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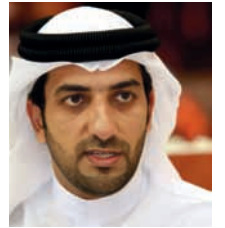


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Opening Message

Welcome to Sharjah



There is an amazing natural world to explore here, a story that journeys from dinosaurs to leopards, from fascinating prehistory to an exciting future.

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to this magazine, to Sharjah and to the opportunity for adventure. Sharjah is a unique destination with an extraordinary landscape and fascinating attractions.

In Sharjah there is adventure to be had in exploring the stunning architecture, the rich cultural heritage and the many museums, galleries, souqs and malls. There is also a wonderful natural world to enjoy.

From the heights of the Hajar mountains, to the miles of sandy beaches on both the east and west coasts, Sharjah hosts incredible ecosystems. At Kalba creek, the sprawling, ancient mangroves are beautiful, busy with wildlife and perfect for kayaking amongst.

Combining fun and learning is what Sharjah does best. From paddling through an interesting wildlife habitat, to marveling at the region's rich history, there are opportunities here to entertain and educate all ages.

The Sharjah Commerce and Tourism Development Authority is committed to continuing to spread the message about Sharjah as a top heritage, cultural and family destination; keen to encourage sustainable growth and to continue to entice visitors to enjoy the unique mix of historical heritage, urban development and stunning natural attractions.

Sultan Bin Ahmed Al Qassimi
Chairman



This third edition of the official magazine of the Sharjah Commerce and Tourism Development Authority highlights the emirate as a unique tourist destination. Future issues of the quarterly magazine will continue to tell Sharjah's magical story, to explore its secrets and share its treasures.

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Sharjah Water Festival

2-11 December 2010

The festival is carnival, circus, musical extravaganza and world class sporting event in one.



Once again, more than 200,000 visitors will flock to the Sharjah Water Festival this December. A highlight of the UAE's year and a high profile international event, the action is centred on Mouj Village in Al Majaz Park with an extraordinary array of activities. See www.swf.ae for full details.

Aga Boom

- Riotously funny slapstick clown show
- Theatre of physical comedy and circus arts
- One show daily, Sat-Wed
- Two shows daily, Thurs-Fri
- Each show lasts 75 minutes

Sinbad Diving Show

- Spectacular and theatrical themed diving comedy
- Incredible high dives from 3m to 25m
- Three shows daily
- Each show lasts 35 minutes

Mouj Meet & Greet

- Meet the festival mascot
- Take pictures with Mouj
- Children can pick up a copy of Mouj's magazine which is full of puzzles and games

Pet Show

- Real animals in a comic story of jungle and forest
- International company show the incredible abilities of pets
- Two shows daily
- Each show lasts 30 minutes

Pirate Stunt Show

- Atmospheric circus show of the story of pirates
- Acrobats, dancers and breakdancers
- Two shows daily
- Each show lasts 30 minutes

Drum Show

- Celebration of the unique charm of drum beats



- For adults and youngsters
- Musical workshops
- Two shows daily
- Each show lasts 30 minutes

Heritage Village

- Cultural exhibition, activities and performances
- Handicrafts, folklore shows, local heritage stories, traditional food
- Daily from 16:00 to 22:00

Puppetry Animation

- Interactive animation related to the marine world
- Introduction to the magical world of puppetry
- Three shows daily
- Each show lasts 30 minutes



Sharjah Grand Prix 2010

- Final round of the U.I.M F1 Powerboat World Championship
- Racers from 13 countries
- High profile global event
- F4 practice and trials each morning, Thurs 9 & Fri 10 Dec
- F4 races at 14:30 on Thurs 9 & Fri 10 Dec
- F1 practice 09:15-10:15, Thurs 9 & Fri 10 Dec
- Main race starts at 16:00, Fri 10 December

Sandcastle Workshop

- Amazing models, statues and castles - all made of sand
- Workshops and competitions
- Daily from 16:00 to 22:00

National Day Parade

- Jugglers, stilt walkers, marine characters, circus performers, clowns, percussion groups
- Celebrating National Day in the colours of the UAE flag
- Two shows on 2&3 December
- Each show lasts 30 minutes

Carnival

- Music, dance, acrobatics
- Colourful extravaganza
- Three shows daily
- Each show lasts 30 minutes

November-December

Sharjah, home of cultural entertainment...



NOVEMBER

26 Oct-6 Nov

Sharjah World Book Fair

Expo Centre Sharjah

- Operating since 1982
- 10 day annual event
- Promoting local, Arabic and foreign language books, periodicals and journals
- 400,000 visitors, more than 750 publishers from 42 nations
- Sales and retail divisions
- Attended by publishing houses, media, cultural establishments, universities
- www.swbf.gov.ae



16-19

Eid Al-Adha

Religious holiday

21-25

Made In Sharjah

Expo Centre Sharjah

- Showcase for locally made products and services
- Made In Sharjah brand launch

22-25

Chinese Commodities

Fair Sharjah

Expo Centre Sharjah

- Exhibition of consumer and industrial Chinese goods
- www.expo-centre.ae



As befits its rich cultural history as the educational and artistic hub of the region, Sharjah has been hosting its international book fair for almost 30 years.



DECEMBER

2-11

Sharjah Water Festival

Al Majaz Park, Sharjah

- Sharjah's premier all-family, all-action carnival attraction
- Mouj Play Area for children
- Giant clowns, circus shows, cartoon characters and a bouncy castle kingdom
- Musical extravaganza with international acts
- Firework spectacular
- www.swf.ae

2-4

UAE National Day

Various venues across Sharjah

- Celebrations involving the whole community
- Parade, cultural competitions, traditional songs and dances, puppet and theatre shows and fireworks

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Islamic (Hijri) New Year

Religious holiday

10-11

F1 Powerboat World Championships

Khalid Lagoon, Sharjah

- Season finale
- Two powerboat grands prix
- Amazing sporting spectacle



Alongside the Sharjah Water Festival, the international F1 Powerboat World Championship season reaches its crescendo every year on the calm waters of Khalid Lagoon.



January-April 2011

World class events conveying the emirate's charm...

Sharjah Light Festival

- Light extravaganza
- Illumination of the city's landscape and buildings
- Unique combination of light and music
- First such event in the Middle East
- Global event with international experts
- Many visitors from across the globe



JAN-FEB

Spring Promotions

Various venues

- Shopping festival with amazing discounts, offers, raffles and prizes
- Global shopping destination, cultural exhibitions, health awareness activities
- Children's shows, games and activities

17-20 Jan

SteelFab

- Expo Centre Sharjah
- Regional trade show for the metal industry

8-11 Feb

EDU For All

Expo Centre Sharjah

8-11 Feb

Kid Expo

Expo Centre Sharjah

10-18 Feb

Sharjah Light Festival

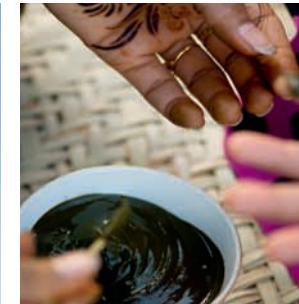
Various venues

- Exceptional landmark event

23-25 Feb

National Career Exhibition

- Expo Centre Sharjah
- Exhibition for the UAE banking and financial sector



MARCH-APRIL

Sharjah Biennial

Various venues

- Two-month-long leading regional art fair

1-5 Mar

Parfam

- Expo Centre Sharjah
- Perfume industry's largest regional show

2-5 Mar

Perfect Wedding Show

- Expo Centre Sharjah
- Show for wedding related products and services

21-23 Mar

Building Materials & Maintenance Exhibition

- Expo Centre Sharjah
- Trade exhibition for the building industry

April

Sharjah Heritage Days

Heritage Area

- Two week celebration of Sharjah's cultural heritage
- Re-enactments and displays of traditional art, dance and handicrafts
- Attended by dignitaries
- Visitors flock to Sharjah from around the world
- Troops of dancers and parading bands
- Events at all the museums and throughout the Heritage Area

