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A woman in a light-colored jacket and dark pants stands in a desert landscape. To her left is a large, layered rock formation. The background is a vast, flat desert under a clear sky. A large, bright red graphic shape is overlaid on the right side of the image, partially obscuring the sky and the woman. The text is positioned within this red area.

Abu Dhabi is a place that welcomes and shares all that it has with visitors, inviting them to discover experiences at their own pace.

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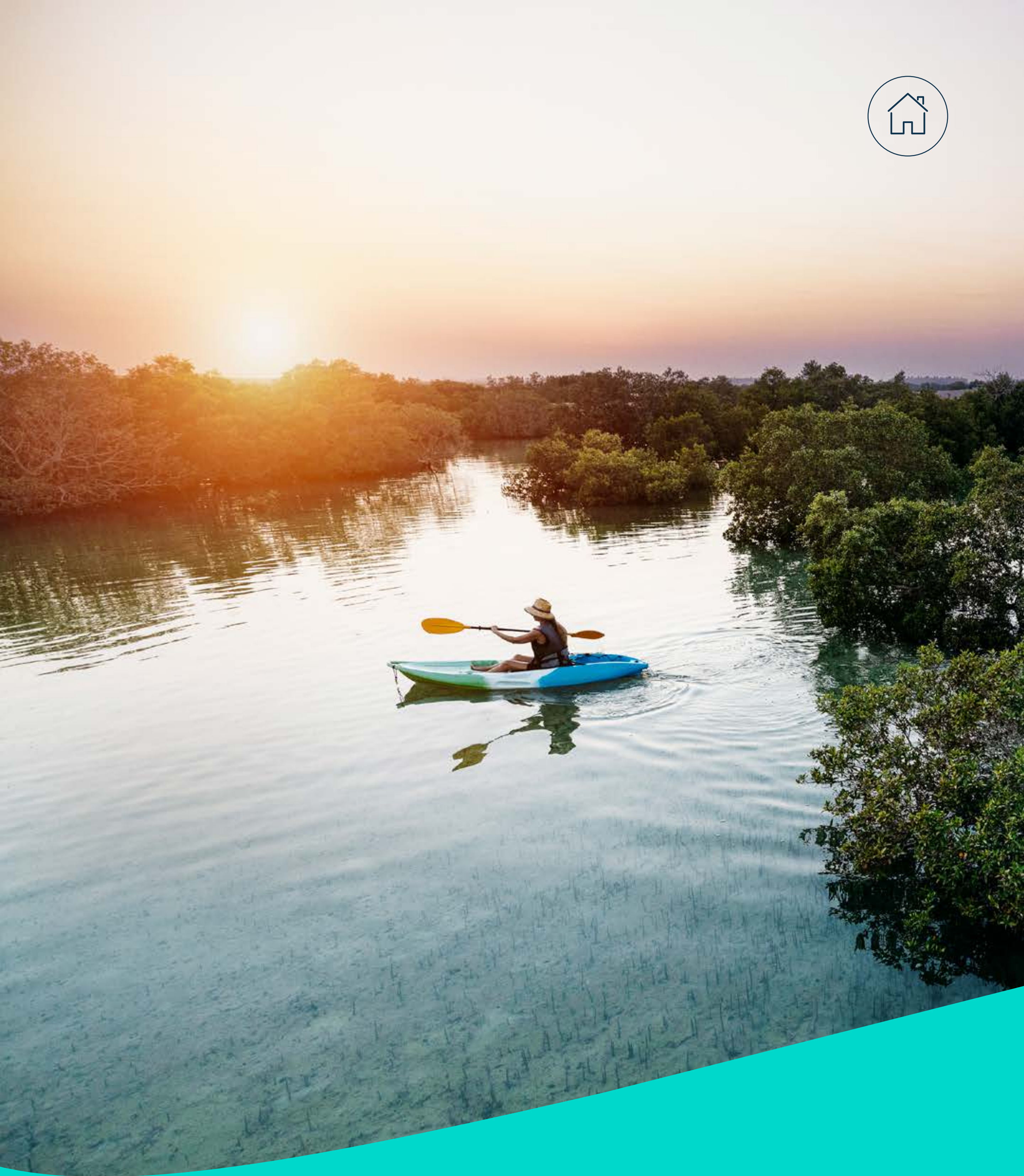
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Welcome to Abu Dhabi

Located in the heart of Arabia, Abu Dhabi is vibrant destination filled with enriching activities and attractions for your perfect stay. Beyond the dynamic city, majestic desert landscapes and lush green oases are ready to be explored. Available minutes apart and throughout the year, you can enjoy moments that excite, inspire and restore, all at your own pace.

Everything within reach



Abu Dhabi International Airport is...

20 mins

to Abu Dhabi Island

- 1 Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque
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- 5 Eastern Mangroves Park

15 mins

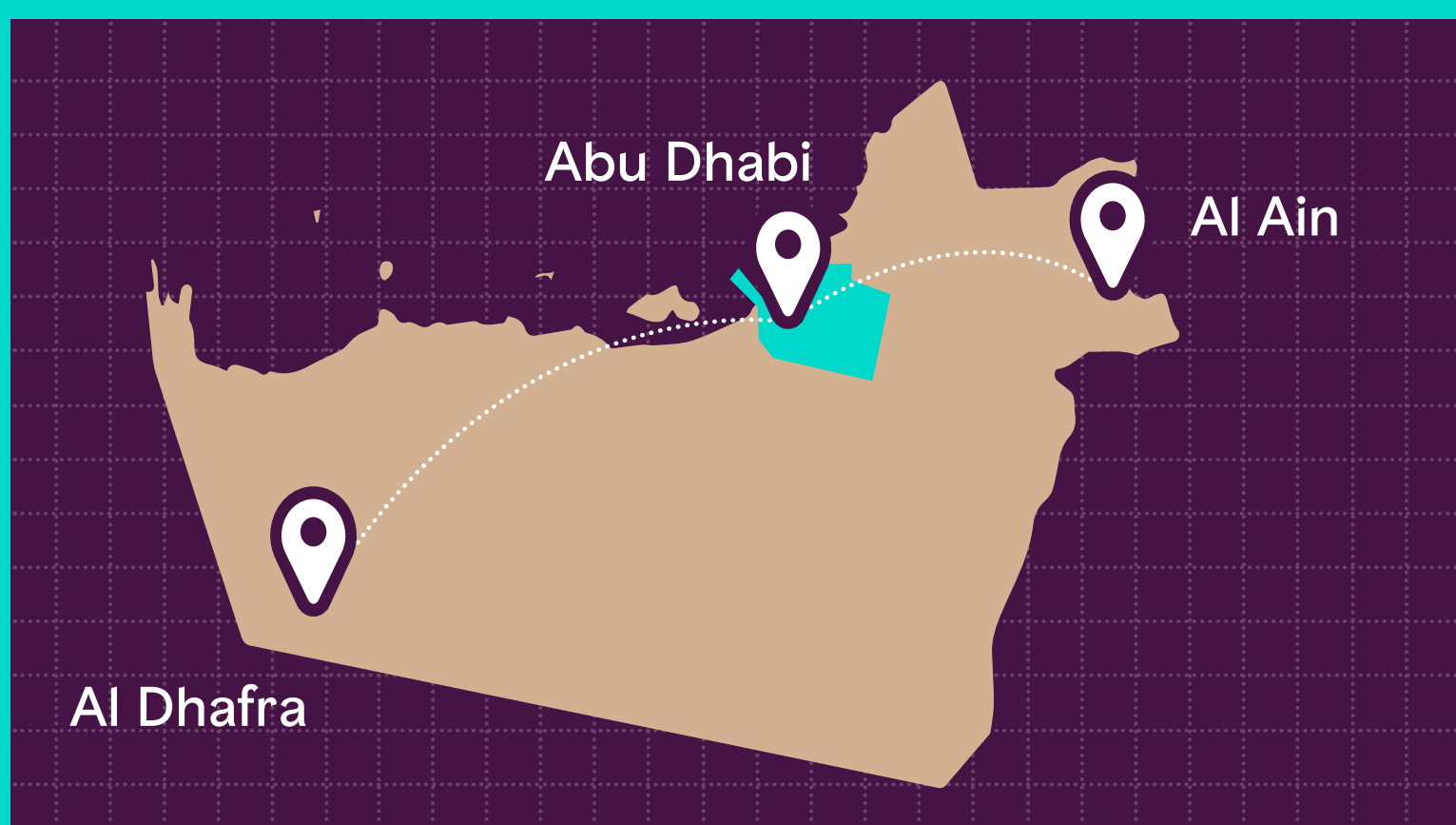
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Abu Dhabi City

The capital of the United Arab Emirates

Al Dhafra Region

71% of the emirate's total area

Al Ain

≈160 km from Abu Dhabi International Airport



The city of **Abu Dhabi**

Whether it's a fun-filled family holiday or a romantic getaway, you'll find experiences to match your pace across Downtown Abu Dhabi, Yas Island and Saadiyat Island. Feel at home with welcoming Emirati hospitality while you explore museums, dine at award-winning restaurants, or simply soak in the sunshine by the pool.



