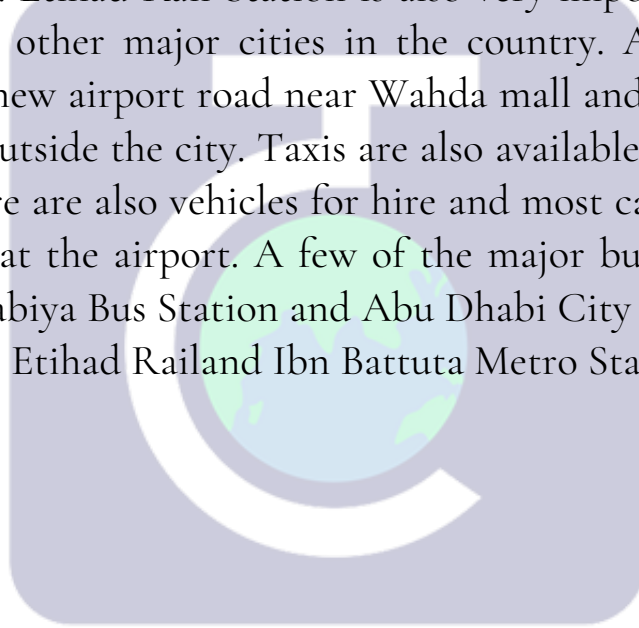
12. Key local guides and tours

Abu Dhabi is an internationally recognized travel destination and has a lot to offer to the tourists who are always flocking in. The city is endowed with historic monuments, classic hotels, great theme parks, great shopping malls and traditional treasures that make the city vibrant. You might get confused on what to see and where to explore. This is where tour guides come in as they will help you manage the little time you have. The tour guides help you understand the heritage and culture of the city and take you to the must see places in the city. You can hire them for a day or two depending on your needs and the time that you have. The tour guides charge AED.120 per hour. Their package includes a private vehicle for your tour, bottled water, a tour driver, a map of the Abu Dhabi city and visits to the must see places which of course will depend on your preferences.



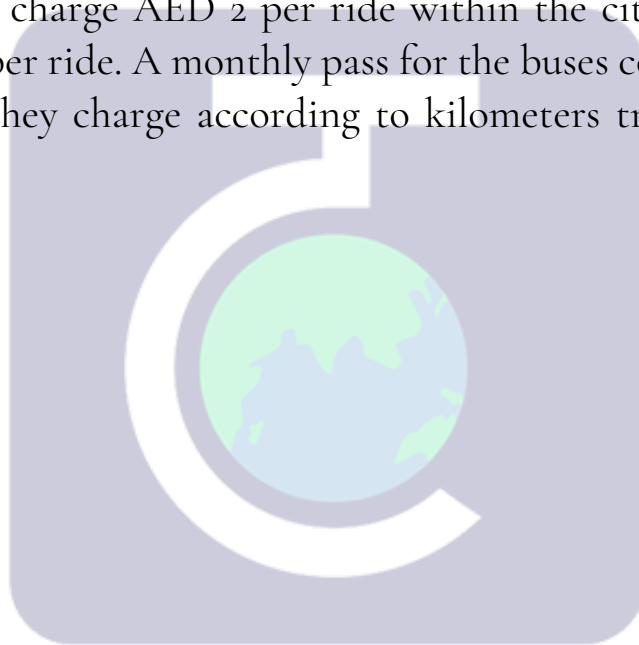
13. Transportation hubs

The major airport in Abu Dhabi is Abu Dhabi International Airport which is located 50 kilometers from the town center and takes approximately 45 minutes. Two types of taxis are available at the airport. The Al Ghazal taxis that charge AED.75 to town and the metered taxis whose rates range from AED.60 to AED.70. Buses are also available at terminal one and charge around AED.4 to any place within the city. Etihad Rail Station is also very important to the city and connects the city to other major cities in the country. Abu Dhabi main bus station is located at new airport road near Wahda mall and has many buses that operate within and outside the city. Taxis are also available at the airport and at the city Centre. There are also vehicles for hire and most car renting companies' will have info desks at the airport. A few of the major bus stations in the city include Mussafah Shabiya Bus Station and Abu Dhabi City Terminal whereas the train stations include Etihad Rail and Ibn Battuta Metro Station .



