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JLS YACHTS LLC (A Family of Excellence) hosts four dynamic divisions to service the pleasure yacht industry.

- Superyacht Middle East
- The Yacht & Charter Service Company
- Yacht Training Institute (Dubai and Abu Dhabi)
- Crew Placement Middle East

Founder of JLS Yachts LLC Captain Stephen Corbett recognized the urgent need for a dedicated pleasure marine service provider that brought honesty, transparency and service orientation to the market. The company is intent on raising the industry standards in service, reliability and innovative programs in the Middle East to a new level. With a rapidly expanding marine environment in the UAE, the principle of JLS Yachts saw the need for an honest, aggressive and reliable operator to cater for this increase in the market.

Combined with a core team of 32 professionals totaling over 130 combined years of marine experience, the future is very exciting for this young and talented company. Based around a full-service management company, we have introduced the "Customer - We Care" policy. We understand the workings of the Middle East and have the ability to move ahead with actions that tend to take extended time. We go that extra mile and it shows.

Overall, JLS Yachts LLC is a "One Stop Shop" for all your marine requirements.



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## Superyacht<sup>™</sup> MIDDLE EAST

JLS YACHTS LLC SUPERYACHT DIVISION



Continuing on from our successful services provided over the last 12 years, our aim is to continue servicing the needs of Super yachts in the Middle East. Super yacht Middle East offices are conveniently located in both Dubai and Abu Dhabi and is the leader in Superyacht Services for the entire Middle East along with our partners in the surrounding Gulf States.

While providing premier concierge services to the yachting industry, Superyacht Middle East, in conjunction with all its yacht managers, boarding agents, in-house engineers, technicians and in-house support staff, office services including but not limited to Yacht management, Provisioning, VIP service, Bunkering, Crew & Guest transfers, Port agency, Crew placement, Itinerary planning & Destination representation.

## Yacht Training Institute

JLS YACHTS LLC MARINE TRAINING DIVISION



JLS Yacht Training Institute is a fully recognized Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Training Facility and is the leader in Pleasure and Light Commercial marine training in the Middle East.

We are currently recognized for the following discipline to teach:

- RYA Powerboat 1
- RYA Powerboat 2
- RYA Intermediate Powerboat
- RYA Advanced Powerboat
- RYA VHF/SRC

We also offer the following courses:

- STCW 95/2010
- One on One Training
- Custom Training
- Deckhand Training (Entry Level)
- Yacht Awareness Course
- Stewardess Training (Entry Level)  
\*Available 2020
- Practical Yacht Training

Campuses in Dubai & Abu Dhabi.

## Crew Placement

JLS YACHTS LLC CREWING DIVISION



Following on with the expansion of services to the Superyacht and Pleasure Yacht Marine Sector we have re-organized and revamped our "Crew Placement Services".

We are the first and only company in the Middle East region who are placing crew and assisting boat owners, yacht captains and yacht management companies with their manning requirements. Being the leader in Superyacht /Pleasure services we feel an urgent need for a successful and professional placement service and have traveled extensively throughout the Gulf and Indian Ocean regions to accomplish this.

We have signed agreements with our partners to ensure that together, we only bring in a qualified and experienced crew to fill your needs. Working with all marinas, boat builders, marine operators and charter companies throughout the Gulf region we offer our services in line with their requirements. Another "One - stop -shop Solution".

## THE YACHT & CHARTER SERVICE COMPANY

JLS YACHTS LLC YACHT SERVICE DIVISION



The Middle East Yachting Specialist! At The Yacht and Charter Service Company we pride ourselves on absolute customer service and a wealth of knowledge of the United Arab Emirates as a destination of choice for all Pleasure Yachts.

We offer a complete array of services to all visiting and 'local' yachts, spanning across.

- Marine transport
- Yacht registration and licensing (Local)
- Marine logistics
- Marine procurement
- Yacht deliveries
- Yacht charter
- Professional services
- Marine shipping and logistics worldwide
- Special projects and services

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Aneel joined the JLS team in January 2014 after spending a year sailing the Greek Islands as a Flotilla Engineer in the North and South Ionian. Originally he came onboard as a RYA Training Manager utilizing his newly completed RYA Powerboat 2 instructor certificate then soon moved into yacht management and our Superyacht agency division.

Having obtained a Bachelors Degree in Marine Engineering and Naval Architecture, Aneel comes from an experienced background in marine design concentrating mainly on custom one off refit work on Super-yachts in New Zealand before venturing overseas. One of Aneel's highlights was having designed and commissioned fully customized aluminum 3m, 4m and fully assemble 7m boarding gangways for the Royal New Zealand Defence Force for their inshore patrol vessels.

To date Aneel has accumulated nearly 35000 sea miles through Greece and various yacht deliveries and skippering of local yachts in the GCC region.

Aneel is currently undergoing studies in a Diploma in Superyacht Project Management – Refit & New building with Maritime Training Academy in the UK before looking at completing his Masters 200 license.

# INTERNATIONALLY CERTIFIED

GO GLOBAL WITH RYA QUALIFICATIONS

List of Courses and Recommended Trainings (Dubai and Abu Dhabi)

### RYA POWERBOATING COURSES

- RYA Powerboat Level 1
- RYA Powerboat Level 2
- RYA Powerboat Intermediate
- RYA Powerboat Advanced
- RYA Tender Operator

### RYA SHOREBASED

- RYA VHF/SRC Course

### JLS Yacht Training Institute Courses (Non-accredited Courses)

- Yacht Awareness
- Deckhand Entry Level
- Stewardess Entry Level (Available in 2020)
- Practical Yacht Introduction



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# UNIFORM SOLUTIONS

Superyacht Middle East



When selecting a uniform there are many factors to consider and individuals to satisfy. The development itself is something we at JLS Yachts thoroughly understand and that's why we have created these vital services to help deliver the final product exactly how you want it. The process can involve the Crew, the Owner, the Management Company or even the Project Manager and so there will always be a wide selection of styles in each product category to fulfill your needs and meet the highest of standards.

## Organic Food

Fresh Fruits, Vegetables and Meat!

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- Finest quality fresh beef cuts from around world including Australian Angus, Wagyu beef, Freshly made burger and pre-portioned steaks.
- Fresh Pork cuts, sausages & Bacon
- Fresh Organic Chickens, Beef & lamb.



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# Superyacht Guide to Maldives

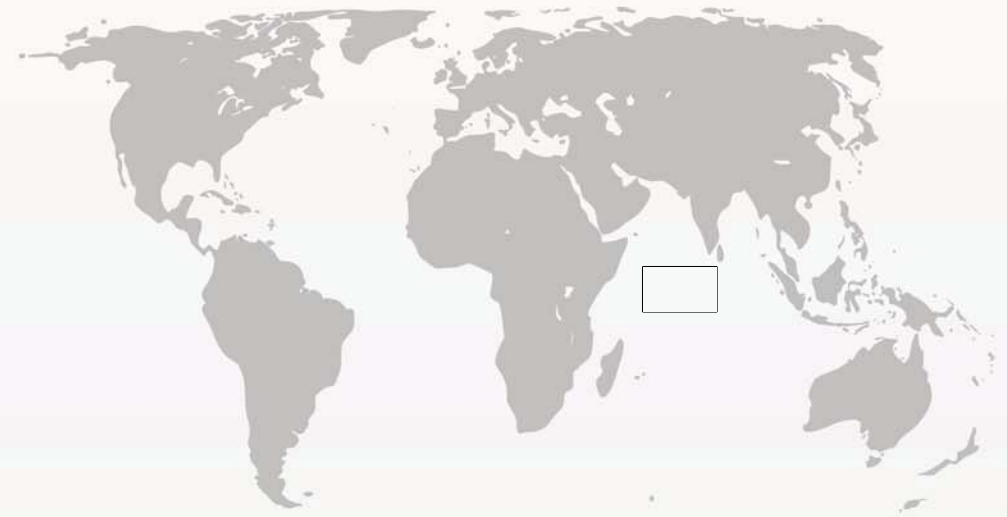


Republic of the Maldives is a sovereign archipelagic nation positioned in the Indian Ocean. Notably the South Asian Island nation has no counterpart in the entire world in terms of its unique geography and topography. The Maldives comprises of 26 natural atolls consisting of dual island chains. Incidentally the Maldivian language has the distinct pleasure of contributing to the English word "atoll", which was derived from the Maldivian word "atholhu".

There are channels of various sizes between the atolls used for navigation. For efficient administrative functioning, the 26 natural atolls are categorised into 20 administrative divisions. Particularly the island nation is located in a strategic area with access to major international sea routes in the Indian Ocean. The Maldives, located on top of a vast underwater mountain range have around 1190 islands and sandbanks. The pearl string like islands covers a land area of no less than 298 km<sup>2</sup>. All the islands are encircled by a lagoon blessed with crystal clear water. These islands are protected by a reef structure, housing one of the most exclusive and spectacular underwater life.

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# MALDIVES BY NUMBERS



COORDINATES

Lat 3° 20' N  
Lon 73° 22' E

Westside of India and Sri Lanka.



INDEPENDENCE

1965

TOTAL AREA  
298 km<sup>2</sup>

ISLANDS & SANDBANKS  
1,200

WATER AREA  
0 km<sup>2</sup>

COASTLINE / BEACH  
1,129 km

HIGHEST WATERFALL  
0 sq km

HIGHEST POINT  
2.4m

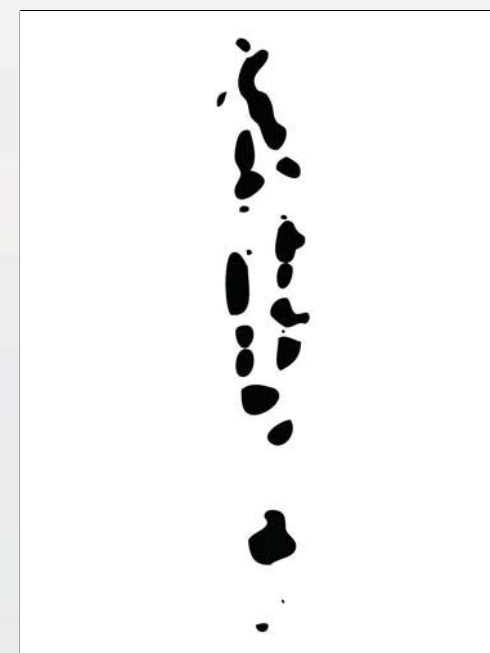
POPULATION  
341,256\*

POPULATION GROWTH  
2.0%

COUNTRY CODE  
+960

AVERAGE RAINFALL  
243 mm

AVERAGE TEMPERATURE  
30°C



**MALDIVES PRE-ARRIVAL CHECKLISTS**  
Yacht Captain should appoint ULS Yachts Maldives at least 72 hrs. prior to arrival.

1. Name of the Yacht
2. Call Sign
3. IMO No.
4. Registration no
5. Port of Registry
6. Year Built
7. Vessel Flag
8. Name of the captain
9. Max Draft
10. GRT/ NRT
11. LOA (Meters)
12. Owner of the Vessel
13. Dead Weight / Breath
14. Total Crew on board
15. MMSI Number
16. ETA Date & Time
17. Last port of Departure Date & Time
18. Next Port

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# Fun Side of Life



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## Having fun in the Maldives

The Maldives is unusual as a holiday destination because of the fun things to do whether you are staying on a plush resort, in Male', or in a simple guesthouse on an island in a faraway atoll. Entertainment and daily excursions are organised at every resort so don't be shy about joining in. Excursions will include fishing and cruising (to watch dolphins dance) as well as visits to the capital, Male', and to genuinely deserted islands, perhaps for swimming and a picnic, and shopping expeditions to neighboring inhabited islands.

If you stay in a guesthouse on an inhabited island, you will have the chance to meet Maldivians, experience local culture and cuisine, and join in what the islanders do for relaxation, such as playing football in the late afternoon or relaxing over a soft drink and eating "short eats" (small snacks) in a seaside café.

You will be able to organise fun activities for yourself, like going on a dhoni (local boat) to try your hand at line fishing, or swim in crystal clear lagoons watching marine life through a snorkel.



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### BEACH COMBING

A dawn walk along the beach is not only invigorating exercise, it's also a chance to see what the night's waves have washed up. There will probably be bits of dead coral and shells, but leave those there; empty shells become homes for crabs. It's not unknown to find a bottle with a message in it although to stumble on a pirate treasure chest is unlikely. You will see arrow-shaped footprints of sea birds and perhaps tyre-like trails traced in the sand from the sea's edge. That means a turtle came ashore in the night to lay eggs and its flippers left the tell-tale trail.



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### COOKING THE MALDIVIAN WAY

Staying in a family-run guesthouse is a wonderful way to learn how to cook Maldivian dishes, as well as to enjoy authentic island cuisine. You'll be surprised how the delicious flavours are conjured out of herbs growing on the island and by the intricate detail of home cooking. The cook will be happy to tell you the recipe so you can try it at home. Some resorts organise weekly cooking demonstrations of Maldivian favourites, letting guests enjoy their own preparations for lunch.



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### PICNIC ON A SANDBANK & STARGAZING

A sandbank hasn't quite become a fully-fledged island, and it might not even have trees so you'll need parasols for shade, as well as that picnic basket. Sandbank picnics are arranged by resorts that have a sandbank within range and the resort provides everything including a private boat and a butler to serve, who will withdraw discreetly when guests want to be alone.

Island picnics can also be arranged for guests cruising the atolls by LiveAboard safari vessel. With no tall buildings in the way, guests can sit on the beach (or a sandbank for zero light pollution) on a cloudless night and gaze at the stars. Because the islands are close to the Equator, the moon is brighter and the stars more defined and visible in hundreds against the velvet darkness of the sky. With 360 degrees of horizon and minimal artificial light, the Maldives is surely one of the best places in the world for budding astrologers... or for simply wondering what those twinkling stars really are.



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### DOLPHIN WATCHING & WHALE SUBMARINE

The Maldives is home to 21 species of whale and dolphin and they are frequently sighted as they cross in the channels from one side of an atoll to another. They are sometimes spotted during the crossing from the airport to Male'. Many resorts organise cruises to the sea-lanes that dolphins regularly use, and independent dolphin watching cruises by dhoni can be arranged by the accommodation provider. Operating out of Male' (bookings can be coordinated through your resort) the whale submarine is a chance for young and old to visit the underwater world without getting wet, while enjoying the exciting experience of diving in a real submarine.

The cabin of the submarine is fully air-conditioned and has a normal atmospheric pressure so passengers breathe normal air. The whale submarine has safety features to ensure the safest, most comfortable ride, and is operated by a fully trained and certified team of pilots. It carries enough oxygen, water and food supplies to support all passengers and crew for 100 hours. On most dives passengers can see schools of blue or yellow-striped snappers and common lionfish, yellow box fish and sometimes turtles. Depending on the time of the day, current and many other factors, the submarine may dive to some historical sites such as a shipwreck or exciting places like a shark feeding area. The whole tour takes about three hours and is an amazing experience, especially for children and non-divers.



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### KIDS' ACTIVITIES AND CRAB RACING

Resorts which welcome young children have kiddies' clubs or play areas devoted to kids' activities, with a trained child minder in charge, so parents can safely leave their kids there while they dive or snorkel.

Resorts also have vetted babysitters to watch over kids while parents dine or disco. Special children's meals and mealtimes are available on request. Resorts are safe for children as they can roam and play quite happily since there are no vehicles, although they should be supervised on the beach or by a swimming pool. Maldivians are fond of children and like making a fuss over visitors' kids. Children of ten and above can enrol to learn snorkelling or diving at the resort's dive centre.

Crab Racing is organised on resorts and at inhabited islands as occasional evening entertainment. The crabs are provided by the organisers who mark out a track in the sand for the racing crustaceans. Guests are invited to participate as walk-along jockeys behind their allocated crab. The first crab to finish the course wins its jockey a prize. It can be fun when you mix with a party-going crowd.



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### ENTERTAINMENT & SOUVENIR SHOPPING

There are resorts that cater for guests who like to party at night and arrange evening entertainment by visiting bands and DJs. About 50 resorts have purpose-built night clubs for karaoke or DJ entertainment and are equipped to provide a great night's dancing as a change from diving or sunbathing all day.

It's always fascinating to pop into a resort's gift shop, or visit the souvenir shops on an inhabited island. There are locally made items like lacquerware, delicately woven reed mats and items made from plaited dried coconut leaves. Edible local souvenirs are packets of delicious beach almonds, tins of Maldives tuna and sachets of sun-dried fish chips.

# Thrilling Side of Life



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## Thrills galore

Because of its marine location, the Maldives boasts every kind of water-based adventure sport from paddling around a lagoon in a transparent hulled canoe to being propelled several metres below the surface of the sea by underwater scooter, or gliding several metres above the surface dangling from a parachute behind a speedboat. For the energetic and adventurous, the Maldives is just as rewarding a destination as it is for the laidback sun worshiper or sophisticated epicure.

With 99% of its territory being sea, the Maldives is one of the world's leading watersports hubs with its environment of islands and turquoise blue waters forming the perfect combination for a natural watersports arena. All the resorts and the inhabited islands popular with tourists have a watersports centre of some kind, either with a fleet of windsurf boards, sails and other equipment, or just a couple of wakeboards.

Not all the resorts favour motorised watersports like jet skiing because of the pollution and noise disturbance to the serenity of the resort. On the other hand, many resorts support watersports like canoeing and paddle surfing because of their minimal effect on the peaceful environment. Some of the popular thrills to be had from adventure watersports are listed here.



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### CANOEING & CATAMARAN SAILING

Canoes can be hired for an energetic paddle around a lagoon from all except about ten resorts. While it might seem simple, it's a demanding form of exercise, especially in the sun. If required a crew member from the watersports centre will act as instructor and escort. Mini catamarans about 5m long consisting of two hulls with a sail in the middle can be hired either with someone from the watersports centre as instructor and crew, or for solo excursions by expert sailors. It's a graceful way to sail around a lagoon and less strenuous than windsurfing.



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### JET SKI & KAYAKING

Jet skis are a bit like motorbikes as they roar across the water leaving spray and foam in their wake. It's a fun ride clinging to the jet ski's driver or taking over the controls. A kayak is great for paddling in solo exploration around an island as it is made with a light frame and has a watertight covering with a small opening for the paddler. Some kayaks are made of transparent material for gazing underwater.