Al Ain

Translating to 'The Spring', this garden city offers visitors a range of archaeological sites, historic buildings and cultural attractions. Just a short drive from Abu Dhabi City, the Cultural Sites of Al Ain are the UAE's only UNESCO-designated heritage sites – including Al Ain Oasis, Bida bint Saud, Jebel Hafit, and Hili Archaeological Park.



Al Dhafra

Also known as the Western Region, Al Dhafra is Abu Dhabi's largest and most sparsely populated area. Covering two-thirds of the emirate, the vast expanse features stunning beaches, dramatic scenery and ancient forts, as well as the historic oasis of Liwa, the gateway to the sprawling Empty Quarter desert.



Be Excited

Warner Bros. World™ Abu Dhabi

Ferrari World Abu Dhabi

Al Ain Zoo

Yas Bay

Yas Marina Circuit

CLYMB Abu Dhabi

Heritage Village

Jebel Hafit Desert Park

Etihad Arena

Zayed Sports City

Wadi Adventure

The National Aquarium

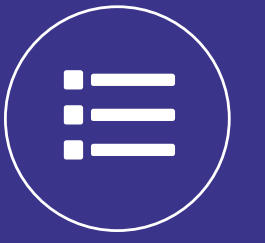
Al Qana



 **Warner Bros.
World Abu Dhabi**

The biggest indoor theme park in the world, featuring family-friendly hero-themed rides

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Ferrari World Abu Dhabi

A thrilling theme park and home to Formula Rossa, the world's fastest roller coaster

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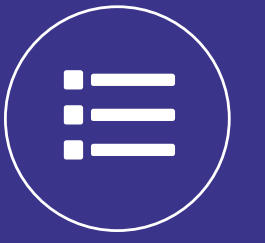




Al Ain Zoo

Take a safari through this 400-hectare zoo featuring more than 4,000 animals, including big cats

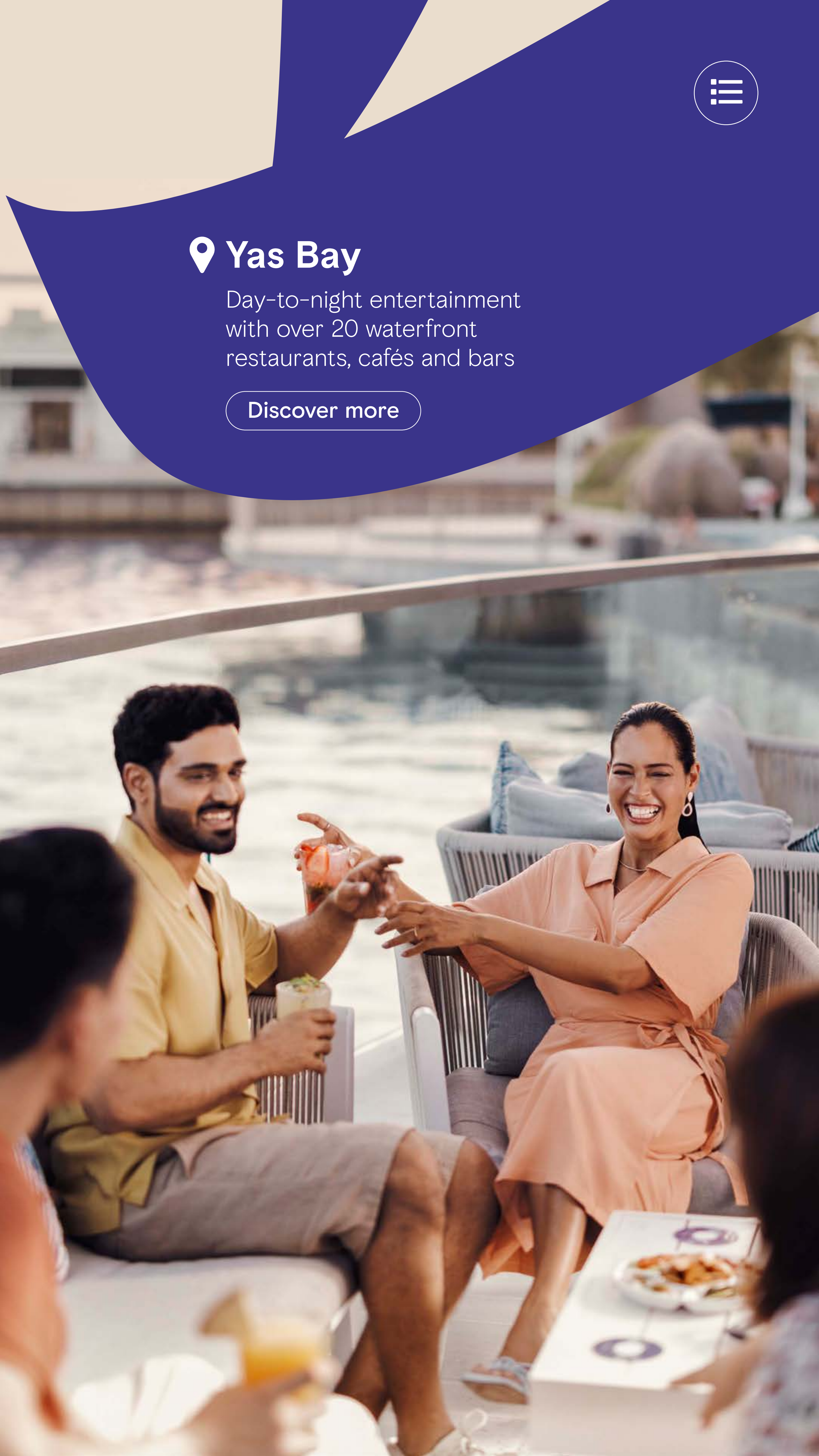
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Yas Bay

Day-to-night entertainment with over 20 waterfront restaurants, cafés and bars

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Yas Marina Circuit

Test your driving skills at the home of the annual Formula 1 Etihad Airways Abu Dhabi Grand Prix

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CLYMB Abu Dhabi

An adventure hub featuring indoor skydiving and the region's tallest indoor climbing wall

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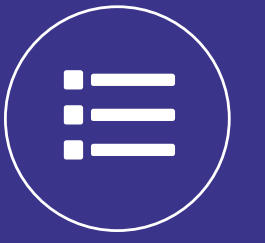




Heritage Village

Visit a reconstruction of a traditional desert village with a regular roster of events

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Jebel Hafit Desert Park

A tranquil nature park featuring archaeological remains and activities such as hiking, cycling and horse riding

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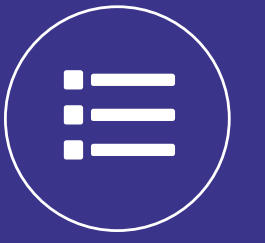




Etihad Arena

The UAE's largest multi-purpose indoor arena, hosting the biggest names in sports and entertainment

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Zayed Sports City

A sprawling multi-sport venue featuring multiple pitches and courts, plus a cricket stadium and a bowling alley

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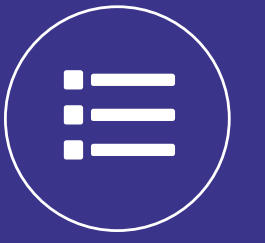