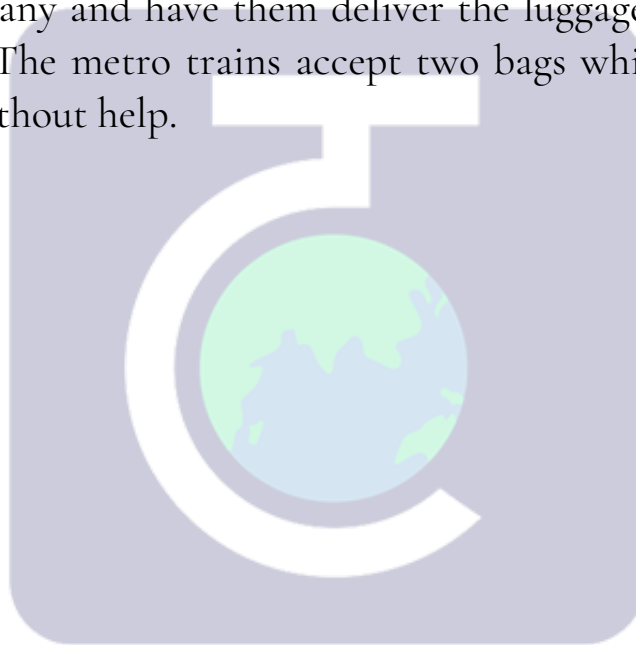
Index**14. Transportation cost**

Taxis and buses are the commonly used means of transportation in this city. Most tourists will prefer using the taxi as they are a bit comfortable than the buses and are relatively cheap as compared to other countries. The common types of taxis in the city are the silver ones which can be found almost everywhere in the city. They charge from AED.3 depending on the distance travelled. Buses are also readily available and charge AED 2 per ride within the city, while the regional buses charge AED.4 per ride. A monthly pass for the buses costs AED.80. You can also rent a car and they charge according to kilometers travelled and the days used.



Index**15. Baggage allowance**

Most buses have limited space for luggage. It is advisable to get a taxi that has space for up to three suitcases and have a hassle free journey. The buses might have space during week days as most people are travelling to work and have no luggage, but on weekends and holidays it can be very hectic. You can alternatively rent a car as most renting companies are available at the airports. You can also seek a delivery company and have them deliver the luggage for you in the place you will be staying. The metro trains accept two bags which the passenger can carry comfortably without help.



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16. Must try food and local savouries

The USP of the UAE is that its emirates are united by its cuisine. The local cuisine features common local culinary favorites which are available across different restaurants in the UAE. Take a look at the local foods which you can gorge on in Abu Dhabi.



17. Restaurant & Nightlife

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Food -

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- **Shish Shawerma - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates:**

Address : Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates

Location : 24.423217,54.5648519999999

Contact No : +971 2 650 5576

Website : <http://www.shishshawerma.com/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 11:00hrs-01:00hrs

- **Shawarma Time:**

Address : Bani Yas Najda St - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates

Location : 24.4712307,54.3702808000000

Contact No : +971 2 633 6633

Website : <http://shawarmatime.com/>

Open / Close Time : Saturday-Wednesday 12:00hrs-00:00hrs; Thursday 12:00hrs-01:00hrs; Friday – 13:00hrs-01:00hrs

- **Osha restaurant:**

Address : Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates

Location : 24.433959,54.6181057999999

Contact No : +971 2 555 3575

Open / Close Time : Daily 08:00hrs-23:00hrs

- **Frankie's:**

Address : Fairmont Bab Al Bahr - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates

Location : 24.415039,54.4904114999999

Contact No : +971 2 654 3238

Website : <http://www.fairmont.com/abu-dhabi/dining/frankies/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 12:00hrs-15:00hrs, 19:00hrs-00:30hrs

- **Hakkasan:**

Address : West Corniche Road - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates

Location : 24.4620018,54.3171760000000

Contact No : +971 2 690 7730

Website : <https://www.kempinski.com/zh-cn/abudhabi/emirates-palace/dining/restaurants/hakkasan/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 19:00hrs-00:00hrs (Bar: 19:00hrs-01:00hrs)

- **Marco Pierre White Steakhouse & Grill - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates:**

