



IORA TRAVEL NOTE

Welcome to Abu Dhabi

Dear **Delegate**,
To ensure that you make the most of your time in the beautiful city of Abu Dhabi, the IORA Secretariat has prepared an IORA Travel Note for your kind attention.

What to see:

- ◆ Visit the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque, Abu Dhabi's landmark building and the biggest Mosque in the UAE;
- ◆ Drop by the Louvre Abu Dhabi, Middle East's most spectacular museum;
- ◆ Explore the Heritage Village and get a glimpse into the Emirati culture;
- ◆ Tour the Emirates Palace and get a taste of the arabic grandeur & opulence;
- ◆ Enjoy a day at the Ferrari World, one of Abu Dhabi's most thrilling attractions;
- ◆ Go kayaking in the sunset in Abu Dhabi's Eastern Mangroves; or
- ◆ Experience a camel ride into the desert sunset, and enjoy an Arabian BBQ and show.

 **What to taste**—The top traditional dishes that one must try during their visit to Abu Dhabi are: Al Harees (traditional dish made of wheat, meat and salt), Al Machboos (rice, meat, onion and dried lemon), Shawarma, Falafel (fried patties or balls of herbs and chickpeas), Thareed (soupy stew), Stuffed Camel (world's largest dish) or even a Tabbouleh (vegetarian dish),

 **What to take home**—Souvenirs are a great way to remember your stay after you get home: from golden jewellerys, carpets, ornate wooden carvings, Oud (perfumes), Dallah (arabic coffee pots), Pashminas (shawls) to Sougha Art, the options are endless.

Fast Facts

- * The Capital Gate Building, a modern leaning building, outstands the famous Pisa Tower in Italy. The building slopes at an 18-degree angle which is 14 degrees more than the tower of Pisa.
- * When it comes to the date production, Abu Dhabi produces 199 different kind of dates and around 76,000 tonnes of dates every year.
- * The Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque also boasts of the world's largest hand loomed carpet. This famous carpet is 60,546-square-foot and it took over a year to complete with the help of more than a thousand weavers.
- * Would you be surprised to know that Abu Dhabi also as the world's largest jeep? Yes, there's a 21 feet tall jeep in Abu Dhabi. With a weight of 4.4 tons, this huge jeep is absolutely impressive and drivable.
- * The names of cities are often as exotic and surprising as the places themselves. It isn't clear where the name 'Abu Dhabi' came from but when translated directly from Arabic, it means "Father of the Gazelle."

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