Wadi Adventure

Home to the Middle East's first man-made white water rafting channel

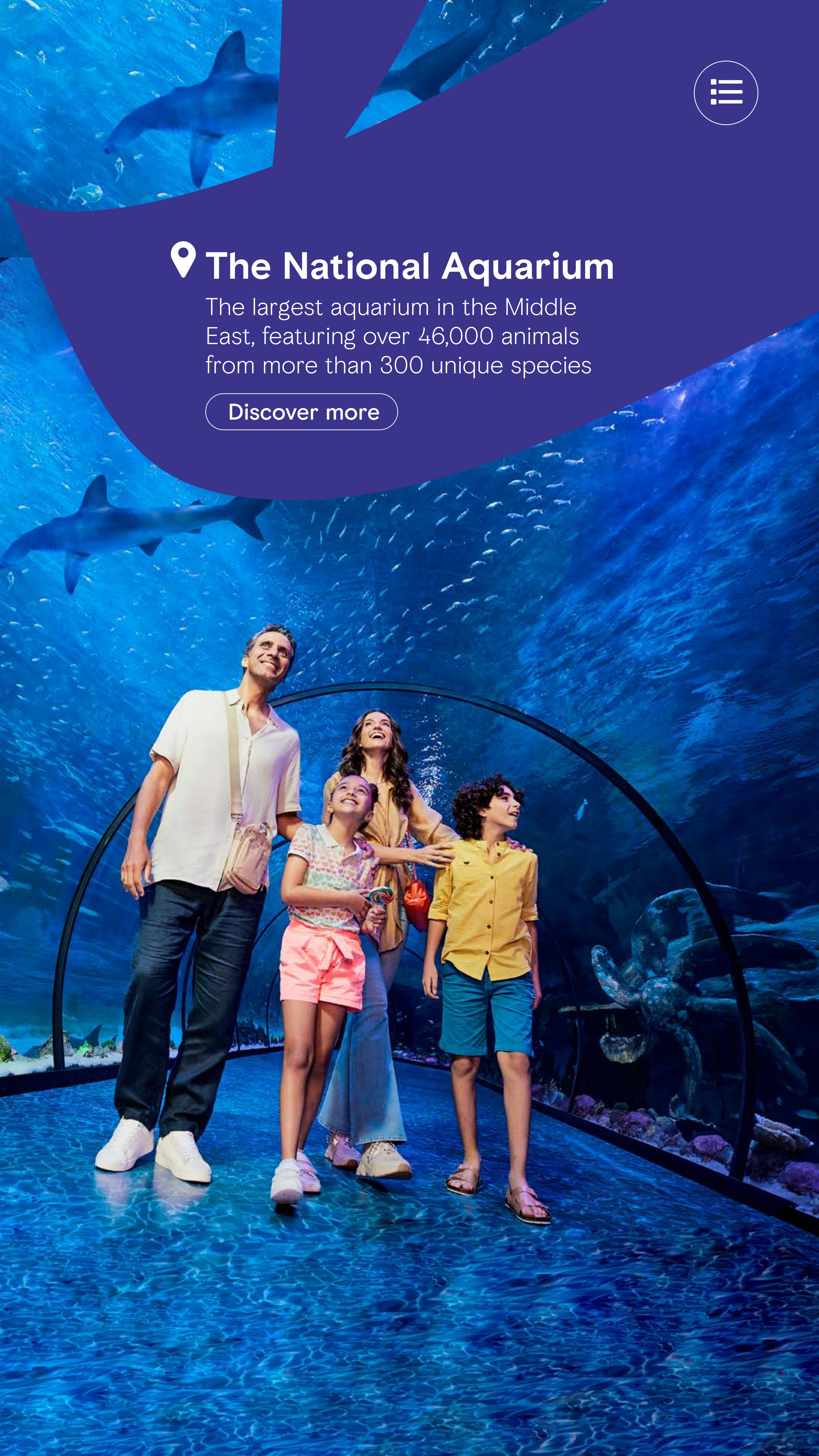
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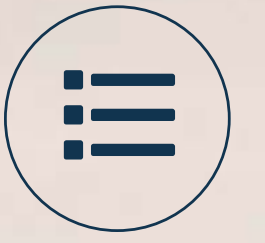


The National Aquarium

The largest aquarium in the Middle East, featuring over 46,000 animals from more than 300 unique species

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Al Qana

A unique waterfront destination bringing a new definition of dining and entertainment to Abu Dhabi

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Feel Restored

Emirates Palace

Saadiyat Island

Al Ain Oasis

Jubail Mangrove Park

Marina Island

Sir Bani Yas Island

Saadiyat Beach Club

Qasr Al Sarab

Al Wathba Fossil Dunes

Al Wathba Salt Lake





Emirates Palace

An iconic hotel that blends Arabian splendour with unrivalled luxury to create a magical experience

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Saadiyat Island

Abu Dhabi's cultural hub is home to world-class art and architecture as well as luxury hotels and leisure attractions

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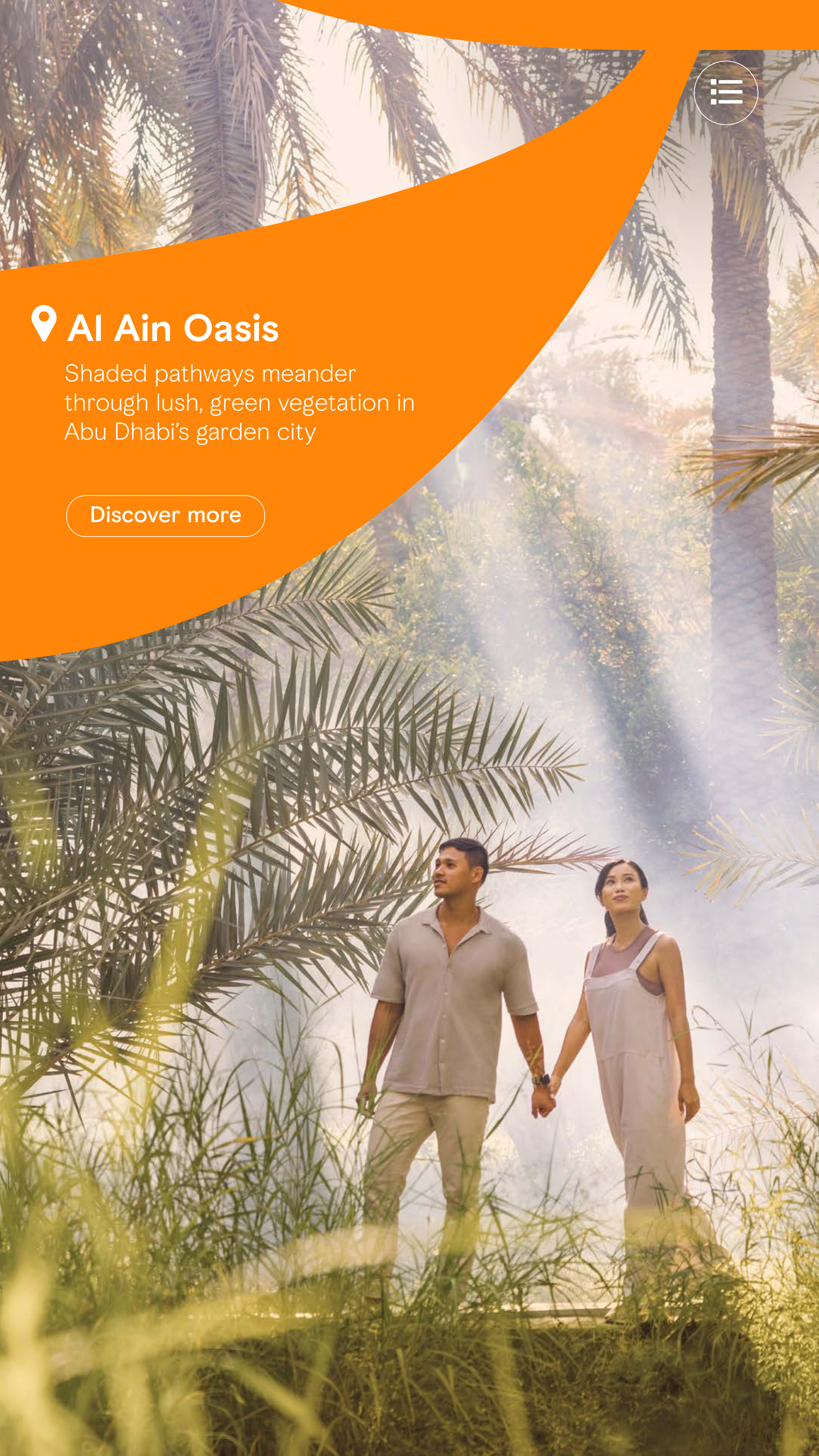


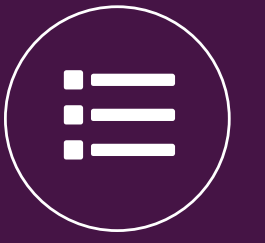


Al Ain Oasis

Shaded pathways meander through lush, green vegetation in Abu Dhabi's garden city

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Jubail Mangrove Park

Wooden boardwalks traverse the sprawling mangrove forest – a unique haven for marine and bird wildlife