Address : Ground floor, Fairmont Bab Al Bahr - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates

Location : 24.4145701,54.4906152999999

Contact No : +971 2 654 3238

Website : <http://www.fairmont.com/abu-dhabi/dining/marcopierrewhitesteakhouseandgrill/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 18:00hrs-00:00hrs

- **Stars 'N' Bars - Yas Island - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates:**

Address : Emporium Bldg, Yas Marina Circuit, Yas Marina ,Yas Island - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates

Location : 24.4659788,54.6095824000000

Contact No : +971 2 565 0101

Website : <http://www.starsnbars.ae/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 11:30hrs-02:30hrs

- **Belgian Cafe - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates:**

Address : InterContinental Abu Dhabi, Bainouna Street King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud Street - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates

Location : 24.4575561,54.3280910999999

Contact No : +971 2 666 6888

Website :

<http://www.belgianbeercafe.com/doorpage?destination=bars/abudhabi>

Open / Close Time : Daily 16:00hrs-01:00hrs

- **SAX Club:**

Address : Le Royal Méridien Hotel - Khalifa Bin Zayed The First St - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates

Location : 24.4961798,54.3655658000000

Contact No : +971 2 674 1286

Open / Close Time : Monday, Thursday & Friday 21:00hrs-03:30hrs; Wednesday 21:00hrs-03:00hrs; Tuesday, Saturday & Sunday Closed

Index**18. Average meal cost**

In an inexpensive restaurant a normal meal is available at 27.00 AED. A three-course meal at a mid-range restaurant for two people can be purchased at 160.00 AED. A combo meal at McDonald's can be purchased at 25.00 AED. You can have a fresh cappuccino at 16.77 AED. 11.2 oz small bottle of water is available at 1.12 AED. A mid-range bottle of Wine can be purchased at 70.00 AED.



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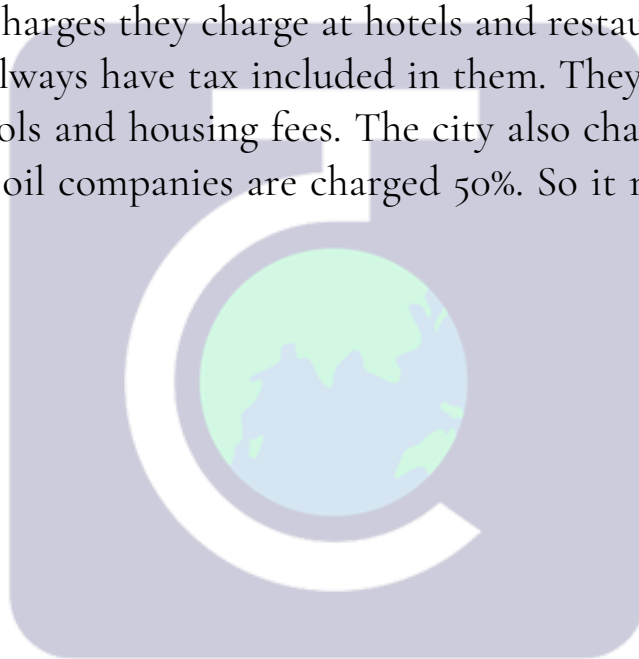
19. Shopping

Abu Dhabi has a wonderful mix of modern malls and traditional souks where tourists can go and fulfill their shopping desires. Mall-culture of the city is very strong. Go to malls such as Yas Mall, Abu Dhabi Mall, Marina Mall, Al Wahda Mall , Khalidiyah Mall are some of the key tourist attractions which are home to high-end fashion and dining outlets. Madinat Zayed Shopping Centre & Gold Centre : For tourists that want to enjoy bargain-friendly shopping, enjoy this center as it is the finest shopping complex (they have shops which sell everything!).



Index**20. Tourist benefits**

You can enjoy duty free shopping at the airports. Although there no VAT, GST, personal taxes or income taxes, prices at the airport are relatively cheaper. This is because there is usually an import tax levied of 5% and it is transferred to the final customers as part of the selling prices. Although referred to as a tax free city, there are some hidden taxes that the city levies indirectly to the people. For instance the service charges they charge at hotels and restaurants, theatre tickets and hotel bookings always have tax included in them. They also include taxes in parking fees, road tools and housing fees. The city also charges foreign banks in the city 20% and the oil companies are charged 50%. So it might not be that tax free as it seems.