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### FREE DIVING & FUN TUBE RIDING

Free diving is genuinely a free activity since no equipment has to be hired. This extreme sport is also known as skin diving. It relies on the diver's ability to hold breath underwater until resurfacing, instead of using traditional breathing apparatus such as scuba gear. It can be a competitive sport in which divers strive to attain great depths, times or distance with a single breath. Free diving is the basis of synchronised swimming and underwater games. Free diving is actually an ancient practice in the Maldives from the days when a boatman would have to dive down to the seabed to untie a rope from the sunken rock to which the boat is moored, or to unhook an anchor caught in a reef. Fishermen would also free dive to hand-catch lobsters. (Spears and harpoons are banned in the Maldives.) Free diving is also a recreational activity; it's relaxing and liberating because of the freedom experienced underwater, and the lack of restricting equipment or noise. Expert free divers often go as deep as scuba divers but the time spent underwater is limited to their breath-holding ability. The Maldives lagoons are good places to practise swimming underwater on a single breath and to try free diving. However, it is advisable for beginners first to seek advice and guidance from the crew at a resort's diving station. Ringo, banana and fun tube riding is a pursuit of young thrill-seekers who are towed on an inflated tube of various shapes behind a speedboat across a lagoon. Sometimes the experience ends with everyone being happily toppled into the water.



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### FISHING & FLYBOARDING

More than 90 resorts can arrange the thrill of big game fishing for serious anglers. There are three main areas for fishing. The reef waters include outer slopes of reefs and the channels between islands. Bait fish for catching tuna by rod and line can be caught in the reef waters. The intra-atoll basin means the area within atolls, and that's where to find frigate mackerel, sail fish and seer fish. Near-shore waters are the waters outside atolls but within 40km of the coast. Skip jacket tuna is caught there. Fishing in a lagoon is not allowed. Some resorts have boats especially constructed for big game fishing with fixed seats and rod holders for fighting the big ones, and systems for finding fish. Records of game-fish catches are recorded in association with the International Game Fishing Association. Flyboarding is an extreme sport taking water skiing to a new direction: upwards. It's a thrill seeker's dream that enables the participant to shoot up into the air and zoom over the waves. The flyboard itself is strapped to the feet of the user and is connected to a jet ski by a hose. The power of the jet ski emits water through the hose jettisoned out at great pressure beneath the flyboard. This powers it and the flyboarder, supported by the hose, up to about 9m to 10m above the water. The flyboarder controls everything about the flyboard except how much power it's receiving. The power portion of the experience is controlled by a certified instructor on the accompanying jet ski.



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### KITE SURFING & KNEEBOARDING

This is a surface watersport that combines all the thrills of wakeboarding, windsurfing, paragliding, skateboarding and gymnastics in an extreme sport demanding strength and agility. The kitesurfer harnesses the power of the wind by hanging on to a large, controllable kite that sweeps across the water according to the wind's force. Standard surfboards or boards shaped specifically for the purpose are used. Paddle boarding, or paddle surfing, looks like a simple sea sport until you try it. All you need is a board on which you stand and a paddle, a pole with a broad blade at one end, to steer the board, and you, through the water. The calmer the water (as in a lagoon) the more chance to glide and turn with proficiency. Floating along standing up on a paddle board is a great way to observe what's happening underwater.

### PARASAILING & SURFING

Less than a third of resort watersports centres have facilities for parasailing and it is a thrilling, but demanding, watersport. It is just as thrilling to watch, as it resembles surfing while attached to a parachute. The participant is towed behind a boat while harnessed to a specially designed canopy wing, the parasail. As the boat gains speed, the wind catches the parasail and it, and the participant, soar above the waves. The Maldives is famous around the world for its extreme surfing and there are several surfing areas within the atolls, with Male' Atoll being the most convenient because of proximity to the airport and for boat transfers from Male'. Great surfing is possible between April and October when three good swells come each month, lasting a couple of days, and the best thing is that these are off-shore. Waves are commonly 2m high. Some of them are known as Himafushi (Jail Break), Thamburudhoo left and right (aka Honkys and Sultans) Thulusdhoo Point (Colas) and Kuda Vilingili with the best "left hander" in the Atoll. In the far south, Laamu and Gaafu Alifu/Gaafu Dhaalu Atolls (also known as Huvadhu) are separated by the broad One and Half Degree Channel. As there is not much land mass to the south of these atolls, swells generated by the roaring forties (a weather phenomenon created in the far south of the Indian Ocean) hit the islands of these atolls, creating the best waves in the country. A good time to visit Huvadhu Atoll is during the northeast monsoon, January to March, when the swell is most consistent. For waves around Laamu the best times are March to April and August to November.



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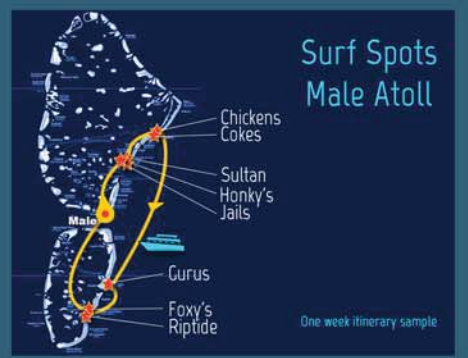
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A TYPICAL TRIP, DAY BY DAY...

- Day 1**  
Hi, G'day, Bonjour - Welcome!
  - 6 am early departure to the famous surf breaks Sultans, Honkies and Jails.
  - Surf and safety briefing. Break for sumptuous freshly cooked breakfast at 9am and a chef prepared lunch at 1pm.
  - Surf all day until 6pm, arrive back on board for a hot shower and prepare yourself for our first night feast and presentation of your crew at 7.30pm.
- Day 2**
  - Search for the best waves of the day, starting with Cokes and Chickens.
  - Surfing, diving, fishing, lazing in the sun - do what you like all day long.
- Day 3**
  - Head South for 3 hours to Lucky Joes and Rip Tide, wet a line and catch some fish as we cruise along.
  - Visit a local island to take in the Maldivian culture. Learn how to dive and get your PADI ticket.
- Day 4**
  - Enjoy the uncrowded surf for another day, dive and fish.
  - Excursion to beautiful virgin sand island Rihiveli for non/surfers. Picture postcard setting as this island appears out of the beautiful Indian Ocean (only depending on the permission of the manager to enter the resort).
  - Join your hosts and other guests on the front deck for a sunset cocktail set to relaxing music. A great way to end another great day.
- Day 5**
  - Early departure and cruise back north to Cokes and Chickens. Surf all day or dive with manta rays once again.
  - Afternoon session "Learn how to hold your breath". Learn how to relax under water and hold your breath for longer than ever before free diving instructor David Mesnard.
  - Sunset party on the deck.
- Day 6**
  - Early surf report determines where we move to take advantage of the best surf conditions. Head to Sultans and Jails for all day surfing.
  - Sunset diaporama on our giant screen on the front deck, featuring photos and videos of your memorable week aboard, if the weather permitted.
  - Back on board for the night
- Day 7**
  - Surf all morning until midday.
  - A beautiful thank you and good bye lunch before departing for the Airport for your return flights.

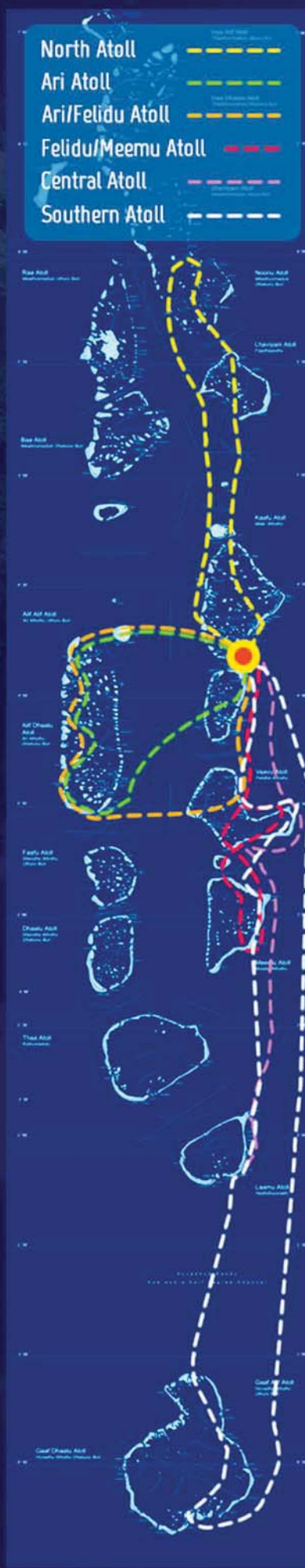


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# OCEAN DIVING



## ITINERARIES HIGHLIGHTS

### NORTH ATOLLS: 7 / 10 NIGHTS

- Unspoiled reef, no crowd
- Shark cleaning station
- Manta cleaning station
- Diving and snorkeling with dolphins
- Amazing "Thilas" underwater pinnacle
- Soft corals and amazing amount of fish.

### ARI ATOLL: 7 / 10 NIGHTS

- Most popular dive sites
- "Thilas" full of life
- Manta cleaning station
- Whale sharks
- Soft coral (ouest side)
- Hammerhead sharks ( rasdho)
- Ari Atoll fishes

### ARI/ FELIDU ATOLL: 7 / 10 NIGHTS

- Beautiful wrecks,
- Big pelagics in chanel dive
- Caves with soft corals
- sharks thilas
- Mantas cleaning station
- Beautiful islands and sand banks.
- Fantastic night dives

### FELIDU/MEEMU ATOLL: 7 / 10 NIGHTS

- Mostly chanel dives with big fishes
- Long drift dives with soft coral
- Virgin islands
- Not much crowd
- The real Maldives

### CENTRAL ATOLL LAAMU BACK TO MALE: 10 NIGHTS

- Arrival direct with domestic plane on site and back with the boat to Male
- Best channel dives
- All range of pelagics oceanic sharks
- Flamerheads
- Night dive with sharks

### SOUTHERN ATOLLS : 10 / 14 NIGHT

- Simply the best dive site of the Maldives (one way up or back by domestic flight)
- The best corals of the Maldives
- Whale sharks
- Chanel, thilas, the best.
- Sharks sharks sharks !
- Virgin islands every day

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### Morning

#### Wake up

Your crew can wake you on request anytime from 5:30am where you will be greeted on the back deck with tea, coffee, juice, fresh fruit and a range of cereal to prepare you for your day prior your first dive at around 7:15 AM

#### Dive #1

The dive dhoni departs at 7:30am after a dive briefing on board for the first dive of the day and get to the dive site between 5 and 15 minutes.

#### Breakfast

Your daily breakfast includes omelettes and eggs cooked to your liking, sausages and a range of traditional cooked Maldivian dishes including "Massouni". Plus we have cakes, juice, tea and coffee and fresh fruit available.

#### Dive #2

After breakfast, rest comfortably on the different decks on board Ocean Divine and wait for the second dive of the day at 11:30. Every dive is at a different location chosen from the best options and conditions of the day.

#### Lunch

Lunches include local fresh fish, sashimi and a variety of other fresh Chef prepared meals and desserts. A highlight of your time aboard.

#### Notes:

- You have seen 3 dives for a typical day, but we do sometimes 4 dives a days with a night dive !
- After a long day in the surf you may like to take in a relaxing massage with our fully qualified masseuse.

We're here to ensure you have a holiday that you will never forget. Come as guests, leave as friends.

### Afternoon

#### Dive #3

Feel free to join the afternoon dive it s 14:45 pm the dive briefing on board finishes and you are ready to get on board the dive boat for the last dive of the day, (we do sometime 4 dives a days with a night dive! ).All guests are back on board by 5 pm.

Snacks and juices are waiting on the back deck when you return. And after a long day in the surf you may like to take in a relaxing massage with our fully qualified masseuse.

#### Chill

Each afternoon you can enjoy ice cold beers or a range of freshly prepared cocktails on the front deck while taking in the stunning sunsets set to your favourite tunes.

#### Dinner

Dinner is served at 7:30 each menu with your chef prepared set menu changing every evening for your enjoyment. Our Executive Chef "Maheesh" and his Assistant will offer you explanation of the meals they have prepared for you. Bon Appétit.

#### Evening

Enjoy the company of your fellow guests around the dinner table, take in a DVD in your cabin or in the living room, play some games or simply chill out on the front or upper deck under the stars. Or you can simply head off to your comfortable bed for a wonderful nights sleep. Its all up to you, the choice is yours. Diaporamas and explanation about the marine life is also on the program at certain nights.

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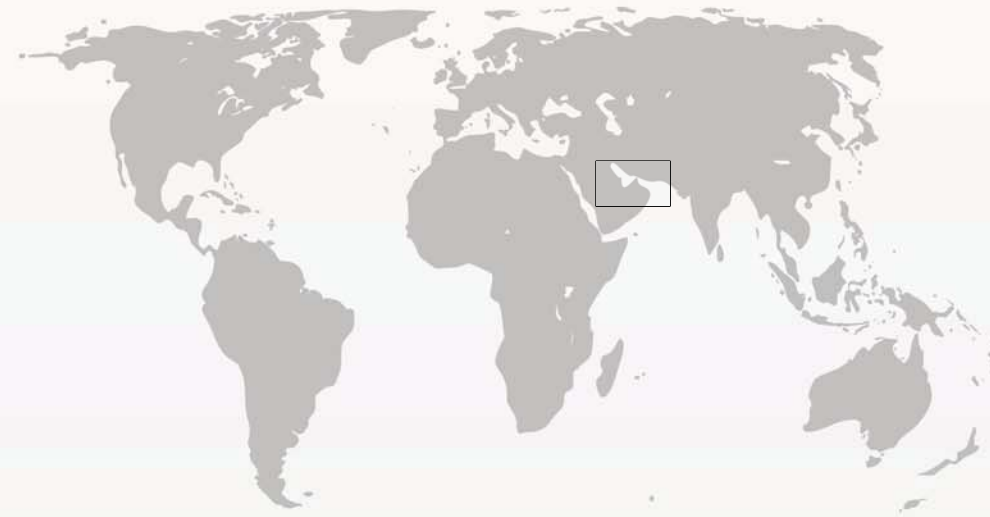
# Superyacht Guide to Dubai

Geographically bordering with both Saudi Arabia and Oman, Dubai, has increasingly become a preferred destination for visiting superyachts. With its year-round sunshine, the capital's clear blue skies, tranquil beaches, vibrant city life and cosmopolitan city of culture has come together to create an ultimate destination offering remarkable experiences.



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COORDINATES

Lat 25° 15' N  
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Bordering with both Saudi Arabia and Oman



INDEPENDENCE / FOUNDED

1971

TOTAL AREA  
4,110 km<sup>2</sup>

ELEVATION  
16m

WATER AREA  
0 km<sup>2</sup>



COASTLINE  
520\* km



HIGHEST WATERFALL  
0 sq km



HIGHEST POINT  
1,527m



POPULATION  
3.33\*M



RECOMMENDED MARINAS  
11



COUNTRY CODE  
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AVERAGE RAINFALL  
35 mm



AVERAGE TEMPERATURE  
36°C

### DUBAI PRE-ARRIVAL CHECKLISTS

1. Last Port Departure Clearance signed & stamped by Port Authority
2. Last Port Departure Crew list signed & Stamped by Port Authority
3. Arrival Crew List in MS Excel format
4. Declaration of Last 10 Ports of Call
5. Registry Certificate
6. Classification Certificate (if available)
7. ISPS Document (DOS)
8. Maritime Declaration of Health
9. Master's Nil Fire Arms Declaration
10. Protection & Indemnity - Insurance
11. Hull & Machinery - Insurance
12. Copy of ISSC
13. Captain's COC
14. Chief officer arrival dispensation (if any)
15. Ship Stores Declaration
16. Crew Personal Effects
17. Seaman's Book
18. Passport
19. Cargo Manifest (either loaded or empty)
20. Visa (if any)

**DUBAI**

# Top Attractions

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Dubai is a city that must be seen to be believed. Record-breaking architecture stands alongside traditional quarters, while man-made islands jut out of the coastline. Here are the top places to tick off your sightseeing list when you're in town.



## The Dubai Fountain

Witness water dance at the iconic Dubai Fountain, located at the base of the Burj Khalifa. The world's largest choreographed fountain system features a sound and light show which shoots 22,000 gallons of water as high as 150m in the air.

Each brightly illuminated jet sways in time to music, producing what has become one of Dubai's most popular shows. Situated outside The Dubai Mall, make time to shop between evening water shows, which begin every 30 minutes.



## Dubai Opera

Experience the region's contemporary cultural scene at Dubai Opera, the city's latest architectural masterpiece.

Shaped like a futuristic dhow, this institution hosts a stellar program of international names and local legends in opera, ballet, theatre and music.

Designed by Danish architect Janus Rostock & located in the heart of Downtown Dubai, the 2,000 seat Dubai Opera is a world-class cultural facility.



## Madinat Jumeirah

For an experience that marries tradition and luxury, head to Madinat Jumeirah. Literally translated as 'City of Jumeirah' this complex is inspired by an ancient citadel complete with windtowers and water canals. It encloses luxury hotels, private enclaves built in the traditional style, the world-class Talise Spa, Madinat Souk, Madinat Theatre, and more than 40 restaurants and lounges including several like folly by Nick & Scott which overlooks the sea from windtowers.

You can also explore the complex waterways on a traditional wooden abra to better appreciate the serene passages and inspired architecture.



## Burj Khalifa

Soaring 828m above Dubai and currently the world's tallest building, the Burj Khalifa represents a union of art, engineering and heritage. It's home to office space, private residences, the 160-room Armani Hotel and At the Top's observation decks on the 124th and 148th floors. Atmosphere is the world's highest restaurant, with stunning views and an equally stellar menu. There are also more than 1,000 specially commissioned works of art throughout the building.



## Palm Jumeirah

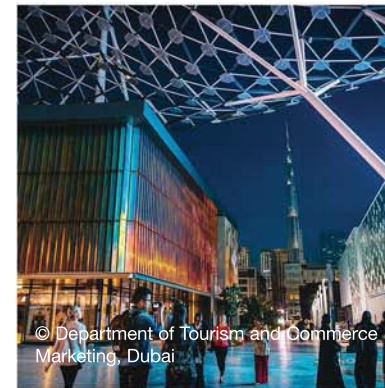
Gracing the city's postcards, the iconic Palm Jumeirah is an astounding feat of mankind in the form of a series of artificial archipelagos in the emerald waters of the Arabian Gulf. From above, it takes the form of a stylised palm tree.