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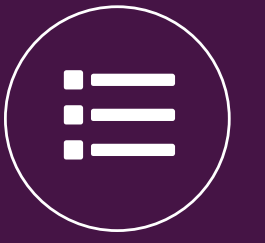


Marina Island

A fun-packed area that's home to Marina Mall, the Marina Eye Ferris wheel and Heritage Village

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Sir Bani Yas Island

The nature-based destination is home to stunning wildlife, adventure activities, hotels and heritage sites

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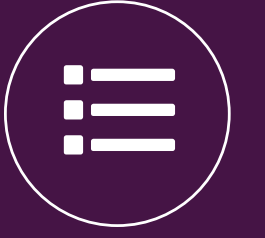


Saadiyat Beach Club

Nestled on the shores of the Arabian Gulf, Saadiyat Beach Club is the perfect spot to unwind for the day

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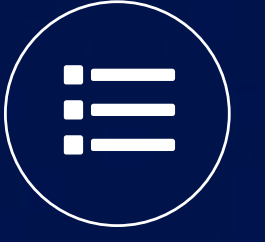


Qasr Al Sarab

This secluded luxury hotel offers a breathtaking panorama over the golden Liwa dunes

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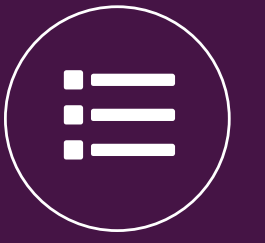


AI Wathba Fossil Dunes

An unmissable natural marvel that features 1,700 sandstone structures carved by desert winds over thousands of years

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Al Wathba Salt Lake

A mesmerising desert lake where giant salt pads create alluring stepping stones over emerald-green waters

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Get Inspired

Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque

Manarat Al Saadiyat

Louvre Abu Dhabi

Al Ain Museum

Qasr Al Watan

Qasr Al Muwaiji

Al Jahili Fort

Bait Mohammed bin Khalifa

Al Qattara Arts Centre

The Founders Memorial

Sir Bani Yas Island Church and Monastery



📍 Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque

One of the world's largest
and most beautiful mosques

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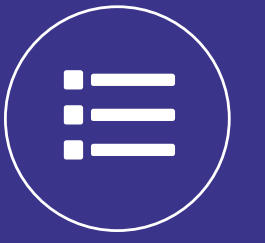




Manarat Al Saadiyat

Saadiyat Island's premier art, cultural activity and community events centre

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Louvre Abu Dhabi

The first universal museum in the Arab world and an architectural icon

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Al Ain Museum

The oldest museum in the UAE tells the story of the nation's ancient history

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Qasr Al Watan

A working Presidential palace and a majestic cultural landmark

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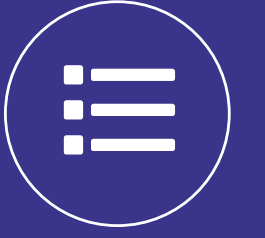




Qasr Al Muwaiji

The more than 100-year-old fort was a home and administrative base for the late Sheikh Zayed

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Al Jahili Fort

Built in the 1890s, the historic Al Jahili Fort has long been a focal point for the community

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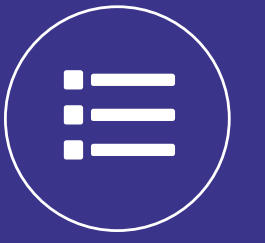




Bait Mohammed bin Khalifa

This historic former home has been transformed into a community centre

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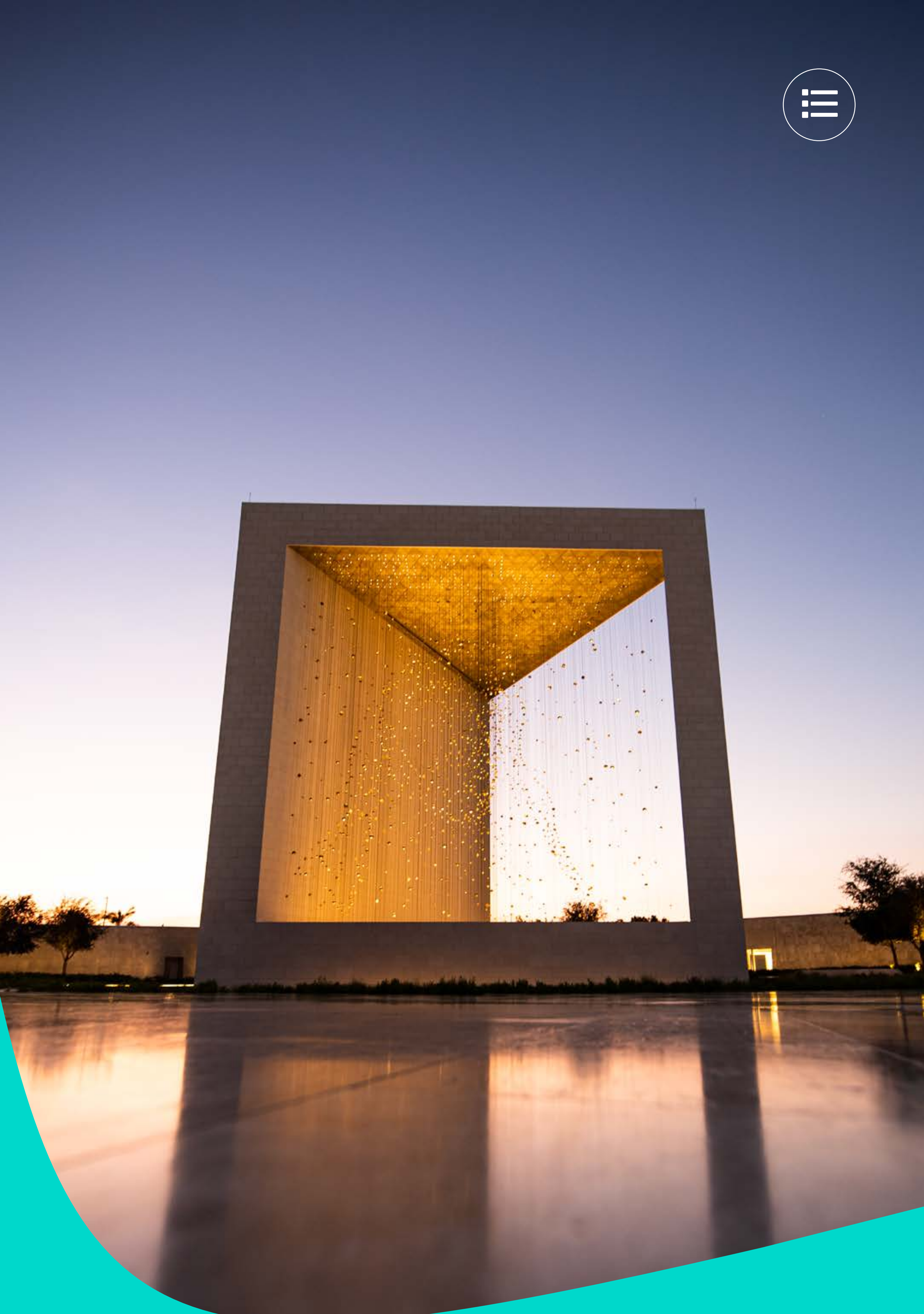


📍 Al Qattara Arts Centre

A place for both visitors and the Al Ain community to see and create art

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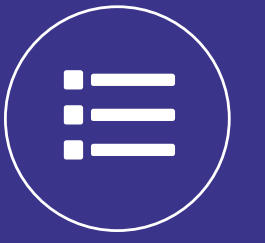




The Founder's Memorial

A unique cultural attraction celebrating the life and values of Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan

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📍 Sir Bani Yas Island Church and Monastery

Discovered in the early 1990s,
illuminating the evidence of early
Christianity in the region

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Dining

Dine your way around the world with a wide variety of international and local flavours, from homegrown concepts to celebrated culinary favourites. Highlights include:

