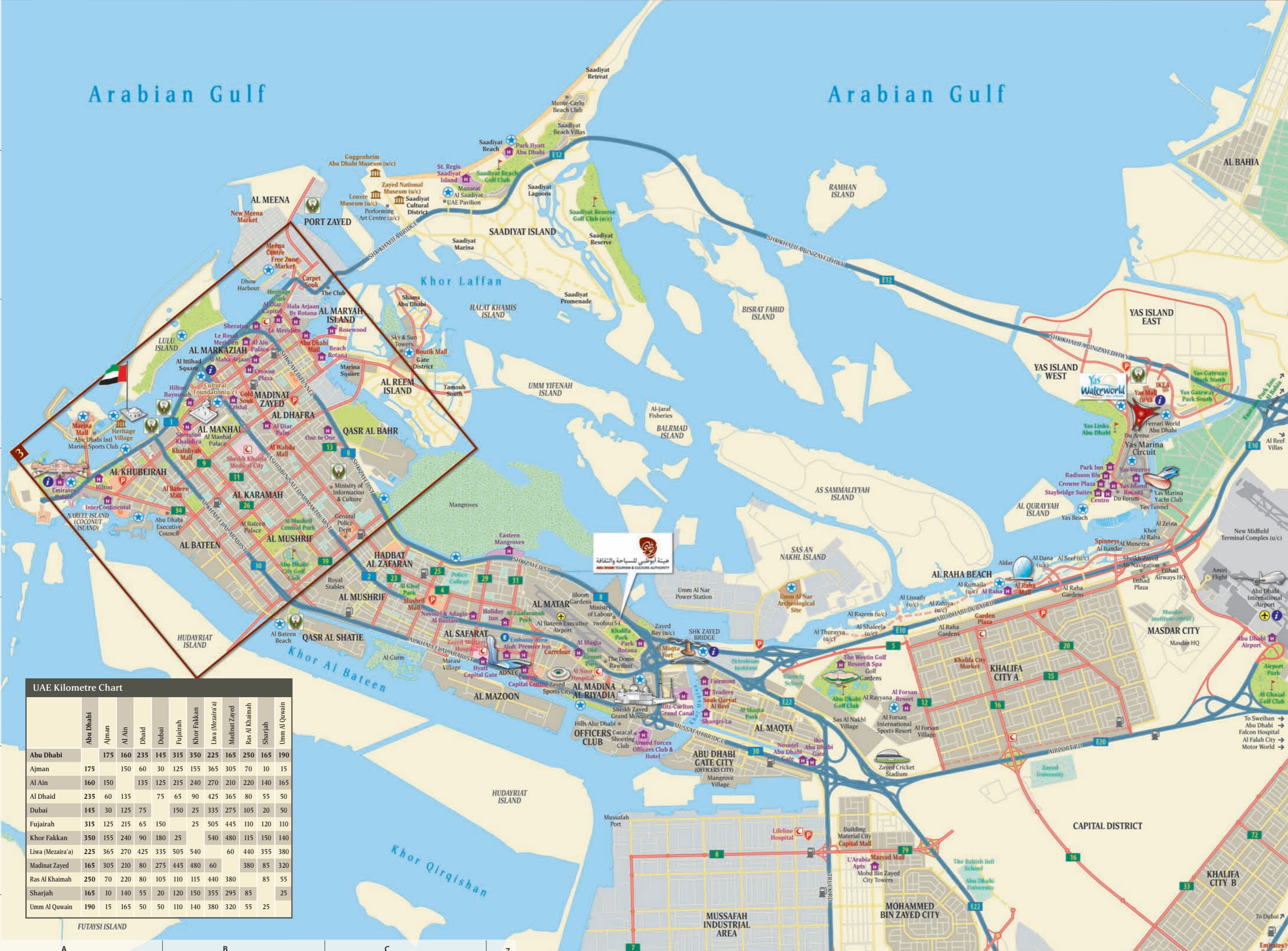


1 Abu Dhabi Overview



UAE Kilometre Chart

	Abu Dhabi	Ajman	Al Ain	Dubai	Fujairah	Khor Fakkan	Liwa (Mezaira'a)	Madinat Zayed	Ras Al Khaimah	Sharjah	Umm Al Quwain
Abu Dhabi	175	160	235	145	315	350	225	165	250	165	190
Ajman	175	150	60	30	125	155	365	305	70	10	15
Al Ain	160	150	135	125	215	240	270	210	220	140	165
Al Dhaid	235	60	135	75	65	90	425	365	80	55	50
Dubai	145	30	125	75	150	25	335	275	105	20	50
Fujairah	315	125	215	65	150	25	505	445	110	120	110
Khor Fakkan	350	155	240	90	180	25	540	480	115	150	140
Liwa (Mezaira'a)	225	365	270	425	335	505	540	60	440	355	380
Madinat Zayed	165	305	210	80	275	445	480	60	380	85	320
Ras Al Khaimah	250	70	220	80	105	110	115	440	380	85	55
Sharjah	165	10	140	55	20	120	150	355	295	85	25
Umm Al Quwain	190	15	165	50	50	110	140	380	320	55	25