At ground level, it has some of the city's most popular beach clubs, celebrity chef restaurants and luxury hotels, including the pink arches of Atlantis, The Palm. Sail around Palm Jumeirah or get a bird's-eye view from a jump with Skydive Dubai.



## Dubai Water Canal

The Dubai Water Canal is a 3.2km waterway which winds its way to the Arabian Gulf from the creek in Old Dubai through Business Bay. Along the canal's waterfront are prime Dubai hotels such as W Dubai and the St Regis, as well as a running and cycling track. It will eventually create 80,000sqm of public space to include new hotels and dining and shopping outlets.



## City Walk

Stroll through City Walk – Dubai's newest al fresco shopping district. This chic urban space features an excellent range of boutiques, entertainment centres and restaurants, some whose shopfronts are inspired by London's streets. Enjoy entertainment zones like Hub Zero, The Green Planet and Roxy Cinemas or kick back in the new La Ville Hotel's garden terrace. With a striking skyline view that includes the Burj Khalifa, City Walk is a perfect location for a day or night out.



## The Dubai Mall

Discover one of the world's most visited destinations, The Dubai Mall. Located at the foot of Burj Khalifa, this shopping metropolis features more than 1,200 retail outlets, restaurants (some with views of The Dubai Fountain), a mega bookshop, an aquarium, spas and even an ice rink. Fashionistas won't want to miss Fashion Avenue featuring the iconic Level Shoes district, while kids will flock straight to Reel Cinema as well as Kidzania theme park.



## Etihad Museum

Discover the contemporary history of the United Arab Emirates at the Etihad Museum located in Jumeirah 1. The Etihad Museum offers a series of interactive pavilions that explore the country's past through photos, films and more. Visitors can discover what life was like before the UAE's founding fathers signed the treaty that unified the seven emirates, & learn more about the extraordinary economic development since.



## Dubai Aquarium & Underwater Zoo

The 10 million-litre tank at the Dubai Aquarium is one of the largest in the world, containing more than 33,000 aquatic animals and the largest collection of sand tiger sharks anywhere. Rising to the third floor of The Dubai Mall, the aquarium is home to 140 species of sea life and has several ways to experience underwater life, starting with a stroll through a 48m walk-through tunnel. It's a complete fish-eye view, with sand tiger sharks and stingrays swimming overhead. You can also take a glass-bottom boat tour, get wet in a snorkeling cage and even don an oxygen tank to go swimming with the sharks.



## Dubai Historical District

Discover old Dubai in Al Fahidi Historical Neighbourhood, where winding stone alleys & charismatic windtower architecture reflect life before skyscrapers.

Follow the alleyways to hidden tea houses, art galleries and cultural installations that uncover Dubai's past. Afterward, head toward the bustling abra station and take a ride across the creek.

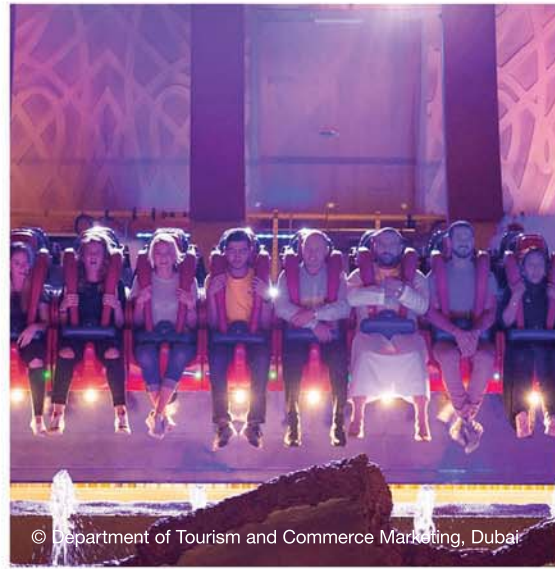
There you will find gold, spice, perfume and textile souks where you can bargain over excellent handicrafts and goods.



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### Ski Dubai

For pure wow factor, visit the indoor ski slopes of Ski Dubai at Mall of the Emirates. The perfect antidote on a hot summer day, you can walk in and get dressed on the spot to ski. There are five runs of varying difficulty, along with a freestyle area for snowboarders and tobogganers. Families will love the snow caves and tube rides, while Alpine Café is ideal for sipping hot chocolate in minus four degrees or watching the daily march of the snow penguins.



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### IMG Worlds of Adventure

Experience unparalleled fun at IMG Worlds of Adventure, where the equivalent of 28 football fields of space are filled with thrilling attractions in the world's biggest indoor parks. The little ones can enjoy multi-sensory adventures with Ben 10, Gumball, The Powerpuff Girls and LazyTown, while everyone can immerse themselves in Marvel's world.



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### At The Top, Burj Khalifa

Enjoy the view from the top of the Burj Khalifa. Standing high above the city, you can experience what the world's tallest skyscraper has to offer at viewing deck At The Top. Immerse yourself in the breathtaking views at Dubai's most prime location. The Burj Khalifa has not one but two stunning observatories - At The Top located on the 124th and 125th floors, and the premium At The Top Sky on the 148th level that is a staggering 555m above ground.

Begin your experience in a high-speed elevator, with the journey up encompassing you in a multimedia experience. It will captivate as well as educate you on the creation of the Burj Khalifa and the history of Dubai. Once the doors open, you are greeted with floor-to-ceiling glass and the magnitude of what lies before you: the unobstructed 360 degree view of the world you just left, the Dubai city, desert and the Arabian Gulf during the day.

At night, the view takes on a different meaning as you are greeted by the gleaming skyscrapers and a vibrant city below. For the fearless, the observatory includes an open-air terrace with state of the art digitally powered telescopes. This offers real-time views, day and night from the city below.

There are no time restraints whilst visiting At The Top, so take your time, relax and enjoy your momentous journey to embrace Dubai's architecture and history. For an only-in-Dubai experience, book in for a special sunrise viewing, available periodically in the winter. Don't forget to take home a souvenir from the shop to remember your experience At The Top.



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### Ain Dubai

A bird's eye view from the largest Ferris wheel in Dubai. Located on the upcoming Bluewaters Island, Ain Dubai adds one more item to the list of world records to be broken by Dubai.

The giant Ferris wheel stands at a staggering height of 210m making it the highest of its kind in the world. It is located off the popular Jumeirah Beach Residences (JBR) beachfront and is set to offer 360-degree views of the Dubai skyline.

Once complete, Ain Dubai will showcase Dubai's beautiful coastline and the marina's impressive skyline as well as views of the city's famous landmarks such as Burj Al Arab, Palm Jumeirah and Burj Khalifa. Its base will serve as an entertainment zone with a large LED screen mounted on the wheel.

Ain Dubai is set to share its home on Bluewaters Island with shopping malls, restaurants, residences and a souk.



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### Gold Souk

A golden feast for the senses. A trip to Dubai isn't complete without a trip to the famous Gold Souk, one of the oldest and most fascinating traditional markets in the emirate.

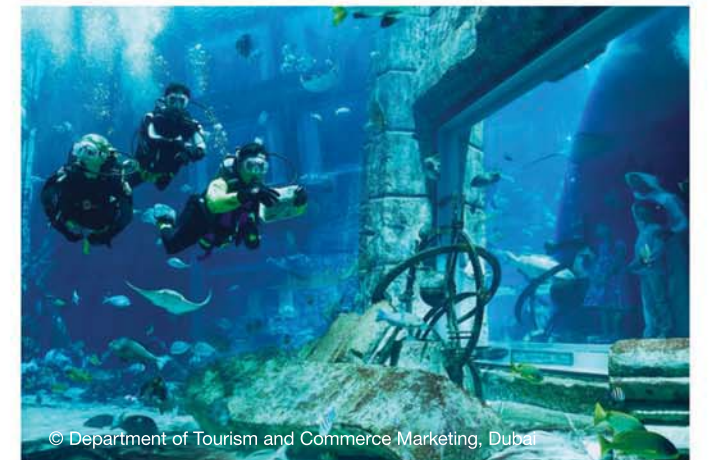
Whether you're just browsing or genuinely on the hunt for even the slightest amount of precious gold, walk through the glittering Gold Souk and you'll find the biggest selection of gold jewellery and gemstones crafted in a variety of carats.

Long lines of market stalls showcase a gleaming myriad of authentic and eye-catching products – you never know when you'll spot something just for you or a loved one.

All merchandise is carefully regulated by the Dubai government to ensure the authenticity its quality.

You can be sure your purchases will be genuine. In addition to gold, careful inspection of the wares on offer may see you uncover diamond-encrusted ornaments, strings of pearls, platinum and silver.

Retailers are more than up to the match with haggling. But be fair with your price – there are lots of bargains to find.



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### The Lost Chambers Aquarium

Journey under the sea! Surround yourself with sea life in a jaw-dropping walk through the glass tunnels of The Lost Chambers Aquarium at Atlantis, The Palm. Sharks, stingrays, piranhas, lobsters, and the tiniest of seahorses are just some of the creatures you'll come face-to-fin with in this spellbinding underwater world.

Designed around the theme of the Lost City of Atlantis, the underwater tunnels serve as an immersive experience into a lost civilisation of ship wrecks and ruins. You'll encounter the most amazing and colourful collection of underwater life in 10 beautiful chambers. There are over 20 marine life exhibits in this aquarium where you can interact with some of the creatures and even help feed them – guided by animal experts.

Whether you want to see or literally become part of the underwater scene, The Lost Chambers Aquarium promises Atlantic adventures for the whole family.



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### Dubai Creek

Dubai may be famous for the glitz and glamour of its sky-high towers, but the real heart of the city is, and always will be, the creek.

The saltwater estuary is the original site where the Bani Yas tribe settled, and its waters were vital for what used to be Dubai's main forms of economy: pearl diving and fishing.

The area is home to the Dubai Museum, the new waterside heritage retail area Al Seef, as well as the labyrinthine alleyways of the gold, spice and textile souks.

While at the Creek, a ride across the water on a traditional abra is a must, and at an AED1 each way, it's easily the best value tourist attraction in the city.



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### Dubai Frame

Dubai Frame is one of the newest additions to the city's skyline and represents a remarkable feat of engineering. Situated in Dubai's Zabeel Park, directly between old and new Dubai, the towering structure offers sweeping panoramic views of the city from 150m high.

One of its most amazing features is the state-of-the-art clear glass bridge connecting parallel vertical towers to create the shape of a picture frame.

Dubai Frame has quickly become a must-see attraction for the city's visitors and residents alike.



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### Burj Al Arab

The hotel's distinctive sail-shaped silhouette has made it an iconic symbol of modern Dubai. Often voted the world's most luxurious hotel, the Burj Al Arab is one of the region's most famous tourist landmarks. Built on a triangular man-made island, the billowing sail-like structure rises 321m above the sea.

The Burj Al Arab sets a new standard for hospitality superlatives, including the famous helipad that has hosted numerous celebrity stunts.

### Dubai Parks and Resorts

View forecast weather forecast 20.4° C Now part of the ultimate family itinerary, Dubai Parks and Resorts offers all the big names in one thrilling labyrinth of mega theme parks including Motiongate, Bollywood Parks and Legoland.

Spend the day exploring this awesome attraction and finish up at the vibrant Riverland entertainment and dining boulevard. You can even stay at the heart of all the action at Lapita Hotel, a Polynesian-themed luxury resort inside the park.

# Beaches

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## A thriving urban beach scene

Dubai is one of the few places to enjoy a beach vacation within a thriving city. Experience a holiday Dubai-style combining high-energy city action with the beauty of the Arabian Gulf. With a beachside shopping scene, luxury resorts and watersports, Dubai offers the best of the city and the sea. Kite Beach, Sunset Beach and The Beach at JBR are popular seaside spots and all feature a running track for a leisurely stroll or jog along the water.



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## JBR Beach

The waters are fairly calm here, with nearby hotels offering a variety of watersports such as parasailing, wakeboarding and banana boating that anyone can sign up for, as well as camel rides. It is by far one of the most fun, family friendly beaches in Dubai, and the skyscrapers of Marsa Dubai provide a spectacular backdrop to your activities, all just a quick stroll from the cafe culture of The Walk.



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## La Mer

Dubai's newest beachfront address, La Mer, is a fine addition to the city's urban beach cred. This inspirational destination has transformed the suburban Jumeirah 1 neighbourhood, featuring wide open spaces with palm tree-lined boulevards, graffiti art murals and laidback beachside charm. Surrounded by almost 2.5km of relaxing sandy beaches and located near some of the city's modern landmarks, including Etihad Museum and the Dubai Water Canal, La Mer is sure to become your new favourite address to eat, play and unwind.



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## Kite Beach

Discover beach life Dubai-style at Kite Beach in Umm Suqeim. You can swim, surf, jetski or even paddleboard in the gentle blue waters with a view of the iconic Burj Al Arab. There's also plenty to keep the kids entertained, including Wire World high ropes course and a skateboard park. For a quick bite, Kite Beach also offers plenty of cool food trucks and cafes selling tasty beachside meals, including the famous food truck, Salt.



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## Beach Clubs

Spend a relaxing day at one of Dubai's most luxurious beach clubs. With sun, sea, sand and sumptuous dining by day and live music and an energetic atmosphere by night, Dubai's beach clubs have earned an international reputation among celebrities and travellers alike. New clubs include Summersalt at Al Naseem and Drift at the One&Only, in addition to Dubai's most popular clubs Zero Gravity or Nasimi Beach.



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## Black Palace Beach

Known as Black Palace Beach thanks to its locations next to one of Dubai's royal residences, this drive-up spot may be hard to find, but it offers the calmest waters and most stunning sunsets in the city. Follow the pathway to discover an untouched shoreline, featuring views of Palm Jumeirah and Burj Al Arab in the distance. While there are no facilities at this beach, it's a great place to escape the bustle of the city.



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## Al Mamzar Beach Park

For a small fee per person, this expansive park and beach, with lush barbecue areas, landscaped playgrounds, lagoons and a sheltered beach is perfect for a day out with the family. For an extra cost, you can rent a sun lounge, use one of three pools, or even book a private, air-conditioned beach bungalow for a more exclusive experience. A nice quiet spot for a beach holiday.

# The Desert

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## Desert Safaris

If there is one thing you cannot miss it's an Arabian Adventures desert safari. Take a backseat (unless, of course, you prefer to sit at the front of your 4x4), strap in and hold on tight as an experienced driver takes on the rolling dunes, teetering on the edge of seemingly sheer drops, before dipping down sandy slopes and back up again. There are a couple of stops for photos before you're safely whisked away to a traditional - style Bedouin camp, where a sumptuous Arabic buffet awaits.



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## Desert Hotels

Some of Dubai's most luxurious hotels are located in the desert. Get a taste of old Arabia at Bab Al Shams Desert Resort & Spa, just half an hour from the city centre. Al Maha Desert Resort & Spa in the Dubai Desert Conservation Reserve takes glamping to another level, with luxury tented-style villas that feature a private infinity pool. Desert stays offer a range of activities like safaris through the dunes, wildlife experiences and majestic views, particularly around sunset.



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## Al Marmoom

From graceful gazelles to stately oryx, the Al Marmoom desert reserve is rich with hundreds of species of wildlife. Located near the Bab Al Shams resort, the conservation reserve is home to a vast variety of native and migratory birds as well as local wildlife inhabitants from previously endangered or vulnerable lists. The area is also home to the Al Qudra lakes, which is a popular picnic spot for both locals and visitors.



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## Desert Dining

There are many ways to dine in the desert. Heritage dinner safaris teach you how to cook a local dish while desert safaris offer off-roading followed by a barbecue dinner at a desert camp with traditional majlis-style seating. For comfy views of the desert, upscale resorts feature live cooking stations, wood-fired ovens & traditional seating. Try luxurious Bedouin camping and spend the night with dinner, a hot breakfast and a drive to see the local wildlife at dawn.



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## Desert Activities

There are a few cities in the world that have both the desert and beach right on their doorstep. To Dubai's advantage, the azure coastline and sun-burnt dunes are only about an hour's drive apart, meaning you can surf in the morning and sand board in the afternoon. The most common desert activity is a safari, which often includes off-roading, camel rides and a taste of Emirati cuisine. Other activities include stargazing, falconry experiences, sandboarding & camping or glamping.

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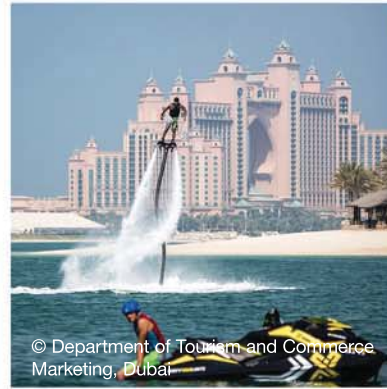
# Adventure

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## Buggy Safaris

Head off-road with Dune Buggy Dubai to discover the thrills of the desert. You can find activities to suit whatever level of adventure you crave. The Morning Dune Buggy Safari features an early bird hour-long ride in your own open buggy. If you're looking for more, try the Evening Desert Safari. Here, you'll go dune bashing in a brand new Land Rover. After the drive, you'll sit down for live entertainment consisting of a traditional dance show. Food, beverages and henna painting enhance the experience with sand boarding and camel riding available to keep the excitement going until late at night.



## Flyboarding

Thrill-seekers can get their kicks at sea in Ghantoot (15 minutes out of town), where Dubai's latest toys are getting hearts racing. Flyboarding, also known as water jet-packing, sees adventure lovers fitted into a small board and strapped to a specially-made backpack that sucks up seawater, before spitting it back out, propelling the rider into the air. If you have never tried it before, no worries. Even beginners will be able to manoeuvre themselves around the marina – just be prepared to make a splash crash-landing the first few attempts.



## Skydive Dubai

Soar like a bird over one of the most spectacular drop zones in the world with Skydive Dubai. Step out of a plane at an altitude of almost 4,000m and enjoy the rush. To make sure you remember the experience forever, a cameraman documents the fun. The freefall lasts around a minute before your instructor pops the chute and you begin a leisurely five-minute descent with incredible views of Palm Jumeirah and other iconic landmarks. For an alternative view, try the desert drop zone.



