



# Born to wow

Since settlement on Abu Dhabi in the 18th century, to the economic powerhouse it has become today, the Emirate's art and culture has always been a prized possession

Exploring the many cultural sites in the city of Abu Dhabi is a wonderful addition to any stay in the United Arab Emirates' most popular tourist destination. Locations such as Qasr Al Hosn, the oldest building in the city, are a must see, as many structures have great cultural significance to the people of UAE. The Al Ain Palace is one such site, as it served as the residence of the UAE's own Founding Father, Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan.

With this important figure in mind, the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque is a visit you can't pass up. This beautiful building is one of the largest mosques in the world and was deliberately designed

to incorporate and celebrate architecture from Muslim nations around the world. Aldar HQ is worth a visit, with incredible circular architecture that inspires awe in even the most well-travelled.

The landscaping of the beautiful Oasis Garden in Al Ain creates a serene and peaceful experience,

whether you escape to their pre-oasis garden or the more recognisable orchard and symbolic gardens. The Founder's Memorial, in honour of Sheikh Zayed, also boasts incredible grounds full of indigenous flora, amazing views of the countryside and a breathtaking sculpture, *The Constellation*.

Lastly, the Louvre Abu Dhabi is the destination that absolutely cannot be missed. The museum houses incredible art from around the globe, including Piet Mondrian's famous piece, *Composition with Blue, Red, Yellow and Black*. There is a focus on cultural artifacts and representations from many different cultures and civilisations from over 6,000 years of human history.

There is no shortage of experience when it comes to exploring the art and culture of Abu Dhabi. On the contrary, you will find yourself divided between what to see and what you will need to leave till next time. [abudhabiculture.ae](http://abudhabiculture.ae) ■

**Above: The Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque Right: Louvre Abu Dhabi by architect Jean Nouvel**