5-9 Apr

MidEast Watch & Jewellery Show

- Expo Centre Sharjah
- Biannual exhibition showcasing the latest designs and trends in watches, jewellery, gold, precious stones and diamonds

24-29 Apr

13th OIC Expo

Expo Centre Sharjah

- Platform for manufacturers, suppliers, distributors and retailers to explore new markets in the Middle East region
- www.expo-centre.ae

Sharjah Heritage Days is a unique cultural event that brings Arabic heritage to life. It has become a highlight of the UAE year with dignitaries attending its programme of events.

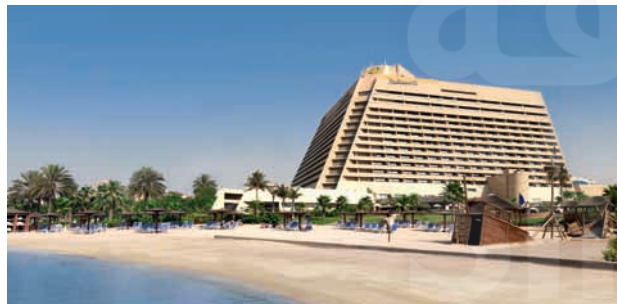
Students At Sharjah Police Academy Embrace Tourism

As part of SCTDA's local agenda it participates in organizing and sponsoring more than 30 local activities throughout the emirate every year. The latest of these events saw a lecture entitled 'Tourism in Sharjah', at the Sharjah Police Academy Theatre. Attended by over 170 students, the lecture formed part of a series of educational and cultural lectures aimed at helping the attendees gain the necessary skills to become constructive members of society. In continuing its efforts to communicate with all government sectors and community groups, SCTDA is doing its bit to ensure that all the emirate's citizens are able to participate in the UAE's march of growth.



Sharjah's Summer Tourism On The Increase

Hotel occupancy in Sharjah in July rose by 70% compared with 2009. In the same period the number of guests in Sharjah's hotel apartments rose by 14% to 68,363. The emirate has become a destination of choice for GCC tourists with more than 30,000 GCC visitors in July alone. Representing 45% of visitors, tourists from the GCC made up the majority share of Sharjah's tourist numbers in July. Tourists from other Arab countries accounted for 20%, with Asian tourists making up 18%, European tourists 12% and tourists from the Commonwealth, USA, Africa and Pacific region 5%.



Sharjah's Tourist Guides Receive World Class Training

As part of SCTDA's strategy for maintaining world-class standards throughout its tourism sector, two SCTDA guides have just taken part in the international 'Train the Trainer' programme run by the World Federation of Tourist Guide Associations, in Nicosia, Cyprus. The intensive course featured a combination of applied knowledge, cultural and business studies, as well as practical training; international standards which will now be passed on through Sharjah's Tourist Guide Training and Licensing Programme to help spread awareness of Sharjah's cultural, heritage and business attractions.

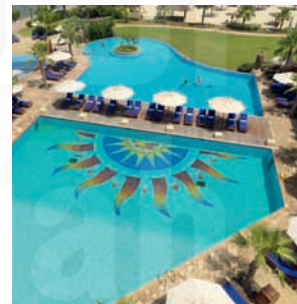
Sharjah In Russia For Leisure Moscow 2010

For the tenth year running Sharjah was a successful and active participant at the world's most comprehensive tourism event. Commenting from Moscow, H.E. Mohamed A. Al Noman, SCTDA Director General, said "Our participation indicates the importance we place on the rapidly growing Russian tourism sector. This market is of vital significance to the key players in Sharjah's tourism industry, and is one of the most critical for us, as Sharjah has already welcomed more than 192,000 Russian tourists between January and August 2010 – an 11% increase over the 173,880 tourists reported during the corresponding period last year."



Sharjah's Beach Hotels Draw 80% Occupancy In The First Half Of 2010

With coastline on both the west coast and the east, it is no wonder that Sharjah is such a beach magnet. Its 18 beachfront hotels, with some 1,800 rooms, saw occupancy up to 80% in the first half of 2010. The success comes down to stunning location and sustainable development. The city overlooks 20km of Arabian Gulf coastline with a further 80km on the Gulf of Oman. The sandy beaches draw tourists thanks also to the SCTDA's continued implementation of strategic plans for sustainable development, beach quality development and tourism facilities protection.



Ramadan Events

Sharjah celebrated Ramadan 2010 using its unique blend of culture and heritage to both educate and entertain.

For visitors and residents Ramadan in Sharjah was a very special time this year. Right across the emirate the holy month was celebrated with great enterprise and sensitivity. There were more than 200 different leisure, religious and cultural activities focussed on the central events of the Sharjah Ramadan Festival, the Ramadaniat Al Qasba 2010 and the Sharjah Municipality Ramadan Village, as well as the various activities carried out by the Supreme Council for Family Affairs.

Sharjah itself proved yet again a perfect Ramadan destination with its myriad cultural attractions drawing visitors from far afield. The emirate's many impressive and important

mosques were at the centre of all activity, the museums and galleries stayed open late and the shopping malls thronged with customers after sunset. The museums were busy hubs as they showcased Sharjah's artistic and cultural heritage as well as various associated community endeavours.

The big event started on 12 August and went on for 38 days. Sharjah Ramadan Festival hosted some 60 distinct activities including the prestigious Ramadan Exhibition, at the Sharjah Expo Centre, with its 10 shopping villages. With promotions and grand prizes worth Dhs.7m, the festival was again a great success this year – and looks set to equal

or even better 2009's festival which generated Dhs.730m in sales from all the participating commercial establishments.

The secret of the festival's success lies in its broad appeal. A diverse set of activities and events drew in shoppers and tourists, while the organisers placed great emphasis on encouraging the participation of shopping malls, travel agencies and tourism facilities.

Down along the canal side at Al Qasba, overlooked by the glittering Eye of the Emirates wheel, Ramadaniat Al Qasba 2010 hosted a series of religious and cultural activities inspired by the spirit of the holy month. The special Eman Oasis tent, air-conditioned and with space for more than 800 people, had a dedicated section for women. Notable clerics from across the Islamic world gave a series of fascinating and invigorating lectures, in Arabic and English. Hundreds of visitors flocked to these evening lectures to open their minds to some of the most important Islamic issues in contemporary society.