## Sandboarding

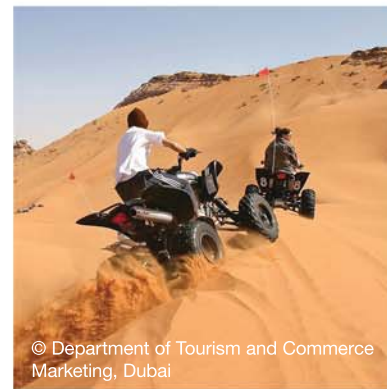
This is one for true adrenaline-seekers. Strap this snowboard-like contraption to your feet and glide down the dunes just like you would at the slopes of Ski Dubai. While it's possible to rent a sand board at Big Red, there are a number of companies – such as Dream Explorer Dubai – that offer the full experience. The five-hour morning safari and sandboarding package starts off with a desert safari in a Hummer and ends with a sandboarding session, where you'll learn all the tips for making it down the dunes smoothly.



## Jet-Ski

Have fun on the water and at the same time take in some of Dubai's famous landmarks with a jet-ski session. Nemo Watersports and Dubai Jetski offer tours that takes in the Burj Al Arab hotel and other sights from the water. Each tour is accompanied by a qualified instructor and you can go as fast or slow as you like, for anywhere from 30 minutes to two hours.

The 30-minute tour features Burj Al Arab while an hour-long session takes you onwards to Jumeirah Beach Residences. The deluxe two-hour version includes this, while also circumnavigating the famous Palm Jumeirah and stopping off at Atlantis, The Palm.



## Quad Biking

Direct your taxi driver to Dubai's most famous sand dune, Big Red, where you can hop on a quad bike and navigate the sandy landscape yourself.

Available to hire by the half hour, the quad bikes are speedy and a helmet must be worn while riding.

Follow the natural trail of the dunes, kicking sand in the face of your fellow riders as you hurtle and bounce over Dubai's most iconic patch of sand. Big Red, or Al Hamar as it's locally known, is easy to spot along the Dubai-Hatta (E44) highway. Ask your driver to wait, or hire one for the day.

# Spa Experience

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## Saray Spa FOR AN AUTHENTIC ARABIAN EXPERIENCE

The Spa at the regal Palace Downtown is an elegant retreat set in muted earth tones, inviting furnishings and patterns of arabesque trellises. With authentic treatments to match the Arabian setting, the spa uses a range of premium and organic beauty brands such as Natura Bisse and Les Sens de Marrakech. The signature One Desert Journey includes a body scrub with desert sand and salt, followed by an herbal massage with Moroccan mint oil. Indulge in a couples' treatment or – for something truly extraordinary – try the signature Fusion Massage, a confluence of Chinese, Balinese, Thai and Shiatsu techniques, in the outdoor cabana spa by the Burj Lake.



## Anantara Spa FOR AN ASIAN-INSPIRED TOUCH

Housed in a cluster of pagodas surrounded by water, frangipani trees and chirping birds, Anantara Spa is evocative of an island escape. The spa is rooted in Thai tradition with bamboo and an abundance of water setting the scene for an array of contemporary treatments designed to soothe and pamper. There are 24 treatment rooms including those dedicated to Thai massage and ayurveda, as well as a Turkish hammam and wet facilities such as the crystal and gemstone steam room, ice fountain and salt inhalation room. The Traditional Thai Massage uses a technique passed down through the generations known as passive yoga to alleviate stress and strains (for 90 minutes).



## The Spa FOR A ROYAL RETREAT

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## Talise Spa FOR WHOLE-DAY WELLNESS

A true holistic wellness destination in the city, Talise Spa at Madinat Jumeirah is housed in an independent sprawling complex built in the same wind tower style of architecture that the rest of the luxury resort features. Inside, trickling fountains, paved pathways across landscaped gardens, and chirping birds transport you into a lush haven. With independent hotel room-sized treatment rooms, this is the ideal place to escape for the 2.5-hour Day Retreat. This includes a bespoke full-body massage, facial and a body scrub, tail-ended by a healthy snack from the spa cuisine menu. For the ultimate spa experience, book a massage in a beach cabana, where skilled therapists will work their magic while ocean breezes lull you into a state of bliss. Talise Spa also offers yoga, including the popular full-moon beach sessions.



## Amara Spa FOR A DE-STRESSING TREATMENT

Tucked away in the heart of Deira by the Dubai Creek Golf Club, Park Hyatt Dubai is one of the most picturesque resorts in the city – and its equally picture-perfect Amara Spa.

If walking into this tranquil sanctuary of Moorish arches, billowing curtains and a stunning spa pool surrounded by palms isn't enough to relax you, their jewel-inspired spa menu will be.

Treatments here are themed around ancient healing benefits. The Amara Massage features the spa's signature warm oil massage with frankincense, sandalwood and amber applied in rhythmic strokes.



## Guerlain Spa FOR A GLOWING SKIN TREATMENT

Step into the historical Parisian spa, Guerlain, at One&Only The Palm, which dedicates itself to beauty and wellbeing, offering treatments and facilities centred around revitalisation.

Enjoy the Desert D'Orient (Two hours) for a truly indulgent and relaxing experience. Beginning with the application of the Silk Indulgence Milk Scrub and a body wrap for skin preparation, the session finishes with a personalised massage leaving you feeling calm and refreshed.

# Shopping

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## Malls

From chic outdoor shopping precincts to super-sized city malls, there's no better place to indulge in retail therapy than Dubai.

And it's not just the shopping that attracts; there's also ice rinks, ski slopes, fabulous cinemas, spas and restaurant districts to keep you entertained.

Take in the attractions of The Dubai Mall, Mall of the Emirates, City Walk and the beach opposite JBR as a starting point.



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## Souks

Lavish gold jewellery, hand-woven fabrics, oud fragrances and bargain knickknacks – you'll find it all in our bustling souks, or Arabian markets.

While the emirate lives up to its reputation as a thriving modern city, the souks have been a crucial part of daily life and trade for centuries.

For an immersive cultural experience, visit the gold, spice, perfume and textile souks in Al Fahidi Historical Neighbourhood and for a modern take, visit Souk Madinat Jumeirah or Souk Al Bahar.

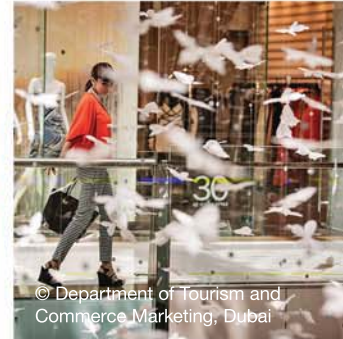


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## Beachside Shopping

If you're looking for stylish boutiques, al fresco dining or simply a leisurely promenade along the waterfront, head to The Walk at Jumeirah Beach Residence (JBR). Along this buzzing boulevard, there's plenty of opportunity to satisfy your retail cravings with an array of fashion, home and hand-craft shops and boutiques. For more laidback fun, head to La Mer in Jumeirah 1.

This vibrant precinct reflects a sea-fresh theme, with plenty of bustling beachside attractions including a free-jumping inflatable playground for little ones and fun-fuelled water-sports at Sea Breeze.



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## Luxury Shopping

There's no place like Dubai for shopping. From The Dubai Mall's Level Shoes store to the glorious Fashion Dome at the Mall of the Emirates, Dubai offers a glamorous and indulgent retail experience. Excellent locations are matched with superb in-store service, immersive brand activations and beautiful store designs to create an unforgettable experience.

For a more exclusive touch, the city's best malls also offer personal shopping and styling services, chauffeurs so you can save your energy for shopping, and even at-home delivery of all your purchases. Ready, set, shop.



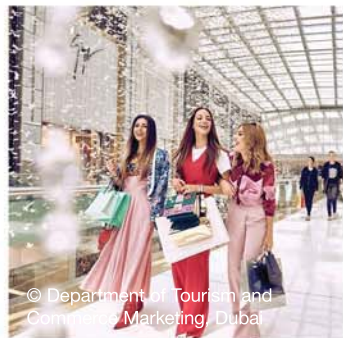
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## Homegrown Labels

Take a walk in edgier precincts including Dubai Design District (d3) and Alserkal Avenue for a look at Dubai's homegrown favourites.

The city boasts its own boutique chocolatiers, Mirzam, that crafts indulgent sweet treats from their factory at Alserkal. Meanwhile The Lighthouse at d3 has a curated selection of travel accessories and lifestyle products.

There are also plenty of homegrown fashion labels including All Things Mochi, L'afshar, Taller Marmo and Bil Arabi to choose from.



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## Festivals / Shopping Experiences

Whether it's about having fun with your family and friends or getting your hands on the hottest fashion trends, Dubai caters to every shopper.

The city's immersive shopping experiences offer chic and affordable items, while giving shoppers the chance to celebrate their newly acquired buys with plenty of rewards.

Check out the annual Dubai Shopping Festival (DSF) and Dubai Summer Surprises (DSS) for exciting activities, fantastic events and great offers.



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## Markets

From organic produce and local design markets like Zabeel Park's Ripe Market to seasonal events like the Ramadan Night Markets, Market OTB and Beach Canteen, Dubai loves a good market. Don't miss the chance to take home treasures from Dubai's oldest markets like the gold, spice, perfume and textile souks or a sample of modern Arabia from a seasonal pop-up.



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## Boutiques

Go off the beaten track to one of Dubai's emerging boutique shopping districts like Dubai Design District (d3), which showcases an array of quirky and contemporary products, or Al Quoz, which features cutting edge galleries and contemporary Arabian interiors.

There's also excellent boutique shopping at City Walk, BoxPark, JBR, Al Quoz and the backstreets of Jumeirah. Check out S'uice, Urbanist, Comptoir 102 and West LA and check the local papers for markets of local designers.

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# Superyacht Guide to Abu Dhabi

Geographically bordering with both Saudi Arabia and Oman, the capital of the United Arab Emirates, Abu Dhabi, has increasingly become a preferred destination for visiting superyachts. With its year-round sunshine, the capital's clear blue skies, tranquil beaches, vibrant city life and cosmopolitan city of culture has come together to create an ultimate destination offering remarkable experiences.

Languages Arabic, English, Hindi and Urdu are widely spoken.

Currency The local currency is UAE Dirhams (AED)

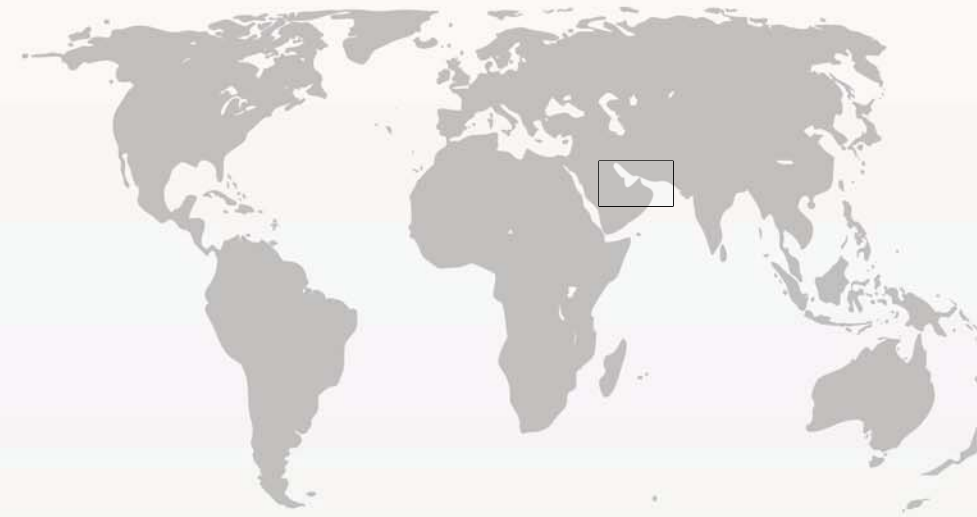
Climate Warm days and pleasant evenings from October through May; June through September shows high temperatures and humidity.

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**ABU DHABI PRE-ARRIVAL CHECKLISTS**

1. ADPC Advance Notification Form - Waste Delivery
2. ADPC Ships Pre Arrival Security Information
3. ADPC Uniform Ships Pre Arrival Notification
4. Last Port Departure Clearance signed & stamped by Port Authority
5. Last Port Departure Crew list signed & Stamped by Port Authority
6. Arrival Crew List in MS Excel format
7. Declaration of Last 10 Ports of Call
8. Registry Certificate
9. Classification Certificate (if available)
10. ISPS Document (DOS)
11. Maritime Declaration of Health
12. Master's Nil Fire Arms Declaration
13. Protection & Indemnity - Insurance
14. Hull & Machinery - Insurance
15. Copy of ISSC
16. Captain's COC
17. Chief officer arrival dispensation (if any)
18. Ship Stores Declaration
19. Crew Personal Effects
20. Seaman's Book
21. Passport
22. Cargo Manifest (either loaded or empty)
23. Visa (if any)

# ABU DHABI, UAE BY NUMBERS



COORDINATES

Lat 24° 28' N  
Lon 54° 22' E

Bordering with both Saudi Arabia and Oman



INDEPENDENCE / FOUNDED

1971

TOTAL AREA  
972 km<sup>2</sup>

ELEVATION  
27m

WATER AREA  
0 km<sup>2</sup>



COASTLINE  
700\* km



HIGHEST WATERFALL  
0 sq km



HIGHEST POINT  
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POPULATION  
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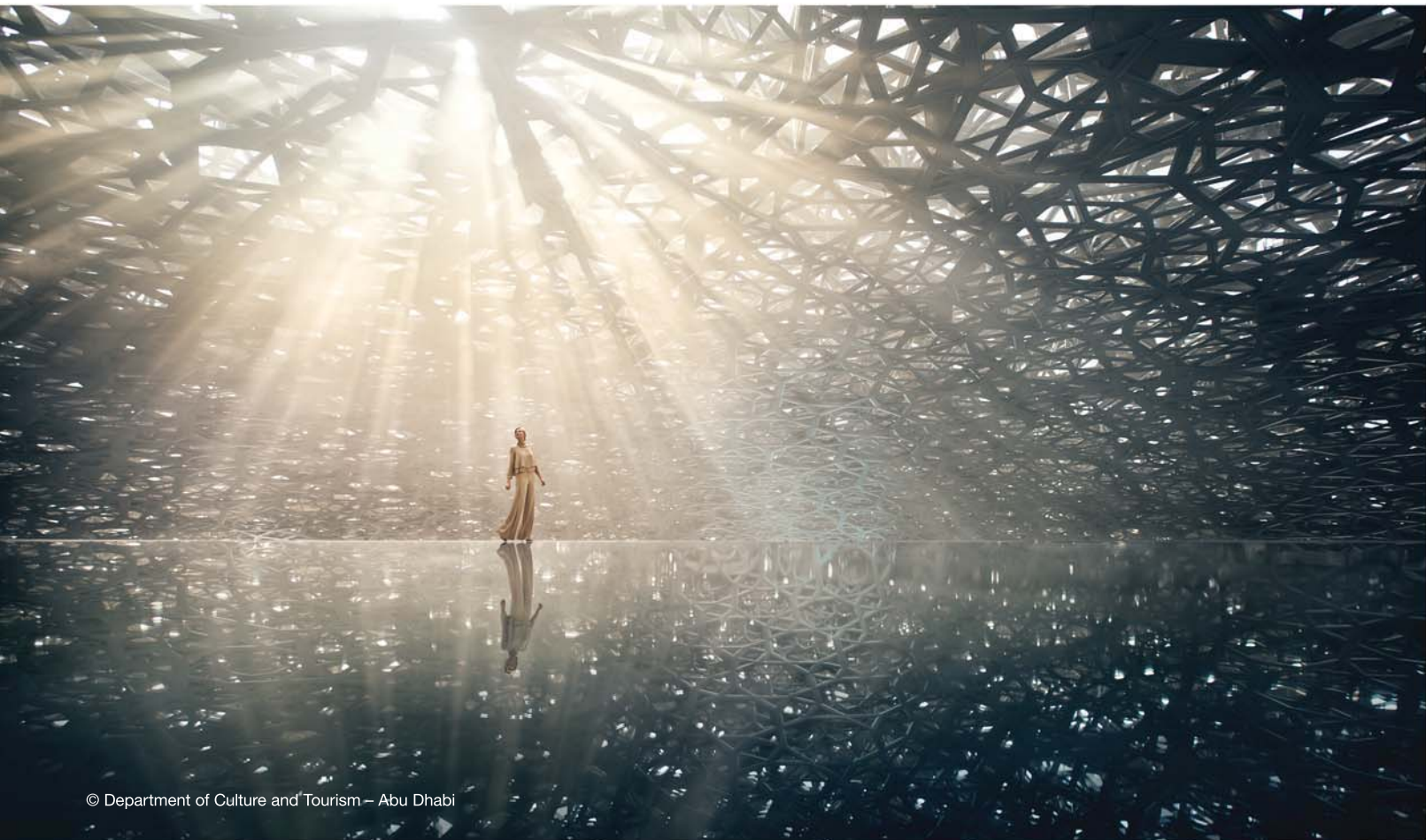


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# SEE & DO



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## SEE & DO IN ABU DHABI

From Abu Dhabi city's famous Corniche to the Oasis City of Al Ain and the massive dunes of Al Dhafra's Empty Quarter desert, culture, history and adventure are encapsulated in the emirate.

Experience the architectural prowess of the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque, enjoy the peace and tranquillity of a stroll through Al Ain's cooling oasis, learn about the ancient sport of falconry, experience an adrenaline rush on the world's fastest roller coaster, or marvel at the history of an emirate dotted with ancient forts and historic sites – several of which have been listed as official UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

And whether you're marvelling at the always-changing views of Abu Dhabi while experiencing the emirate by land, air or sea, or experiencing the genuine feel of authentic Arabia while relaxing under the stars on a desert safari, playing golf on one of our championship-standard courses, or spending a fun day – and money – in one of our luxurious malls, you'll discover that Abu Dhabi is a genuine leisure haven that will convince you to return again and again.



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## ATTRACTIONS & LANDMARKS

Whether you're making your first trip to Abu Dhabi, or are on a return visit, whether making a splash in a futuristic waterpark, marvelling at the austere beauty of our highest peak Jebel Hafeet, experiencing an adrenaline rush on the world's fastest roller coaster, staying in the only hotel to straddle an F1 track or dining at an angle in the world's furthest leaning man-made tower, you'll discover a destination that intrigues, captivates and invites you back.



