





Mountains

The spectacular Hajar Mountains in the eastern part of the emirate were formed over 70 million years ago. One of the main attractions is the UAE's highest mountain. At 1,934m, Jebel Jais offers breathtaking scenery and enjoys temperatures around ten degrees cooler than sea level. A key feature of the mountains is the abundance of wadis and hiking and mountain bike trails.



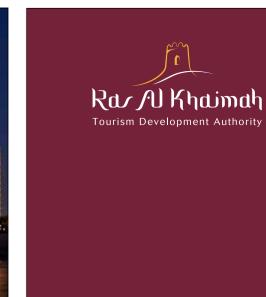
Shopping

From Al Hamra Village right to the city centre, Ras Al Khaimah currently has five shopping malls packed with all the leading brands, cinemas and restaurants. The emirate also boasts a number of traditional sougs and fresh produce markets where you can hone your bargaining skills.



Luxury

For those who are looking for a premium weekend getaway or planning their vacation, Ras Al Khaimah boasts a number of five star hotels and resorts, including three of the UAE's most luxurious hotels: the beachfront Waldorf Astoria, the Banyan Tree Ras Al Khaimah Beach Resort and the Banyan Tree Al Wadi, in the heart of the desert.



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Wellness

From desert retreats to beachfront properties, Ras Al Khaimah's hotels and resorts offer an array of signature spa treatments to stimulate your senses. With tranquil surroundings, expert therapists and rejuvenating massages, every spa experience is sure to restore the balance of mind and body. The emirate is also famous for three natural hot springs in the village of Khatt.



Deserts

Ras Al Khaimah's unique terracotta desert is also one of the most fertile in the region owing to higher than average rainfall. Visitors can get an insight to the life of the Bedouins at various desert camps or take part in a variety of activities including four-wheel drive safaris and horse or camel treks.



Dining

From traditional Arabic cuisine to the finest steakhouses, eating out in Ras Al Khaimah has much to offer. Whether you are looking for an elegant dinner in a five star hotel or a casual lunch along the Corniche, there is something for every taste and budget.





Beaches

The pristine private beaches of Ras Al Khaimah's resort hotels are quite exquisite. The emirate also boasts a number of natural lagoons and endless stretches of open coastline. This offers water sports lovers a huge choice of activities from windsurfing, sailing and banana boat rides to wakeboarding, water skiing, fishing and much more.



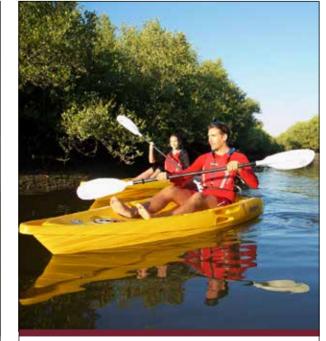
Culture & Heritage

Ras Al Khaimah's culture and heritage are very much the product of a desert dwelling, seafaring and Islamic way of life. Traditions of literature, camel racing, falconry, art and fishing are still a key part of local life. The many local museums and forts are a good way to get a glimpse of the emirate's cultural life, history and heritage.



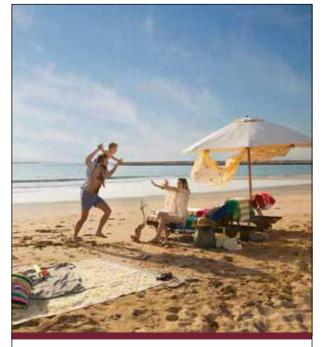
Activities

Whether you are looking for a leisurely sea cruise or something a little more exciting, Ras Al Khaimah has something for all energy levels, both onshore and offshore. Choose from adrenaline-filled watersports, hiking, desert safaris, go-karting, golf and much more.



Mangroves

Mangroves and salt flats form a large part of the coastal and inland landscape. The mangroves, which are home to a variety of wildlife, including flamingoes, extend right into the centre of Ras Al Khaimah bringing a rich sense of nature into the city. Visitors can explore the mangroves by taking kayak excursions and literally lose themselves in the natural beauty.



Family Fun

Whether you're young or young at heart, there's plenty for families to do in Ras Al Khaimah. The beaches and hotels offer a variety of activities while the desert and mountains are ideal for safaris and nature trails. The emirate's malls are also a popular destination with a host of dining choices, multiplex cinemas and retail outlets.



