

THE NOMAD

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SPECIAL EDITION

Introducing "The Nomad" Abu Dhabi Special Edition
News & Events
Featuring Abu Dhabi Experiences & Resorts
What's coming up in Abu Dhabi?

Captured at the Sea World Abu Dhabi

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INTRODUCING "THE NOMAD ABU DHABI SPECIAL EDITION – MAY 2023 " BY TIMELESS TRAILS

Our May 2023 edition of The NOMAD, is an Abu Dhabi special. The Capital and largest Emirate of the UAE is fast becoming an extremely popular destination for travelers from around the world.

With so much to do, the emirate is full of Culture, adventure and wellness experiences. Just as the new promotional campaign says, we too believe that "One summer is not enough!" to fully explore Abu Dhabi. This edition of The NOMAD also pays special attention to Al Ain, known as a garden city.

NEWS & EVENTS

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(Etihad Airlines Business Class)

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Emirates and Etihad announce interline expansion, offering better itinerary options to boost UAE tourism



Emirates Airline and Etihad Airways have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to expand their interline agreement and provide travellers additional itinerary options when visiting the UAE. This first of its kind agreement between the two UAE carriers aims to capitalise on opportunities to boost tourism to the UAE from key source markets by enabling visitors to experience more than one destination in a single itinerary.



This summer, customers of each airline will be able to purchase a single ticket to fly into either Dubai or Abu Dhabi, with a seamless return via the other airport. The new agreement also provides travellers planning to explore the UAE with the flexibility of one-stop ticketing for their full journey and convenient baggage check-in.

Etihad Rail to launch luxury train experience connecting Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Fujairah, and Oman

Etihad Rail, the UAE National Rail Network developer and operator, has signed an agreement with Italian luxury hospitality company Arsenale to roll out "a luxury train experience that pays homage to Emirati culture and heritage."

The luxury train will travel throughout the UAE towards the border with Oman, passing through Mezeira'a, along Liwa Desert and its famous oasis. It will extend to the wider GCC, once the GCC Railway is operational.



NEWS & EVENTS

Sea World Abu Dhabi – Opens 23rd May 2023

Get ready to explore the region's first Marine Life Theme Park and discover 8 immersive realms that take you on an incredible journey from the poles to the tropics.

With over 100 animal experiences and presentations, including up-close animal encounters and expeditions, you'll soon be able to learn about the incredible One Ocean that connects all of us.

SeaWorld will be home to over 35 interactive experiences and rides, live characters and performances, 17 dining options, 13 retail outlets, and roaming entertainment across all realms.





FEATURED RESORTS

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Captured at the TELAL RESORT AL AIN
(Domani Two Bedroom Pool Villa)

FEATURED RESORTS

Anantara Sir Bani Yas Island Al Yamm Villa Resort

An exclusive, intimate island experience featuring one- and two-bedroom villas in a private setting on beautiful white sand overlooking the Arabian Gulf. Inspired by traditional Arabic fishing and pearl-diving villages and their barasti (palm frond) houses, the 30 Al Yamm villas – some with private plunge pools – are sustainably built, designed to complement the island's delicate ecosystem and with additional views across a mangrove-filled salt-water lagoon.



With three Anantara resorts on Sir Bani Yas Island, guests can enrich their stay with complimentary transfers between the trio of retreats, giving them the freedom to enjoy all the facilities and pleasures of Anantara Sir Bani Yas Island Resorts, including pampering Anantara Spa rituals, timeless activities such as archery and falconry, a wide range of watersports and, of course, a mouthwatering choice of restaurants. With a central lodge featuring a Mediterranean restaurant and lounge, Anantara Sir Bani Yas Island Al Yamm Villa Resort offers you privacy with a dash of luxury. Visitors can also enjoy nature and wildlife drives across the island's Arabian Wildlife Park, scuba diving and mangrove kayaking from the Desert Islands Watersports Centre, or simply relax at the on-site Al Yamm Spa Villa.

FEATURED RESORTS

Anantara Sir Bani Yas Island Al Sahel Villa Resort

In the heart of the island's Arabian Wildlife Park, this one-of-a-kind villa resort is a luxury hideaway from which guests can explore open savanna. Accessible only by 4x4, the 30 Al Sahel villas – some with private plunge pools – are set beneath thatched-roofs, and offer luxury amenities with traditional and authentic touches, as well as high levels of elegance and comfort.