Alba Terrace

COYA Abu Dhabi

Buddha-Bar BeachCafé Milano

Cipriani

Mare Mare

Shang Palace

Fouquet's Abu Dhabi

LPM Restaurant & Bar

Oak Room

Nusr-Et

Tean

Sontaya

Zuma

Marco Pierre White Steakhouse & Grill



Alba Terrace

The finest organic coffees,
biodynamic drinks, light lunches and
sharing plates

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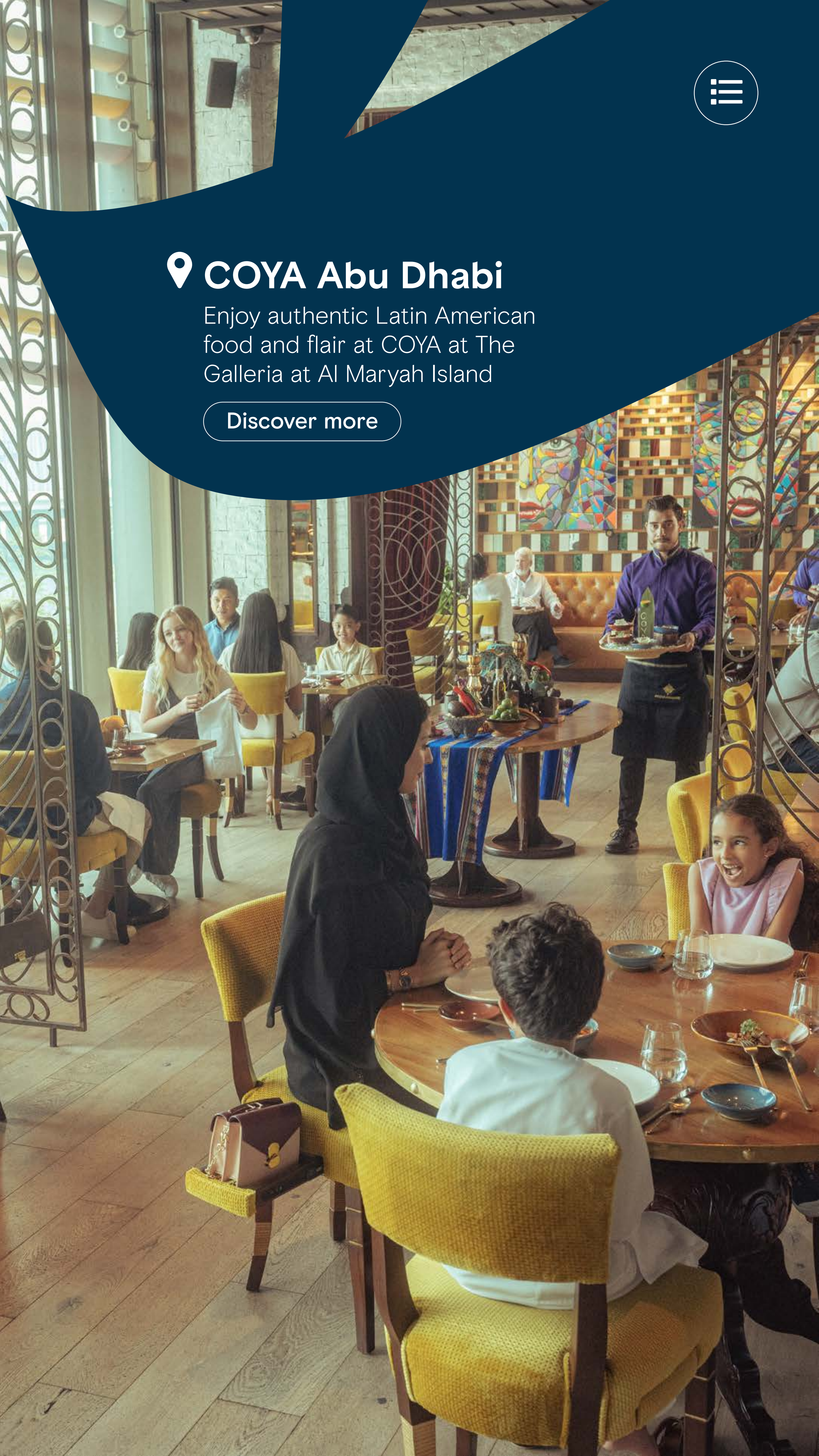


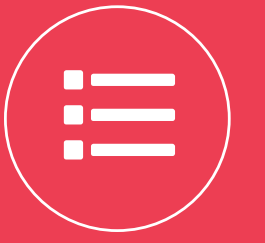


COYA Abu Dhabi

Enjoy authentic Latin American food and flair at COYA at The Galleria at Al Maryah Island

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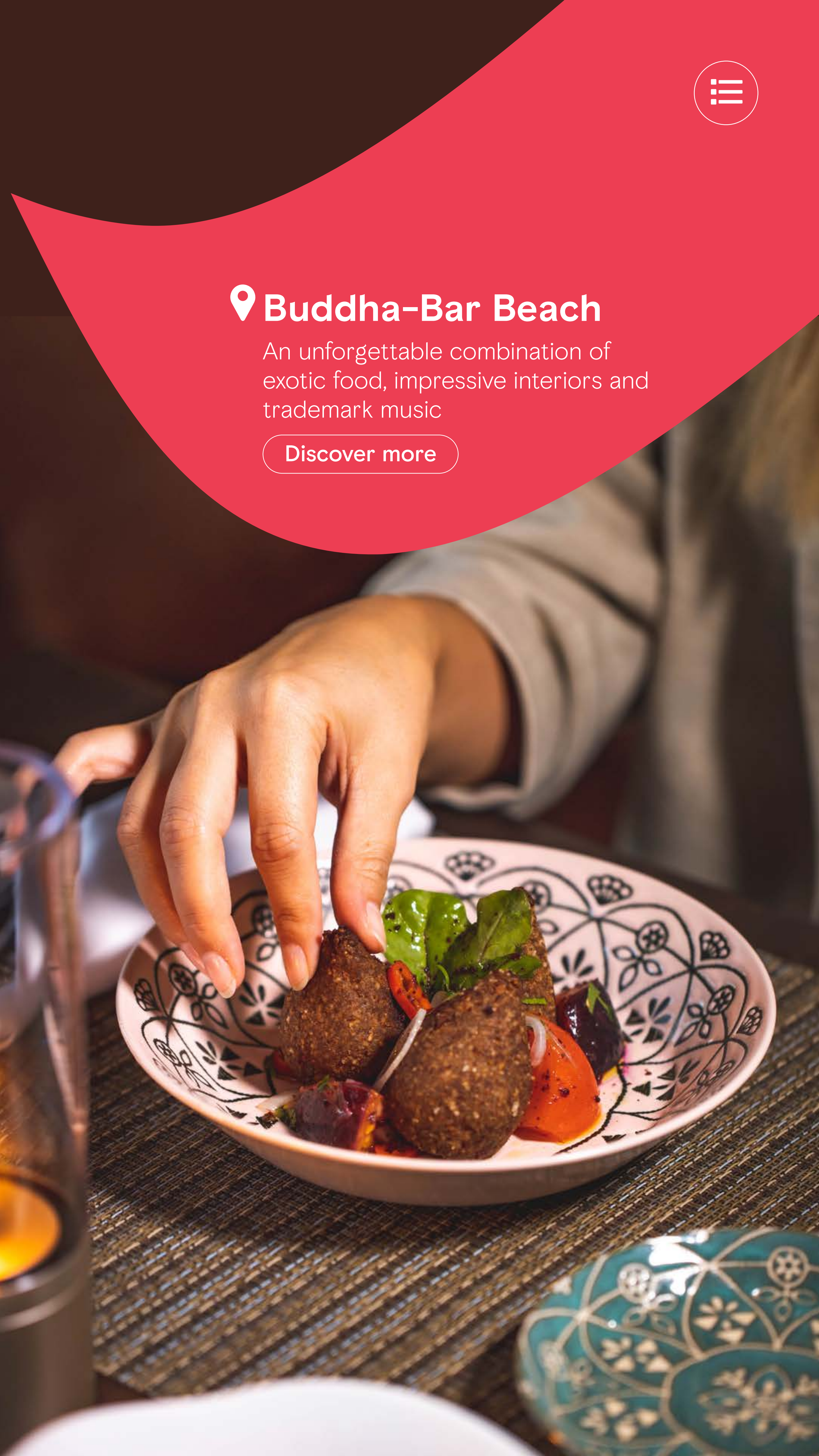




Buddha-Bar Beach

An unforgettable combination of exotic food, impressive interiors and trademark music

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Café Milano

Great food that embodies the Italian tradition of authenticity, simplicity, and refinement

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Cipriani

Signature dishes from Harry's Bar in Venice and classic Italian favourites, overlooking the stunning Yas Marina

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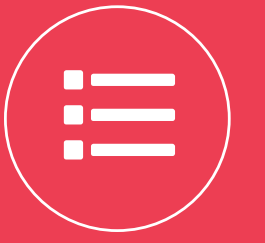


Mare Mare

The home-style poolside restaurant effortlessly brings together the coastal flavours of Italy