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Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan Grand Mosque

This architectural Wonder of Islamic design is one the world's largest mosques, with a capacity for an astonishing 41,000 worshippers. It features 82 domes, more than 1,000 columns, 24 carat gold chandeliers and the world's largest hand knotted carpet. Reflective pools surround the mosque, amplifying its beauty. The striking white and gold colours shining in the sun are transformed at night by a unique lighting system which reflects the phases of the moon.

The Mosque is open daily for worship and visiting, except on Friday morning, which is for worshippers only. Entry is free, and visitors can also attend complimentary one-hour guided tours. Visitors are asked to wear appropriate clothing.

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Ferrari World Abu Dhabi

It's fast and furious fun for all ages at Ferrari World Abu Dhabi - the world's first Ferrari theme park and the largest attraction of its kind. 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.

Beneath its huge, iconic red roof, attractions include: Formula Rossa, the world's fastest roller coaster, reaching speeds of 240 kmph; Galleria Ferrari, the world's largest Ferrari gallery outside Maranello with an interactive display of cars from 1947 through to the present; G-Force, this adrenaline fuelled experience blasts through the red roof, before dropping from a hair-raising height of 62 metres.

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UAE Pavilion

Moved piece by piece from Shanghai, where it welcomed almost two million visitors to the UAE's national exhibition during the World Expo 2010, this striking dome-shaped structure, designed by London's acclaimed Foster + Partners, now stands close to the Manarat Al Saadiyat (Place of Enlightenment) exhibition centre on Saadiyat Island.

A new landmark exhibition and events venue, the pavilion is hosting some of the country's most important cultural functions. A coming together of prominent global collectors, connoisseurs and artists, the pavilion annually hosts the Abu Dhabi Art contemporary art fair.