The resort's signature dining venue, Savannah Grill – a luxurious safari lodge – serves a contemporary combination of Western favourites and African specialities. Al Sahel guests can also choose between other dining options, and enjoy the nature and wildlife drives and watersports activities operated by the resort's sister Anantara properties, Desert Island Resort & Spa, and Al Yamm Villa Resort. Most notably, guests staying on the secluded Sir Bani Yas island resort can be sure to encounter the free-roaming wildlife in the Arabian nature park, and can admire flocks of flamingos gracing the mangrove lagoon. Those who want to truly unwind can experience luxurious pampering with Anantara Spa rituals, while adventure-seekers can choose Arabian activities including archery and falconry.

FEATURED RESORTS

Desert Islands Resort & Spa by Anantara

Just 250km west of Abu Dhabi, on the nature reserve of Sir Bani Yas Island, the five-star Desert Islands Resort & Spa by Anantara has a range of lavish rooms, suites and villas, which blend luxurious amenities with rich Arabian touches and sweeping views of the lush surrounding landscape and the Arabian Gulf's sparkling waters.



Guests can explore the hilltops near the coastline and visit picturesque lakes to admire the pink flamingos against the backdrop of clear blue skies. Encounter breathtaking nature and rare free-roaming wildlife with exciting activities adapted to the island's unique geographical traits. Lounge beside the resort's infinity swimming pool, or treat yourself to a sensuous Anantara Spa journey overlooking the Arabian Gulf.

Nature-inspired activities are part of the visitor experience on Sir Bani Yas Island, such as guided nature and wildlife drives, mountain biking, kayaking, sailing, cruising, hiking, snorkelling, falconry and archery. Riding lessons are offered at the Sir Bani Yas Stables equestrian facility, and you can also join an archaeological site tour to marvel at the uncovered remains of an early Christian monastery. A watersports centre also opened at the resort, with diving facilities and classes.

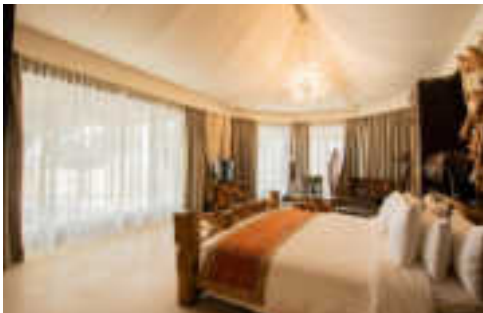


Sandboarding at Telal Resort, Al Ain

FEATURED RESORTS

TELAL RESORT AL AIN

Telal Resort is set amidst the Arabian oasis on the outskirts of Al Ain city, in the vast landscape of Remah Desert, which was once home to the nomadic Bedouin tribes of the Emirates. This boutique resort consists of ten accommodations at Zaman Lawal Heritage Village, effortlessly combining luxury and Emirati architecture. Each of the Heritage Village's 10 detached suites overlooks uninterrupted views of the natural landscaped and offer guests complete privacy.



Ten Gazelle one-bedroom villas, two units of two-bedroom villas with private pool, one Reem Presidential three-bedroom pool and villa, and one Arabian Oryx Royal pool villa, the most luxurious of all villas featuring four large bedrooms, private swimming pool, sauna, steam room and Jacuzzi with luxurious safari tent finish and intricately carved entrance door. The traditionally decorated suites & Bedouin themed villas include free WiFi, flat-screen TV and private terrace with direct desert access. They also feature modern state-of-the-art technology where the air-conditioner and lights can be controlled via the in-villa Apple iPad. Guests can embark on a journey of cultural discovery through local activities, such as horse/camel riding, falconry, sandboarding, ATV and a private desert safari. They can also find some of the region's rarest species of antelopes, such as the Domani, Reem and Arabian Oryx roaming, flourishing and thriving in their natural environment.

Massage treatments are available at the resort's wellness centre. It's a 35-minute drive to the gorgeous Green Mubazzarah hot springs, while Jebel Hafit is 55 kilometres away and Abu Dhabi International Airport an 80-minute drive. This unique destination recreates the traditions of the Emirati experience. In this quaint little world, history, culture and local traditions are brought to life for our guests in a relaxed luxury setting for everyone.