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Shang Palace

Authentic Chinese cuisine,
specialising in steamy dim sum
and other traditional dishes

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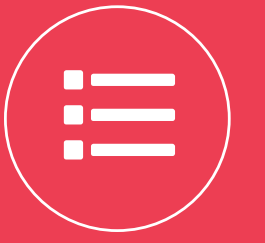


Fouquet's Abu Dhabi

A renowned Parisian brasserie at Louvre Abu Dhabi that promises an exceptional culinary journey

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LPM Restaurant & Bar

A tribute to the French Riviera
with unforgettable food and a
refined atmosphere

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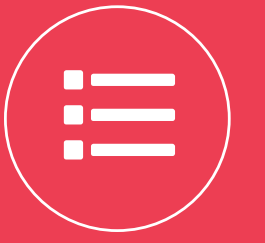


Oak Room

Michelin-starred chef Tom Aikens curates a menu with the very best produce and ingredients

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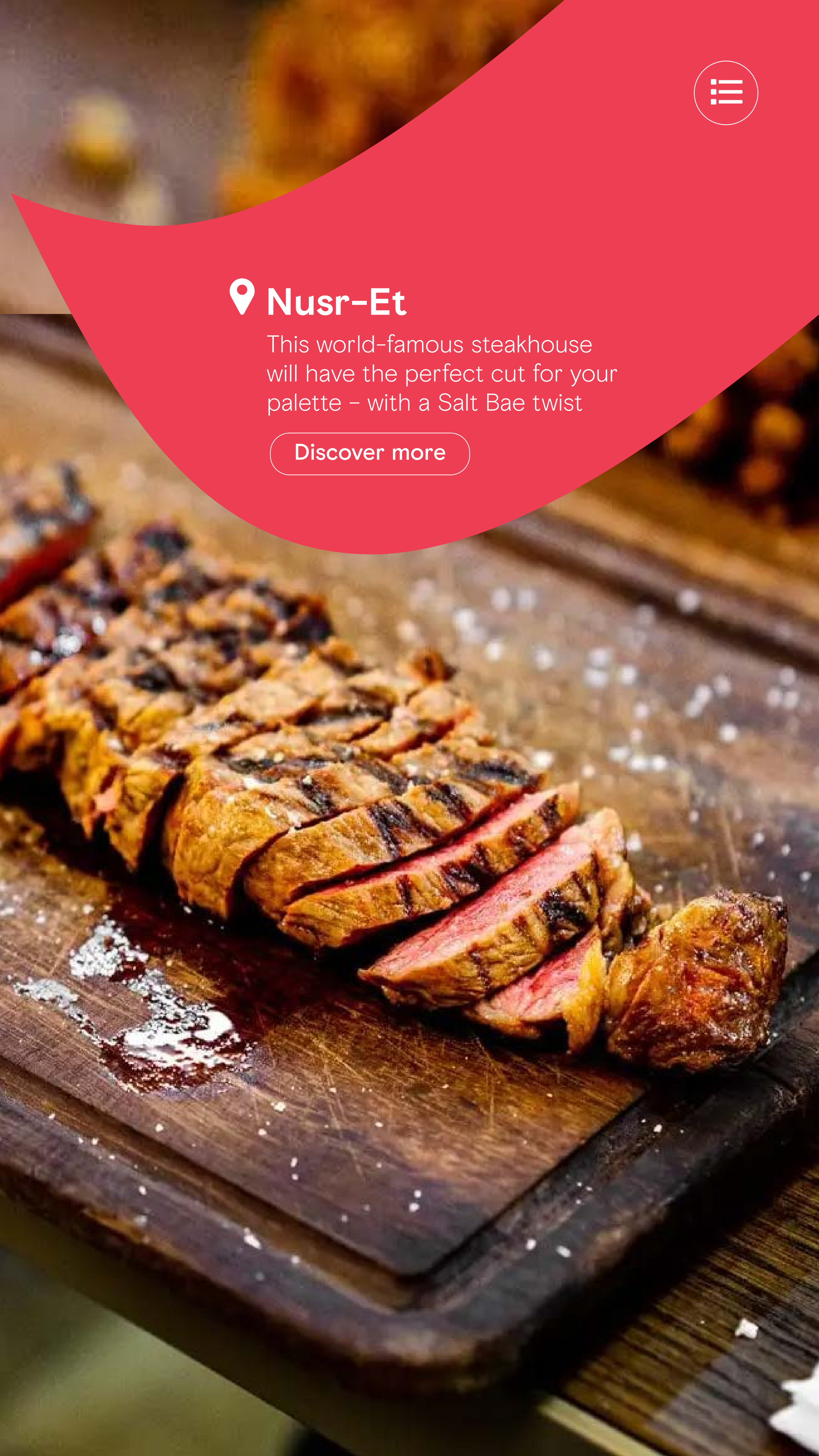




Nusr-Et

This world-famous steakhouse will have the perfect cut for your palette – with a Salt Bae twist

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Tean

Immerse yourself in the flavours of the region, and experience Levantine dining culture

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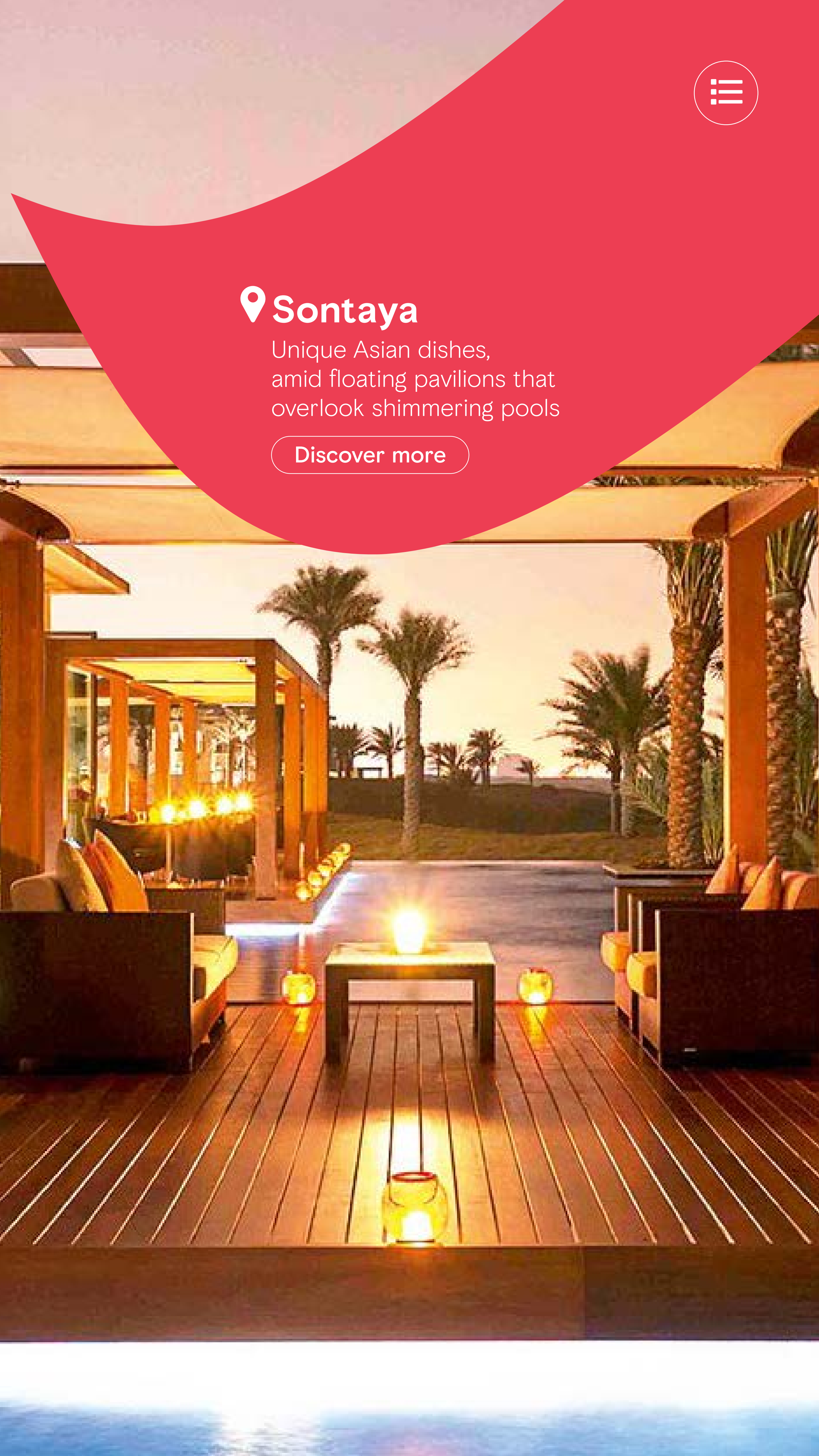