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Yas Waterworld Abu Dhabi

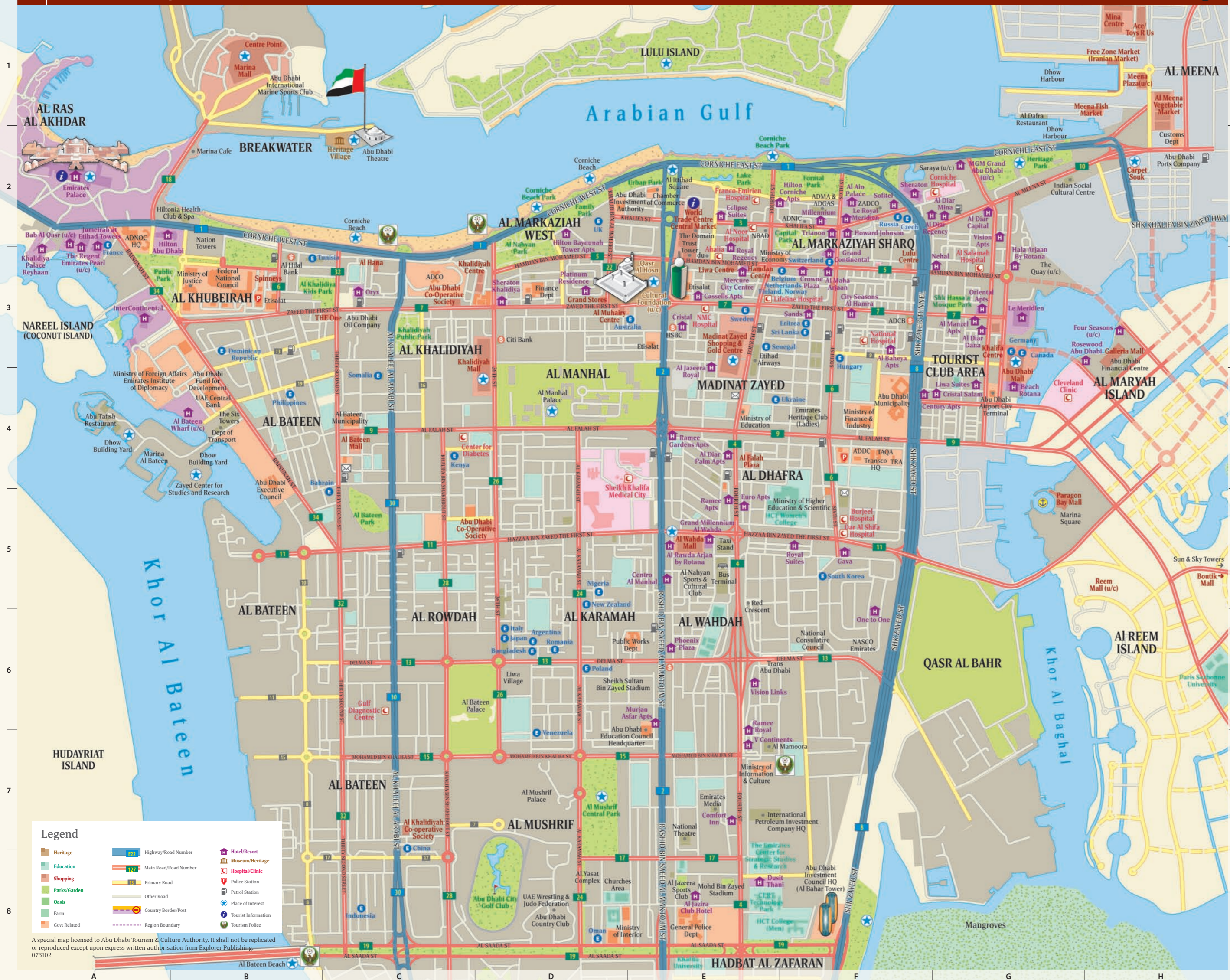
For a true full day experience, Yas Waterworld Abu Dhabi is a futuristic waterpark offering 43 thrill-a-minute rides, slides and attractions and a splash of genuine Arabian-themed culture and adventure.

Nestled among the rides and attractions is the thematic Hoyamal pearl diving attraction which leverages age-old Emirati traditions and is expected to regularly pack its 100-seat amphitheatre. Visitors will interact with divers to select an oyster of their choice to create their own pearl jewellery.

Everything in the waterpark revolves around a locally-inspired theme: the story of "The Lost Pearl", which follows the adventures of a young Emirati girl, Dana, in search of a legendary pearl which once brought prosperity to her village.