FEATURED EXPERIENCES

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Captured at the Jebel Hafit Desert Park in Al Ain
(Buggy ride, Jebel Hafit Desert Park)

FEATURED EXPERIENCE

Al Ain Oasis

Take a walk through the shaded pathways and reconnect with nature in the lush greenery of Al Ain Oasis – a peaceful retreat spread across 1,200 hectares in the ‘Green City’ of Al Ain.

Located just a 90-minute drive from the capital city of Abu Dhabi, it is easy to forget that you are in a desert. This magnificent oasis is a dreamy sight for sore eyes and one of the most beautiful oases Abu Dhabi has. Here you can enjoy a bit of respite from city life and appreciate 147,000 date palm trees, over 100 different varieties of vegetation and relics of the past, like the ancient irrigation system known as falaj. The falaj is an essential piece of the region’s heritage and one of the many reasons why Al Ain is a UNESCO Cultural Site.

Imagine being in a desert and wondering how to channel water into a town for irrigation to nourish the grasslands – this was when the Bedouins residing there decided to install a falaj system. The two central falaj systems here are called Al Aini and Dawood. As you stroll around the oasis, you will see these 3,000-year-old dug-up channels that are intricately connected to bring water from the mountains and distant places. The best part? These waters keep the plantation fresh and thriving even today!

The water can disappear and reappear, depending on the season, so don’t be disappointed if it isn’t there when you visit.



FEATURED EXPERIENCE

Al Sadeem Observatory

Since its official opening in July 2016, Abu Dhabi's space observatory, Al Sadeem Observatory, located in the middle of the desert in Al Wathba South, has delighted avid astronomy enthusiasts and stargazers. The two founders, Thabet Al Qaissieh and Alejandro 'Andy' Palado, believe that it is a great way to get the community engaged in astronomy and hope that the observatory will become a place for all space enthusiasts in Abu Dhabi to go to learn about our incredible universe.



At Al Sadeem Observatory, you're able to attend interesting lectures on space and astronomy that follow the STEM program, and indulge in planetary and deep sky observations. As part of its mission to help in nurturing space research in the country, Al Sadeem Observatory has been collaborating on researches with educational institutions and professional astronomers here and around the globe. The two-storey observatory consists of a 5,5 metre, 360-degree rotational dome made entirely of fibreglass, with a Meade LX850, 16-inch telescope mounted in the centre. You'll find several highly-advanced telescopes inside that provide brilliant opportunities for stargazing and viewings of space.



FEATURED EXPERIENCE

Authentic Emirati Experiences in Abu Dhabi

Citizens of the UAE are known as 'Emiratis' and their heritage and traditions go back centuries, back to when the Bedouins roamed the vast deserts and open waters that make up Abu Dhabi. Crafts, recipes and traditions have been passed down from generation to generation and are a significant part of daily life in the emirate to this day.

Experiencing and learning about Emirati culture is a highlight of any traveller's trip to Abu Dhabi. No matter how you want to get an authentic Emirati experience, you'll find something perfect for you. You can experience everything from enjoying an Emirati meal prepared lovingly by Emiratis themselves or visit a local Emirati ranch in the desert. Your trusted Emirati tour guides will accompany you every step of the way and true to Emirati hospitality, everyone is welcome, even if you're flying solo or bringing along the whole family.

Explore seven amazing experiences below that will elevate your trip to Abu Dhabi and bring you closer to the people of the UAE.

Emirati Homemade Breakfast Experience



Make your morning quintessentially Emirati and taste a traditional Emirati breakfast inside Abdulrahman AlZaabi's traditional Emirati household. This intimate experience is your opportunity to try Emirati food and interact with Emiratis on a more personal level. Enjoy three courses of delicious staples from an Emirati breakfast menu including chebab (fluffy pancakes), crunchy ragag bread and a sweet serving of karak tea. Abdulrahman will also teach you about Emirati customs, clothing and perfumery.

Urban Treasures Tour



Across Abu Dhabi, there are recognised Urban Treasures that have contributed to the city's culture and economy for decades. On this specially designed tour, Abdulrahman AlZaabi will take you on an exploration of these notable locations where you can admire breathtaking architecture and refuel at quaint restaurants and souqs.

Sit back as Abdulrahman drives you from point to point through Abu Dhabi's vibrant neighbourhoods and bustling markets including Madinat Zayed, Al Maryah Island and the iconic Qasr Al Hosn.

