# Umm Al Quwain Museum

# Information

UAQ Museum is the centre of history and heritage in the city. With a wide range of visitors from GCC ex-pats to school field trips, this museum depicts the history of UAE in one beautiful fortress.

The exhibits focus mainly on local archaeological sites, including finds from the Al-Dur archaeological site. The exhibits features statues of headless falcons, a stone plate in the shape of a turtle and tiny human-shaped bone plaques. There are also ethnographic exhibits introducing local life and traditional Emirati customs, especially the ‘Sheikh’ and ‘Sheikhah’ rooms, artistry, and craftwork including jewellery, textiles, metalwork, and a display of weaponry dating back more than 200 years.

# History

Umm Al Quwain Fort, also known as the Al Ali Fort, was the seat of the rulers of Umm Al Quwain and the centre of government in the emirate until 1969. It was used as a police station before the fort was restored and opened to the public in 2000 by [Sheikh Rashid Bin Ahmed Al Mualla](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rashid_bin_Ahmad_Al_Mualla_II), the Ruler of Umm Al Quwain at the time.

 The history goes back to 1768 when it was established as the residence for the ruling family. Originally, it was a fort was built in 1768 by Sheikh Rashid Bin Majid Al Mualla, founder of the Al Mualla ruling dynasty.

In 1929, [Sheikh Hamad Bin Ibrahim Al Mualla](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hamad_bin_Ibrahim_Al_Mualla) was shot and killed in the fort by a slave called Saeed from the household of Hamad's blind uncle, Abdelrahman bin Ahmed Al Mualla.

Hamad was succeeded by [Ahmad bin Rashid Al Mualla](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ahmad_bin_Rashid_Al_Mualla) following a colourful incident whereby the population of the town rose up against Abdelrahman and Saeed, who had barricaded themselves in the fort. Abandoning their initial plan of firing on the fort with a cannon, the people of the town instead elected to set a fire around the walls of the fort and in this conflagration both Abrelrahman and Saeed were killed. The British considered the whole affair to be highly suspicious and suspected Sultan bin Saqr Al Qasimi of Sharjah of involvement, but confirmed the young Ahmed as a Trucial Ruler nonetheless.

# What to do

Discover the history of Umm Al Quwain by checking out their exhibits. They exhibits the royal family heritage, fishing equipment, documents, images, weapons and a whole lot more.

# Timings

Saturday to Thursday: 08:00 PM to 02:00 PM.

Fridays: 05:00 PM to 08:00 PM.