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## EXPERIENCES

Culture, history and adventure co-exist in this emirate, offering visitors a variety of exciting ways to experience the emirate by air, by land or by sea.

Zoom to the pace of a speedboat tour of Abu Dhabi's coastline, tune to the sound of the wind while sand skiing in the sunset, and enjoy breath-taking views from our clear skies. And whether you're experiencing an adrenaline-rush while challenging enormous sand dunes, exploring the city in an open top double-decker bus, or cruising our waters in a traditional pearling boat, you will discover more than you originally thought.



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## SHOPPING & LIFESTYLE

Shopping is something of a national pastime in Abu Dhabi, perhaps because it's so diverse: everything from ultra-modern malls with the latest brands, to small, souk-like outlets where you can buy traditional perfumes, handicrafts, spices and carpets.

You can spend thousands of dollars on a bejewelled designer watch, or pick up a basic timepiece in a supermarket.

You can splash out on an 'haute-couture' designer outfit, or buy fabric and have a local tailor make up your very own creation for a bargain price.

You can buy a treasured Arabian antique, or a technology busting super modern home entertainment system.

Prices are often excellent in comparison to those abroad, especially for carpets, textiles and gold. If you are a good bargainer, you can get even better deals.

Most shops open from around 10am to 10pm, and later on weekends. Although most malls work straight through, some independent shops close for an extended lunch break, usually from 1pm to 4pm.

Hours usually change during Ramadan, with many shops closing for the afternoon and reopening from 7pm until midnight or even later.



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## LEISURE

Abu Dhabi is an eventful destination where an action-packed calendar is as diverse as the landscape and enriches visitor and resident alike. It includes the FORMULA 1 ETIHAD AIRWAYS ABU DHABI GRAND PRIX, the Abu Dhabi HSBC Golf Championship, the annual Abu Dhabi Art, Abu Dhabi Classics and Abu Dhabi Hunting & Equestrian Exhibition as well as international food, heritage and cultural festivals, watersports and aerobatic shows, headline concerts, high profile business conferences and vibrant trade fairs.

Diversity of cuisine awaits you in Abu Dhabi - sample authentic Emirati food in a fine dining setting, take in dinner while watching racing cars speed by on our F1 circuit, visit trendy, brand-name restaurants and award-winning outlets, or relax at beachside buffets while taking in superb Arabian Gulf views.

Taking a break from sight-seeing? Head out to one of Abu Dhabi's spas as many of the locals do, for a relaxing and rejuvenating experience. Discover everything from the über-luxurious and brand-named spas, usually found in five-star hotels, to individual and more affordable ones in independent villas and shopping malls.



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## HIGHLIGHTS

SHEIKH ZAYED GRAND MOSQUE



YAS WATERWORLD



FERRARI WORLD ABU DHABI





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# EXPLORE ABU DHABI SEA

Make a splash in Abu Dhabi! Swim in shimmering turquoise waters, relax on amazing white beaches or connect with a sailing legacy that stretches back centuries. From wake-boarding and kite surfing, from cruising in a traditional pearling boat or modern, luxury dhow to kayaking through our natural mangrove forests, from enjoying fresh air on-board a sailing catamaran to zooming to the pace of a speedboat tour of the UAE capital's coastline, the emirate's waters are yours to discover.

## BEACHES & SEA CLUBS

With many of the emirate's world class hotels offering their own beachfront facilities, Abu Dhabi's public and club beaches offer visitors and residents alike a different way of escaping the city, soaking up some rays and enjoying our shimmering turquoise waters.

## SAILING, KAYAKING, DIVING & WATERSPORTS

With warm sunshine, blue waters and expansive coastline, Abu Dhabi's waters are abuzz with year-round activity. Home to a full range of sailing vessels, from beginner's Toppers and seasoned-veteran's catamarans to traditional and modern Arabian dhows, Abu Dhabi is a great destination for those wanting to learn the basics, to sailors wanting to push themselves to the limits.

## CRUISING & FISHING

From luxury charters to catamarans, from modern dhow cruises to speedboats, from touring the UAE capital city's famous Corniche to experiencing starry skies during overnight boat voyages, the emirate's waters will astound.

## HIGHLIGHTS

CORNICHE BEACH



YAS BEACH



SAADIYAT BEACH



MIRFA BEACH



SAADIYAT BEACH CLUB



INTERCONTENENTAL BAYSHORE



NATIONAL RIVIERA BEACH CLUB



AL BATEEN BEACH



AL BATEEN BEACH FOR WOMEN



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# ABU DHABI MARINAS

Visitors can connect with a sailing legacy that stretches back hundreds of years, whilst also immersing themselves in a state-of-the-art offering that blends world-class facilities with stunning food and beverage destinations. Whether berthing during your stay, looking for somewhere to disembark for the day or just wanting to soak up the ambience, Abu Dhabi has something for you.



YAS MARINA



EMIRATES PALACE MARINA



AL BANDAR MARINA



ABU DHABI INTERNATIONAL MARINE SPORTS CLUB



INTERCONTINENTAL ABU DHABI MARINA



EASTERN MANGROVES MARINA



GHANTOOT MARINA AND RESORTS



MARSA AL BATEEN MARINA



# EXPLORE ABU DHABI DESERTS



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## THE EMPTY QUARTER

The world's largest uninterrupted sand mass, the Rub Al Khali (Empty Quarter) will blow you away with massive expanses of awesome desert and enormous dunes. It's a landscape of ever-changing endless dunes made famous by the British explorer Wilfred Thesiger and his Emirati and Omani companions in the 1940s and 50s.

Almost a fairytale from '1001 nights', the magnificent Qasr Al Sarab or Mirage Palace is a luxurious oasis in the midst of the desert. Resembling an old Arabian fortress town nestled in the valley of mountainous dunes, this is actually a five-star resort letting you experience lots of desert activities – dune dawn walks, camel trekking, dune bashing, falconry shows and camp fire barbecues.

Perched at the edge of the majestic Rub Al Khali, Tilal Al Liwa is a stunningly secluded desert hideaway. There are restaurants, a sparkling outdoor pool, and a full range of desert activities.

Considered by many to be the world's tallest sand dune, Tel Moreeb is over 300 metres high and the 50 degree incline to the top makes it a prime destination for motor sports enthusiasts. Every winter, the region's most powerful four wheel drivers and quad bikers compete in the Moreeb Hill Climb event, which is part of the Liwa International Festival.

## ARABIAN NIGHTS VILLAGE

Nestled among stunning dunes, Arabian Nights Village harnesses the soul and essence of old Arabia. Conceived to let visitors experience the mythical and timeless beauty of the desert and aspects of traditional Emirati life. The desert journey begins as experienced guides transport guests over towering dunes. As they approach the village – which emerges surprisingly from a gigantic dune valley – guests enter a picturesque courtyard overlooked by two traditional-styled watchtowers - Zakher and Al Manhal - each named after residences of the late Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan, The Father of the Nation.

There are four types of accommodation available - Bedouin tents (Bayt Al Shaaer), palm houses (Bayt Al Bahar), desert houses (Bayt Al Bar), and The Fort Tower (Al Manha), inviting visitors to relaxing Arabian interiors, which transport them to different lifestyles from Abu Dhabi's past.

With lots of desert activities available for the whole family, guests can ride camels, rev-up quad bikes to surmount towering crescents, get the adrenalin pumping while dune bashing with fully qualified drivers, and sand surf down sheer inclines.

The village also offers morning safari, spectacular camel trekking experience and 'Fat' biking with special packages designed for couples looking for a romantic getaway.

Although internet is available for emergencies, there are no TVs on-site, so guests enjoy sheer tranquility.

Serving a mix of Arabic and international Cuisine, the Al Maqam restaurant (meaning 'The Gathering Place'), is where visitors meet and eat together, while listening to traditional Arabic music. There's also an idyllic 200m<sup>2</sup> swimming pool to cool down in.

## DESERT SAFARIS & CAMPING

Experience the breathtaking dunes of Al Khaznah between the UAE capital and our Oasis City of Al Ain or explore the desert expanse outside the Liwa oasis in Al Dhafra. With high dunes and long sand valleys, you'll never get bored of adrenaline fuelled dune bashing.

Most desert safaris include a thrill-a-minute spot of dune bashing, sand skiing, quad biking, a visit to a camel farm, camel riding, and a traditional meal under the stars. Overnight stays let you enjoy smoky sunsets and luminous sunrises.

## AL BADEYAH EYES TOURISM

The Al Badeyah desert camp, nestled in the desert dunes of Al Khaznah, gives visitors a unique insight into UAE traditions and customs and allows them to enjoy an authentic Arabian experience under the stars.

Offering different desert safari services, the camp boasts five permanent tents with beds, an original majlis tent for evening activities, two permanent bathroom facilities, along with a children's playground, trampoline and a petting zoo of goats and sheep.

## DUNE BASHING

With high dunes and long sand valleys, you'll never get bored of adrenaline fuelled dune bashing in Abu Dhabi. Experience the breath taking dunes between the UAE capital and our Oasis City of Al Ain or explore the desert expanse outside the Liwa oasis in Al Dhafra.

A variety of tour operators offer dune bashing trips. Alternatively, when you can tackle the dunes while you stay at Qasr Al Sarab Desert Resort by Anantara or Tilal Liwa. A half day or an overnight stay at the Arabian Nights Village also includes a dune basing experience.

## OFF-ROAD DRIVING

The massive Empty Quarter dunes present an awesome driving challenge. If you're in the country during the cooler months and you like adventure, rent a four wheel drive, find a group of eager drivers (you'll need at least three vehicles; never drive alone in the desert) and set out for the sand. Be sure that your vehicle is insured for off-road use and that you have the proper equipment. If you've never driven off road, you should first learn the ropes with one of the several tour companies in Abu Dhabi.

## Camping

A trip to the desert isn't complete without a night under the stars. You can arrange camping adventures with a tour company or rent a four wheel drive and buy the equipment yourself. Camping supplies are surprisingly cheap in the emirates and there is no need to buy high quality equipment. In fact, you could probably buy a tent and two sleeping bags from a hypermarket for less than a guided tour. Never go out in the desert alone!



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## SAND BOARDING & SKIING

Skiing takes on a whole new meaning on Abu Dhabi's desert dunes. Boasting the world's largest dunes, towering hundreds of metres above the surrounding plains, the Liwa Oasis on the edges of the Rub al-Khali or Empty Quarter is a sand skier's paradise. So strap on your sand board and sashay down the seemingly endless red sand slopes for an exhilarating experience. For novice skiers, daunted by the 300 metre Liwa dunes, skiing down gentler slopes that stretch across the Abu Dhabi desert may be the place to start this daring adventure.

A word of caution though: desert temperatures will be quite high during the day, so aim for the dunes in the early morning. Wear light clothes, sunglasses and a hat to protect yourself from the strong sun, and don't forget to use plenty of sunscreen.

Check with our tour operators for full details on packages and prices.

## OFF ROAD ADVENTURE TOURS

From desert safaris and camel treks #InAbuDhabi to falcon tours and fishing trips, join one of Off Road Adventure Tours' many experiences and start discovering the emirate!

Founded by local Emirati Mohamed Khalifa Al Hajri, Off Road Adventure Tours provides well-designed tours and experiences that connect travellers to the UAE and its people, creating authentic and unforgettable travel experiences. The company provides tours for people of varying ages and fitness levels that want to experience the wild deserts and pristine beauty of Abu Dhabi. With extreme pride and care placed upon sustainable and responsible tourism, Off Road Adventure Tours also appeal to the ethically conscious traveller. The company cares for the environment, its workers, and the local people, and constantly strives to improve the operations and services through self-evaluation, innovation and creativity.

Just some of the tours and experiences that are on offer include an Al Ain Oasis Tour, Camel Trekking, Dhow Dinner Cruise, Falcon Trip, Fishing Trip and half-day and full-day Abu Dhabi City Tours.

# HIGHLIGHTS

## THE EMPTY QUARTER



## ARABIAN NIGHT VILLAGE



## DESERT SAFARIS & DRIVING



## AL BADAYAH EYES TOURISM



## DUNE BASHING



## OFF ROAD DRIVING



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## OFF ROAD ADVENTURE TOURS



# EXPLORE ABU DHABI ISLANDS



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## NURAI ISLANDS

Nurai Island is situated in the pristine waters of the Arabian Gulf to the east of the Abu Dhabi city coastline. Just a ten-minute boat ride from Saadiyat Island, the secluded island is conveniently accessible from all major travel ports in the UAE.

Inspired by the Arabic word 'nur' meaning 'light' – Nurai Island is a stunning piece of paradise that is the perfect retreat for those looking for peace and tranquility, complemented by unparalleled and uninterrupted Arabian Gulf views. The island is also home to Zaya Nurai Island, a unique, boutique private island resort with a 32-bed, all villa hotel and five food and beverage outlets.

The dining options at Zaya include Nurai's Terrace, Beach Burger, Latitude, Olive and Salare and all outlets are open to residents and non-residents alike. However, dining reservations must be made in advance but do include complimentary boat transfer to and from the island.

## SAADIYAT ISLANDS

Just seven minutes from downtown Abu Dhabi and 20 minutes from Abu Dhabi International Airport, the 27 square kilometre Saadiyat Island is undergoing a remarkable transformation into a world class leisure, residential, business and cultural hub of global proportions, housing the world's largest single concentration of premier cultural assets. These will include the Zayed National Museum, Louvre Abu Dhabi and Guggenheim Abu Dhabi - all designed by Pritzker prize winners.

The island's purpose built visitor centre - Manarat Al Saadiyat (which translates from Arabic as 'a place of enlightenment'), brings Saadiyat's vision to life, complemented perfectly by a permanently open-to-the-public exhibition: 'The Saadiyat Story' gives visitors an interactive narrative on the history and cultural vision behind the island.

Moved piece by piece from Shanghai, where it welcomed almost two million visitors to the UAE's national exhibition during the World Expo 2010, the UAE Pavilion is emerging as a new landmark exhibition and events venue. Hosting some of the country's most important cultural functions, the striking dune-shaped structure was designed by London's acclaimed Foster + Partners.

Saadiyat Beach Golf Club is the region's first ocean course; the Gary Player-designed masterpiece respectfully harnesses the natural beauty of Saadiyat Island's magnificent, white sand beaches for a truly unique playing experience.

With two five star properties already opened - The St. Regis Saadiyat Island Resort, Abu Dhabi and Park Hyatt Abu Dhabi - and more in the pipeline, the island's leisure and hospitality offering is rapidly increasing.

With its own distinctive style, the exclusive Saadiyat Beach Club celebrates the elegance and peacefulness of this unique island. Leisure services include an outdoor swimming pool, a workout room with fitness and wellness programmes, spa facilities, sauna and steam rooms, kids' pool and playing areas, and private cabanas and loungers set on the stunning, white beach.

Set on the island's serene natural shores, the 400-metre Saadiyat Public Beach is a great spot for a day out, and the perfect place to enjoy Abu Dhabi's clean, warm turquoise waters.

There are lounge chairs, showers, bathrooms, lockers, changing rooms, towels, umbrellas, ample parking and lifeguards are on duty throughout the day. The beach is open daily from 8am to 8pm, and entry is AED 25 (US\$ 6.8) for adults and AED 15 (US\$ 4.1) for children over six years old.

The original 'guests' of Abu Dhabi's Saadiyat Island, the Hawksbill sea turtles, continue to nest on the destination's sweeping beachfront. The nine kilometre Saadiyat Beach plays host to several Hawksbill turtle nests every year.

The Hawksbill is listed as critically endangered on the International Union for Conservation of Nature's Red List, as its population has declined by more than 80 per cent worldwide over the last three generations due to habitat destruction and poaching. Since master developer Tourism Development & Investment Company began its Hawksbill Turtle Conservation Programme in early 2010, getting the buy in of developers, contractors and now resort operators, some 650 eggs have hatched successfully on Saadiyat.

## SIR BANI YAS ISLANDS

A nature-based destination alive with wildlife and adventure activities, a 5-star boutique hotel, luxury villas, purpose-built stables and historical sites, Sir Bani Yas Island is one of the eight which make up the Desert Islands in Al Dhafra.

Recently awarded the 'World's Leading Sustainable Tourism Destination' at the 2014 World Travel Awards in Anguilla, more than half the island is made up of the Arabian Wildlife Park, one of region's largest wildlife reserves, which is home to more than 10,000 free roaming animals including Arabian Oryx, gazelles and giraffes, hyenas and cheetahs. Guests can take a 4x4 Nature & Wildlife Drive of the park in specially made vehicles accompanied by expert guides.

With three Anantara Hotels Resorts & Spas' retreats on the island, guests can enjoy five-star accommodation at Desert Islands Resort & Spa by Anantara, beach front seclusion at Anantara Al Yamm Villa Resort on the eastern shores, and marvel at the natural beauty of Sir Bani Yas Island at Anantara Al Sahel Villa Resort.

The state-of-the-art stables offers a variety of equestrian activities and lessons, each tailored to meet individual abilities. Sir Bani Yas Island can also be explored with tours provided by Danat Resort Jebel Dhanna.

The island is also home to UAE's only discovered Christian monastery, which can be visited during a Desert Islands Resort & Spa Culture Tour. Believed to have been built around 600 AD, and abandoned in 750 AD, the monastery was initially discovered during excavations in 1992.

## YAS ISLANDS

An emerging entertainment destination within a 30 minute drive of the UAE capital, Yas Island is home to the state-of-the-art Yas Marina Circuit – host to the annual F1™ Etihad Airways Abu Dhabi Grand Prix. Get to grips with Yas Marina Circuit through a series of track day packages, including 'Driver Experiences', 'Passenger Experiences', 'Private Driving Tuition' programmes and 'Racing License Courses'.

At the circuit's centrepiece is Yas Viceroy Abu Dhabi, a five star, iconic hotel – the only one in the world to straddle an F1 race track being breathtakingly built half on land and half over water.

Attracting Super Yachts from as far away as Australia for the annual F1™ Etihad Airways Abu Dhabi Grand Prix, the Yas Marina is central to Abu Dhabi's ambitions of becoming a strong rival to traditional yachting grounds such as the Mediterranean and Caribbean. Overlooking the stunning Yas Marina F1™ Circuit, Cipriani features signature dishes from Harry's Bar in Venice and classic Italian favourites.

