

Abu Dhabi's Top 10



1. Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque

Abu Dhabi's most stunning and iconic landmark - the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque, ranked among top three in TripAdvisor's recent list of the world's top 25 landmarks, beating the likes of the Taj Mahal in India. Accommodating over 40,000 worshippers, the mosque boasts 82 domes, more than 1,000 columns, 24-carat-gold gilded chandeliers and the world's largest handmade carpet - weighing 35 tonnes and crafted by 1,200 women for a duration of two years. Complimentary guided tours are offered daily. Dress code applies.



2. Louvre Abu Dhabi

The magnificent Louvre Abu Dhabi museum showcases Abu Dhabi as the cultural hub of the Middle East, housing a permanent collection comprising more than 600 pieces of art, complemented by 300 masterpieces on loan from key French institutions, including works by Titian, Monet, Rodin and Matisse. The works are displayed under a giant 180-metre-wide metal dome, weighing the same as the Eiffel Tower and designed to emulate the palm trees of Abu Dhabi - a rain of light filtering through a canopy of 'leaves'.

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3. Yas Island Theme Parks

Warner Bros. World™ Abu Dhabi: experience six immersive 'lands' including Gotham City, Metropolis, Cartoon Junction and Bedrock at the world's largest indoor theme park.

Yas Waterworld Abu Dhabi: cool off on one of the park's 40 rides, slides and attractions – surf the world's largest sheet wave or experience the region's first-ever water cinema.

Ferrari World Abu Dhabi: experience the world's fastest roller coaster at 240kmph, go-kart race with the whole family and challenge the best lap times in a state-of-the-art race simulator.

CLYMB Abu Dhabi: climb up the world's tallest indoor climbing wall and discover the largest indoor skydiving chamber.



4. Yas Marina Circuit

Every November, Yas Marina Circuit hosts the Formula 1 Etihad Airways Abu Dhabi Grand Prix - the ultimate finale of the F1 season, but don't miss out on the action for the rest of the year! Petrolheads can take a behind-the-scenes tour of the state-of-the-art circuit, drive the track in an Aston Martin, Jaguar, or Mercedes AMG and get fit on the track with cycling and jogging on Sundays and Tuesdays.

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5. Qasr Al Hosn & Qasr Al Watan

Learn the story of Abu Dhabi and its people and take a trip to the city's oldest building, Qasr Al Hosn, the symbolic birthplace of the UAE and home to generations of the ruling Al Nahyan family. Don't miss the House of Artisans next door, where locals demonstrate Emirati traditions. Get a peek of modern day Abu Dhabi at Qasr Al Watan, a cultural landmark which invites its visitors to discover the legacy of knowledge and tradition that have shaped the journey of the nation. End the tour on a magical note with 'Palace in Motion', a mesmerising light and sound show that takes place every evening.



6. Souks and Shopping

Abu Dhabi's spectacular shopping scene is undeniably the nation's favourite pastime. With luxury shopping malls and local markets offering everything from gold and designer watches to carpets and textiles, the city's shopping options are as eclectic as it comes. Hit the souks for local souvenirs like spices, perfumes, silks, henna and *dallah* (Arabian coffee pots), or cool off in an upscale shopping mall, featuring everything from high-street fashion labels to luxury brands. Don't forget to request for a tax invoice after each purchase to claim VAT charges when departing at the airport!

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7. Relax on the Beach

Head to one of the world-class beaches to soak up some rays and relax in turquoise waters.

The Corniche: an 8km promenade lined with restaurants, play areas and lifeguarded beaches.

Yas Beach: check out a stylish beach lounge complete with an infinity pool.

Saadiyat Beach: pristine ribbon of white sand with both public and private hotel sections – look out for the endangered hawksbill turtles that come to nest each year among the dunes.

Zaya Nurai Island: a private island paradise to escape the city.



8. Get Active

Tee off at any of Abu Dhabi's five pay-and-play golf courses, all of which have certified PGA professionals on the books – Yas Links Abu Dhabi and Saadiyat Beach Golf Club are our top picks!

Go sailing, windsurfing and jet skiing from the beach, or take a guided tour on a kayak or stand-up paddle board through the Mangrove National Park and Jubail Mangrove Park. Get a fresh perspective aboard a seaplane tour with water take-off and enjoy panoramic views or take a thrilling speedboat ride along the waterfront.

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9. Day Trip to Al Ain

For an authentic feel of Abu Dhabi's heritage, take a 90 minute drive to Al Ain, the rustically charming home of the Al Jahili Fort - built in 1891 to defend the city's palm groves and Qasr Al Muwainji - a modern museum built around the ruins of a centuries old fortress. Experience Al Ain's camel market, before unwinding at the Al Ain Oasis, the first UNESCO World Heritage Site in the UAE. Thrill seekers shouldn't miss Wadi Adventure - a man-made white-water rafting, kayaking, surfing and wakeboarding facility.



10. Desert and Dunes

No trip to Abu Dhabi is complete without a desert adventure. Just beyond Abu Dhabi city is Rub Al Khali, or the *Empty Quarter*, the largest expanse of sand in the world, featured in *Star Wars: The Force Awakens*, as the desert planet of Jakku. Take a day trip to go dune bashing in a 4x4, camel trekking, sand surfing and dinner under a starry sky. Stay a night in the Arabian Nights Village, or escape the dunes on an open-jeep safari tour at Sir Bani Yas Island, home to thousands of free-roaming oryxes, gazelles, giraffes and cheetahs.