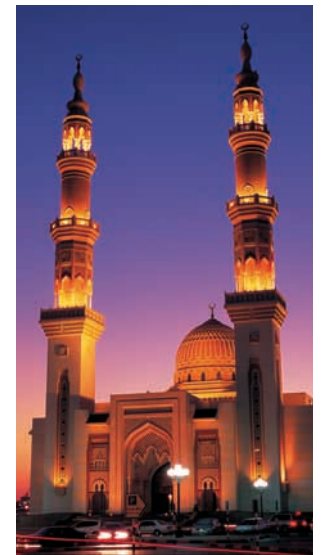
To combine education with entertainment was a great achievement and, as well as the exciting lecture series, there were prizes on offer



- 200 religious, cultural and leisure activities
- Dhs.7,000,000 in prizes
- Over Dhs.730,000,000 in sales
- Dhs.20,000 Al Qasba vouchers
- Islamic lectures by notable clerics in Arabic and English
- Encouraging social work and community involvement
- Educational and entertaining

for visitors to Al Qasba. The Scratch & Win campaign ran through Ramadan and Eid, right up until 19 September. Visitors took home hundreds of fantastic prizes including Dhs.20,000 worth of Al Qasba gift vouchers for dining and entertainments, home electronic gifts, and food and beverage prizes, amongst many others.

This joining of the educational and the entertaining was also accomplished brilliantly in the Sharjah National Park. Here the Sharjah Municipality Ramadan Village ran from 8 August to 18 September. It served to celebrate the holy month through boosting social work and highlighting the social, cultural and tourist status of Sharjah. There was plenty of entertainment on offer with activities and more



than 40 shops. To educate and to encourage cultural conversation the village gave space to calligraphy, pictures, a book corner, a coffee corner and poetry evenings and narrator's story events.

All in all, throughout the emirate, Ramadan was celebrated in a suitably diverse, interesting and involving way – showing Sharjah to be a natural forum for thought, creativity and entertainment.



Sharjah's Natural History

For the full story of Sharjah's extraordinary role in the planet's natural history head to the Natural History Museum and Botanical Museum.

Sharjah's Natural History Museum is an extraordinary place. It is a storybook of a museum which entertains as it educates. The exciting and interactive story is the journey of Arabia, from the very earliest origins to today's diverse ecosystems.

A series of inviting and intriguing spaces immerse the visitor in displays that go right back to the age of dinosaurs and beyond. Meteorites, fossils, model volcanoes and action-posed dinosaur skeletons illustrate the history.

Much of the story of Sharjah's natural history is a study in the ongoing battle of the elements. Life is seen as defined by the appreciation and harnessing of the forces of nature.

Indeed, civilization in Sharjah has developed alongside its extraordinary ecosystem and the great diversity of this history is showcased across the museum's various halls.

There are displays that showcase the marine ecosystem that surrounds Sharjah now – and fossils and explanations that show how in distant history all of this region was beneath the waves. The model sharks and other fish that seem to float over visitors' heads are an exciting reminder of this past - as well as an amazing insight into today's natural world.

The museum's great strength is how it brings interest and excitement to otherwise everyday objects. Through its vivid explanations it makes the very landscape surrounding it interesting. Departing visitors will look at the desert differently knowing it as an ancient sea bed, and peer at rocks in the hope of finding fossils. Visitors of all ages will leave full of fascinating facts and stories to tell others.

The adjacent Botanical Museum furthers this theme with a fascinating series of displays celebrating plants and their diversity of uses, from building materials to foodstuffs. The role plants play in the development of human civilization is vividly told and there are demonstrations of just how many objects from our daily life owe their existence to plants.

The plants that survive and thrive in the desert landscape are real champions. In the harshest of conditions some plants survive through extraordinary evolutionary achievements which enable their root systems, branches and leaves to collect enough water and retain it, and to bloom,



Open 09:00-17:30, Sun-Thurs; 14:00-17:30, Fri; 11:00-17:30, Sat; closed on Tuesdays. Dhs.15 for adults, free for children under 12. Call 06 531 1411 for details. The museums are east of the city in Sharjah Desert Park.



blossom and reproduce. It is down to the accomplishments of these plants that animals, humans and much of the ecosystem depends.

The two museums work well together and present a comprehensive overview of the origins of Sharjah. From the earliest formation of the landscape of the Arabian

Peninsula to the incredible array of creatures that have lived there, the lessons taught here take the visitor through the full story of earth's history and Sharjah's role in it. The role is similar to that of those desert flowers adapting and thriving in their landscape and here, at these museums, it is Sharjah's story that is seen in full bloom.



Tastes Of Arabia

Quite literally a melting pot of the finest Arabic cuisines, Sharjah is something of a gastronomic secret.



For generations Sharjah has been a destination for traders from throughout the Arab world and that heritage is best sampled through Sharjah's food.

There is a special enthusiasm and generosity to traditional Arabic cuisine that sets it apart from others around the world; a happy cultural surprise that often arrives first with a flourish of coffee. Like many things, coffee is truly Arabic in origin and firmly part of local culture. The rest of the world has Arabia to thank for its part in their daily culture.

To complete the international allegory, add doughnuts to the mix. Fried balls of dough rolled in syrup, known as *awamat*, are a popular sweet treat throughout the region and have been around and enjoyed for longer than Europeans have even known about the Americas.

Authentic Sharjah flavours can be sampled at any of the many events and festivals that grace the Sharjah calendar. All festivities are accompanied by food stalls showcasing traditional dishes and are so impressive as to be reason enough to attend the events on their own. Hotels and tour operators can also often arrange desert trips to try traditional food in a traditional setting.

Sharjah's souqs are great places to wander and absorb the atmosphere and aroma of the spices and other ingredients central to the cuisine. And for a more metropolitan treat, there are a number of sensational restaurants in the city which serve the very best in traditional Arabic food. Specialising in the particular cuisines of different parts of the Arab world, there is healthy competition over who has the



- There are top restaurants in all of Sharjah's leading hotels and across the city, particularly along the canal at Al Qasba, see restaurant listings on pages 31-32.
- The Fruit & Vegetable Souq and the Fish Souq are both on the northern bank of Khalid Lagoon.
- For more information on events and tours, contact your hotel, tour operator, or the SCTDA.



best kebabs, pilafs, or sweets.

