

What to Do and Where to Visit in the UAE Holidays

by [Glimpses of the UAE](#)

I created this resource for ideas on what to do during the school holidays back in March 2020 and have since added more places and update it regularly.

No kids? Don't worry! This quick guide is also a fabulous resource for both residents and tourists alike, big and small and all year round.

If you're a resident and regularly have visitors from overseas, share this with them so they can plan their days out independently while you get on with your work.

I originally sorted them into categories to help parents support topical school learning. This means locations may appear in more than one category.

I've also included my links, where I have them, and you can visit these if you'd like for more info. Most locations are also on my [Glimpses of the UAE Map](#).

If you still need inspiration, check out the categories on the [Glimpses of UAE website](#)

You can find the [web post here](#). Updates are made regularly so save the download email to get the latest version and if you feel something should be added, just drop me a message.

Happy Exploring!

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Science-related Activities

- **[Sharjah Science Museum](#)** (includes a small play area for toddlers) AED 10, children AED 5, under 3 free. ([Sharjah](#))
- **[Sharjah Centre for Astronomy and Space Science](#)**, Adults 22, children AED 11, children under four free, closed Thursdays (pre-booking may be required) ([Sharjah](#))
- **[Sharjah Airport \(Mahatta\) Museum](#)** (science of flight, avian and aeroplane) Adults AED 10, children (2-12) 5 dh, under two free ([Sharjah](#))
- **Museum of the Future**, AED 149, toddlers (0-3) free, [Book tickets here](#) ([Dubai](#))
- **DEWA Innovation Centre**. Adults AED 50, children (3-18) AED 30. ([Dubai](#))
- **Museum of Illusions**, Adults AED 71, children (5-15) AED 60, family/group tickets AED 225-340 [Buy discounted tickets here](#) ([Dubai](#))
- **Al Sadeem Astronomy (Observatory and Tour)**, Adults AED 200, children (8-17) AED 50 ([Abu Dhabi](#))
- **[Museum of Islamic Civilization](#)**, AED 10, children AED 5, under 3 free. ([Sharjah](#))

Transport-related Activities

- **[Sharjah Classic Car Museum](#)**, Adults AED 10, children 2-12 yrs AED 5 ([Sharjah](#))
- **[Sharjah Centre for Astronomy and Space Science](#)**, (space travel) Adults AED 22, children AED 11, children under four free, closed Thursdays (pre-book for shows) ([Sharjah](#))
- **[Sharjah Airport \(Mahatta\) Museum](#)** (science of flight, avian and aeroplane) Adults AED 10, children (2-12) 5 dh, under two free ([Sharjah](#))
- **[Sharjah Maritime Museum](#)**, Adults AED 25, children AED 15, resident seniors and POD free, combined ticket with Sharjah Aquarium ([Sharjah](#))
- **Tour in a UniMog**, [Mleiha Archaeological Centre](#) ([Mleiha](#), [Sharjah Central Region](#))
- **RTA Water taxi** between Sharjah Aquarium and Ghubaiba Marine Station, Dubai. silver class AED 15 one way, gold class AED 25 one way (currently not operating) ([Sharjah](#), [Dubai](#))
- **Abras, self-drive boats, pedaloos**, Al Majaz, [al Qasba](#), [Ajman Marina 1](#), [Al Rafisah Dam](#), [Manar Mall Promenade](#), Khor Kalba ([Sharjah](#), [Ajman](#), [Khor Fakkan](#), [RAK](#), [Kalba](#))

- [Off Road History Museum](#) (Al Madam, Sharjah Central Region)
- **Classic Car Museum**, (Dibba Fujairah)
- **Emirates National Auto Museum**, AED 50, children under 10 AED free. (Abu Dhabi)
- **Abu Dhabi Maritime Festival**, held in early spring, free (Abu Dhabi city and Western Region)
- **Al Ain Classic Car Museum**, Adults AED 15, children (5-15) AED 5, under 5 free (Al Ain)