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Operator	100	Corniche Beach Park	3-B3
Directory Enquiries	181	Formal Park	2-F2
Fire / Police	997 / 999	Heritage Park	3-G2
Ambulance	998/999	Khalifa Park	1-D5
Abu Dhabi Intl Airport	02 575 7818	Khalidiya Public Park	3-C3
Flight Enquiries	02 575 7500	Lake Park	3-E2
Abu Dhabi Tourism & Culture Authority	02 444 0444	Al Mushrif Central Park	1-D7
Trans AD (Abu Dhabi Taxi)	600 535353	Old Airport Park	1-D5
Dept of Immigration	02 402 4500	Urban Park	3-D2
Ethad Airways Call Centre	800 2277		
UAE Country Code	971	Shopping Malls & Souks	
Mobile Telephones 050/055/056		Al Raha Mall	1-G4
Abu Dhabi 02 Ajman 06		Al Wahda Mall	3-E5
Al Ain 03 Dubai 04		Bawabat Al Sharq Mall	1-H8
Fujairah 09 Ras Al Khaimah 07		Carpet Souk	3-H2
Sharjah 06 Umm Al Quwain 06		Dalma Mall	1-F7
		Free Zone Market (Iranian Market)	3-H1
Hotels, Hotel Apartments & Resorts		Khalidiyah Mall	3-D3
Al Ain Palace	3-F2	Madinat Zayed Shopping &	
Al Diar Palm Apts	3-E4	Gold Centre	3-E4
Al Forsan Resort	1-F5	Marina Mall	3-B1
Al Maha Arjaan by Rotana	3-F3	Mushrif Mall	1-C5
Al Manzel Apts	3-G3	Qaryat Al Beri Souk	1-E5
Al Maqta	1-D5	World Trade Centre Central Market	3-E2
Al Raha Beach	1-G4	Places Of Interest	
Al Rawda Arjaan by Rotana	3-E5	ADNEC	1-D5
Aloft	1-D5	Al Bateen Beach	3-B8
Armed Forces Officers Club	1-D5	Al Forsan Intl Sports Complex	1-F5
Beach Rotana	3-G4	Al Maqta Fort	1-E5
Centro Al Manhal	3-E5	Car Museum	1-E9
Centro Capital Centre	1-D5	Dhow Building Yard	3-A4
Centro Yas Island	1-G4	Corniche Beach	3-D2
City Seasons Al Hamra	3-F3	Cultural Foundation	3-E3
Cristal	3-E3	Emirates Palace	2-A2
Cristal Salam	3-G4	Ferrari World Abu Dhabi	1-H3
Crowne Plaza	3-F3	Fish Market & Vegetable Souk	3-H1
Crowne Plaza Yas Island	1-G4	Heritage Village	3-C2
Eastern Mangroves Hotel & Spa	1-C4	Manarat Al Saadiyat	1-C2
Eclipse Suites	3-E2	Qasr Al Hosn	3-D3
Emirates Palace	3-A2	Saadiyat Beach	1-D1
Fairmont	1-E5	Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque	1-E5
Grand Millennium Al Wahda	3-E5	Yas Beach	1-G4
Hala Arjaan by Rotana	3-G3	Yas Gateway Park	1-H3
Hilton Abu Dhabi	3-B2	Yas Marina Circuit	1-H4
Hilton Bayunah Tower Apts	3-D2	Yas Waterworld	1-G3
Hilton Corniche Apts	3-F2	Hospitals	
Holiday Inn	1-D5	Al Mafraq Hospital	02 582 3100 1-H7
Hyatt Capital Gate	1-D5	Al Noor Hospital	02 626 5265 1-D5
Ibis Abu Dhabi Gate	1-E5	Al Salamah Hospital	02 671 1220 3-G3
InterContinental	3-A3	Corniche Hospital	02 672 4900 3-G2
Jumeirah at Etihad Towers	3-A2	Lifeline Hospital	02 633 5522 3-F3
Khalidiya Palace Reyhaan	3-A3	National Hospital	02 671 1000 3-F3
L'Arabia Apts	1-F6	NMC Hospital	02 633 2255 3-E3
Le Meridien	3-G3	Shk Khalifa Medical City	02 610 2000 3-E4
Le Royal Meridien	3-F2	Zayed Military Hospital	02 444 4530 1-C5
Liwa Suites	3-G4	Main Streets	
Maqra	1-H7	Abu Dhabi-Al Ain Rd	1-G7
Millennium	3-F2	Abu Dhabi-Dubai Rd	1-F5
Novotel & Adagio Al Bustan	1-C4	Airport Rd	1-G5
Novotel Abu Dhabi Gate	1-E5	Al Corniche West St (1)	3-B2
One to One	3-F6	Al Corniche East St (1)	3-E2
Oryx	3-C3	Al Falah St (9)	3-D4
Park Hyatt Saadiyat Island	1-D1	Al Karamah St (24)	3-D5
Park Inn Abu Dhabi	1-G4	Al Khaeej Al Arabi St (30)	3-C7
Park Rotana	1-D5	Al Maqta Bridge	1-E5
Premier Inn Capital Centre	1-D5	Al Meena St (10)	3-C2
Radisson Blu	1-G4	Al Saada St (19)	3-D8
Ritz-Carlton Grand Canal	1-E5	Bainunah St (34)	3-B4
Rosewood	3-G3	Delma St (13)	3-D6
Sands	3-F3	Fourth St	3-E7
Shangri-La	1-E5	Hamdan Bin Mohamed St (5)	3-E3
Sheraton Khalidiya	3-D3	Hazzaa Bin Zayed The First St(11)	3-D5
Sheraton Resort & Towers	3-F2	Khalifa Bin Shakhboub St (28)	3-C4
Softel	2-F2	Khalifa Bin Zayed Hwy	1-E2
St Regis Saadiyat Island	1-C2	Khalifa St (3)	3-E2
Staybridge Suites	1-G4	Mohamed Bin Khalifa St (15)	3-C7
The Westin Golf Resort & Spa	1-F5	Mussaffah Bridge	1-E5
Traders	1-E5	Rashid Bin Saeed Al Maktoum St	3-E5
Yas Island Rotana	1-G4	Shk Zayed Bridge	1-E5
Yas Viceroy	1-H4	Shk Zayed St (8)	3-F3
		Truck Rd	1-F6
		Zayed The First St (7)	3-D3

Country Overview

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) comprises seven emirates: Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Sharjah, Ajman, Umm Al Quwain, Ras Al Khaimah and Fujairah. The country is a member of the Arab Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC), an economic grouping that also includes Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Saudi Arabia and Qatar.