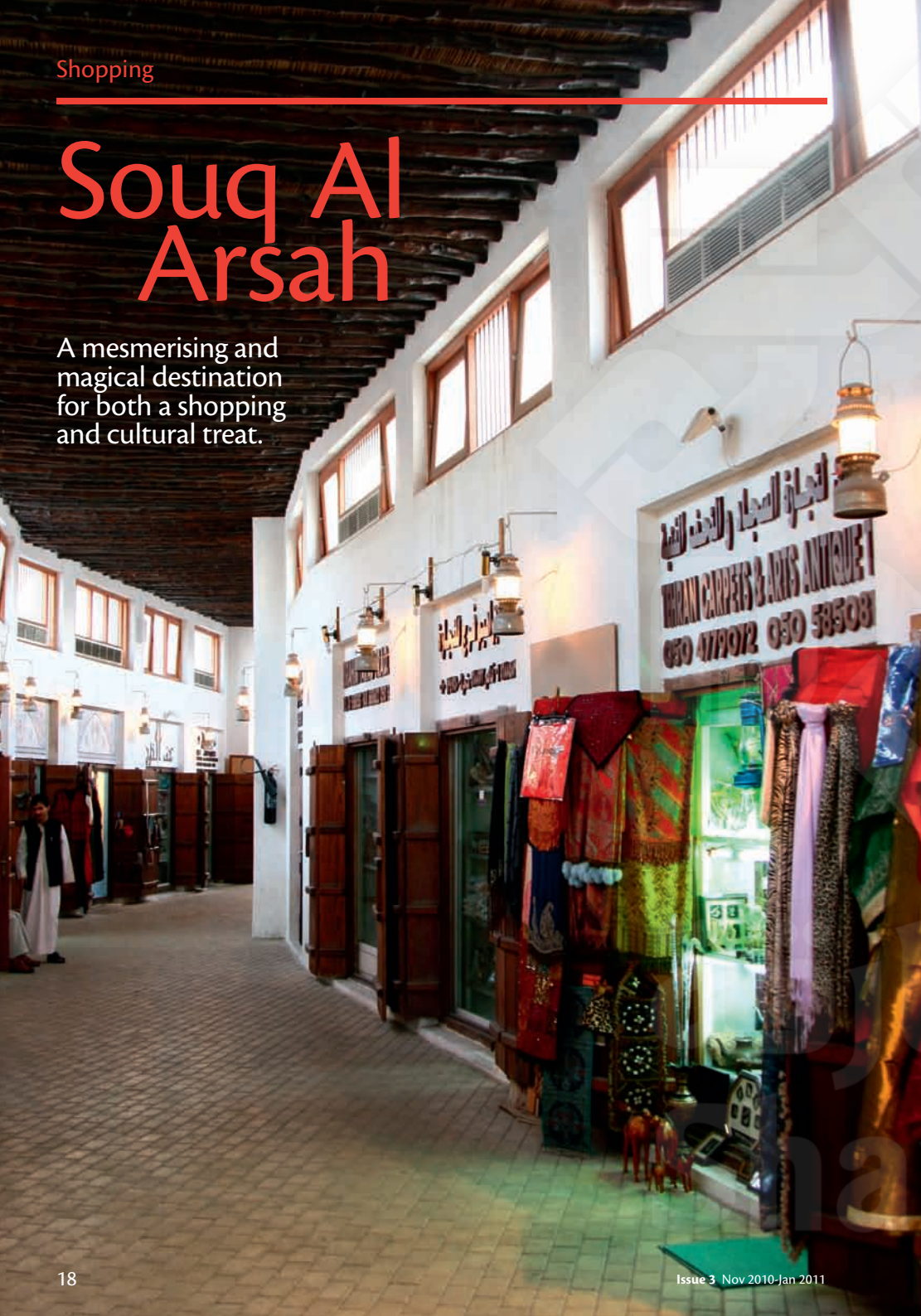
It all starts with the basics. Traditional Arabic cuisines all place great emphasis on the staples of bread, beans and rice. Delicious varieties of breads, dips and mezzeh come from the simplest ingredients, from the ubiquitous *hummus* to the fava bean stew, *ful medammes*. The Egyptians lay claim to the origin of many of these traditional dishes, while the Lebanese have a great reputation as the culinary ambassadors for Arabic food. The Iranians insist on being the inventors of kebabs and have a unique cuisine with sensational spiced rices. Other

regional rice dishes can similarly involve fruits, nuts and spices although competition for the best Arabic kebab is sterner still. The thing to do is give in to the competitiveness and sample the various nation's specialities in Sharjah's specialist restaurants. But don't discount local Sharjah fare. The trade in herbs and spices, fruits and nuts, cultures and cuisines, is what makes Arabic food so delicious – and Sharjah has long been a hub. The many influences, from Iranian to Indian, Afghani to African, combine to make Sharjah food something special. Particular

specialities include the spiced rice and meat dish, *machbous*, and the slow-roasted, stuffed lamb dish, *khouzi*. The evocative, tangy spice mixture unique to Sharjah reflects its history, and its *baharat* and *za'atar* mixes vary from elsewhere in the region. It is worth asking in the restaurants and spice souqs for these secret recipes, but don't be disappointed if you don't get a full answer – instead, celebrate and savour the cuisine with a cardamom coffee and spiced syrup treat because, as well as the restaurants, there are many Arabic cafes and sweet shops.

Souq Al Arsah

A mesmerising and magical destination for both a shopping and cultural treat.



Souq Al Arsah is still a special place. For years the gathering place of traders from throughout the Arabian Gulf and across the Indian Ocean, this is the oldest market place in the UAE. It was here that the Bedouin came with their camels and cargoes of charcoal, trekking to the coast from deep in the desert. It was here that charcoal was traded for the silks, rices and spices that the merchants had brought from faraway lands.

The history is immediate and evocative. The souq has been lovingly preserved and is a key part of the Heritage Area. Just wandering around here brings the past to life; the combination of architecture and atmosphere is quite enticing.

But this is no sleeping history. The souq is still a bustling market place even today, although it is now air-conditioned. The restoration has enhanced the comfort of the modern visitor maximising tourists' enjoyment of the myriad of coral-walled alleyways, hanging lanterns and friendly storekeepers.

It has always been an exotic place. The roof itself, for this is a

traditional covered souq, would have been made from hardwoods and mangroves from distant Zanzibar. Then as now the stores would have sold spices and treasures from far-off lands.

Just as in the past, the souq is a good meeting place with the central cafe a fine spot for a coffee. But it is tea that the storekeepers will offer you. It is a friendly atmosphere, everyone keen to engage the visitor in conversation and explain their wares.

The stores are great places to buy handicrafts, jewellery, textiles, carpets and a whole array of curios. There are antiques as well as modern pieces and in addition to the locally-made products there are items from across the Gulf and even Asia – just as there would have been back in the souq's original incarnation.

The silks, carpets and textiles are all of a very high quality and the storekeepers really do know their subjects. It is essential to have a good look through the selection and ask for advice or help to find what you are looking for, from carpets to camelbags,

ornate laces to silken scarves. The embroidery work is still very much a local speciality and there are some great examples of decorated fabrics. As well as garments there are baskets, bags and bowls; all embroidered by local women.

Some of the treasures come from further afield. There is a great range of ethnic jewellery from all across the Arab and Asian worlds. In silver, amber, even coral, there are necklaces, rings, pendants and bracelets from Pakistan, Afghanistan, India and Thailand. It is also possible to find authentic Bedouin silver jewellery from across the Gulf.

Antiquities from Yemen and Oman make fantastic souvenirs. Ornamental silver daggers, model dhows and copper coffee pots will all serve as perfect mementos. It has to be worth a trip to find something that will reawaken the memory of the atmosphere and aroma of one of the region's most magical souqs.

Souq Al Arsah is located in the Heritage Area.

For more information contact your hotel, tour operator or the SCTDA.



Kayaking In The Mangroves

The Khor Kalba mangroves are the most northerly in the world and home to rare and exotic species. Take to a kayak to get close to the turtles, crabs and kingfishers.

The trick is to try not to splash. Paddle smoothly and your kayak will glide silently through the mangroves. This, the oldest mangrove forest in Arabia and most northerly in the world, is a unique wildlife habitat rich in rare and exotic species.



The best way to get close to the wild and rare nature is by kayak. Weaving your way past the gnarled trunks and overhanging branches of the mangrove forest, a kayak can get you silently close to the wildlife.

There are turtles aplenty, swimming up the creek to feast on the many small fish and crabs that use the mangrove roots as a marine nursery. The turtles pop their heads out of the water to breathe and can seem to take a particular interest in kayakers.