Abu Dhabi Night Tour



On this exclusive night tour you'll witness a whole new perspective of Abu Dhabi. The tour begins at Corniche Beach at the most beautiful time of day, sunset. You'll be guided by Emirati, Abdulrahman AlZaabi, and stroll past domed palaces which glow during the peaceful golden hour. Don't forget to look up, you'll see sprawling towers glistening amongst the city lights. These stunning views are complemented with teachings of the city's skyline and rich history, delivered by Abdulrahman himself.

The tour also takes a stop at the Founders Memorial, a place to learn about the founder of the United Arab Emirates, Sheikh Zayed. Then, your tour will end with a spectacular light show at Qasr Al Watan, the presidential palace.

Visit a local ranch with an Emirati



Have a traditional meal with an Emirati



Emirati food is infused with spices and ingredients from throughout Asia and the Middle East, a reflection of the UAE's trading heritage. Join Naser Sabaan at his residence to sit, eat and learn more about the everyday life of Emiratis.

With this experience you can go on a culinary journey and try a variety of traditional meals. Whilst your food is prepared you can learn from Naser about how Emirati food is made and the etiquette of an Emirati majlis. This is also a unique opportunity to feed your curiosity and ask any questions surrounding life for citizens in the UAE. Be sure to complete your experience with indulgent Emirati sweets that are a staple in every Emirati home.

On a traditional Emirati ranch you'll find camels, horses, sheep, falcons and so much more. Join Naser Sabaan on this unique ranch experience to get closer to the animals and learn how an Emirati farm operates.

As well as experiencing all things farming, you can watch performances of traditional Emirati songs and dances and try on traditional Emirati dress which will result in truly memorable photos.

Discover a local date and fish market with an Emirati



Dates are not only a popular snack in Emirati culture, but they are also significant to the Islamic faith. Take a tour to a date market with your guide, Ebrahim AlHarbi, to witness the hustle and bustle of market life and learn about the variety of dates. And that's just the start.

Join Ebrahim as he takes you to a local fish market, Abu Dhabi Fish market to be exact - one of the largest on the UAE. This buzzing market is a hive of activity with shoppers searching for the perfect catch. Ebrahim will tell you all about the UAE and Abu Dhabi's connection with the ocean which runs deep in its heritage. Of course, no trip to the fish market would be complete without tasting for yourself.

Unwind in traditional play at Studio Clay



Bring out your inner artist and immerse yourself in a tradition that dates back thousands of years with clay art workshops at Studio Clay. Learn how this form of art was once an integral part of the day to day life of Emiratis. From creating functional objects like pottery and jars to storage containers and cups, clay work helped foster the nomadic lifestyle of the Bedouins.

Choose from a range of classes and workshops, and experience culture first hand in a unique form.



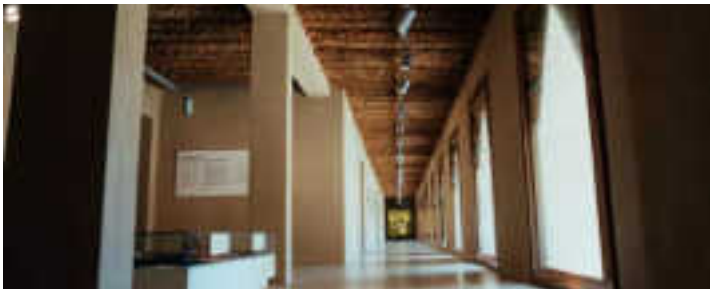


Experience Art At Qasr Al Watan

FEATURED EXPERIENCE

Al Jahili Fort

Since opening its gates in 2008, Al Jahili Fort – set about an hour and a half away from Abu Dhabi in the lush garden city of Al Ain – has been a focal point of activities associated with the philosophy, culture and heritage of Abu Dhabi. Al Jahili is one of the largest forts in the UAE, built in the 1890s on the orders of Sheikh Zayed bin Khalifa Al Nahyan, also known as Zayed the First, as the home to members of the ruling Al Nahyan family.



Built of sun-dried mud brick, early restoration work was done on the fort in 1985, followed by a major rehabilitation project by the Department of Culture and Tourism – Abu Dhabi between 2007 and 2008. Surrounded by a lush park, the enchanting fort has received the prestigious Terra Award for Internal Design and Layout in 2016.