It's fast and furious fun for all ages at Ferrari World Abu Dhabi-the world's first Ferrari-branded theme park. The park tells the Ferrari story with passion and excitement through more than 20 exhilarating and educational rides and attractions, interactive shopping and authentic Italian dining experiences.

Yas Waterworld spans an area of around 15 football pitches, with 43 rides, slides and attractions – five of which are one-of-a-kind. Visitors to this futuristic waterpark will be able to try the 238-metre long, world's first, and largest hydromagnetic-powered, six-person tornado waterslide. For adrenaline seekers there are three-metre high waves on Bubble's Barrel, which has the world's largest surfable sheet wave for flowboards and bodyboards.

The Bandit Bomber, a 550-metre coaster, is the first with onboard water and laser effects. Riders can shoot jets of water at targets, drop water bombs and trigger special effects, while people below can spray them with water as they pass. A true full day experience, the park draws on Abu Dhabi's heritage and has 'The Lost Pearl' as its theme. It also features a souk, pearl-diving exhibits and restaurants.

On the west shores of Yas Island, Yas Links Abu Dhabi – an award-winning golf course, designed by Kyle Phillips, one of the world's leading golf course architects - is in line with the traditional links golf commonly associated with the coastal towns of Scotland and Ireland. Voted among the 'Top 10 New International Golf Courses' by the influential US publication Golf Magazine, Yas Links features a 7,450 yard par 72 course, utilising five teeing grounds per hole, with all 18 benefiting from ocean views. Recently Yas Links has also been named one of the world's top 25 by influential US magazine, Golf Digest.

Set on Yas Island's tranquil southern shores, Yas Beach is the island's only stretch of beach. Open daily from 10am – 7pm, it is a great spot to relax and enjoy sun, sea, sand, food and drinks, and there's plenty of car parking available. Admission, which includes beach towel and sun lounger, is AED 50 (US\$ 13.60) for adults and AED 25 (US\$ 6.80) for children aged 8-16 during the week, and AED 100 (US\$ 27.25) for adults, and AED 50 (US\$ 13.60) for children during weekend. Children under 8 enter free. Saturday is half-price for ladies. Guests staying at Yas Plaza hotels have complimentary beach access on presentation of their room card or hotel voucher.

The island also houses Abu Dhabi's biggest and the UAE's second largest shopping centre, the Yas Mall. The mall provides a vibrant getaway shopping experience for tourists, international guests and local residents.

## AL MARYAH ISLANDS

This developing business, leisure and entertainment hub is Abu Dhabi's new Central Business District. With dramatic turquoise sea views, the luxurious, five-star Rosewood Abu Dhabi sits at the core of the vibrant Sowwah Square.

Adjacent to it, The Galleria has over 130 of the world's most renowned brand outlets - including 50 Abu Dhabi 'firsts'.

## REEM ISLANDS

This residential and commercial project off Abu Dhabi island's coast, is home to one of the emirate's architectural landmarks – the linked, Stonehenge-style Gate Towers.

In the heart of the island, with an imposing central dome, Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi was the first French higher-education institution to open in the Gulf, and the university's first international campus.

## DELMA ISLANDS

Inhabited for over 7,000 years and once one of the Gulf's most important pearl diving centres, Delma Island continues to maintain strong links to its maritime heritage.

One of the oldest known permanent settlements in the UAE, the island boasts some of the region's earliest evidence of date palm cultivation along with Mesopotamian pottery and finely flaked stone tools. With a good supply of fresh water, the island is surprisingly fertile, with many farms and plantations growing a wide variety of produce.

Delma Island can be visited by ferries from Jebel Dhanna.

# HIGHLIGHTS

## YAS ISLAND



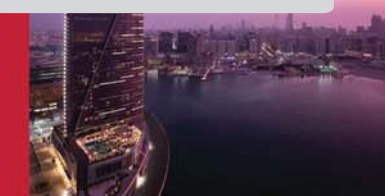
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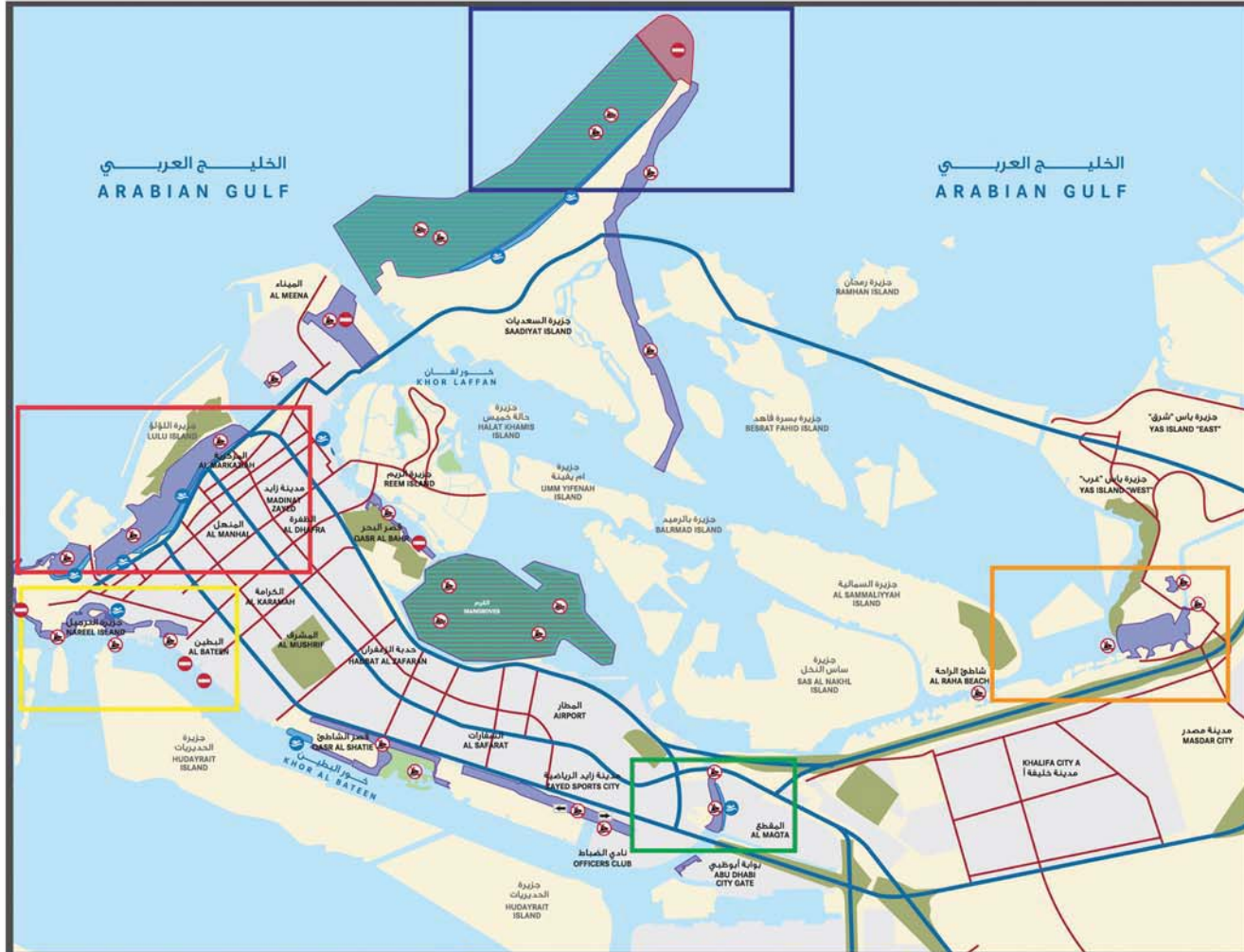


## DELMA ISLAND



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# Adventure

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From exploring one of the largest cave chambers in the world, Majlis Al Jinn, to snorkelling the colourful coral reefs of Daymaniyat Islands or camping under the stars in the A'Sharqiyah Sands; adventure is at the heart of every journey through Oman.

Thanks to its diverse landscapes, ranging from Rocky Mountains with green terrace fields to bustling souks selling camels on the edge of the desert or watching baby turtles hatch on the beach, the Sultanate welcomes all travellers seeking adventures of a lifetime.

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## WATER SPORTS

Oman looks back on a proud maritime history, renowned for Dhow building and trading across the seas. As such, Omanis are known to have a special connection with the sea, settling where there are natural harbours and great fishing grounds.

It comes as no surprise that the Sultanate, with over 3,000km of coastline and rich marine life, has become one of the world's fastest-growing diving spots. Areas such as Al Khayran, Al Fahil Island, Daymaniyat Islands and Al Makbara Bay are incredibly popular with the discerning diver.

Several tour operators specialise in water sports, such as snorkelling, sailing, jet skiing, and kayaking. For those visitors seeking their own water adventures, yachts and boats are also available for hire.



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## CAMEL RIDING

Historically, camels were used by local Bedouins for transporting goods and people through the desert and around the country. Today, owning camels has become more a sign of prestige, with many Omanis breeding them for racing and beauty contests.

Visitors can still enjoy a taste of the traditional Bedouin lifestyle by setting off on a desert safari in the A'Sharqiyah Sands and Rub Al Khali. Nothing quite beats seeing the sun set while on a camel's back. Several local tour operators offer comprehensive camel safaris.



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## MOUNTAIN BIKING & CYCLING

Cycling and mountain biking has risen in popularity, with both amateur and professional cyclists appreciating the country for its stunning diverse landscapes and the new challenge that riding in Oman presents. The Tour of Oman, a professional road race, has become an annual event since its inaugural race in 2010, drawing many spectators from the region & generally instilling an interest in cycling into the local population. The Haute Route is coming to Oman for the first time in 2019 and is sure to capture the imagination of cyclists from around the world. Visitors can experience Oman on two wheels by booking any of the road or mountain biking excursions offered by a local tour operator. Alternatively, adventurers can find their own path in areas such as Al Hamra, Al Jebel Al Akhdar, Jebel Shams, Musandam and Yiti.



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## KITE SURFING

A fantastic combination of surfing and paragliding makes for an incredibly challenging, yet exhilarating sport enjoyed by many in Oman. In fact, the Sultanate is known around the world as an up-and-coming kitesurfing destination. Particularly popular on Masirah Island, kite surfing there is best enjoyed in the summer months, when temperatures are around 25°C and the island receives some of the monsoon winds that bring rains to Dhofar and turn it into a green wonderland.



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## PARAGLIDING

A newer addition to Oman's rapidly growing adventure tourism scene, adding to an already impressive suite of outdoor pursuits in the country.



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## OFF-ROADING

Many of Oman's stunning attractions are off the beaten track and require a 4WD vehicle. Whether dune bashing in the desert or exploring a wadi, off-roading is one of the best ways to truly experience some of Oman's most exciting areas. Some of the best locations for off-roading include Wadi Bani Awf, Al Jebel Al Akhdar and Jebel Shams, as well as many of the other scenic wadis dotted around the country. Visitors are asked to use caution when venturing off-road, as help is often far away and roads may be dangerous if the driver is not experienced. In many cases, it is best to travel with at least two cars or opt for a guided excursion.



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## CAVING

Home to the second largest cave chamber in the world (Majlis Al Jinn on the Salmah Plateau) and numerous others, the Sultanate has plenty of caves to explore. Some, like Al Hoota Cave near Al Hamra or the Muqal Cave in Wadi Bani Khalid, don't require specialised equipment and can be explored by visitors with average fitness levels. However, the caves at Majlis Al Jinn are for experienced cavers only and also require additional equipment and permissions.



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## GOLF

Golf has a history in the Sultanate dating back to 1970s. With world-class golf clubs in Muscat – the Al Mouj Golf Club, Muscat Hills Golf and Country Club, Ghala Valley Golf Club, and the Ras Al Hamra Golf Club - perfect golfing weather is usually experienced between September and May, and during the evenings in Summer.



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## CAMPING

From the white pebble sand beaches of Fins and Sur, to rocky outcrops above the clouds on Jebel Samham in Dhofar, Oman has hundreds of stunning camping locations for visitors to choose from. While wild camping is a favourite pastime in the Sultanate, campers must ensure they are not on private land or damaging land or livestock. That includes disposing of rubbish in designated bins only. Those looking for more comfortable camping options, can book one of the available desert camps or join a local tour operator that offers organised camping trips.



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## STAND UP PADDLE BOARDING (SUP)

Taking off as a new leisure activity in the early 2000s, Stand Up Paddle Boarding has gained momentum in Sultanate, quickly earning itself a reputation as a great SUP location thanks to its over 3,000km long coastline. Shatti Beach and other beaches in Muscat are some of the best starting points for an unforgettable SUP session, depending on the paddler's level of fitness and comfort.

Local companies manufacture paddle boards to international standards right here in Oman, while others offer equipment hire and lessons if required.







Oman takes great pride in its magnificent ecology and diverse flora and fauna, actively protecting it through the establishment of nature reserves such as the Daymaniyat Islands near Muscat, the turtle reserve at Ras Al Jinz, the Land of Frankincense in Dhofar or the Arabian Oryx Sanctuary in Al Wusta. Special attention is given to threatened or endangered species, as the oceans surrounding Oman are home to a range of fish species as well as dolphins and migrating whales; together with intricate corals and unique species of seaweeds that support the marine ecosystem.

Inland, protected areas cover vast areas serving as important breeding grounds for endangered species such as the Arabian Oryx, Nubian Ibex or rare Arabian Leopard. The Sultanate is also a bird watcher's paradise, witnessing the migration of over 130 species of birds each year. Nature reserves and habitats in the Sultanate cover an area of almost 30,000 square kilometers and also encompass reserves dedicated to plant life; the most famous being Oman's frankincense trees.



#### WILDLIFE WATCHING

If you have ever witnessed endangered Green Turtle babies hatch and try to make their way to the water, you will know what a special experience it is. Oman remains dedicated to enabling these kind of wildlife encounters while protecting the animals. Nature reserves are present throughout the country, on- and off-shore, to keep animals safe in their natural habitat. Examples are the As Saleel Nature Park in the A'Sharqiyah region, which provides a safe haven for the Arabian Gazelle and Omani Wild Cat (Al Senmar), and the Jebel Samhan Nature Reserve, one of the last places of the wild Arabian Leopard.

An equally dedicated level of protection is extended toward marine life, including the turtle reserve at Ras al Jinz and the uninhabited Daymaniyat Islands. Local operators offer regular dolphin and whale watching tours, with several bird watching groups also in existence.



#### WADIS

Wadis are dry riverbeds or small valleys. Some have stunning water pools, fed by natural springs, and a backdrop of rugged mountains. Others are framed by date and fruit plantations that to this day are tended by locals using traditional falaj or waterways.

The most well-known wadis include Wadi Shab and Wadi Bani Khalid, both of which carry water year round and have adjoining caves that add to the adventure. Others, such as Wadi Mayh, Wadi Mistal or Wadi Bani Awf require a 4x4 to explore but are worth the extra effort, thanks to unbelievable settings, scenic villages and views to write home about.



#### MOUNTAINS

Mountains take up a large part of Oman's landscape, varying greatly in appearance vegetation. Often times they feature stunning wadis, cut into the mountains through time and crossable only by 4x4.

The mountains in Salalah, due to regular rainfall in summer time, remain green nearly all year round. The Al Hajar mountains range, which extends from A'Sharqiyah all the way to Musandam, features Oman's highest peak – Jebel Shams, home to Oman's very own Grand Canyon.

Al Jebel Al Akhdar, also known as Green Mountain, is also part of the Al Hajar range. Its top is the Saiq Plateau, which runs across many kilometres and is home to numerous scenic terrace fields and mountain villages.



#### BEACHES

With over 3,000 km of pristine coastline, Oman has some seriously beautiful beaches to call its own. Whether it is the rugged coastline of Ras Al Madrakah, the white sands of Fins Beach or the endless expanse of Masirah Island beaches, visitors are welcome to enjoy beach walks, picnics and wild camping.

Hotels such as the Al Bustan Palace and Shangri La Barr Al Jissah Resort and Spa have their own beaches, linked with popular activities such as kayaking or jet skiing. Public beaches, such as in Shatti Al Qurum in Muscat, draw residents playing beach soccer or hosting family barbecues.



#### DESERTS

The interior of Oman is the gateway to one of the largest sand deserts in the world - the famous Empty Quarter or Rub Al Khali. Covering a large area of the Arabian Peninsula, this unique ecosystem is covered by sand dunes up to 250 metres in heights in certain areas, and salty planes in others.

Leading up to the coast in the A'Sharqiyah region are the A'Sharqiyah Sands, original homeland of the Bedouins and one of the most popular camping destinations in Oman. Away from the hustle and bustle of city or village life, visitors to this unique environment appreciate it for its easy accessibility and golden sands.

Both the Rub Al Khali and A'Sharqiyah Sands have a diverse ecosystem, with anything from small mammals to desert foxes calling it home. Plants such as ghaif trees too have adapted to the arid desert climate and the fact that there is little annual rainfall.



#### GEOLOGY

Looking back on a geological history spanning across millions of years, Oman is one of the few places that carries its unique geological heritage on the open. Attractions such as Jebel Shams, or the Ophiolite rocks surrounding Muttrah Corniche, were once at the bottom of the ocean.

For geology enthusiasts, Oman is a haven of geo-heritage sites that can be accessed directly by car, boat, trekking, or rock climbing. These range from quartzite at Al Awabi to the marble of Bawshar; to even million-year old Eocene limestone that makes up Al Fahal (Shark) Island. Each of these sites are impressive and awe-inspiring in their own right.



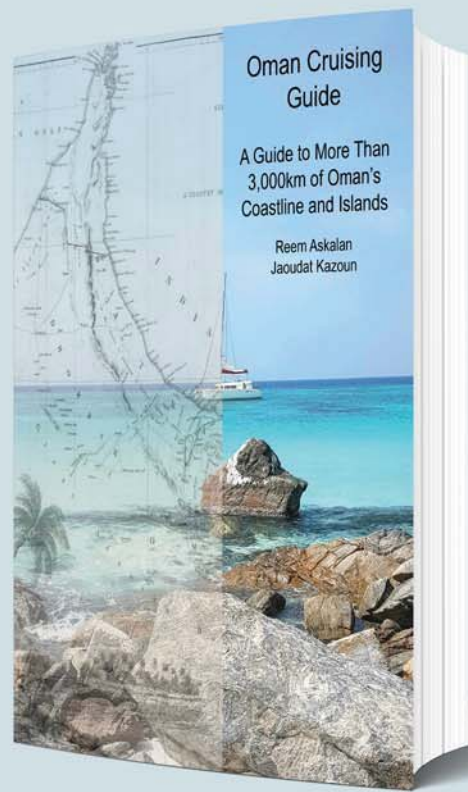
#### GEOGRAPHY

Oman is a wonderland for travellers with a keen interest in geology. Geological stories can be found just about anywhere, from Oman's highest mountain, Jebel Shams, to the mega-dunes of the Empty Quarter (Rub Al Khali) and the Rock Garden at Duqm.