The turtle's favoured delicacy, the crabs, are here in their thousands. They even climb trees. And they have to be careful for they are also the favourite food of one of the world's rarest birds.

With only about 50 nesting pairs in the world, Halycon Chloris Kalbaensis is critically endangered. Better known by its English name, this endemic subspecies of the white-collared kingfisher is unique to Kalba's tidal mangrove creek.

It may be rare and shy, but the white-collared kingfisher is also busy and spectacular. It keeps watch from a perch in the mangroves, looking out for an exposed crab. The first the kayaker will see is a flash of turquoise. These striking birds have fabulous turquoise plumage and an iconic shape.

There is plenty of other interesting birdlife here, including Syke's warblers, ospreys, sandpipers and sand



- Khor Kalba is located just south of Kalba town.
- Kalba is the most southerly of Sharjah's three east coast enclaves.
- The drive across from Sharjah city is a stunning two hour trip through the Hajar mountains.
- For more details contact your hotel, tour operator or the SCTDA.

plowers. The setting too is stunning. With the dark Hajar mountains rising up as a backdrop, the mangroves and estuary wind their long way out towards the sea.

Kayaking here is one of the most unique and enjoyable ways to embrace a fascinating and beautiful ecosystem. It is also a wonderful getaway from city life that everyone should try.



To celebrate World Tourism Day, the Sharjah Commerce and Tourism Development Authority (SCTDA) arranged for a group of key travel professionals to kayak the Khor Kalba mangroves.



Off-Road Adventure

A great playground for all kinds of adventure, Sharjah's sand dunes are perfect for off-roading, camel trekking, sand skiing, fossil hunting or even just picnicking.



The great desert that distinguishes the Arabian Peninsula is a fantastic and fascinating destination. It is a unique and special place that every visitor to Sharjah should find time to explore. The dunes start just a short distance from the city and stretch throughout much of the region.

The striking red dunes of Sharjah's desert are particularly picturesque. Coloured by the iron-oxide in the sand, they are at their most beautiful in the late afternoon and early evening when the setting sun casts its golden light. This is the perfect time for photographers as colour, contrast and contours are all at their best.

Sitting on top of a dune as the sun sets is an essential experience. The vastness of the desert and the magnificent beauty of the landscape are awe inspiring. It is a perspective that makes the history of the region all the more impressive. Surviving and thriving in this landscape has marked its people as a special breed and the peculiar demands of the desert have affected every part of life, from architecture to cuisine.

Tour operators can arrange trips into the desert to



experience a traditional Bedouin camp and to enjoy traditional food, music and dancing. The history actually goes back far further than any humans. The desert was the ocean bed millions of years ago and fossils of ancient sea creatures can be found amongst the sands.

Nowhere is more spectacular or better for finding fossils than the appropriately named Fossil Rock. Also known as Jebel Maleihah this near-400m monolith rises out of the surrounding dunes like an enormous natural monument. It is indeed a monument to the landscape's past and the rock is marked throughout with the fossilised remains of marine organisms several million years

For more information, contact your hotel or tour operator.

old. It is possible to find fossils on every visit and there are a great variety of shells and sea urchins to look out for.

Clearly visible from over 25km away, Fossil Rock is a famous landmark and a key destination for off-road enthusiasts. The surrounding dunes provide plenty of opportunities for the adventurous with terrain to suit all skill levels. A desert tour will typically take you on a drive as exciting as a rollercoaster ride, flying up and down the biggest dunes. If you are driving yourself it is important to only take on as much as you are confident with. Sticking to the tracks and picking your way carefully, it is possible for even the novice dune driver to explore the area and develop their driving experience.

The varied terrain of off-road Sharjah is ripe for exploration. With everything from quiet corners for idyllic wilderness camping to huge dunes perfect for exciting quad-biking and sand skiing, Sharjah is an adventure playground all the way from its mountains to its beaches.





Free Zones

Sharjah Airport International Free Zone & Hamriyah Free Zone

Sharjah's free zones have been great successes. They have played a key role in attracting investment and entrepreneurship and are a central part of the emirate's economic strategy.

Saif Zone (Sharjah Airport International Free Zone) has seen ambitious growth since opening in 1995, growing from 55 companies to some 3,500 today. The growth is not surprising as the benefits and facilities are top class. With executive offices, ready warehouses and land for unrestricted development there is plenty of space.

It works as a fast-paced business hub thanks to the absence of red-tape. The incentives to investors are impressive, with 100% foreign ownership, 100% repatriation of capital and profits, 100% exemption from income and

corporate taxes, and fantastic services. Licences are issued within 24 hours and visas are supplied for all staff.

For the industrial sector, HFZ (Hamriyah Free Zone) provides an open and inviting setup at the port. Welcoming companies from start-ups to large multinationals, there are a variety of packages to suit all businesses. The tax-free business environment is completely designed to make operating here hassle free. One-stop services provide for complete ease of operation to go along with the full ownership and full exemption from customs duties and taxes concept.

To encourage success for all of its companies, HFZ promotes industrial integration with separate zones for each sector to encourage commercial cross-



- Saif Zone (Sharjah Airport International Free Zone)
06 557 0000
www.saif-zone.com
- HFZ (Hamriyah Free Zone)
06 526 3333
www.hfz.com

pollination. From its 14 metre deep-water port and nine metre inner harbour, to its pre-built warehouses, HFZ's more than 20 million square metres of land is designed to bring success to the investor. And bringing success is what Sharjah's free zones do best.

University Of Sharjah

One of the leading universities in the Arab world and recognised worldwide as an important seat of learning.

Since its foundation in 1997, the University of Sharjah has become recognised as a top university and has proved popular with students, teachers and the wider world. The university community hails from all over the world and the unique atmosphere throughout the campus is welcoming and encouraging. The whole focus is on creating an atmosphere conducive to developing its students' intellectual capabilities.

The educational programmes have received international

recognition, achieving accreditation at bachelor's and master's levels. Throughout the 14 colleges there is an active atmosphere of learning. It is a keen and curious world. Intellectual curiosity is prized and, with 8,000 students and 400 faculty members, there is a faculty member for every 20 students.

The close care and attention ensures excellent results for students. As well as achieving formidable academic qualifications, graduates of the University of Sharjah are marked

by their strong personalities. With an ethos of hard work and a drive to develop personal skills, graduates tend to become active members of society with strong leadership skills.

The buildings themselves inspire. The impressive Islamic design houses a myriad of recreation and residential areas as well as the educational areas. There is every conceivable amenity available to the students, all designed to aid with personal development. There is a sports complex and comprehensive medical clinics; and to enable and encourage the world-class research and study for which the university has become renowned, there are libraries and laboratories. Thanks to the careful design and attention to detail the university enjoys great success with both its students and its staff.

University of Sharjah
University City
06 558 5000
www.sharjah.ac.ae
info@sharjah.ac.ae



Arabia's Wildlife

One of the region's great wildlife highlights, Arabia's Wildlife Centre is much more than just a zoo.

There are only a handful left in the wild. They are critically endangered and may become extinct in our children's lifetime; but don't expect them to be shy and retiring. The Arabian Leopard is one of the planet's

most impressive creatures. And this is one of the very few places that you can see them.

It is a chance not to be missed. These incredible animals are to be revered and cherished. It is not difficult to be impressed.

