**Al-Bidyah Mosque**

**Information**

Also known as the Ottoman Mosque, Al-Badiyah Mosque is the oldest mosque in U.A.E, named after the town that once surrounded the holy place. There are several other archaeological sites surrounding the mosque. These sites including the mosque are named as "Al Badiyah Archaeological Mosque" due to their extreme proximity to each other. The site includes four watchtowers, stone walls and foundations of old perished buildings and quite a few stones with petroglyphs and carvings.

**What to do**

Learn about the history

The mosque is held in great significance because it's the oldest mosque in the UAE which is still functioning uninterruptedly to this day. The mosque is believed to have been built during the mid-fifteenth century A.D and has been serving the faithful of Fujairah ever since. No one knows who constructed the mosque. No books or historical studies are available on the history of the mosque.

Appreciating the architecture

The mosque is a very small building with four domes centrally supported by one-pillar. It can accommodate no more than 20 people at a given time. The four domes are unequal in size, and this distinguishes it from other old and modern mosques. Despite being square-shaped, the mosque still appears irregular.

**Timings**

9 AM - 5 PM