Archaeology/history-related Activities

- **Sharjah Archeological Museum** (Sharjah)
- [Mleiha Archeological Centre](#), archaeological sites free or paid tour, museum AED 20 (Mleiha, Sharjah Central Region)
- **Al Hisn Museum**, [Khor Fakkan](#) (includes exhibitions going back to the Iron Age), AED 15, free under 12, (Khor Fakkan)
- [Al Hayl Fort](#), free (Fujairah)
- [Ajman Museum](#) AED 5 (Ajman)
- [Wadi al Helo](#) Archaeological site (Wadi Al Helo-Kalba)
- [Jazira al Hamra](#) 'haunted' abandoned village free (Ras Al Khaimah)
- [Al Dhaya Fort, Rams](#), free (Ras Al Khaimah)
- **Fujairah Fort**, free (Fujairah)
- **Sakamkam Fort**, free (Fujairah)
- **Fujairah Museum** (Fujairah)
- [Bidiya Mosque](#), free (Fujairah)
- [Awhala Fort](#), free (Fujairah)
- [Falaj al Mualla Fort](#) and Museum, AED 5 (Umm Al Quwain)
- [Khor Fakkan](#) archaeological site (old fort), Hisn Museum (later fort), various towers, dam, souq, dining, corniche and more (Khor Fakkan)
- [Tayyibah Museum](#) free entrance (Fujairah)
- **Shindaga Museum**, Adults AED 35, child 20, [Book Now](#) (Dubai)
- [National Museum of Ras al Khaimah](#) Adults AED 5, children AED 2 (Ras Al Khaimah)
- [Museum of Beautiful Times](#) (Ras Al Khaimah)
- [Masfout Fort and Museum](#), AED 3 (Masfoot)
- [Al Dhaid Fort and Museum](#) free (Al Dhaid, Sharjah Central Region)

- **Resistance Monument** – monument, a small museum, a free movie screening (Khor Fakkan)
- **Pearl Museum**, Free (Dubai)
- **Jahili Fort**, (Al Ain)
- **Qasr al Muwaiji** (Al Ain)
- **Umm Al Quwain Fort and Museum** (Umm Al Quwain)
- **Dubai Museum**, Adults AED 3, child (0-5) AED 1, (Dubai)
- **Al Ain Palace** (Al Ain)
- **Museum of Islamic Civilisation** adults AED 10, children AED 5 (Sharjah)
- **Holy Quran Museum** free (Sharjah)
- **Etihad Museum**, adults AED 25, students 5-24 AED 10, group ticket AED 20pp (Dubai)
- **Naif Police Museum**, Free (Dubai)
- **Sharjah Maritime Museum** Adults AED 25, children AED 15, resident seniors and POD free, combined ticket with Sharjah Aquarium (Sharjah)
- **Coffee Museum** AED 10 (Dubai)
- **Women's Museum** (Dubai)
- **Dubai Municipality Museum**, free (Dubai)

Nature/plant-related Activities

- **Botanical Museum**, Sharjah Desert Park, AED 21 for all museums/centres in park, under 12, People of Determination and resident seniors free, closed Tuesday (Sharjah Central Region)
- **Islamic Gardens**, Sharjah Desert Park AED 21 for all museums/centres in park, under 12, People of Determination and resident seniors free, closed Tuesday (Sharjah Central Region)
- **Al Noor Island**, Adults AED 35, child 20, butterfly house AED 15 extra (combined ticket 2 for 1 in Entertainer). [Buy Tickets Now](#) (Sharjah)
- **Mangrove forests**, [Ajman](#), [UAQ](#) Walk through Old Residential Village at [Wadi Shees](#) (Khor Fakkan)
- **Khor Kalba Mangrove Centre**, Monday closed, adults AED 15.50, under 12, People of Determination and resident seniors free (Kalba)
- **Miracle Garden**, AED 75, [Buy Tickets Now](#) (Dubai)
- **Quranic Park** (Park free, Botanical Garden AED 5) (Dubai)