They move with such extraordinary graceful muscularity, like ballerina bodybuilders; their muscles rippling under their luxurious fur, their large proud heads and great glassy eyes balancing their gaze about the place.

The enclosure is impressive and the animals are very well cared for. In fact this really is much more than just a zoo. Just next to the Wildlife Centre, but not open to the public, is a breeding centre which was especially set up to try to help the leopard and the region's other endangered species.

The Wildlife Centre itself has plenty of attractions. The whole wildlife world of the Middle East

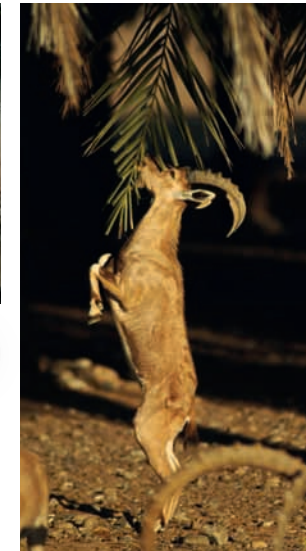


Open 09:00-17:30, Sun-Thurs;
14:00-17:30 Fri; 11:00-17:30, Sat;
closed on Tuesdays.
Dhs.15 for adults, free for
children under 12.
Call 06 531 1411 for details.
Located in Sharjah Desert Park
to the east of the city.



is gathered in this impressive and spacious complex. A visit here walks you through the equivalent of several nature documentaries and is sure to captivate all ages, leaving all children animal obsessed.

The Reptile & Insect House has a comprehensive display of the region's various spiders, scorpions, snakes and other creepy crawlies. In fact the information in the revealing displays that accompany the exhibits will leave you with respect for these creatures



rather than repulsion. Indeed it is hard to leave without a sincere respect and affection for them – even if still not wanting to see them outside of the Arabia's Wildlife Centre.

The Birds section is an incredibly huge indoor aviary with birds flying about freely as you follow a path past information boards. It is an amazing place and a unique opportunity to see the region's birdlife up close and all together, rather than in individual cages.

It is much darker in the Nocturnal section which successfully mimics nighttime to keep its creatures content. There are rodents, bats and desert cats. All are housed in enclosures designed to be similar to their natural habitat.

There are also large outdoor enclosures for the larger animals, including the headline acts. As well as flamingos, mountain goats and Arabian oryx, this is where the cheetahs are. Once they roamed throughout Arabia, but they are now extinct in the wild. They serve as a stark warning to the Centre's superstars, the leopards, who the Centre is doing so much to try to protect.

Museums

Archaeology

Sharjah Archaeology Museum

06 566 5466

Al Abar, near Cultural Square
Adults Dhs.5, Family Dhs.10,
Children free
9am–1pm & 5pm–8pm, closed
Sunday & Friday morning

Art

Sharjah Art Museum

06 568 8222

Arts Area, Al Shuwaiheen
8am–8pm, Friday 4pm–8pm

Sharjah Calligraphy Museum

06 569 4561

Heritage Area, Al Sheyukh
Adults Dhs.5, Family Dhs.10,
Children free
8am–8pm, Friday 4pm–8pm

Heritage & Culture

Sharjah Hisn (Fort)

06 568 5500

Al Bourj Avenue
Adults Dhs.5, Family Dhs.10,
Children free
8am–8pm, Friday 4pm–8pm

Bait Al Naboodah

06 568 1738

Heritage Square, Al Sheyukh
Adults Dhs.5, Family Dhs.10,
Children free
8am–8pm, Friday 4pm–8pm

Bait Khalid Bin Ibrahim

06 568 0606

Heritage Square, Al Sheyukh
Adults Dhs.3, Family Dhs.6,
Children free
8am–8pm, Friday 4pm–8pm

Al Eslah School Museum

06 568 4114

Heritage Square, Al Sheyukh
Adults Dhs.2, Family Dhs.4,
Children free
8am–8pm, Friday 4pm–8pm

Majlis Of Al Midfaa

06 568 1738

Heritage Square, Al Sheyukh
Adults Dhs.2, Family Dhs.4,
Children free
8am–8pm, Friday 4pm–8pm

Sharjah Maritime Museum

06 522 2002

Al Khan
Adults Dhs.8, Family Dhs.20,
Children Dhs.4
8am–8pm, Friday 4pm–8pm,
closed Tuesday.

Sharjah Heritage Museum

06 568 0006

Heritage Square, Al Merraija
Adults Dhs.5, Family Dhs.10,
Children free
8am–8pm, Friday 4pm–8pm

Dr. Sultan Al Qasimi Centre Of Gulf Studies

06 558 5855

Moweileh
Free of charge, call before visiting
8am–2.30pm, closed Fri & Sat

Sharjah Museum Of Islamic Civilization

06 565 5455

Al Mujarrah
Adults Dhs.5, Family Dhs.10,
Children free
8am–8pm, Friday 4pm–8pm

Al Hisn (Fort)

09 277 4442

Corniche Road, Kalba (East Coast)
Adults Dhs.2, Family Dhs.4,
Children free
9am–1pm & 5pm–8pm

Bait Sheikh Saeed Bin Hamed Al Qassimi

09 277 4442

Corniche Road, Kalba (East Coast)
Adults Dhs.3, Family Dhs.6,
Children free
9am–1pm & 5pm–8pm
Mon 9am–1pm, Fri 5pm–8pm

Natural History & Wildlife

Sharjah Aquarium

06 528 5288

Al Khan
Adults Dhs.20, Family Dhs.50,
Children Dhs.10, Under 5 free
Fri 3pm–8pm, Sat–Thurs
8am–7.30pm, closed Tues

Sharjah Desert Park

Sharjah Natural History Museum

06 531 1411

Arabia's Wildlife Centre

06 531 1999

Sharjah Botanical Museum

06 531 1411

Children's Farm

06 531 1127

All at Sharjah Desert Park, Sharjah/
Al Dhaid Road, Interchange No. 9
(28 kms from Sharjah)
Adult Dhs.15, Students & Children
Dhs.5, Under 12 free
9am–5.30pm, Fri 2pm–5.30pm, Sat
11am–5.30pm, closed Tues

Science

Sharjah Discovery Centre

06 558 6577

Opposite Sharjah International
Airport
Adults Dhs.10, Children Dhs.5
Sunday – Thursday 8am–2pm,
Friday & Saturday 4pm–8pm

Sharjah Science Museum

06 566 8777

Al Abar, near Cultural Square
Adults Dhs.10, Children Dhs.5
Sunday – Thursday 8am–2pm,
Friday & Saturday 4pm–8pm

Transport

Al Mahatta Museum

06 573 3079

Next to Al Mahatta Park, Al
Mahatta
Adults Dhs.5, Family Dhs.10,

Children free
8am–8pm, Friday 4pm–8pm

Sharjah Old Cars Club & Museum

06 558 0058

Sharjah/Al Dhaid Road,
next to Airport
Adults Dhs.5, Family Dhs.10,
Children free
9am–2pm & 4pm–9pm,
Friday 4pm–9pm

Places To Shop

Large Malls

Ansar Mall

06 531 3339

www.ansarmall.ae
Dubai/Sharjah Highway, Al Nahda
Discount Centre, clothing, luggage,
mobile phones, toys, stationery

