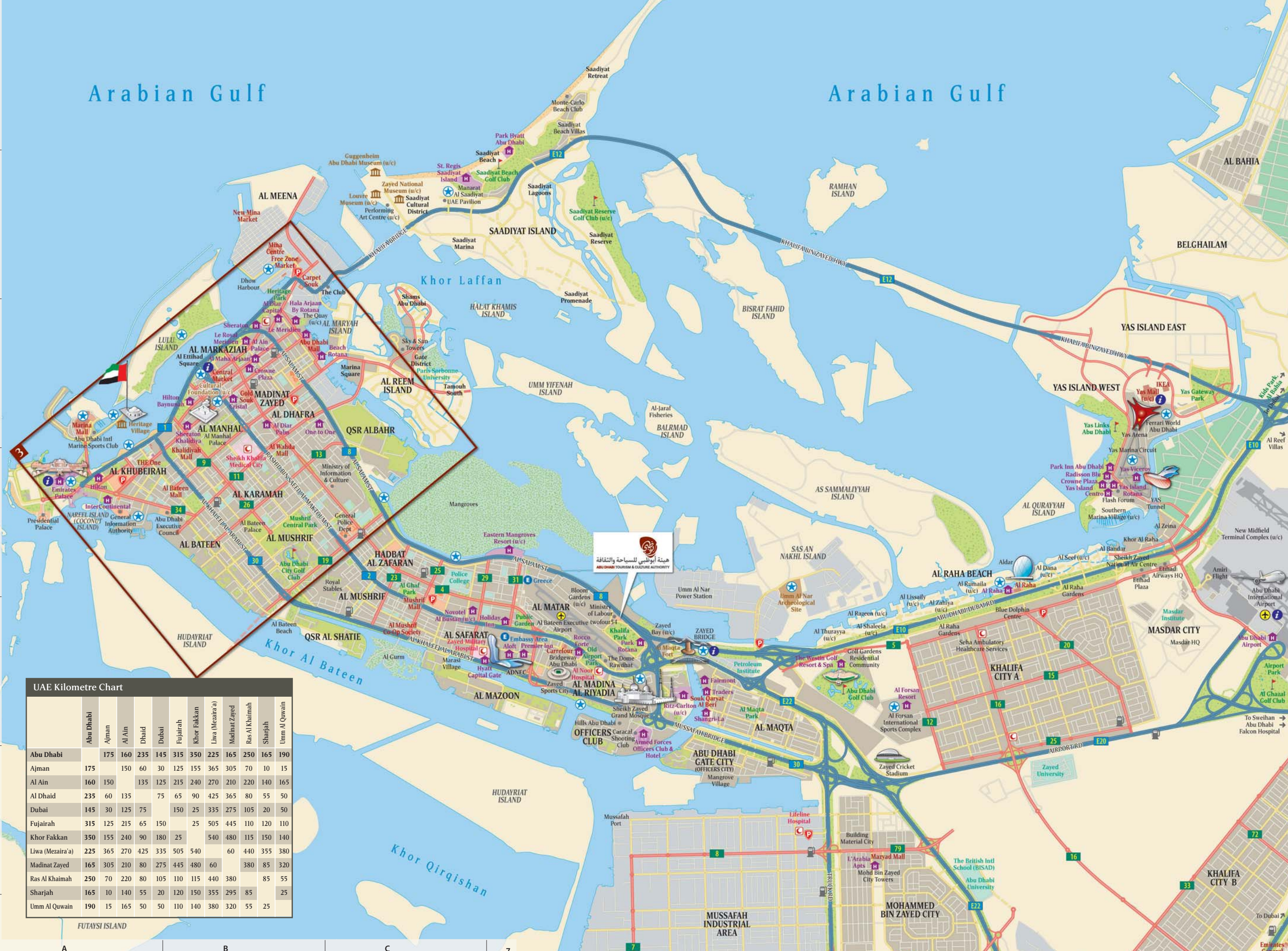


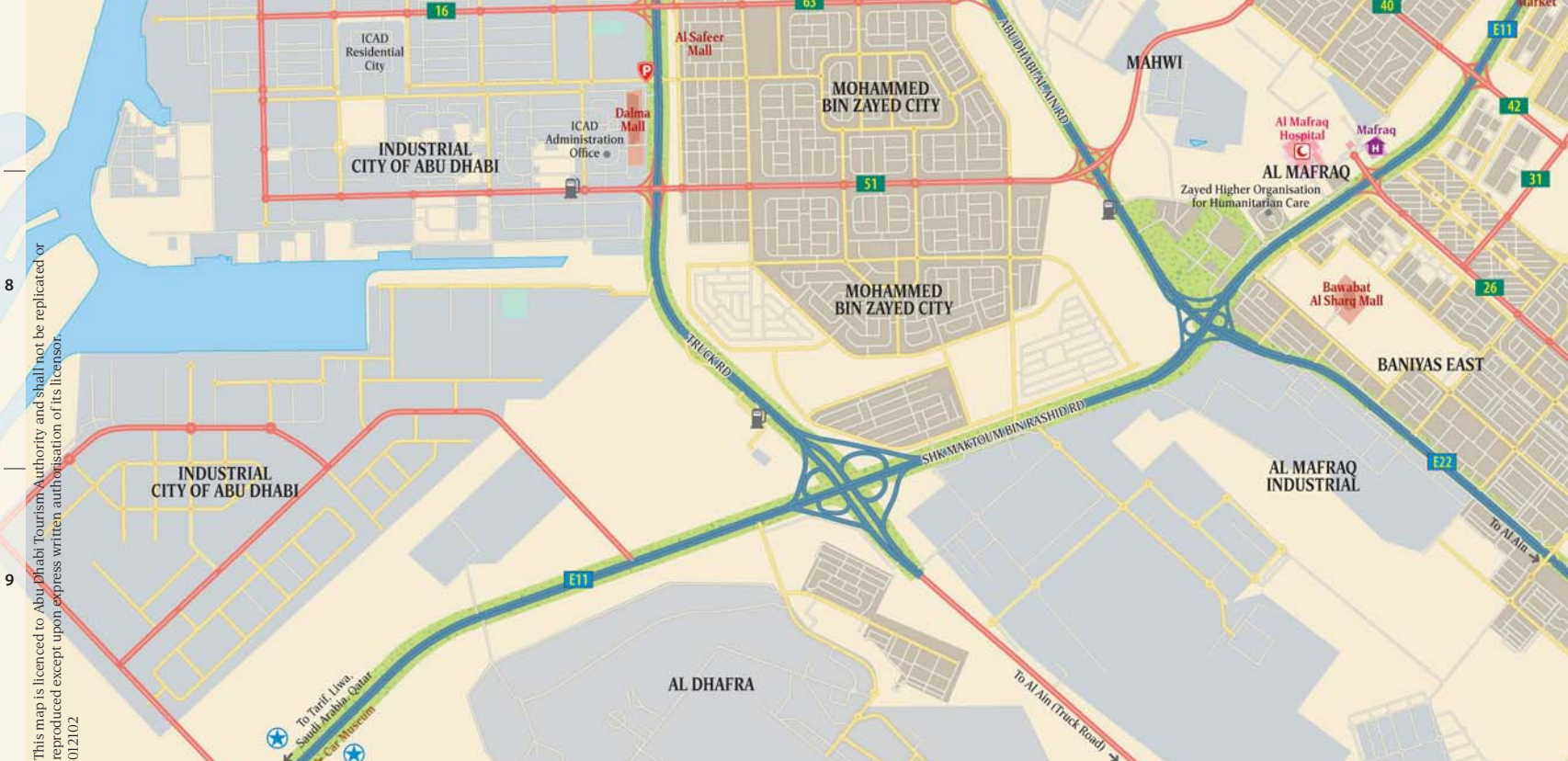
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**UAE Kilometre Chart**

	Abu Dhabi	Ajman	Al Ain	Dhaid	Dubai	Fujairah	Khor Fakkan	Khwa (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	

# 2 UAE Overview



## Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan Grand Mosque

This architectural Wonder of Islamic design is one of 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 colors 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.

For further information please visit [www.szgmc.ae](http://www.szgmc.ae) or call +971 2 4416444.



## Ferrari World Abu Dhabi

It's fast and furious fun for all ages at Ferrari World Abu Dhabi - the world's first Ferrari branded 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 kmp/h; Galleria Ferrari, the world's largest Ferrari gallery outside Maranello with an interactive display of cars from 1947 through to the present; Speed of Magic, a fantastic 4-D adventure through deep green jungles, icy caves and ravines and to the mouth of a fiery volcano. Those wanting to start their Ferrari World Abu Dhabi experience in top gear will get their adrenaline fix at G-Force blasting through the red roof, before dropping from a hair-raising height of 62 metres.