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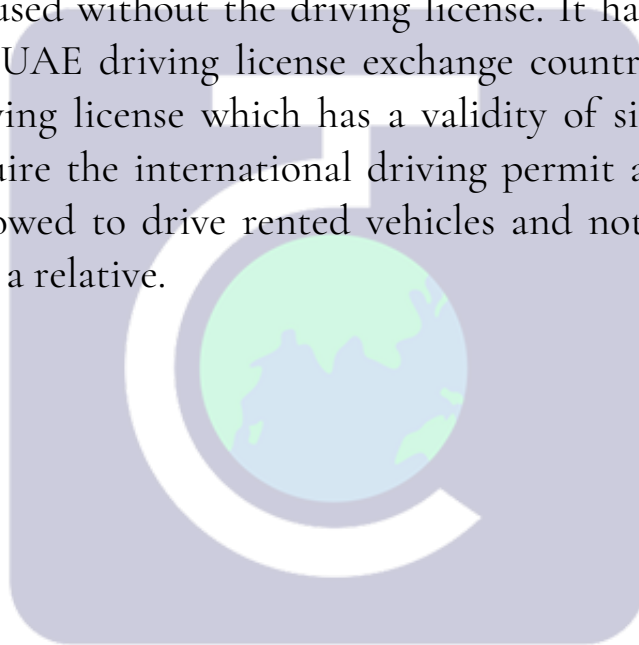
21. Essential local apps

There are many travel apps that can help you in your visit to Abu Dhabi. Abu Dhabi Taxi is available in iOS and Android smart phones and helps in booking taxis online with great ease. DARB is a traffic app that provides live information on traffic conditions, bus arrivals and bus stops, road work, etc. The Department of Transport app aims at helping users to get information about bus transportation such as bus maps and tariff. Careem is a useful taxi booking app and is available on iOS and android platforms. Best Restaurants Abu Dhabi provides useful information about the best restaurants in the city with user reviews, booking facilities, etc.



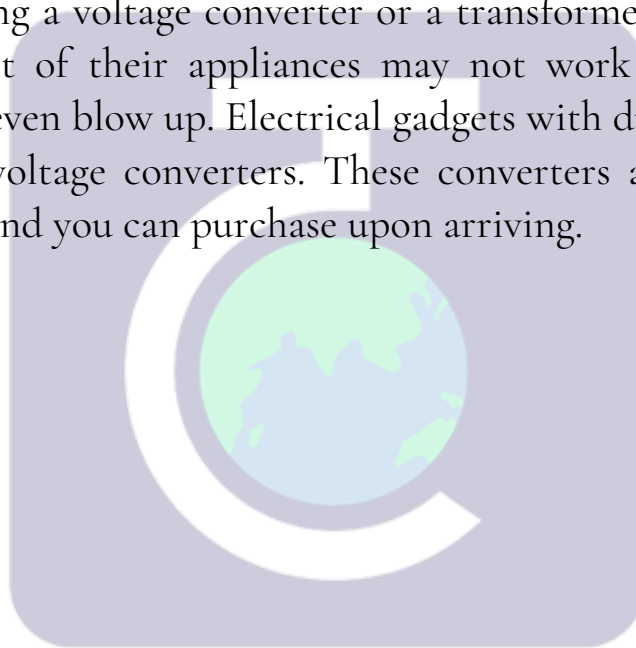
22. Driving

To legally drive in Abu Dhabi, you must have a valid International Driving Permit and a valid home driving license. The international driving permit is proof that your home driving license is valid. This is why the international driving permit must be issued by the state that issued your driving license. It is important to note that the International Driving Permit is not a license on its own and cannot be used without the driving license. It has a validity of twelve months. Citizens of UAE driving license exchange countries are issued with a temporary UAE driving license which has a validity of six months. Renting a vehicle will also require the international driving permit and a driving license. Visitors are only allowed to drive rented vehicles and not private owned ones unless they belong to a relative.



