



# FAMILIES IN ABU DHABI

## Day one

### Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque

Take a half-day city tour that includes the astonishing Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque and Heritage Village near Marina Mall. Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque is an architectural work of art and an instantly recognisable icon of Abu Dhabi. With a capacity for a remarkable 40,000 worshippers.

Visitor info: The Mosque welcomes visitors daily. Abu Dhabi city tours typically include the Mosque in their itineraries, and free one-hour guided 'walk-in' tours operate most days (with some restrictions during Ramadan). The Mosque is closed to tourism activities on Friday mornings (but open for worship), reopening after 4.30pm for visitors. The Mosque closes at 10pm daily, with latest entry permitted until 9.30pm.

Dress Code: Long, loose fitting, ankle length clothing. Women are required to wear a headscarf. Traditional abayas and kanduras are provided for women and men respectively if required.

[www.szgmc.gov.ae](http://www.szgmc.gov.ae)

### Desert safari

No visit to Abu Dhabi is complete without a sundown desert safari, where vast expanses of golden, sandy crescents curl and roll forever. There

are numerous ways to explore this otherworldly wilderness. Join an afternoon desert adventure and ride the dunes with an expert driver in the comfort of a 4-wheel drive before settling in for a hearty barbecue dinner and cultural performances under the stars. Or, if you have time, try an overnight desert safari or head into the Rub Al Khali region and check in to a luxury desert resort for a true bucket-list experiences.

[www.arabian-adventures.com](http://www.arabian-adventures.com)

## Day two

### Warner Bros. World

Hit Warner Bros. World™ Abu Dhabi, an indoor theme park on Yas Island - home to 29 state of the art thrill rides, family-friendly attractions and entertainment inspired by legendary Warner Bros. characters. Explore six immersive lands: Warner Bros. Plaza, and elegant art deco celebration of the Golden Age of Hollywood; Bedrock, a Stone Age land of family fun and adventure; a stone Age land of family fun and adventure; Dynamite Gulch, a landscape packed with the escapades and antics of Wile E. Coyote, Road Runner and Yosemite Sam; Cartoon Junction, home of all your favourite characters under a cartoon sky; Gotham City, a dark underworld of scheming villains and their nemesis.

Visitor info: Warner Bros. World Abu Dhabi is open every day from 10am to 8pm.

### Yas Beach

Catch your breath with some downtime at Yas Beach. Easily accessible from all of the island's attractions, this relaxing beach is a fine addition to Abu Dhabi's entertainment district. Little ones can splash around in the shaded kids' pool complete with a cooling waterfall. A range of water-based excursions are available (additional cost), as are kayaks, sailboards and stand-up paddle boards.

Visitor info: Access to Yas Beach is complimentary if you are staying at any of Yas Island's seven hotels. Weekdays: AED 50 for adults and AED 25 for children aged 8-16. Weekends: AED 100 for adults and AED 50 for children. Children under 8 enter free. Saturday is half-price for women. Admission prices include a beach towel and sun lounger.

[www.yasbeach.ae](http://www.yasbeach.ae)

## Day three

### Yas Waterworld

Dive into Yas Waterworld and take on its 43 rides, slides and attractions that include a 238-metre long, hydromagnetic six-person tornado waterslide, the world's largest sheet wave slide, looping free-fall slide, a lazy river, roller coasters and family play areas. The park draws on Abu Dhabi's heritage and has 'The Lost Pearl' as its theme. It also features a souk, pearl-diving exhibits and restaurants.

Visitor info: Operational 365 days a year.

[www.yaswaterworld.com](http://www.yaswaterworld.com)

## Day four

### Abu Dhabi Falcon Hospital

Morning visit to the remarkable Abu Dhabi Falcon Hospital near Abu Dhabi international Airport.

The remarkable Abu Dhabi Falcon Hospital is a window into the noble tradition of falconry. Guided tours of this award-winning specialist hospital take visitors through waiting rooms

and wards where the birds undergo general check-ups, are X-rayed, or simply pick up some new flight feathers. Visitors can hold a falcon and visit the hospital's free-flight facility to see them soar through the air.

### Corniche

Head to the seaside Corniche this afternoon, the ideal place to rent a bike from the automated kiosks and explore at your own pace. Corniche is a lovely, landscaped precinct of children's playgrounds cycle and pedestrian pathways, cafes, restaurants and kiosks.

[www.bikeshare.ae](http://www.bikeshare.ae)

### Marina Mall

Hit nearby Marina Mall for a great value dinner at the enormous Carrefour supermarket, followed by a ride on the Marina Eye observation wheel. With its striking 100-metre tall viewing platforms, an ice rink, bowling alley, Trampoline Park, cinemas, restaurants and more, Marina Mall is a true Abu Dhabi landmark. It also houses hundreds of renowned international brands like Louis Vuitton, Burberry, Tiffany & Co, Hugo Boss, Tod's Chanel,

Gucci, Prada, Yves Saint Laurent and many more.

Visitor info: The Marina Eye operates seven days a week from Thursday to Saturday 11am to 1am, and from Sunday to Wednesday from 11am to 11pm. Location: Breakwater, Abu Dhabi.

## More days

### Al Ain Zoo

Head 90-minutes east to Abu Dhabi's heritage heartland in the garden city of Al Ain. Visit the famed Al Ain Zoo, home to one of the world's largest man-made African safari parks.

[www.awpr.ae](http://www.awpr.ae)

### Wadi Adventure

Go white-water rafting and catch the world's largest man-made waves at Wadi Adventure.

[www.wadiadventure.ae](http://www.wadiadventure.ae)

### Jebel Hafeet

Drive to the top of Jebel Hafeet (Abu Dhabi's highest peak) for jaw-dropping views.