[www.ferrariworldabudhabi.com](http://www.ferrariworldabudhabi.com) or call +971 2 4968000



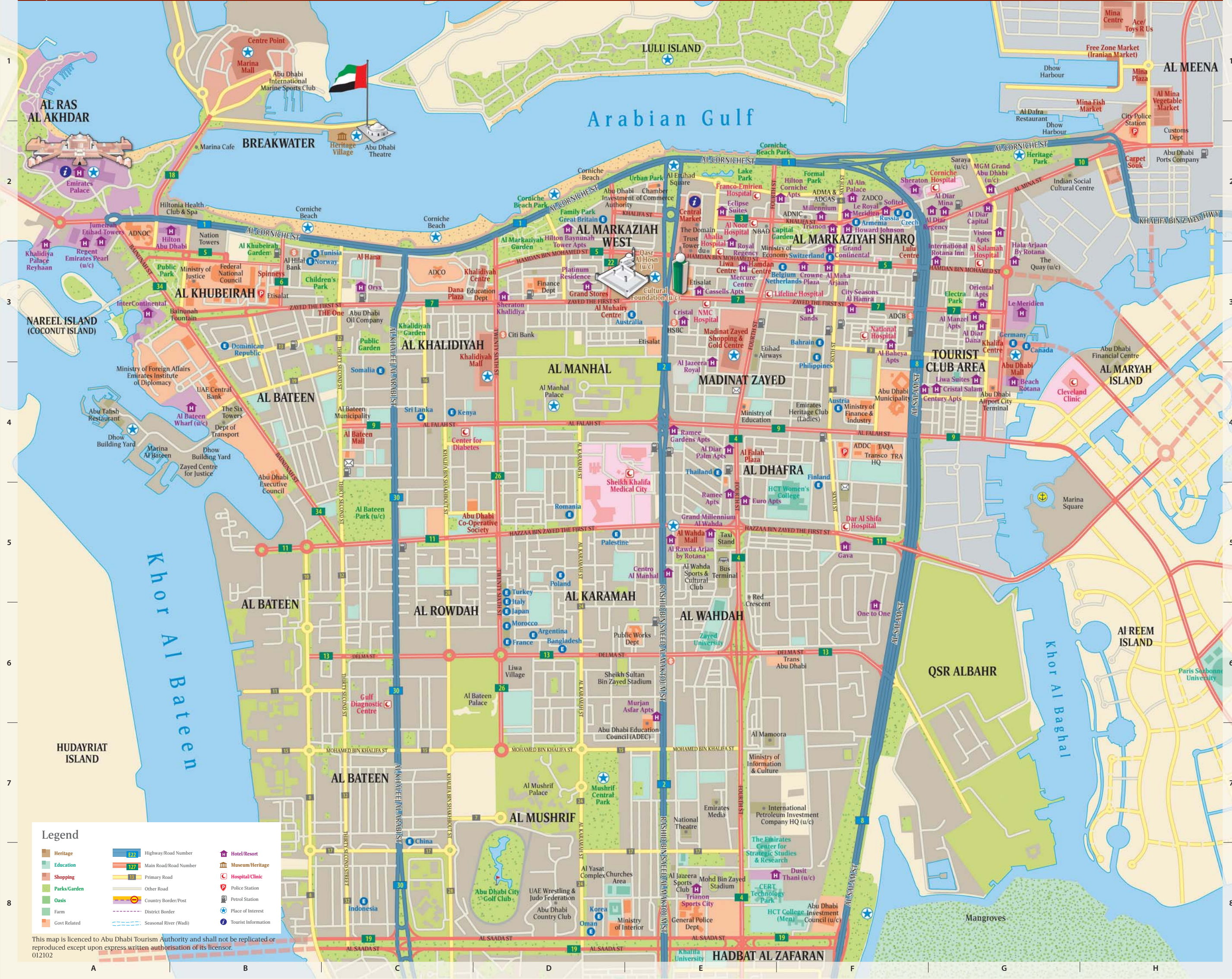
## UAE Pavilion

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 dune-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, Abu Dhabi Art [hyperlink to event], was the reassembled pavilion's first exhibition in 2011.