Sontaya

Unique Asian dishes,
amid floating pavilions that
overlook shimmering pools

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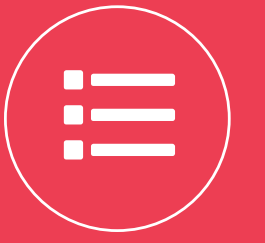


Zuma

Enjoy Japanese izakaya-style dining, with dishes that can be shared at the table or enjoyed individually

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Marco Pierre White Steakhouse & Grill

Find your perfect dish, with classic English favourites and speciality grilled cuisine

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Nightlife

Vibrant music and good vibes are available all year round. Abu Dhabi has a dynamic party scene to elevate any get-together or celebration. Including:

Mamsha Al Saadiyat

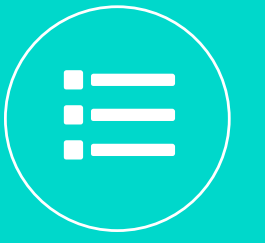
Saadiyat Beach Club

Yas Bay Waterfront

WHITE Abu Dhabi

Buddha-Bar Beach

Iris Yas Island



Mamsha Al Saadiyat

Breezy beach bites on an island filled with cultural wonders, just 15 minutes from Downtown Abu Dhabi

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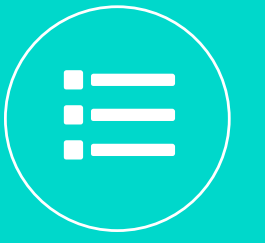




Saadiyat Beach Club

Luxury meets simplicity in one of Abu Dhabi's most exclusive destinations, with quality service and magnificent views

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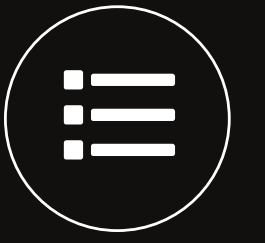


Yas Bay Waterfront

Plunge into a coastal promenade packed with mouth-watering options, including the elegant Café Del Mar beach club

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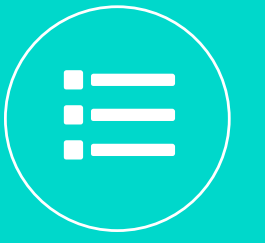




WHITE Abu Dhabi

The region's number one nightclub where you can dance the night away to the biggest hip hop, R&B and urban hits

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Buddha-Bar Beach

Exotic food, chic interiors and trademark music packaged in an unforgettable experience

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Iris Yas Island

Vibrant evenings with tasty beverages, lounge music and sunset views, set against the picturesque backdrop of Yas Marina

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Shopping

Whether you're after the biggest fashion labels or traditional Arabian artefacts, Abu Dhabi has something for every type of shopper. Including:

Abu Dhabi Mall

The Galleria Al Maryah Island Yas Mall

Delma Mall

Al Wahda Mall

Nation Towers Mall

Yas Mall

Marina Mall

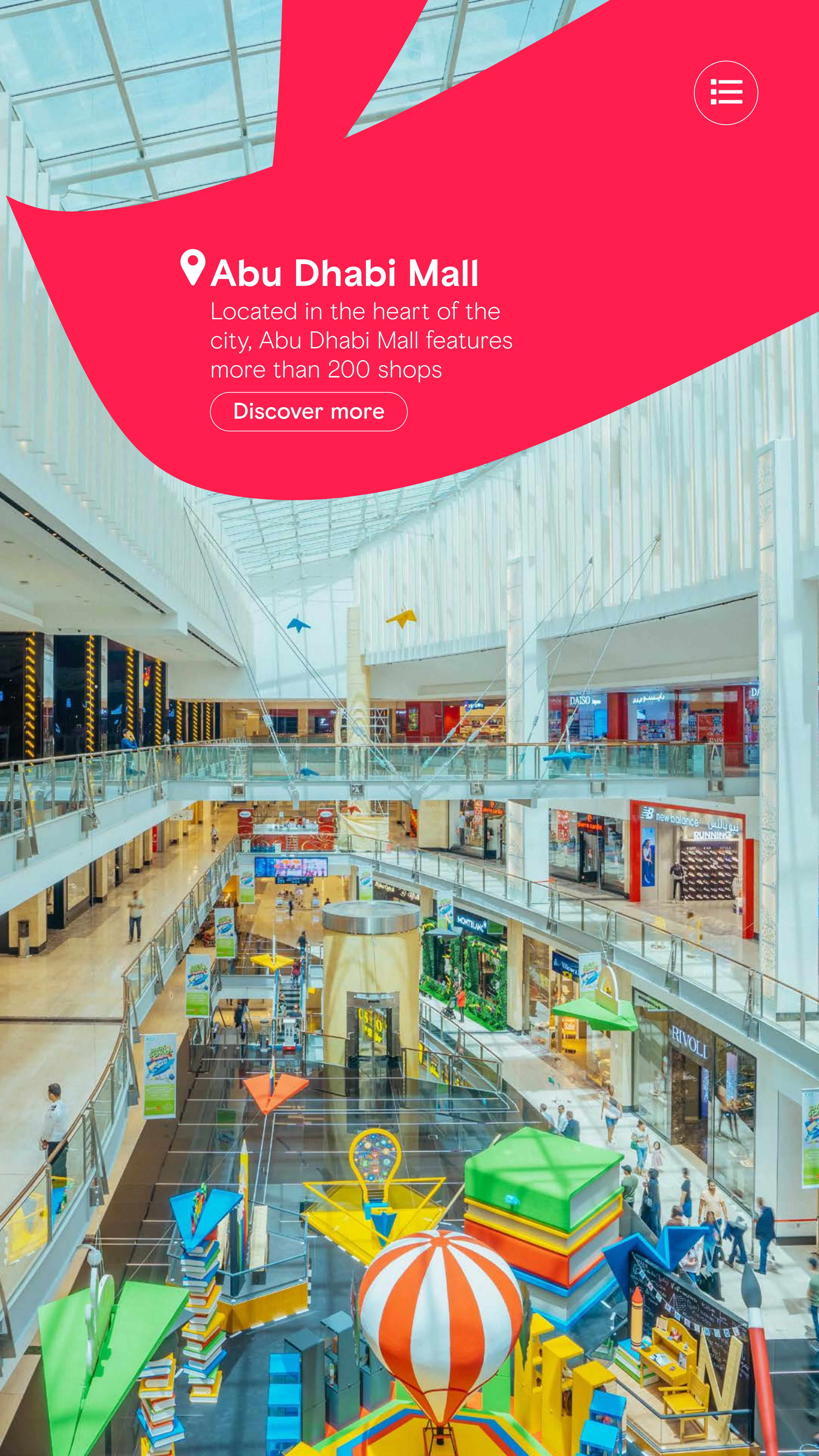
The Mall at World Trade Center



Abu Dhabi Mall

Located in the heart of the city, Abu Dhabi Mall features more than 200 shops

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The Galleria Al Maryah Island

Home to over 400 stores and 100 food options, The Galleria is a fun, family-friendly retail space