- [Al Ain Oasis](#) (Al Ain)
- **Green Planet**, Adults AED 140, child 120, [Book Now](#) (Dubai)

Animal-related activities

- [Al Noor Island](#) adults AED 35, child AED 20, butterfly house AED 15 extra (combined ticket 2 for 1 in Entertainer, best to call the day before to check it's open to the public that day), [Buy Tickets Now](#) (Sharjah)
- [Arabian Wildlife Centre and Children's Farm, Sharjah Desert Park](#), AED 21 for all museums/centres in the park, under 12, People of Determination and resident seniors free, closed Tuesday (Sharjah Central Region)
- [Wasit Wetlands Nature Reserve](#), AED 15 including a buggy ride around the lake, under 12, People of Determination and resident seniors free, closed Tuesday (Sharjah)
- [Kalba Mountain Conservation Centre](#), Adults – AED 25 plus VAT, children under 12, People of Determination and resident seniors free, closed Tuesday (Kalba)
- [Kalba Bird of Prey Centre](#), Adults – AED 15 plus VAT (free return within one month), children under 12, People of Determination and resident seniors free (Kalba)
- [Khor Kalba Mangrove Centre](#), Monday closed, adults AED 15.50, children under 12, People of Determination and resident seniors free. (Kalba)
- [Sharjah Aquarium](#) Adults AED 25, children (2–12) AED 15. Resident senior citizens and People of Determination go free. Discounts available for groups of 6 or more. Ticket includes Sharjah Maritime Museum. (Sharjah)
- [Sharjah Safari](#), Adults – AED 25 plus VAT, children under 12, (Sharjah Central Region)
- **Green Planet**, Adults AED 140, child 120, [Book Now](#) (Dubai)
- **Dubai Safari**, Adults AED 94.50, child 36.75, (cheaper tickets without safari tour but I don't recommend this) [Buy Tickets Now](#) (Dubai)
- **Emirates Park Zoo**, AED 50-100, 0-2 free. [Book Resort Stay](#) (I recommend Giraffe arena chalets) (Abu Dhabi)
- **Al Ain Zoo**, Adults AED 31, Children AED 10, [Book Tickets now](#) (Al Ain)
- **The National Aquarium**, AED 105-180, [Book Tickets Now](#) (Abu Dhabi)
- **Dubai Aquarium and Underwater Zoo**, 150 AED, [Book Now](#) (Dubai)
- **Lost Chambers Aquarium**, Adults AED 120, Children (3-11) AED 95, [Book Now](#) (Dubai)
- **Ajman Pygmy Zoo**, Adults AED 10, Children AED 5. (Ajman)

Geology/natural history-related activities

- [Buhais Geology Park](#), adults AED 10.50, children under 12, People of Determination and resident seniors free, closed Tuesday ([Al Madam, Sharjah Central Region](#))
- [Natural History Museum](#), Sharjah Desert Park, AED 21 for all museums/centres in park, under 12, People of Determination and resident seniors free, closed Tuesday ([Sharjah Central Region](#))
- [Discover Mleiha](#) – Children’s workshops on fossils and palaeontology – book in advance ([Mleiha, Sharjah Central Region](#))
- [Al Dhaid Wildlife Centre](#), entrance AED 10 for adults, children under 12 free, People of Determination and resident seniors, closed Tuesday (please note, there are no live animals here) ([Sharjah Central Region](#))
- [Al Wathba Fossil Dunes](#) ([Abu Dhabi](#))
- [Mountain formations](#), road trip – lots of interesting formations around the Dibba Zone, see also [Kub, etc.](#) ([Fujairah](#))