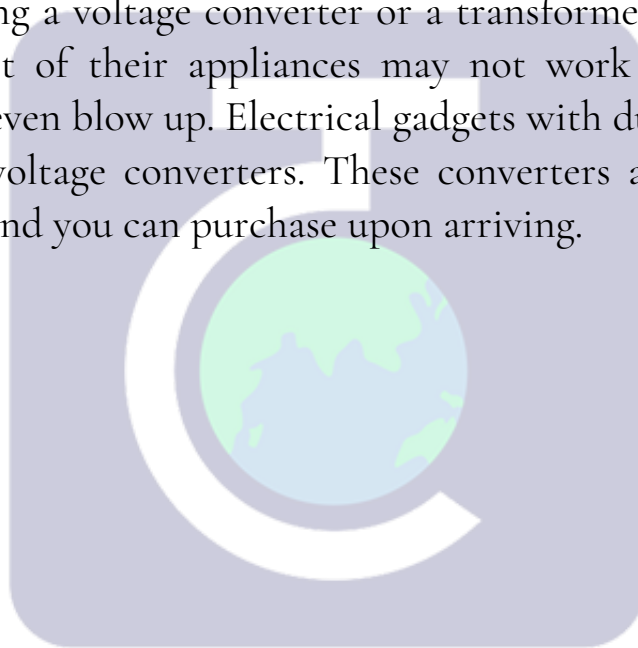
23. Travel essentials

Abu Dhabi is connected to a standard voltage of 220/240 volts with a frequency of 50 hertz. Standard sockets found in this city are the square three plug configuration. Visitors from countries with this type of voltage only need to bring a plug adapter. Most hotels offer the plug adapters and they are also readily available in the city. Visitors from countries such as Japan that have a voltage of 110 volts need to bring a voltage converter or a transformer and a plug adapter. This is because most of their appliances may not work without the voltage converters or might even blow up. Electrical gadgets with dual or in built voltage do not require the voltage converters. These converters and plugs are readily available in the city and you can purchase upon arriving.



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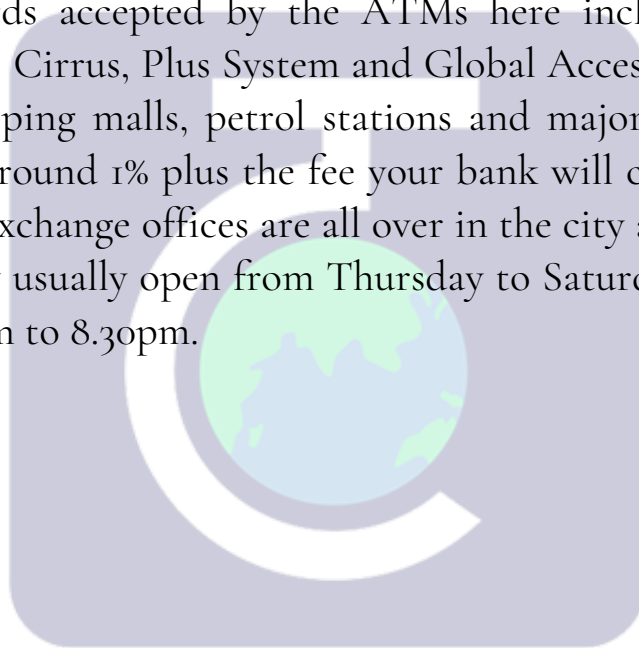
25. Local currency

Arab Emirate Dirham or simply Dirham is the local currency of Abu Dhabi. It is denoted as AED. $1 \text{ USD} = 3.67 \text{ AED}$



Index**26. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges**

Most credit and debit card are widely accepted in this city. Small shops and retailers however only accept cash. Travelers' cheques are also accepted. However, personal cheques will be declined in most places. There are many money exchange offices that exchange currency at a commission of around 3%. You can even exchange your currency at hotels and banks. You should however use the licensed ones only. Most cards accepted by the ATMs here include Visa, American Express, MasterCard, Cirrus, Plus System and Global Access. You can get ATMs at the airports, shopping malls, petrol stations and major supermarkets. They charge nominal fee around 1% plus the fee your bank will charge for the foreign transaction. Money exchange offices are all over in the city and charge lower fees than the banks. They usually open from Thursday to Saturday from 8am to 1pm and then from 4.30pm to 8.30pm.