[www.saadiyat.ae](http://www.saadiyat.ae) or call +971 2 6435708





**Legend**

- Heritage
- Education
- Shopping
- Parks/Garden
- Oasis
- Farm
- Govt Related
- Highway/Road Number
- Main Road/Road Number
- Primary Road
- Other Road
- Country Border/Post
- District Border
- Seasonal River (Wadi)
- Hotel/Resort
- Museum/Heritage
- Hospital/Clinic
- Police Station
- Petrol Station
- Place of Interest
- Tourist Information

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Useful Numbers			
Operator	100	Capital Gardens	
Directory Enquiries	181	Corniche Beach Park	
Fire / Police	997 / 999	Formal Park	
Ambulance	998/999	Heritage Park	
Abu Dhabi Intl Airport	02 575 7818	Khalifa Park	
Flight Enquiries	02 575 7500	Khalidiyah Garden	
Abu Dhabi Tourism Authority	02 444 0444	Lake Park	
Trans AD (Abu Dhabi Taxi)	600 535353	Mushrif Central Park	
Dept of Immigration	02 402 4500	Old Airport Garden	
Ethihad Airways Call Centre	800 2277	Urban Park	
UAE Country Code	971		
Mobile Telephones	050/055/056	Shopping Malls & Souks	
Abu Dhabi	06	Abu Dhabi Mall	3-G3
Al Ain	03	Al Rama Mall	1-G4
Fujairah	09	Al Wahda Mall	3-E5
Sharjah	06	Bawabat Al Sharq Mall	1-H8
		Carpet Souk	3-H2
		Central Market	3-E2
		Dalma Mall	1-F7
		Free Zone Market (Iranian Market)	3-H1
		Khalidiyah Mall	3-D3
		Madinat Zayed Shopping & Gold Centre	3-E4
		Marina Mall	3-B1
		Mushrif Mall	1-C5
		Qaryat Al Beri Souk	1-E5
		Places Of Interest	
		Aloft	1-D5
		Armed Forces Officers Club	1-F5
		Beach Rotana	1-E5
		Cultural Foundation	3-E3
		Centro Al Manhal	3-A4
		Emirates Palace	2-A2
		Fish Market & Vegetable Souk	3-H1
		Ferrari World Abu Dhabi	1-H3
		Heritage Village	3-C2
		Manarat Al Saadiyat	1-C2
		Qasr Al Hosn	3-D3
		Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque	1-E5
		Yas Marina Circuit	1-H3
		Hospitals	
		Al Mafraq Hospital	02 582 3100 1-H7
		Al Noor Hospital	02 626 5265 1-F5
		Al Salamah Hospital	02 671 1220 3-G2
		Corniche Hospital	02 672 4900 3-C3
		Lifeline Hospital	02 633 5522 3-F3
		National Hospital	02 671 1000 3-F3
		NMC Hospital	02 633 2255 3-E3
		Shk Khalifa Medical City	02 610 2000 3-E4
		Zayed Military Hospital	02 444 4530 1-C5
		Main Streets	
		Abu Dhabi-Al Ain Rd	1-G7
		Abu Dhabi-Dubai Rd	1-F5
		Airport Rd	1-G5
		Al Corniche St (1)	3-B2, 3-E2
		Al Falah St (9)	3-D4
		Al Karamah St (24)	3-D5
		Al Khaleej Al Arabi St (30)	3-C7
		Al Maqta Bridge	1-E5
		Al Mina St (10)	3-G2
		Al Saada St (19)	3-D8
		Al Salam St (8)	3-F3
		Bainunah St (34)	3-B4
		Delma St (13)	3-D6
		Fourth St	3-E7
		Hamdan Bin Mohamed St (5)	3-E3
		Hazzaa Bin Zayed The First St (11)	3-D5
		Khalifa Bin Shakhboub St (28)	3-C4
		Khalifa Bin Zayed Hwy	1-E2
		Khalifa St (3)	3-E2
		Mohamed Bin Khalifa St (15)	3-C7
		Rashid Bridge	1-E5
		Russaf Bin Saeed Al Maktoum St	3-E5
		Sixth St	3-F4
		Truck Rd	1-F6
		Twenty Sixth St	3-D3
		Zayed Bridge	1-E5
		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, retail souks and neon-lit shopping districts bring a whole new slant to quaint 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.