Transformed into a cultural centre and tourist attraction, it now houses a temporary exhibition gallery as well as a permanent exhibition devoted to Sir Wilfred Thesiger. He was an intrepid explorer, travel writer and photographer who, with his Emirati and Omani companions, crossed the world's largest sand mass, the Empty Quarter (Rub' al Khali), twice in the 1940s.

FEATURED EXPERIENCE

Al Ain Zoo

Magnificently positioned against the imposing backdrop of Jebel Hafit, Abu Dhabi's tallest peak and the UAE's second-tallest mountain, the Al Ain Safari has been carefully crafted out of the desert environment. About one and a half hours away from the capital city, this incredible 217-hectare park houses one of the world's largest man-made African safaris and is home to a range of African animals and around 2,500 plants.

The overall safari experience is completely unique because visitors are driven entirely by Emirati tour guides who have extensive knowledge of the wildlife in the area.

Captivating the imagination of visitors both young and old, this journey of natural discovery sees guests encountering African lions, white rhinos, ostrich, crowned crane, zebra, wildebeest, gazelle, kudu, Dama gazelle, critically endangered or extinct-in-the-wild scimitar oryx, addax and more. In line with the vision of the UAE's founding father, Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, Al Ain Safari plays a prominent role in conservation, setting a benchmark for future conservation projects in the region.

There is a wide range of safari options and packages to choose from. Opt for the 22-seat truck with a driver and expert safari guide and enjoy a journey along a predetermined route around the safari area. Alternatively, take your own car for a more personal experience with your safari guide, who will also double as a driver. Private vehicles will be able to drive close to the lion enclosure area, giving you an up-close-and-personal look at these incredible beasts. End your evening with a Dinner With the Lions, enjoying a sumptuous meal on the edge of the park's lion territory.

Lemur Walk



Check your toes, I have the same flat fingernails!

Get a closer look and enjoy a walk inside our exhibit!

Parrot Show



Watch our Blue-winged Macaws and Sulphur Crested Cockatoos perform a variety of behaviors that demonstrate their intelligence and skills in playing basketball, climbing ropes, and recognizing numbers.

Safari Lion's Feeding



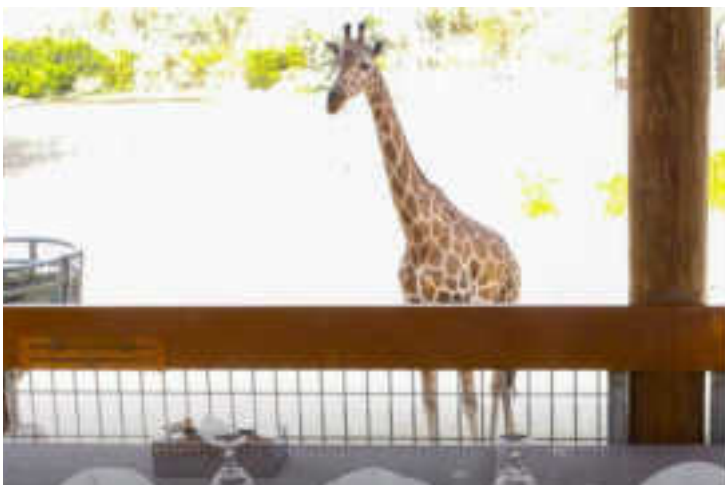
Imagine entering the world's largest man-made safari, heading to the King of the Jungle's wide kingdom in our specially costumed African vehicle, while Lions wandering around you, the King is roaring above your head, his queen is in front of you . . . Oh Oh, watch your back! There's another one behind you with his eyes on the prize! All of them are waiting for you to feed them . . . Do you have the courage to?! Did you get that adrenalin rush just imagining it?! Are you excited?! The only question that truly matters is . . . Can you?! There's only one way to find out! Enough imagining & let's get started with the most thrilling experience you would ever embark on!

PENGUIN PARADE



Don't bother traveling to Chile and Peru's rocky coasts to get a glimpse of the most adorable penguins of all; you can now watch the famous Humboldt penguins in a face-to-face experience this winter at our zoo! In a lovely huge parade led by the brave and curious "Pingo", one of our penguin zoo babies but for sure the most famous one of all! Our penguins don't need ice; they just enjoy the chilly winter weather and soft grass while happily surprising you with a parade of action and fun! Do not miss our new & winter-exclusive "Penguin Parade" experience and enjoy watching them while listening to their keeper talk.