27. Staying connected

Etisalat and Du are the two telecom giants which share the monopoly of the sector in the country. Tourists can easily purchase a prepaid or postpaid SIM in any of the many Etisalat or Du mobile stores across Abu Dhabi. Tourists must carry and present their passport and valid UAE visa copies at the mobile outlets. After successful verification, they need to separately purchase talktime and data recharge vouchers to make calls and access the Internet from their phone devices. The call and data tariffs are different for Etisalat and Du respectively.



28. Time Zone

Abu Dhabi follows Gulf Time Zone with UTC + 04:00 hours.



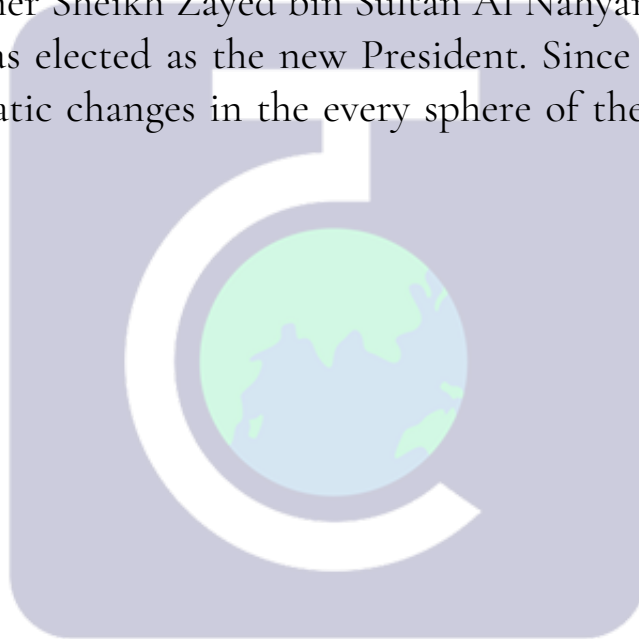
Index**29. Languages**

Arabic is the main language and an official language here. Hindi, Tamil, Malayalam, Persian, Urdu and Bengali follow it.



30. Political Scenario

The political expanse of Abu Dhabi is dominated and controlled by the ruling Al Nahyan family. The President of the UAE - Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan – is the top-most authority in the Abu Dhabi government. Just like other emirates of the UAE, Abu Dhabi's governance style is no exception. Practicing absolute monarchy, the Abu Dhabi is dominated by figures from the ruling family. After the demise of his father Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan in 2004, Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan was elected as the new President. Since his ascension, he has brought about dramatic changes in the every sphere of the emirate – especially the economy.



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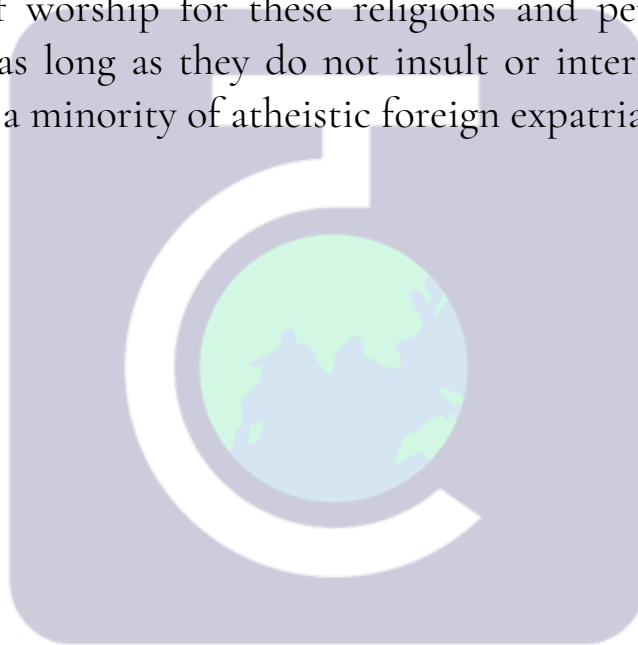
31. Economic Scenario

Abu Dhabi is the richest emirate of the UAE. Oil and gas reserves are the two major pillars of Abu Dhabi's economy. The UAE has a huge supply of hydrocarbon wealth and Abu Dhabi owns maximum of both the resources - 95% of the oil and 92% of gas. In the recent years as the oil prices have hiked, Abu Dhabi has shifted its gaze and began developing projects promoting the emirate's tourism and real estate. In order to accomplish its industrialization goals, Abu Dhabi has established free zones. Furthermore, the Abu Dhabi government also set up its own international airport and also launched Etihad Airways which is the emirate's flag carrier and the second-largest airline of the United Arab Emirates.