The Sultanate of Oman is the only country in the world composed mostly of oceanic crust and rocks that originate from the Earth's mantle. Evidence of continental drift can be witnessed in many of the unusual rock formations and topography around Oman, including the coastline around Muscat.

One of the most outstanding geological features of the country is the Al Hajar Mountain range, which forms an arc from the north-west to the south-east of the country.

Jebel Shams, at just over 3000 metres, is Oman's highest mountain and truly a geological outdoor museum with fossils embedded in rocks hundreds of metres above sea level.



# SAILING IN OMAN

THE MIDDLE EAST BEST-KEPT SECRET



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The Sultanate of Oman strategic location has been an on going inspiration for its legendary maritime heritage. From 2050 B.C. until today, Oman's sea routes have serviced the world's industrial and commercial centers of the time. Its rich maritime heritage is as old as history. Civilizations have come and gone while Omani sailors and traders have roamed the world. The flow of goods and people extended from China to the Americas.

Oman is home to the legends of Sindibad the sailor of Arabian Nights stories and the Atlantis of the Sands (the lost city of Ubar). The frankincense trade through land and sea has connected Oman to the world while reaching Roman and Pharaoh empires. Its fame attracted explorers and travelers like Marco Polo and Ibn Batutta while its location brought the Chinese General Zheng He and invaders like the Persians and the Portuguese.

Locally, the influence of seafaring have spilled over to Oman inland mountains and created cultural and economic ties. The maritime trade connection flows from both directions: dates from inland plantations are exported and wood and spices are imported. Throughout history, there has been movement of people from inland to coastal areas and vice versa. Until today, the fishermen, as summer approaches and the fishing season comes to a halt, move with their families to work in date plantations. The cultural and economic exchange has manifested itself throughout Oman's social mosaic and heritage.

Today's Oman has 3,165Km of coastline that varies from pristine, stunning and secluded sandy beaches, rugged jagged cliffs, soaring sand dunes and flourishing coral reefs. Three countries and three geographically distinct bodies of water bound the Sultanate of Oman.

Oman has the longest coastline in the Arab World and, yet, it is often described as its best-kept secret.

Oman's seas, islands, reefs, inlets, fjords, sea salts, wetlands, mangrove lagoons and underwater canyons fuel rich biodiversity of marine and birds habitats. There are 524 bird species recorded in Oman.

The seas of Oman are teeming with more than 900 species of fish, which range from cleaner wrasse to whale sharks. They are breeding grounds for dolphins and whales. Oman waters have five of the world's seven turtle species. Approximately 20,000 turtles come mostly to east Oman beaches to lay 50,000 to 60,000 eggs.

There are 530km square of coral reefs spread throughout the coast. These reefs support over 100 species of coral and 579 species of reef fish. The rich-nutrient seas of Oman make it one of the largest fisheries economies in the Middle East. Most of its waters lie within the tropics, but nevertheless, they offer seasonal variability like the ones found in any of the world's oceans.

The two main climatic influences are the winter and summer monsoons. The winter monsoon from November to April is characterized by a relatively gentle and variable dry northeast wind. The dynamic and forceful southwest summer monsoon from May to September reverses this circulation pattern bringing cold, nutrient-rich waters to the Arabian Sea.

The breath-taking coastline topography is just as diverse and with mountains in the north and south, cliffs, bights and desert in the central region and coastal plains along the northeast coast. The al-Hajar Mountains rise from the Strait of Hormuz and extend southeast for 600km finishing at Sur near the eastern end of the Arabian Peninsula. In certain areas the mountains reach 3000m high. Samhan Mountain in Dhofar region rise to around 1800m with escarpment seen mostly from sea only.

Oman Cruising Guide is the first comprehensive reference for cruising the coast of Oman. It covers a detailed description of over 50 anchorage sites in addition to harbors and marinas. This guide highlights the connection between sea and land tourism along its long coastline. There are ample places to visit while cruising along the coast.

Sailing in Oman is like sailing into worlds of legends.

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**MARINA BANDER AL ROWDHA**

Marina Bander Al Rowdha is the Sultanates' "original" marina. Opened in 1996 it was before it's time and initially set the pace of leisure boating in the Oman. Nestled at the foot of the Al Hajar mountains the marina is the veritable mountains meets the sea experience.

Located just to the south of Muscat City it is easily accessible from both old Muttrah and the modern surrounds by a well developed road network. On the sea the marina is close enough to numerous spectacular anchorages that are the envy of the region.

**MARINA**

The marina serves to cater for boats from 5-40m in both wet and dry slips. Visitors will be made to feel welcome by our team of trained local staff who will ensure that your time at the marina is both enjoyable and relaxing. Visitors are welcome with fees waived for 4 hours if you visit the onsite licensed bar and restaurant. Overnight rates, weekly rates and monthly rates will apply there after.

Annual berth arrangements are available for both wet and dry slips. Owners can enjoy some of the following benefits:

- Members parking
- 15% discount of F&B in Marlins restaurant
- 10% of Marinepool merchandise in our on site shop
- Free pool, lounge and towel access
- 6 x newsletters per year
- Members events
- 15% discount in dive center
- Regular boat rinse

**FACILITIES**

- Wet berths from 6.5-40m
- Dry berths from 5m to 12.5m
- Full service workshop with 65ton boatlift
- 3 x full service slipways
- Fuel station serving 95 petroleum and diesel with high speed delivery available
- 24/7 dock service
- 24/7 security and CCTV coverage
- Free ice, boat rinse (by arrangement), dedicated berthing hotline, berthing assistance
- Dock trollies
- Garbage collection and used oil disposal
- 16amp to 63 three phase power and water available
- Licensed bar and restaurant
- Swimming pool with loungers and towels
- Onsite coffee shop selling Marinepool merchandise
- Ample parking with separate members parking
- Onsite dive center
- Showers and toilet facilities

**MARINA IMAGES**



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**EXPERIENCE AL MOUJ MARINA**

Oman's premier marina facility

At the heart of Al Mouj Muscat, Al Mouj Marina is amongst the most exclusive luxury yachting lifestyles in the region. Set to year-round sunshine and stunning turquoise waters, Oman's flagship sailing destination berths yachts from 10 to 40 meters. The 5 Gold Anchor Marina offers state-of-the-art eco-friendly facilities and an understated opulent ambiance, complimented by Oman's traditional warm hospitality.

**MARINA**

Boasting an extensive array of world-class amenities, Al Mouj Marina is the first in the region to be awarded the coveted International Clean Marina Accreditation and 5 Gold Anchor Accreditation.

Ideal for sailing enthusiasts, the marina is home to a range of charter and tour companies, and provides an ideal venue for sporting events, creating a social hub for the local community of Oman and Al Mouj Muscat's residents. Al Mouj Marina features one of the largest breakwaters in the world, with an overall length of 2km, facilitating easy access and offering very safe mooring.

The marina offers 132 berths, berthing yachts from 10 to 40 meters. Facilities include 6 meter wide pontoon walkways, on-water lounge, fueling & maintenance facilities, emergency response, buggy service and a 24-hour dock master.

**FACILITIES**

- 132 modern floating marina berths
- 6 meter wide pontoon walkways with 2 meter wide berthing fingers
- High speed fueling facility providing diesel and benzene fuels
- Marina administration open 7 days a week
- 24-hour full berthing and marina assistance
- 24-hour security, CCTV coverage and gated access control
- Restaurants & cafe's
- Al Mouj Golf
- Supermarket, Laundry, bank, rent a car and gym
- On-water lounge area
- Emergency response services
- Daily weather forecast
- Deck wash for all yachts
- Waste removal from pontoons
- Maintenance facility
- Buggy service from and to your yacht
- Shore power up 225 Amps
- Members and Valet parking
- Members showers and toilets

**MARINA IMAGES**



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## MARINA BARR AL JISSAH



### FACILITIES

- Wet berths
- Accommodate for 43 berths
- Members only yacht club
- Dive Center
- Private lounge and sea water pool (completion by 2020)
- Fine dining restaurant (completion by 2020)
- Retail shops (completion by 2020)
- Board walk (completion by 2020)

### SERVICES

- Short and long-term berth options
- Berthing assistance 24 hours a day
- Multi lingual marina team
- Exclusive concierge services by an inhouse team
- 24/7 security
- Crew Club
- On-spot boat agency & custom clearance & immigration services
- Complimentary shuttle between Marina & Shangri-La Resorts
- Deck & entire boat cleaning services
- Water & electricity
- Rescue boats
- On-board catering
- Fuel station
- Technical support
- Laundry services
- Point of entry
- Boat tours, fishing, snorkeling, water & outdoor sports
- Sightseeing tours, dolphin watching and daily trips
- Access to the members only Al Mina yacht club (completion by 2020)
- Access to Al Mazaar Entertainment Center with special rates
- Special rates at Shangri-La Barr Al Jissah Resort & Spa facilities

### BARR AL JISSAH

A unique luxury destination situated in a secluded bay where the Gulf of Oman meets the dramatic mountainous coastline. It is the first integrated tourism complex (ITC) established as a prestigious business in 2006 by Zubair Corporation in Muscat.

The ITC brings together residential, hospitality, retail and leisure experiences with a limited number of high-caliber dream homes a few minutes to Muscat city center. The four pillars of Barr Al Jissah destination are; four luxury residential developments; three luxury hotels are operated by Shangri-La Hospitality Group, Al Mina Marina & Al Mina Private Yacht Club, Al Mazaar Entertainment Center for kids and family activities.

**Project Owner** The Zubair Corporation  
**Project Developer** Barr Al Jissah  
**Barr Al Jissah Integrated Tourism Complex Launch** 2006  
**Shangri-La Hotels Launch** 2006  
**First Real Estate Project Launch** 2009  
**Total project area** 45,000 sqm  
**Completed Units** 71

### BARR AL JISSAH PILLARS

#### 1 Residential Developments

- Al Mina Waterfront Development
- Bannenberg & Rowell Limited Edition Townhomes
- Dusk Townhomes
- Dawn Townhomes

#### 2 Al Mina Marina & Yacht Club

- Marina
- Al Mina Yacht Club

#### 3 Luxury Hotels

- Shangri-La Barr Al Jissah Resort & Spa (Al Waha & Al Bandar Hotels)
- Shangri-La Al Husn Resort & Spa

#### 4 Al Mazaar Entertainment Center

- ArtBox
- SpringBox
- SoccerBox
- Special Car Collection
- Educational Workshops
- Heritage Village
- Open Door Amphitheater
- Indoor Theater

### AL MINA WATERFRONT

Total Units: 76 / Total Block: 6  
 A- 7 Villas  
 B- 6 Penthouses  
 C- 30 Duplexes  
 D- 33 Apartments

#### Facilities

- Boardwalk
- Retail Shops
- Restaurants
- Shaded Parking
- Gym
- Squash Courses
- Separate Entrance for;
- 1- Al Mina Residential
- 2- Retail Shops – Same Area for Homeowner's Guests

#### Services

- Special Rates at Shangri-La Barr Al Jissah Resort & Spa facilities
- Private parking for homeowners
- Receptionist
- Security
- Mobile Application
- Access to Al Mazaar Entertainment Center with special rates

### AL MINA YACHT CLUB

The Al Mina Yacht Club, membership of which is exclusive to Barr Al Jissah home and yacht owners, features a fine dining restaurant, new dive and sailing centre, private beach, two saltwater infinity pools and a unique beachfront zone. The club, when completed, will also feature a one-of-a-kind upscale marina-side boardwalk with boutique retail outlets and al-fresco dining. The completion is planned by 2020.

#### Facilities Ground Floor

- Club Bar, Terrace & Swim Pool
- Changing Room
- Restaurant
- Diving Center
- Marina Operation
- Car Parking

#### Facilities First Floor

- Yacht Club / Bar
- Dining Restaurant
- Outdoor Terrace

### LUXURY HOTELS

- Shangri-La Barr Al Jissah Resort & Spa (Al Waha & Al Bandar Properties)
- Shangri-La Al Husn Resort & Spa

Residence members have access to Al Bandar & Al Waha only for:

- 1 Swimming Pool
- 2 Jacuzzi
- 3 Lazy River
- 4 Beaches
- 5 Health Club
- 6 Splashpad

Al Mina Villas Residence, Penthouses and Pearl Residence Members have additional access to Al Husn beach.

### LUXURY RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS

- Dawn Townhomes: 29 units - completed
- Dusk Townhomes: 27 units - completed & 1 left
- Cliff Top Villas: 15 units - completed & sold out
- Limited Edition Townhomes: 11 units

1 A Lower 1-6 same interior design as Al Mina under construction

2 A Lower 7 the Show Villa of Bannenberg & Rowell completed

Al Mina Waterfront Residential Development  
 76 units – under construction

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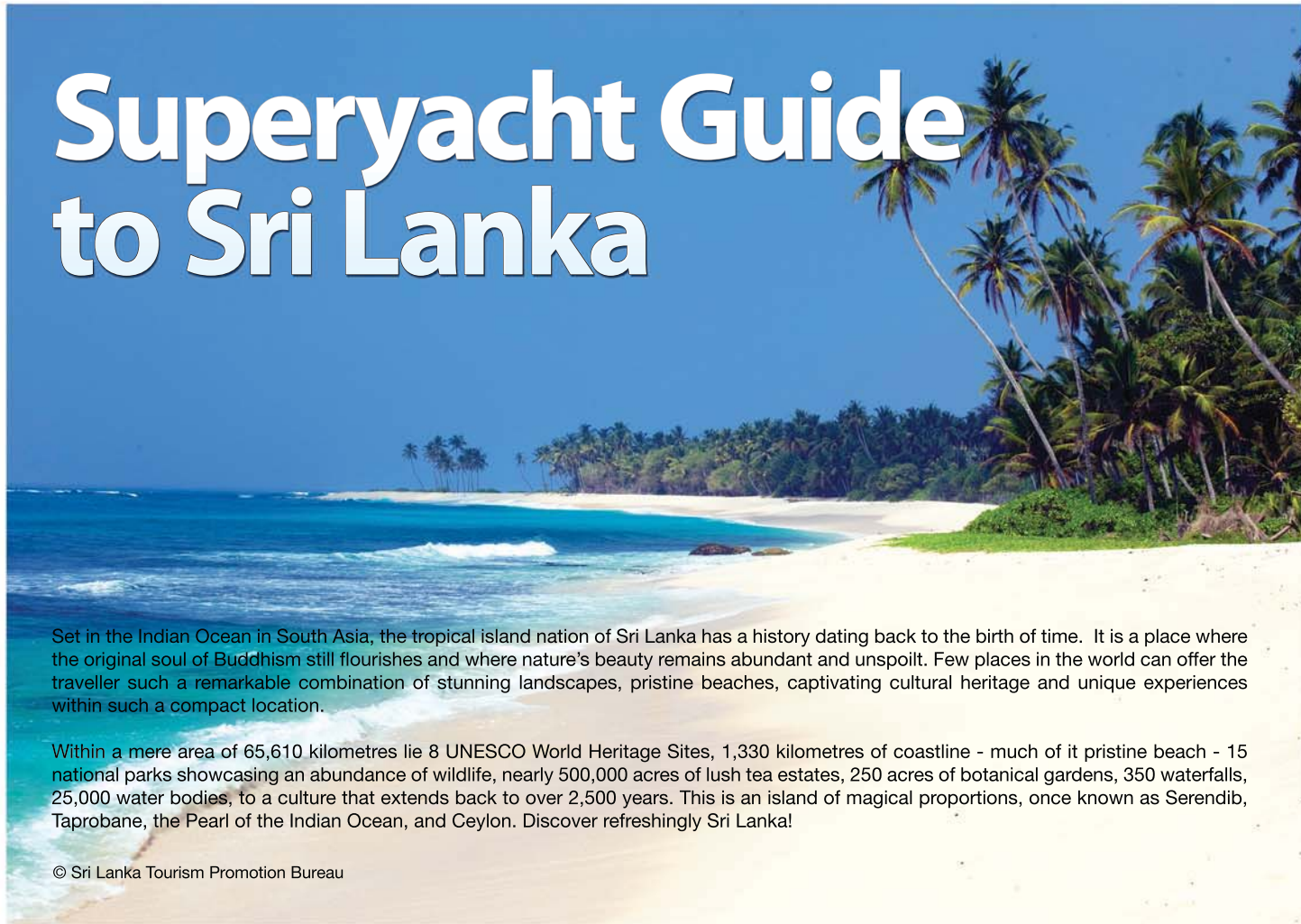
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# Superyacht Guide to Sri Lanka



Set in the Indian Ocean in South Asia, the tropical island nation of Sri Lanka has a history dating back to the birth of time. It is a place where the original soul of Buddhism still flourishes and where nature's beauty remains abundant and unspoilt. Few places in the world can offer the traveller such a remarkable combination of stunning landscapes, pristine beaches, captivating cultural heritage and unique experiences within such a compact location.

Within a mere area of 65,610 kilometres lie 8 UNESCO World Heritage Sites, 1,330 kilometres of coastline - much of it pristine beach - 15 national parks showcasing an abundance of wildlife, nearly 500,000 acres of lush tea estates, 250 acres of botanical gardens, 350 waterfalls, 25,000 water bodies, to a culture that extends back to over 2,500 years. This is an island of magical proportions, once known as Serendib, Taprobane, the Pearl of the Indian Ocean, and Ceylon. Discover refreshingly Sri Lanka!