Safeer Mall

06 531 3366

www.safeermall.com
Dubai/Sharjah Highway, Al Nahda
Discount Centre, Home Mart,
Space City for kids

Sahara Centre

06 531 6611

www.sahara-centre.com
Al Nahda Road, Al Nahda
Debenhams, THE One, Toys 'R'
Us, Marks & Spencer, Spinneys,
Adventureland, cinemas

Sharjah City Centre

06 532 7700

www.sharjahcitycenter.com
Al Wahda Road, Industrial Area 1
Carrefour, La's, Areej, Alltronix,
Bhs, Landmark, Sun & Sand Sports,
Woolworths, Magic Planet

Sharjah Mega Mall

06 574 2574

www.sharjahmegamall.com
Immigration Road, Bu Danig
Grand Stores, Mega Mart, Zara,
Mango, Promod, Bhs, La Senza,
Antic's Land, cinemas

Other Shopping Centres

Al Fardan Centre

06 556 3366

Al Buheirah Corniche, Al Majaz
Mixed retail shops, Treasure Island,
Tips & Toes Salon

Al Taawun Mall

06 577 7666

Al Taawun Road, Al Mamzar
Spinneys, food court

Crystal Plaza

06 574 8888

Al Buheirah Corniche, Al Majaz
Mixed retail, pharmacy, restaurants

Rolla Centre

Al Arouba Road, Al Ghuwair (Rolla)
Kitchen and electrical goods

Rolla Gold Market

Al Arouba Road, Al Ghuwair (Rolla)

Sarah Shopping Centre

Al Bourj Avenue, Al Shuwaiheen
Retail outlets, fashion jewellery,
abbayas, textiles, perfumes

The Gold Centre

06 567 8222

Al Wahda Road, Yarmook
Intersection
Gold, jewellery, watches, precious
stones

Other Shopping Places

Adidas Factory Outlet

06 556 9889

Al Buheirah Corniche, Al Majaz
Adidas brand sports shoes,
clothing, accessories

Lulu Hypermarket

06 533 2220

Al Wahda Road, Industrial Area 4
Department store, café, music
shop, supermarket

Al Maya Lals-Bhs Centre

06 566 8231

Al Wahda Road, Al Yarmook
Adults' and children's clothing

Avenue

06 559 6363

King Faisal Road, Abu Shagara
Adults' and children's clothing,
accessories, perfumes, novelties

Baby Shop

06 532 2422

University City Road, Industrial
Area 4
Children's clothes, shoes and toys

Brands For Less

06 553 2383

Al Wahda Street, Abu Shagara
Clothing and accessories

Emax

06 555 1112

King Faisal Road, Al Majaz
Over 300 brands and 100,000
electronic products

Home Centre

06 556 8899

University City Road, Al Ghubaiba
Home furnishings, linens, gift items

Homes-R-Us

06 567 1678

University City Road, Al Ghubaiba
Furniture and home furnishings

Jamil Fashions

06 532 5882

University City Road, Industrial
Area 4
Fashion wear and accessories

Lulu Centre

06 565 1305

Al Arouba Road, Al Mujarrah
Department store, electrical goods,
cosmetics, toys, supermarket

Max Retail

06 533 2110

Al Wahda Street, Industrial Area 1
Adults' and children's wear

Pan Emirates

06 533 0808

Industrial Area 4 (behind Toyota)
Home furnishings and accessories

Persian Carpet House & Antiques

06 562 5070
Al Madfa Road, Al Gharb
Arts, crafts & curios

Sana Fashions

06 566 1993
University City Road, Al Ghubaiba
Adults' & children's clothing

Shoe Mart

06 539 8446
University City Road, Al Ghubaiba
Shoes, handbags, accessories

Tanagra Allied Outlet

06 572 3700
King Faisal Road, Al Majaz
Crystal, porcelain, silverware,
leather goods & cosmetics

Where To Eat**Arabic / Middle Eastern****Al Bait Al Baghdadi** (Iraqi)

06 555 1808
Jamal Abdel Nasser Street

Al Fawar (Lebanese)

06 559 4662
King Faisal Road

Al Hailah (Arabic/Afghani)

06 574 4104
King Faisal Road

Al Nasmah (Arabic)

06 522 5100
Al Muntazah Road

Al Sadaf (Iranian)

06 569 3344
Al Merraija Road

Automatic (Lebanese)

06 573 6886
Al Buheirah Corniche Road

Danial (Iranian)

06 574 4668
Crystal Plaza

Halab Al Shaba (Syrian)

06 568 5940
Al Merraija Road

Jabal Lebnan (Lebanese)

06 555 7520
Jamal Abdel Nasser Street

Omar's (Egyptian)

06 556 6949
Al Qasba

Shababeek (Lebanese)

06 554 0444
Al Qasba

Shahzadeh (Iranian/Moroccan)

06 565 7777
Radisson Blu Resort

Sharjah Dhow (Lebanese)

06 573 0330
Khalid Lagoon

Shiraz (Iranian)

06 556 6666
Corniche Al Buhaira Hotel

Asian**Bangkok Town** (Thai)

06 556 8282
Off Al Buheirah Corniche Road/
behind Riviera

Caesars (Indian/Chinese/Iranian)

06 575 2877
Al Buheirah Corniche Road

Canton Chinese Restaurant (Chinese)

06 565 7777
Radisson Blu Resort

Chikken Tikka Inn (Indian)

06 574 8314
Al Qassimia Road

Chin Chin (Chinese)

06 559 5689
Al Wahda Street

Chinese Food House

06 553 3369
Jamal Abdul Nasser Street

Chinese House (Chinese)

06 567 1006
Al Yarmook Area

Chowking (Chinese)

06 572 6636
Al Qassimia Road

Gazebo (Indian & Vegetarian)

06 553 2299
King Faisal Road

India Gate (Indian)

06 556 2626
Al Khan

Kamat (Indian & Vegetarian)

06 559 3323
King Faisal Road

Lemongrass (Thai)

06 556 5366
Al Qasba

Masala Craft (Indian)

06 572 3505
Al Qasba

Mojo (Thai)

06 556 6666
Corniche Al Buhaira Hotel

Peking Chinese (Chinese)

06 567 3666
Al Estiqlal Square

Rainbow Steak House

(Indian/Multi Cuisine)
06 572 3505
Al Qassimia Road

Saravana Bhavan

(Vegetarian South Indian)
06 573 5731
King Faisal Road

Sealand (Indian/Chinese)

06 556 5955
Al Buheirah Corniche Road

Sumo Sushi & Bento

(Japanese)
06 556 9493
Al Qasba

Continental**Al Dente** (Italian)

06 522 9999
Coral Beach Resort

Bert's (Contemporary French)

06 556 6861
Al Qasba

Caesar's Palace (Italian)

06 574 1111
Marbella Resort

Luna Rossa (Italian)

06 556 0667
Al Qasba

Nando's (Portuguese)

06 556 6033
Al Qasba

Sensi (Italian)

06 548 7777
Sharjah Golf & Shooting Club

Seafood**Al Sheera** (Seafood)

06 572 4417
King Faisal Road

Casa Samak (International)

06 522 9999
Coral Beach Resort

Fish Market (Fish & Seafood)

06 539 7676
Al Wahda Road

Fisherman's Wharf (Asian)