Breakfast with the Giraffes



A delicious Breakfast date awaits you at our zoo with miss Zafarana the Giraffe & her beautiful family every day!

It's your chance to get closer with your loved ones to the beautiful wildlife!

And to double the fun for everyone, our giraffes will enjoy their Breakfast from your hands too!

Take many beautiful memorable photos with your children while enjoying the yummiest Iftar at our zoo!

Dinner with the lions



This experience promises you a legendary night. Have you ever pictured yourself having a breathtaking Dinner with the king of the jungle? Don't worry, we will not let you down. Enjoy a luxurious ambiance at the world's largest man-made African Safari!

Cheetah Run



Surely you have heard of how Cheetahs are fast & fit.. but have you ever thought of getting closer to them while they chase the wind? Well, our zoo will make that happen! A unique experience awaits you at our amphitheater surrounded by spectacular mother nature in the most thrilling & exciting atmosphere! Enjoy watching our champions Cleo, Nazik & Firas race for that gold championship title in a wild competition during the Cheetah run. The question is . . . will your lens capture them? It's time to cheer & welcome the FASTEST LAND MAMMALS EVER!

Penguin Feeding



Have you ever watched penguin feeding before? You can now in our Zoo! You will be amused by their quarrels over the small fish, honking and hurrying to snatch them back at high-speed! Capture the moment with those fun birds and don't let them outrun your lens!

Penguin Encounter



You will be amused by their quarrels over the small fish you offer them, honking louder whenever you try to get away with their favorite meal and hurrying to snatch them back from you at high speed! Capture the moment with those fun birds and don't let them outrun your lens!

WATCHING ANIMAL FEEDINGS

Wings of the Sahara Show

Budgie Feeding

Animal Rides

Giraffe Feeding

**and many more experiences
waiting for you**



HAPPENING SOON IN ABU DHABI

LOUVRE Museum, Abu Dhabi

HAPPENING SOON IN ABU DHABI



International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) Weekend & Awards May 26, & 27

A weekend of music, cinema, fashion and culture with the Indian Film Industry. The weekend will comprise of multiple events and activities to celebrate and welcome the Indian film fraternity in Yas Island, Abu Dhabi.

There is an IIFA Airport Welcome, Weekend press conference and workshops throughout the two days. The two main events are IIFA Rocks & IIFA Awards. IIFA Rocks is a combination of live music with fashion.

IIFA Awards is celebrating the annual achievements for the Indian cinema industry with a presentation ceremony of awards and live musical & entertainment performances.



Abu Dhabi International Book Fair (ADIBF) 2023 May 22 To 28

The Abu Dhabi International Book Fair is the bedrock of the publishing industry across the Middle East and North Africa. The 32nd edition of ADIBF will be held at Abu Dhabi International Exhibition Center. The Fair looks forward to stepping up its competitiveness, consolidating its regional position and enhancing its global presence through excellence in providing professional and cultural content.

It also seeks to combine the regional publishing sectors and creative industries and encourage endeavors to support industries that contribute to enhance readable, visual, audio and interactive culture, thus consolidating Abu Dhabi's position as a hub for Arab publishing and global creative content.



HAPPENING SOON IN ABU DHABI



Comic Craze Vol.3

May 01 To Aug 31

Comic Craze showcases 49 artists from the UAE, and sheds light on the ingenuity of the creation of satirical, comic and critical cartoons.

These talented individuals use their art to observe and comment on the contradictions of human and social behaviour and the intricacies of modern life.

The exhibition takes viewers back to their childhood memories as it includes Japanese anime cartoons, which were dubbed into Arabic and viewed by many generations in the Arab world.

This brought many generation together sharing their love for the songs and scenes that will live on forever.



GUNS N' ROSES

June 01

Prepare to witness history as Guns N' Roses return to the road on a massive 2023 World Tour produced by Live Nation, headlining stadiums, festivals, and arenas around the world throughout the summer and fall.

Lighting up the Etihad Arena, Yas Island, in Abu Dhabi on June 1st, the world tour will see the band stopping off in various cities around the world giving fans of incredible rock anthems a real treat and a "One In A Million" chance to experience history.

Famed for rocking out stadiums globally for nearly four decades, this is an unmissable chance for residents and visitors to Abu Dhabi to witness a true musical phenomenon.





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