Art-related Activities

- [Sharjah Art Museum](#) free ([Sharjah](#))
- [Sharjah Art Foundation](#) ([Sharjah](#))
- [Bait al Naboodah](#), AED 10 or four museums for AED 20 ([Sharjah](#))
- [Bait Obaid al Shamsi](#) free ([Sharjah](#))
- [Calligraphy Museum](#), [Heart of Sharjah](#) AED 10 or four museums for AED 20 ([Sharjah](#))
- [The Rain Room](#) art installation Adults AED 25 Children 6-12 AED 15, under 5s go free. Best to book in advance. ([Sharjah](#))
- [The Flying Saucer](#) (free) ([Sharjah](#))
- [Arabic Architecture](#) – Sharjah government buildings in Al Khan, Government House Roundabout, Quran Roundabout, University City, Sharjah, Sharjah Municipality Building, Sharjah Mosque, [Al Qasba](#), [Fujairah Grand Mosque](#), Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque
- [Ajman Heritage District](#) murals depicting local culture and traditions ([Ajman](#))
- [Louvre](#), Adults AED 57 Children 0-17 free, [Book tickets here](#) ([Abu Dhabi](#))
- [RAK Fine Arts Festival](#) (Feb-March) ([Ras Al Khaimah](#))

- [Qasr al Watan](#), Adults AED 45 Children (4-17) AED 27, [Book Discounted Tickets now](#) (Abu Dhabi)

Fun and adventure activities!

- [Al Rafisah Dam](#) – lake, play areas, picnic areas, nature, ducks, pedalos, kayaks, etc. starting from AED 30 (Khor Fakkan)
- [Khor Fakkan Corniche](#) (Khor Fakkan)
- [Kalba Corniche Park](#) (Kalba)
- **Kayaking and other water sports** – [Ajman Marina](#), [RAK](#), [UAQ](#), Khor Kalba, Khorfakkan, Hatta, Buhairah, Eastern Mangroves, Louvre Abu Dhabi, Al Majaz waterfront, Kalba Lake
- [Al Majaz Waterfront](#) – restaurants and cafes, more happening 4pm onwards – splash park, boats, car rides (pretend old style cars), multiple play areas, jogging track, park (Sharjah)
- [Al Qasba Canal](#) – restaurants and cafes, paid play areas, occasional festivals (Sharjah)
- [Ajman Marina](#) – play areas, boat rides, restaurants and cafes, beach, caravan site, birdwatching, golf (Ajman)
- [Al Marsa Ajman](#) – waterfront restaurants, go-karts and bicycles to rent, floating restaurant (mostly closed mornings and early afternoon) (Ajman)
- [Al Suwaidi Pearl Farm](#) with a boat trip, Al Rams, Ras al Khaimah. Prices vary but are around AED 200-300. (Ras Al Khaimah) [Book now](#)
- [Discover Mleiha](#) – dune-bashing, [horse-riding](#), UniMog tour, workshops, stargazing and more (all need to be booked in advance) (Al Mleiha, Sharjah Central Region)
- [Jebel Jais](#) – Sky Maze, Sky Tour, Sky Flight, food trucks, picnic areas, views, camping, hiking [Book the Sky Flight here](#). (Ras Al Khaimah)
- [Promenade Manar Mall](#), (Ras Al Khaimah)
- [Fujairah Seven Peaks/Summits hiking trail](#) (Fujairah)
- [Fujairah Adventure Park](#) (Fujairah)
- [Huwaitat Family Park](#), (South Ras Al Khaimah)
- [Sharjah Paintball Park](#) (Sharjah)
- [Ajman Battle Park](#) (Ajman)
- [Dubai Frame](#), Adults AED 49 Children (4-11) AED 25, [Book tickets now](#) (Dubai)
- [Dibba Mountain Park and Resort](#) (Fujairah)