06 573 6666
Hotel Holiday International

Sanobar (Lebanese)

06 528 3501
Al Khan Road

Coffee Shops, Cafés & Confectioners

(Internet cafés are found in several shopping malls & spread around town)

1st Ave Café (International)

06 575 0007
Al Buheirah Corniche Road

Al Gahwa Al Shahbeya

(Emirati)
06 572 3788
Khalid Lagoon

Café Undici (Italian)

06 574 0175
Marbella Resort

Caribou Coffee (American)

06 554 0408
Al Qasba

Gerard's (French)

06 556 0428
Al Qasba

Moulin D'Or (International)

06 574 9797
Al Buheirah Corniche Road

Starbucks (American)

06 556 0572
Al Buheirah Corniche Road /
Al Qasba

Bakeries & Middle Eastern Sweet Shops

On Al Buheirah Corniche and Al Qasba, you will also find Dunkin Donuts, Krispy Kreme Donuts and Baskin Robbins ice cream outlets

Khlas Malaki Dates (Dates)

06 573 8383
Al Buheirah Corniche Road

Lebanese Roastery

(Middle Eastern)
06 559 3505
Jamal Abdul Nasser Street

Patchi (Chocolates)

06 556 2422
Al Buheirah Corniche Road

Samadi Sweets

(Middle Eastern)
06 574 3432
Al Buheirah Corniche Road

Buffets (Larger hotels and numerous restaurants offer quality buffet lunches)**Al Oudh**

(International)
06 573 9777
Embassy Suites Hotel

Citrus

(International)
06 556 6666
Corniche Al Buhaira Hotel

Grand Buffet

(Continental/Arabic)
06 532 8000
Al Wahda Road

La Croisette

(International)
06 528 5557
Sharjah Grand Hotel

Shawarma & Freshly Squeezed Juices

Several roadside stands sell delicious freshly squeezed juices and fruit cocktails, shawarmas, falafels and sandwiches

Foodcourts

All the larger malls have foodcourts offering cuisine from around the world

Note: Most hotels and many furnished residences have coffee shops and restaurants.

Paying The Bill: Larger restaurants accept credit cards but smaller outlets may require cash payments.

Friday: All restaurants and cafés, if not in a hotel, will close during Friday's prayer time from 11.30 to 13.30.

Holy Month Of Ramadan: Restaurants' opening times will change so that they open just before the evening prayer and close very late.

Telephone Numbers are liable to change; if in doubt call Information on 181.

Where To Go

Activity Parks

Al Jazeera Park

06 569 1202

Outdoor funfair park and activities on a 100,000 sq.m island (entrance fee Dhs.2-5) Khalid Lagoon

Sharjah Desert Park

06 531 1999

See Museums section

Sharjah National Park

06 558 6170

630,000 sq.m park open from 2pm to 6pm weekdays and all day at the weekends Exit 5, Sharjah / Al Dhaid Road

Amusement & Play Centres

Adventureland

06 531 6363

Over 20 rides & attractions, multi level roller-coaster, video games, soft play area Sahara Centre

Antic's Land

06 574 6699

Multiple rides including roller-coaster, monorail and video games Sharjah Mega Mall

Discovery Centre

06 558 6577

Colourful scientific park full of fun and learning based on various theme areas Opp. Sharjah Airport

Magic Planet

06 539 6903

Soft play area, video games, billiards and games Sharjah City Centre

Sky 24

06 556 0005

Ice rink, bowling alley, billiards, kids soft play area, video games Al Durrah Tower

Space City

06 531 9933

Futuristic theme with 10 main space rides and roller coaster, bumper cars, video games Safer Mall

Treasure Island

06 556 4666

Jungle theme area for kids up to 8 years of age with bouncy castle Al Fardan Centre

Bowling

Ewan Hotel (10 lanes)

06 528 0111

Ewan Hotel

Radisson Blu Resort (6 lanes)

06 565 7777

Radisson Blu Hotel

Sky 24 (3 lanes)

06 556 0005

Al Durrah Tower

Cinema

Grand Buheirah

06 556 3300

Al Buheirah Corniche

Grand Megamall

06 575 1888

Sharjah Mega Mall

Grand Sahara

06 531 6500

Sahara Centre

Star Cineplex

06 532 7555

Behind Al Wahda Road

Mashra Al Qasba (Al Qasba)

06 556 0777

400-seat auditorium, English and Arabic theatre and cinema

Diving & Snorkelling

Sharjah Wanderers Dive Club

06 566 2105

BSAC Dive Centre Sharjah

Chris Chellapermal

050 885 3238

PADI – Discover The East Coast Dibba

7 Seas Divers

09 238 7400

PADI Dive Centre Khor Fakkan

Divers Down Centre, Oceanic Hotel & Resort

09 237 0299

PADI Dive Centre Khor Fakkan

Emirates Diving Centre

06 565 5990

PADI Dive Centre Sharjah

Horse Riding

Sharjah Equestrian & Racing Club

06 531 1155

Horse racing, hacks, lessons Exit 6, Sharjah/Al Dhaid Road

Al Awadi Stables

050 965 6870

Riding lessons, desert treks, camping, petting corner Near Al Dhaid in Al Suhaila

Ice Skating

Sharjah Ladies Club

06 506 7777

Corniche Road Dhs.35 per hour inc. skate hire (boys must be under 9)

Sky 24

06 556 0005

Al Buheirah Corniche Dhs.15 per hour inc. skate hire

Golf & Shooting

Sharjah Golf & Shooting Club

06 548 7777

9 hole floodlit golf course, 10 indoor shooting ranges, 5 floodlit clay pigeon ranges Emirates Road, near Tasjeel

Paintballing

Sharjah Golf & Shooting Club

050 203 2288, 06 538 3224

Fully floodlit paintball park with jungle and savannah playing fields. Emirates Road, near Tasjeel

Spas, Hair & Beauty Salons

These salons offer many treatments from facials, massages, manicures, nail extensions, pedicures, waxing and threading, Moroccan baths, henna and bridal preparation to haircuts, styling and colouring

Allure

06 522 2317

Shargan

Amouage

06 528 4888

Al Khan

Cosmesurge

06 524 5444

Al Rifa'ah

Dalouk Spa, Sharjah Ladies Club

06 506 7777

Al Seef

Elegance

06 574 8874

Al Qassima

Jennifer

06 528 4888

Al Fisht

Moon Beauty

06 568 4502

Shuwaiheen

Philomena

06 572 7881

Al Majaz 1

Tips & Toes

06 556 0551

Al Fardan Centre

Useful Numbers

Information

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Taxi Services

Airport Taxi 06 508 1143

Al Madina Taxi

06 533 4444

Delta Taxi

06 559 8598

Union Taxi

06 532 5333

Airport

Sharjah Airport

06 558 1111

Flight Enquiries

06 558 1555

Air Arabia

06 558 0000

Hospitals

Al Kuwaiti Hospital 06 524 2111

Al Qasimi Hospital

06 538 6444

Al Zahra Private Hospital

06 561 9999

Central Private Hospital

06 563 9900

Zulekha Private Hospital

06 565 8866

Emergency Telephone Numbers

Ambulance

998/999

Traffic Emergency

06 563 4444

Police/Fire

999

Police Headquarters

06 563 1111



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Sharjah Commerce & Tourism
Development Authority

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Heritage & Arts Area Map