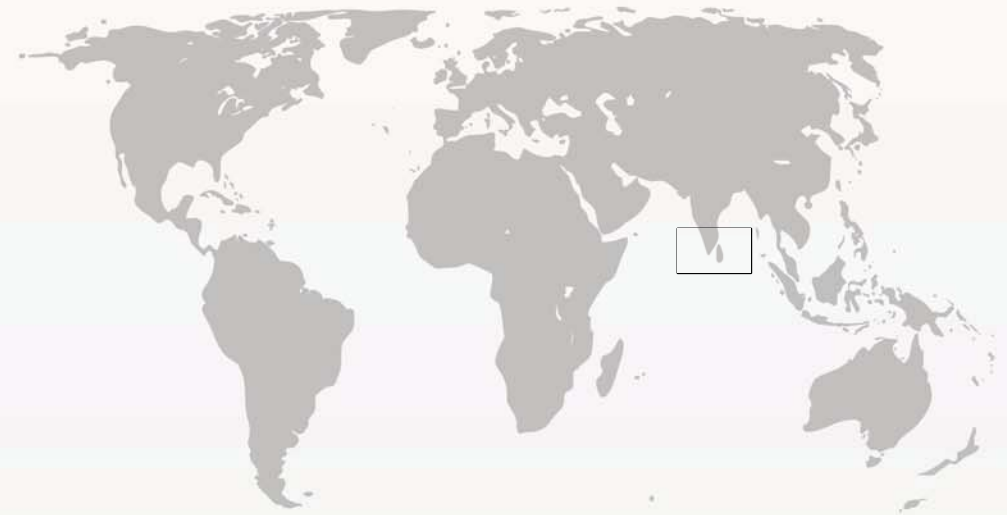
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**SRI LANKA PRE-ARRIVAL CHECKLISTS**

1. Yacht Particulars
2. Copy of registry
3. Copy of International Tonnage Certificate (ITC)
4. Copy of P&I entry Certificate (Should cover oil pollution / wreck removal / Third party liabilities)
5. ISPS Documents
6. IMO Crew List
7. Copy of International Ship Security Certificate (ISSC) - If applicable
8. Copy of Continuous Synopsis Record (CSR) - If applicable
9. Marine Environment Protection Association (MEPA) declaration

**SRI LANKA**

## SRI LANKA BY NUMBERS



COORDINATES

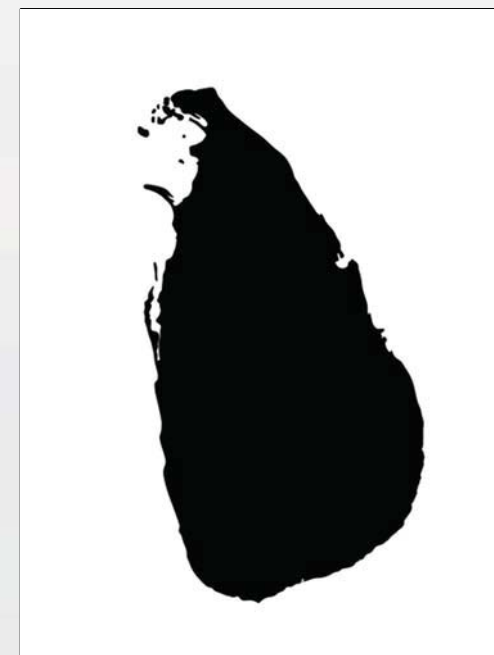
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650km North of the Equator



INDEPENDENCE

1948



TOTAL AREA  
65,610 km<sup>2</sup>

WATERFALLS  
300

WATER BODIES  
25,000



COASTLINE / BEACH  
1,340 km<sup>2</sup>



HIGHEST WATERFALL  
263 km



HIGHEST POINT  
2,524m



POPULATION  
21.1\*M



POPULATION GROWTH  
1.3%



COUNTRY CODE  
+94



AVERAGE RAINFALL  
500 mm



AVERAGE TEMPERATURE  
29°C

# Top Attractions



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## Mirissa Whale Watching

The ever smiling, mischievous dolphins will put on a show while some of the oldest and the largest sea creatures, the humpback and the blue whales, will nonchalantly glide past you, when you embark on a whale/dolphin watching excursion off the Southern, Eastern or the West coast of Sri Lanka. The ideal locations for whale watching would be Dondra Point (accessible from Galle, Hikkaduwa and Mirissa) and Trincomalee while the sea off Kalpitiya teems with an abundance of dolphins.

*Sri Lanka Coast Guards assures a safer season of whale watching at Mirissa.* With the whale watching season in Mirissa being in full swing and many local and foreign tourists gathering to the Mirissa harbor, The Sri Lanka Coast Guards had increased their vigilance in monitoring the implementation of Sea Mammals Observation, Regulation and Control Regulations.

To ensure that the Regulations are adhered to by boat operators and tourists engaged in whale watching, the members of the Rohana Coast Guard base had been observing whale and dolphin watching activities in Mirissa since last year. The coast guards also make sure that the boat operators; crew and the tourists abide the safety precautions and regulations before and during their tour of observation.

## Yala National Park

There are six national parks and three wildlife sanctuaries in the vicinity of Yala. Among the largest is Lunugamvehera National Park. The park is situated in the dry semi-arid climatic region and rain is received mainly during the northeast monsoon. Yala hosts a variety of ecosystems ranging from moist monsoon forests to freshwater and marine wetlands. It is one of the 70 Important Bird Areas (IBAs) in Sri Lanka.

Yala harbours 215 bird species including six endemic species of Sri Lanka. The number of mammals that has been recorded from the park is 44, and it has one of the highest leopard densities in the world. The area around Yala has hosted several ancient civilisations. Two important pilgrim sites, Sithulpahuwa and Magul Vihara, are situated within the park.

## Sigiriya

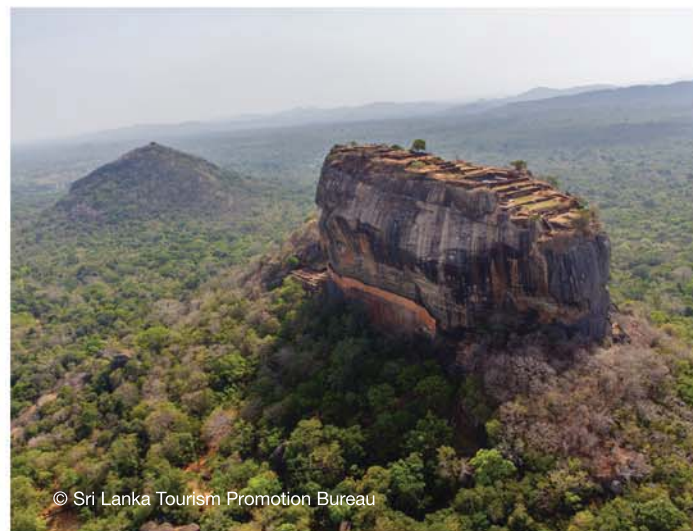
The distance from the Colombo is 169km and is on the way to Anuradhapura or polonnaruwa. Sigiriya was designated as a world heritage site in 1982. Sigiriya is famous for its palace ruins on top of a massive 200 meter high rock surrounded by the remains of an extensive network of gardens, reservoirs and other structures.

The rock itself is a lava plug left over from an ancient long extinct volcano. It is also renowned for its ancient paintings (frescoes), which are similar to those found at Ajanta Caves in India. It is generally agreed, however, that the Sigiriya Frescoes exhibit a uniquely Sri Lankan style. Sigiriya may have been inhabited through prehistoric times.

It was used as a rock-shelter mountain monastery from about the 5th century BC, with caves prepared and donated by devotees of the Buddhist Sangha. Sigiriya Museum shows photos of the excavation of Sigiriya, reproductions of the frescoes, examples and translations of some of the graffiti on the Mirror Wall, and artifacts excavated from the site. You can probably view the museum in about 1 hour. Since the museum is outside the main entrance,



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# Adventure



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## Diving

Surrounded by the Indian Ocean with its coral gardens, multitude of exotic fishes and ancient wrecks Sri Lanka offers one of the best diving experiences in the world. The colorful coral gardens along southern coasts and old and new ship wrecks around the Galle harbor and little and great bays are the favourite Sri Lankan dive sites yet Kalpitiya, Ampara and Trincomalee in Eastern and Western coasts offering rare chances of wreck diving, skin diving and diving with dolphins.



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## Trekking and Hiking

With multitude of roads winding through expanding mountains, lush green forests, paddy fields, parks and sleepy villages, Sri Lanka offers a plethora of opportunities to the keen hikers and trekkers. The highlands of Sri Lanka with virgin rain forests, sacred mountains, lush tea gardens and plains filled with rare birds and insects coupled with mild temperatures and welcoming smiles of the villagers provide the ideal setting to an unforgettable walking experience.



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## Rock Climbing

Experience the thrills of crumbling rocks beneath the feet, head spinning heights and the earth expanding beneath conquering the mountains of Sri Lanka. The ranges of mountains standing guard around the highlands of Sri Lanka including the Knuckles range, Ella range, Habarana, Sigiriya, Polonnaruwa, Horton Plains and Buttala provide challenging climbs to armature as well as experienced climbers. The newest experience in mountaineering in waterfall climbing with exciting climbs like the rock face of Bambarakanda waterfall, the tallest in the country.



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## Deep Sea Fishing

Surrounded by the Indian Ocean and filled with fresh water reservoir inland, Sri Lanka is the hidden paradise for extreme anglers. With a shoreline of 1,140 miles and a continental shelf of 10,000 square miles, the seas around Sri Lanka is one of the most challenging marine game fishing locations while The outfalls of 103 major river basins and hundreds of estuaries, lagoons and coastal lakes all around the country are yet to be fully explored by sporting anglers.



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## Hot Air Ballooning

Roam the skies of Sri Lanka enjoying the signs and sites from the heavens above. Floating at heights of 500 to 2000 feet on average, effortlessly drift over the treetops, wildlife, lakes & rivers, cultural sites, local urban homesteads & landmarks like Sigiriya Rock. The sunrise rides are offered at day break to enhance the experience by accompanying the sights and sounds with magical experience of dawn.



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## Whale Watching

The ocean around Sri Lanka is the home to the gentle giants and the performers of the ocean. Dolphins and whales parade their presence at various locations around Sri Lanka during the months of December, January, February, March and April. Being situated on and around the migrating routes of whales and dolphins, Sri Lanka is in a vantage point to observe the migration of 26 species of cetaceans including blue whales, sperm whales, pilot whales, fin whales and a large variety of dolphins.

# Bliss



## Ayurveda

Ayurveda is an age-old method of holistic healing used to repair, restore and maintain balance throughout the body. Spices and herbal remedies are used to improve wellness and state of mind through massages and baths and the treatments are often complemented with a detox diet and relaxation techniques such as yoga or meditation for utmost relaxation. With its rich diversity of spices and herbs, Sri Lanka is the essential location for revitalising, natural healing.



## Meditation

Sri Lanka's predominant religion is Buddhism and the practice of meditation is fundamental to the teaching of the Buddha. Numerous temples in Sri Lanka conduct meditation classes for beginners and quiet spaces for advanced followers. The meditation retreats offer the bare essentials in terms of accommodation and food, so as not to distract visitors from the act of meditation, introducing the art of peaceful reflection in rustic settings.



## Yoga

Stemming from a Sanskrit work 'Yuj', Yoga means 'to join' and unites mind, body, and spirit, improving overall health and wellbeing. Yogic techniques include breathing exercises, postures, meditation and practicing healthy habits, aimed at making you feel more harmonious and centered. This island offers an abundance of peaceful yoga retreats, situated in the bustling towns as well as quieter hideaways in rural settings. For the ultimate stress-buster, enroll in a course of calming yoga classes in Sri Lanka and experience soothing sense freedom like no other.



## Spas

What better way to relax than indulging in a pampering spa experience? Inspired by age-old Ayurveda combined with Southeast Asian and Western influences, Sri Lankan spas offer a nourishing range of top-to-toe treatments to rejuvenate your senses. Spas are present at most luxury hotels within the country and exclusive boutique spas can be found in most tourist areas. Exfoliate tired skin with an invigorating scrub, allow your body to be enveloped in a soothing herbal wrap or restore your body's natural balance with a deep tissue massage targeting your pressure points. Facials, hot-stone massages, and herbal baths are popular spa treatment as Sri Lanka health spas and sometimes a luxurious manicure or pedicure is the ideal pick-me-up for tired hands and feet. You can also escape to the Sauna and melt away the stress of the day or submerge yourself in the therapeutic warm bubbles of the Jacuzzi.



# WEST COAST



## Kalpitiya

A relatively unpopulated area, Kalpitiya is a quiet coastal town situated in the peninsula that separates the Puttalam Lagoon from the Indian Ocean. Predominantly a fishing village, visitors can watch the fishing boats return to the shores in the early hours of the morning and take their pick of the succulent selection of fresh seafood. Kalpitiya also offers tourist attractions such as the old Dutch Fort, St. Peter's Kerk Church, St. Anne's Church in Thalawila, sand dunes, the Bar Reefs, kite-surfing facilities, and salt pans and marshes. Best known for being located on the migration path of Sinner Dolphins and Blue Whales, Kalpitiya offers dolphin and whale-watching tours for wildlife enthusiasts. Lucky visitors have a chance to see thousands of free-spirited dolphins on the boat journey and catch a glimpse of the biggest mammal in the world.



## Wadduwa and Kalutara

Kalutara is a quiet town hidden from the hustle and bustle of the city. Situated 8km away from Kalutara, Wadduwa also offers a quality beach holiday. With unspoiled beaches and serene atmosphere, both locations contain a number of resorts and unique boutique hotels for a relaxed holiday and are a convenient base for excursions to Sinharaja Rainforest.



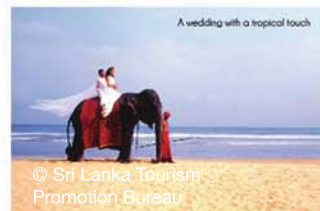
## Unawatuna

Voted one of the world's top 10 beaches, Unawatuna Bay is a charming semi-circular bay fringed with greenery and a large variety of restaurants, bars, & guesthouse. Surrounded by calm waters, the Unawatuna beach is protected by a double reef, making the sea ideal for swimming and snorkeling.



## Negombo

Negombo is a charming fishing village, located close to Bandaranaike International Airport. A seafood lovers realm, Negombo offers the finest in fresh seafood, available at the numerous restaurants and bars in the area. Take a boat ride along the Dutch canals or out into the open sea and catch a glimpse of the fishing boats as they return from their daily catch. Negombo is also a convenient location for day trips to the Muthurajawela Marshes.



## Mount Lavina

South of Colombo, Mount Lavina beach is renowned for its beautiful colonial landmark, the former home of the British Governor Edward Barnes which is now known as Mount Lavina Hotel. With a wide beach, cool waves and a multitude of restaurants, Mount Lavina is the closest beach to the city of Colombo, convenient for a day trip in and out of the city for shopping excursions and sightseeing.



## Bentota

One of the biggest and most beautiful beaches on the West Coast, Bentota boasts a vast selection of luxury beachside resorts and hotels. Offering a comprehensive range of water sports and boat tours. Bentota is an explorer's dream come true. Take a river cruise through the lagoons and mangroves or visit the local turtle hatcheries, pay a visit to Brief Garden or the legendary and stunning retreat of Bevis Bawa.



## Hikkaduwa

Offering excellent conditions for surfing, Hikkaduwa Beach attracts surfers and holiday-makers from all over the world. The wide sandy beach, strong waves, and vibrant coral reef make it a great location for surfing, snorkeling, and diving. Famed for its lively nightlife, Hikkaduwa has an abundance of inexpensive bars, café, nightclubs, and accommodation, catering to the beach partygoers.

# SOUTH COAST



## Galle

Crowned as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the quaint seaside town of Galle is renowned for its colonial charm and impressive Dutch ramparts. The Galle Port and enclosed area were developed by the Dutch from the 16th to the 18th Century and as you stroll along the quiet streets you will come across the Dutch Reformed Church, All Saints Anglican Church, Meeran Jumma Masjid Mosque, the regal Galle Lighthouse, the Dutch Museum, the clock tower, picturesque villas, chic boutique hotels and inviting restaurants. The Galle Cricket Stadium brings life to this town during international Cricket Tournaments.



## Weligama

Weligama is a picturesque bay with lonely stretches of white sand and pristine waters. The bay's most prominent features are Tarprobane Island which houses a beautiful white villa, owned by the French Count de Maunay in the 1930s. Immerse yourself in the magic of Weligama as you observe the unique stilt fishermen in action, the art of lace-making by the local ladies and the beautiful colonial architecture of this quaint village.



## Tangalle

Tangalle is a secluded haven, boasting miles of unspoiled golden coast dotted with rocky cliffs and Godellawela Beach in Tangalle is known to be one of the most beautiful beaches in Sri Lanka. Ideal excursion locations nearby Tangalle would be Mulkirigala Rock Monastery and Wewurukannala Temple. Tangalle is also located within close proximity to the amazing Hummanaya blowhole and Rekawa turtle conservation site, all of them which are well worth to visit.

# EAST COAST



## Arugam Bay

Listed as one of the top 10 surf sports in the world, this quaint fishing village has a vast expanse of coral-white sand and magnificent aquamarine waves. Apart from Surfing, Arugam Bay offers a wide variety of holiday activities from snorkeling, diving and kite surfing to simply relaxing by the beach. Wildlife enthusiasts can take an eco boat tour of Pottuvil Lagoon, visit the nearby Kumana Bird Park and Yala National Park or take a speedboat out to the sea in search of dolphins.



## Trincomalee

Is a natural deep-water harbor which is famed seaport in the trading history of Sri Lanka. Loved by great explorers such as Marco Polo and Ptolemy, Trincomalee is a pristine paradise, home to the beautiful beaches of Nilaveli and Uppuveli as well as the remarkable gem known as Pigeon Island. A popular whale-watching destination, Trincomalee also offers the stellar surroundings for snorkeling, scuba diving and a range of water sports. In Trincomalee, you will also see Swami Rock (also known as Lovers Leap) a steep drop into the Bay of Bengal and the beautiful Koneswaram Kovil.



## Nilaveli

Nilaveli is one of Sri Lanka's most remote and beautiful beaches. Well known for its serene atmosphere, Nilaveli is also a playground for water sports such as snorkeling, scuba diving, and windsurfing. Visitors should also explore the hot water wells and Pigeon Island for a unique Nilaveli experience.



## Pasikuda

Pasikuda is famous for its secluded beaches and calm, clear water. This quiet beachside town is relatively untouched, making it the ideal isolated gateway. However, with the dawn of peace, tourism has been booming in Pasikuda, with several new developments in accommodation options and facilities. For a relaxing holiday away from the hustle and bustle, Pasikuda is your dream escape.