Theme Parks

- **Dubai Parks and Resorts** - Motiongate, Legoland, Lego Water Park, Bollywood, AED 295 [Buy Tickets Now \(Dubai\)](#)
- **IMG**, AED 345. [Buy Tickets Now \(Dubai\)](#)
- **Warner Bros**, AED 295. [Buy Tickets Now \(Abu Dhabi\)](#)
- **Ferrari World**, AED 295. [Buy Tickets Now \(Abu Dhabi\)](#)
- **Yas Waterworld**, AED 243. [Buy Tickets for Yas Waterworld](#) or [Buy Combiketickets \(Abu Dhabi\)](#)
- **Dreamland AquaPark**, Adult AED 95 [Buy Tickets Now \(Umm Al Quwain\)](#)
- **Al Montaza Park and Pearls Kingdom Waterpark**, AED 55-175 [Buy Tickets \(Sharjah\)](#)

Hiking and Walks

See our page on some hiking areas here. There are lots of family-friendly options. Here are a few to start you off and you can find lots of walks at the post on [Walks out of the City](#).

- [Al Bidya Trail](#)
- [Ghail - Kalba Dam trail](#)
- [Masfoot Walk and hiking trails](#)
- [Jebel Jais Lower Trails](#)
- [Hiking in the UAE](#)

Other places to visit!

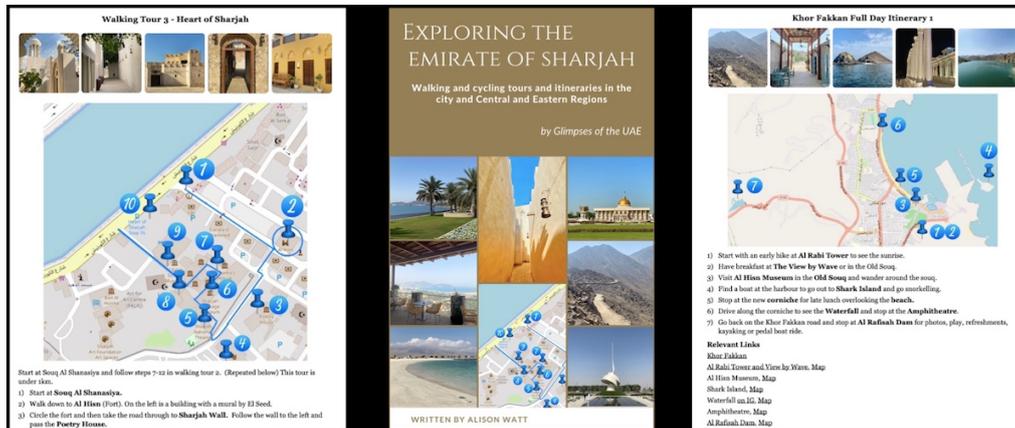
- [Kalba Hanging Gardens](#) (Kalba)
- [Al Hefaiya Lake](#) (Kalba)
- [Shees Park](#) (Khorfakkan)
- [Abrahamic Family House](#) (Abu Dhabi)
- [Quranic Park](#) free, AED 5 each to enter Cave and Botanical Garden (Dubai)
- [Al Mugheira Bay](#) (Abu Dhabi)
- [Al Wathba Lake Park](#) (Abu Dhabi)
- [Al Qasba](#) (Sharjah)

To find more fun activities to do in the UAE, visit [Platinum List](#) or [Get Your Guide](#) and enter your preferred location.

Glimpses of the UAE Resources:

- Websites: <https://glimpsesofuae.com>, <https://whyilovesharjah.com>
- Website for Oman and other locations: <https://inscotteratfootsteps.com>
- Instagram: <https://instagram.com/glimpsesoftheuae>
- Facebook: <https://facebook.com/glimpsesofuae>
- Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/398058755250967>
- E-book: [The Ultimate Guide to the Emirate of Sharjah](#)
- [Glimpses of UAE Map](#)
- [Glimpses of the UAE Newsletter](#)

My booklet *Exploring the Emirate of Sharjah – Walking and cycling tours and itineraries in the city and Central and Eastern Regions* can be very useful for organising some of your trips during the holidays and weekends. [Buy now](#)



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