Index**32. Religious belief**

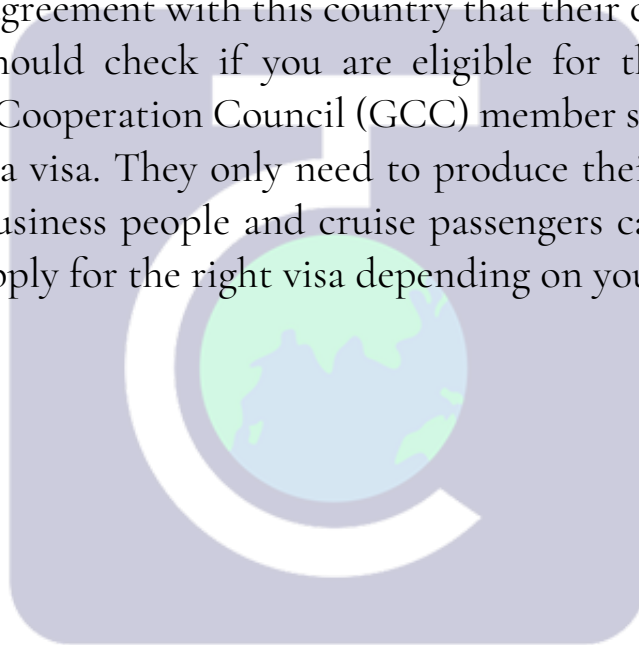
Islam is the official religion of Abu Dhabi. The government controls all mosques and appoints the Imams. All the resident Emiratis are Muslims, either Sunni or Shia. There is a large community of expatriates residing in Abu Dhabi and they belong to a diverse mix of world religions. There are Christians, Hindus, Jews, Buddhists, Sikhs, Jains, and many other religious groups. There is no restriction on owning places of worship for these religions and performing rituals and celebrating festivals as long as they do not insult or interfere with the Islamic culture. There is also a minority of atheistic foreign expatriates in the UAE.



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33. Visa requirements

Foreigners travelling to Abu Dhabi should have a visa and a valid passport. You can get these visas from UAE embassy from your home country. You can also get a visa through a sponsor who can be a hotel, airline, company or individual in the city. You must however wait to be approved. Nationals from EU countries however can get their visas upon arrival at the airport. There are other countries that also have made agreement with this country that their citizens get their visas upon arrival. You should check if you are eligible for this before travelling. Nationals from Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) member states are allowed into the country without a visa. They only need to produce their passports or IDs at any entry points. . Business people and cruise passengers can get multiple entry visas. Make sure to apply for the right visa depending on your purpose of visit.



Index**34. Essential vaccination**

It is recommended to be vaccinated for Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Rabies, Typhoid, Measles, Tetanus and Diphtheria and that of Routine vaccines.



Index**35. Theft and Safety**

Valuables being stolen from hotel rooms are a common incident just as in any tourist place. Exercise due caution with purse, money, passport, bags, and other expensive items, and keep things locked in safes in hotel rooms.



Index**36. Embassy/Consulate**

As Abu Dhabi is a vast city, there are many foreign embassies and consulates in the city. Most of them are located at Airport Road, Al Mushrif Area 23rd Street, Al Rowdah Area, Street 11 and 24 Al Karamah Street. You can have more information at <http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-in/united-arab-emirates>.



37. Accessibility

There are some places that are disabled friendly. However, limitations are still there as most places lie beyond access for many wheelchair bound persons.