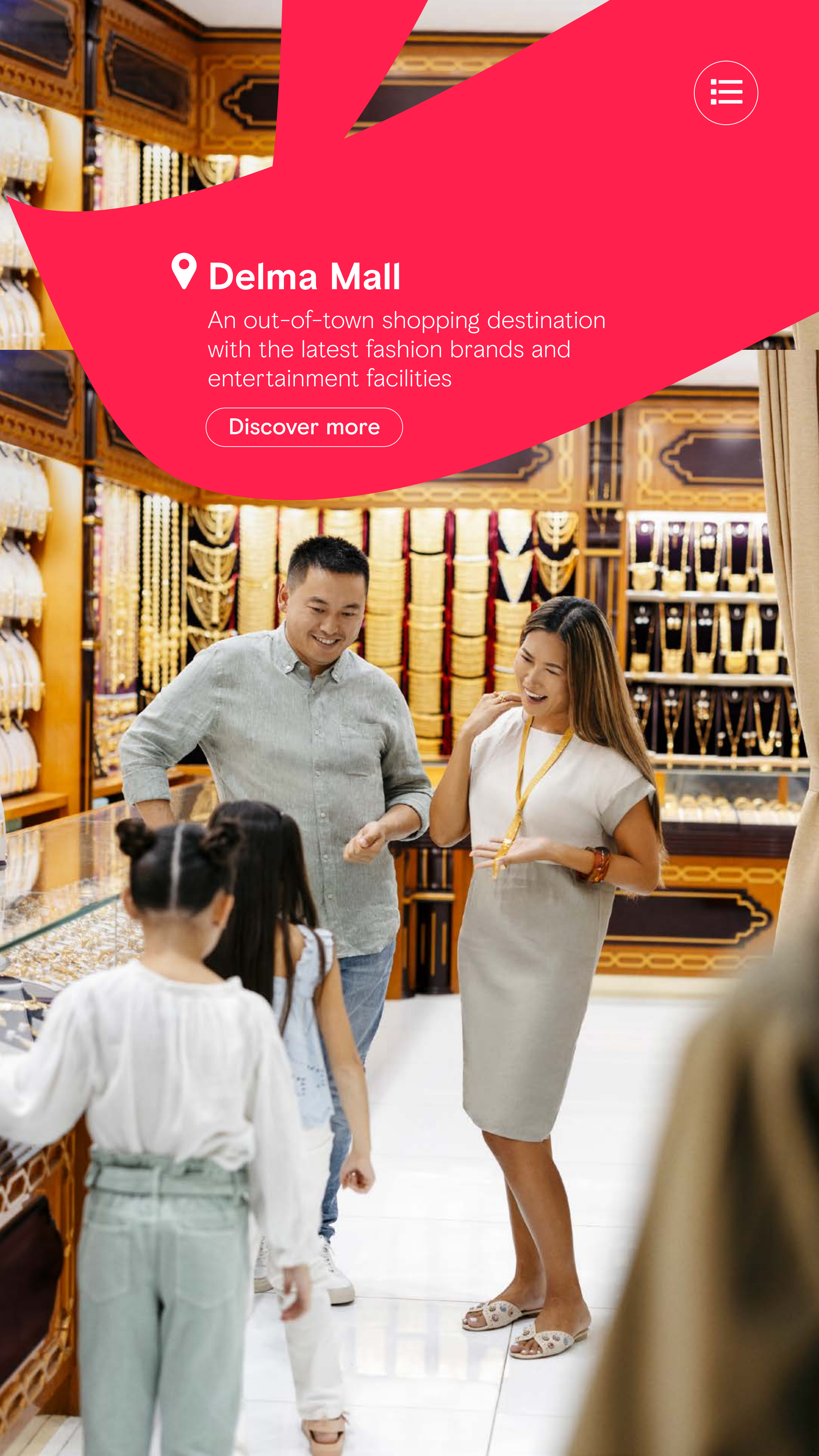
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Delma Mall

An out-of-town shopping destination with the latest fashion brands and entertainment facilities

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Al Wahda Mall

A conveniently located and spacious mall with direct access to the nearby Grand Millennium Hotel

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Nation Towers Mall

Nestled at the foot of the twin Nation Towers, a high-end retail spot with unique brands and restaurants

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Yas Mall

Abu Dhabi's biggest mall offers an impressive array of stores, including international retailers and eateries and a 20-screen cinema

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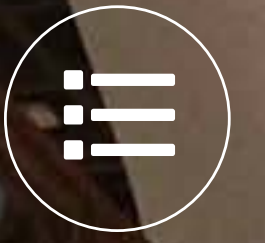


Marina Mall

On the picturesque Breakwater, Marina Mall is home to a bowling alley, cinema and children's zone

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The Mall at World Trade Centre

This old-style Arabian market features a modern mall connected to a traditional souk

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Hotels

Abu Dhabi offers amazing hotels, luxurious resorts and unique experiences that make for the most memorable getaways. Including:

The WB Abu Dhabi

Emirates Palace

Rixos Premium Saadiyat Island

Jumeirah Hotels and Resorts

W Abu Dhabi – Yas Island

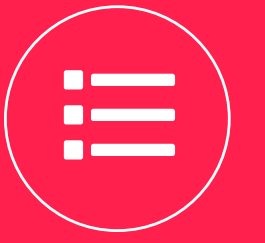
Qasr Al Sarab Desert Resort by Anantara

Pura Eco Retreat

Aloft Abu Dhabi Hotel

Nurai Island Resort

The Abu Dhabi Edition



The WB Abu Dhabi

The world's first Warner Brothers-themed hotel, with access to the theme park as part of your stay

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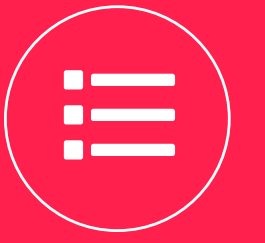




Emirates Palace

Abu Dhabi's ultimate luxury hotel resort, hosting VIPs, celebrities, heads of state and royal families from across the world

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Rixos Premium Saadiyat Island

Situated on the beachfront of Saadiyat Island, this is the first all-inclusive and all-exclusive concept in Abu Dhabi

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Jumeirah at Saadiyat Island Resort

Enjoy three swimming pools, a 400-metre natural beach, tennis court, spa, gym and leisure facilities, and a Kids and Teens club – and a nearby golf course

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W Abu Dhabi – Yas Island

A unique hotel straddling the Formula 1 track at Yas Marina Circuit where selected rooms offer racetrack views, along with a rooftop terrace with pools and bars

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Qasr Al Sarab Desert Resort by Anantara

Set in Abu Dhabi's Empty Quarter in the Rub' Al Khali desert, this luxury resort offers elegant rooms, diverse cuisine and a rooftop lounge

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Pura Eco Retreat

These eco-friendly glamping experiences can be found in stunning natural locations, featuring skylight domes and heritage-style tents for unrivalled views

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Aloft Abu Dhabi Hotel

Set in the ADNEC complex, this functional, ultramodern guest experience offers 408 rooms

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Nurai Island Resort

An exclusive island resort on the Arabian Gulf, just a 12-minute boat ride from Saadiyat Island, offering private villas with temperature-controlled pools

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EDITION®

The Abu Dhabi Edition

A boutique design-led hotel on Al Bateen Marina, promising a different, edgy experience from other luxury hotels

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Getting around

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Abu Dhabi Taxis

Flashes of silver and yellow at every turn, Abu Dhabi's fleet of taxis keep the city moving



On-demand services

Ride-hailing apps like Uber and Careem are available in Abu Dhabi, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week



Public buses

An incredibly inexpensive way to traverse the city, as well as the wider emirate – just use the Hafilat Smart Card.



Pedal power

Explore, exercise and have a bit of fun with find-and-hire bikes. The Careem Bike app will allow you to unlock two-wheeled transport across Abu Dhabi.



On the water

What better way to admire the cityscape than from the water? Jalboot offers a range of boat tours, cruises and excursions, tailored to your needs.



Self-guided walking

Truly set your own pace with guided audio tours from VoiceMap – your very own personal tour guide in your pocket. You can even download the tour and explore offline.



Useful information

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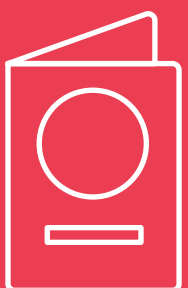
Planning the journey

Curate your journey using DARB, the official source of information for public transport.



Currency

The local currency is the UAE dirham (AED or Dhs), which is divided into 100 fils and is pegged against the US dollar (US \$ 1 = AED 3.6725). Credit cards, debit cards and mobile payment services are widely accepted.



Visas

An Abu Dhabi visit visa is free of charge upon arrival at Abu Dhabi International Airport for citizens of dozens of countries (for the full list, see the Visit Abu Dhabi website), and for GCC citizens, a visa is not required to enter the UAE.

Citizens of all other countries will need to apply for an Abu Dhabi tourist visa, transit visa or visit visa prior to their trip.



Apply for a visa with hotels

Some five, four and three-star hotels can apply for visas on behalf of guests who have booked a stay with them. Make sure you check with your preferred hotel if they offer this service.

While the airline, travel agency and hotel can apply for your visa, please make sure you give yourself enough time for it to be approved, and note that they do not take responsibility if the visa is declined.



Dress Code

Abu Dhabi is a destination with almost year-round sunshine, little rainfall and near-perfect winter temperatures. Lightweight summer clothing is suitable for most of the year, but something slightly warmer may be needed for the winter months. Although the attitude towards clothing style is fairly liberal throughout the UAE, a healthy amount of respect for local customs doesn't go amiss, especially when shopping or sightseeing.



Language

Abu Dhabi is a multicultural city, with residents speaking a vast variety of world languages. The UAE's official language is Arabic but English is also widely spoken and understood.