Abu Dhabi is the largest of the emirates, accounting for more than 85% of the country's total landmass. Abu Dhabi city is the country's capital, the seat of federal government and home to most ministries, embassies, state broadcasting facilities and oil companies.

Abu Dhabi Emirate

Abu Dhabi is earning international acclaim for its long-held traditions of unparalleled Bedouin hospitality. This is a destination of near year-round blue skies, stunning white sand beaches and a modern cosmopolitan, capital city lifestyle which remains steeped in the richness of Arabian culture. Abu Dhabi city, and the wider emirate, is, combined, a destination for travellers who seek an authentic experience and wish to immerse themselves in a resilient, and largely unchanged, culture.

The emirate's main global gateway – Abu Dhabi International Airport

– is currently being redeveloped to cater to increasing demand from more than 40 carriers who currently fly there. This includes Etihad, the rapidly expanding and multi-award-winning, Abu Dhabi-headquartered national airline of the UAE. Upon completion in 2010, the state-of-the-art Abu Dhabi International Airport will cater to an estimated 20 million passengers a year.

The emirate's second city is Al Ain in the eastern province. Built around a series of oases, this 'heritage centre of the emirate' is known as the Garden City of the UAE reflecting its lush greenery. It is home to a fascinating array of historic and archaeological sites including museums and forts which nestle under the shade of the towering Jebel Hafeet heights – the largest peak in the emirate.

The emirate's Al Gharbia – Western Region – is fast emerging as a tourism destination in its own right and is home to Sir Bani Yas Island – the former Royal nature reserve which is now an adventure retreat and to the renowned Rub Al Khali (Empty Quarter) made famous by the 1940s and 1950s desert crossings of British explorer Wilfred Thesiger.

Abu Dhabi's activities and attractions are as diverse as its stunning multi-faceted landscape – dramatic desert terrain, cooling oases, 400 kilometres of pristine coastline and 200 natural islands. Here, you'll discover a range of exhilarating sports, from diving and sailing upon

crystal Arabian Gulf waters, to thrilling safaris through stunning desert scenery. Evocative heritage areas and centuries-old forts resonate with those seeking an immersion in an ancient culture. Pristine beaches, an almost incomparably stunning capital city Corniche and lush parks speak to a slower, and more contemplative, pace of life.

In the capital, the landmark Emirates Palace is an amazing place to visit – a marvel of marble and Arabian mystique. As one of the world's most exclusive hotels, it regularly hosts cultural shows, music events and international art exhibitions.

Abu Dhabi's attractive malls, quaint souks and neon-lit shopping districts bring a whole new slant to retail therapy. Opt for haute-couture brands, hand-carved furniture of oak, rosewood and mahogany, gold, sold at not less than 18 carats, dazzling, richly-embroidered textiles or all the perfumes of Arabia – but not before trying your bargaining skills! With most options within an easily-accessible city centre, nothing is too far away. There is a vast array of quality restaurants and atmospheric coffee-houses with cuisine for all tastes.

Abu Dhabi's climate is warm most of the year, with temperatures peaking during the summer months (June-August). Abu Dhabi island is on the west coast of the Arabian Peninsula's eastern tip. A day trip to Dubai is just a 50 minutes' drive away.

Culture

Archaeological discoveries suggest that fishing communities were living on the region's coast thousands of years ago. Once a leading exporter of pearls, Abu Dhabi gradually turned into a trading centre and, by the end of the 19th century, had gained a reputation for its coastal souks. The discovery of oil in 1958 had a dramatic effect on the economy. Now, Abu Dhabi brings together old world charm and cosmopolitan chic in a clean and safe city.

Dress

Visitors are asked to dress modestly and respect local customs – this means women should cover their shoulders and wear skirts or shorts that end below the knee. Lightweight clothing is suitable for most of the year, while in winter something warmer may be needed. Hats and sunglasses are advised, especially if you plan to explore on foot.

Dining

Abu Dhabi boasts hundreds of restaurants with cuisine from across the world, including Arabian, Thai, Vietnamese, French, Spanish, German and Brazilian. Café culture is especially popular with Arabs from Egypt, Palestine, Lebanon, Syria and Jordan, who frequent roadside cafés to sip coffee and nibble on Iranian sweets. Many restaurants are within hotels.