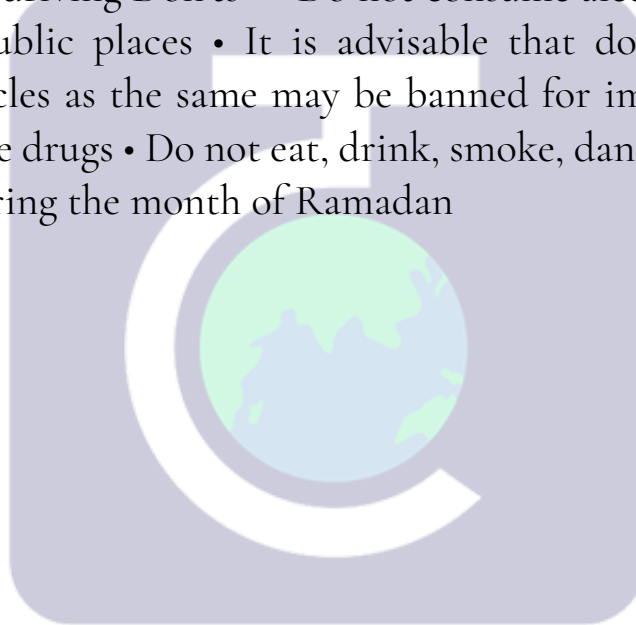
Index**38. Emergencies**

In case of emergencies you can call 999 for Police, 997 for Fire and that of Ambulance, you can call at 999. You are provided with top-notch medical services and facilities even if you are a tourist. The hospital that provides the travel insurance is Emirates French Hospital .



Index**39. Do's and Don'ts**

Abu Dhabi has an Islamic culture and traditions and even the tourists are expected to follow certain rules and regulations regarding public conduct. Do's - • Cover your head while entering mosques • Respect the religion and tradition of the people of UAE • It is advisable to carry a certified doctor's prescription along with the medicines to ensure hassle free import clearance. • Dress modestly • Wear seatbelts when driving Don'ts - • Do not consume alcohol in public places • Do not smoke in public places • It is advisable that do not carry unsealed/unbranded food articles as the same may be banned for import. • Do not drink and drive • Do not use drugs • Do not eat, drink, smoke, dance, or play loud music if you are visiting during the month of Ramadan



Index**40.Tipping basics**

Tipping is not a common mandate here. Although Abu Dhabi mandates adding a 10% service charge to all bills at hotels, restaurants and bars tips are expected and that is shared equally among staff. Sometimes the tips go directly to people who served guests who paid tips. It is advisable to add more dirhams. Parking valets and porters get 10 dirhams. Bag-packers in markets expect a few coins; cab drivers don't expect anything.



Index**41.Pet info**

In order to bring your pets to UAE, you must get an Import Permit from the Ministry of Environment and Water of UAE. The pet has to be microchipped and vaccinated against rabies. Pets less than 4 months old are not allowed entry into the country. The animal should be accompanied by a copy of veterinary certificate issued from the country of origin, copy of analysis certificate for rabies test issued by an authorized lab in the country of origin, copy of pet passport or vaccination book, and the copy of the owner's passport. Only two animals are allowed per person.



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Conclusion – Why to select this destination

Why choose Abu Dhabi ? Though deeply rooted in tradition, Abu Dhabi is one of the most modern cities. Though not as opulent and glamorous as the neighboring emirate Dubai, Abu Dhabi also has its share of richness in sights and attractions. There are many iconic and landmark buildings in Abu Dhabi that provide a glimpse into the history and legacy of the emirate. The Sheikh Zayed Mosque is a majestic structure and is almost synonymous with Abu Dhabi. A marvelous example of modern Islamic architecture, this marble monument inlaid with semi-precious stones, grand interiors with imposing chandeliers, and prayer hall containing the world's largest loomed carpet is a feast for the eye and the mind. The sprawling Emirates Palace is not just a hotel. A venue for operas, orchestras, concerts, and film festivals this palatial structure is the hub of Abu Dhabi's cultural life. The Barakat Gallery in the hotel has a fine display of ancient Chinese, Egyptian, African, Grecian, and Roman art. For a more fanciful experience, attend the afternoon high tea or check out the ATM that dispenses gold bars. If it is beaches that you prefer, the Corniche is the place for you. This spectacular waterfront with white sandy beaches and an extended promenade provides all the leisure and entertainment you need. The walking and cycling paths, the breathtaking gardens, and the sheesha cafes become alive in the summer evenings with families and tourists. Desert camps are the main attractions for tourists where they get to know the traditional Arab life and their culture on a more personal level with dance, music, food, teas, and other cultural events. Malls and souqs abound in Abu Dhabi. From local goods to international brands, the shops sell everything for competitive prices.

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