



CULTURAL CAPITAL

Sharjah is famed for its cultural scene; from historic collections to cutting-edge modern art, from celebrating heritage to putting on futuristic events, from teaching religion, language and traditions to inviting all cultures in – Sharjah truly is the cultured emirate. Accolades include the titles: Capital of Islamic Culture for 2014 and Capital of Arab Tourism for 2015.



ANCIENT TRADITIONS...

The body art of henna and the intricate craftsmanship of jewellery and tapestry are cherished in local culture. These skills can be appreciated in the Heart of Sharjah Area and at major events.

MODERN ART...

Sharjah has been a pioneering force in promoting the region's art scene with the widely respected Sharjah Biennial art festival leading the way. See www.sharjahart.org for details.



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EXPLORE SHARJAH AND ENJOY ITS GREAT CULTURAL RICHNESS...

The very architecture shows the cultured character of the emirate. Wander the restored Heart of Sharjah Area and be transported back in time and head to University City to appreciate the endeavour of the generations to come.

Don't miss the Dr Sultan Al Qassimi Centre Of Gulf Studies in University City for a cultural overview of the emirate.



THE SPIRIT OF SHARJAH CAN BE FELT THROUGH TRUE HOSPITALITY...

Visit as many of Sharjah's brilliant museums, galleries, heritage sites, events and attractions as possible (see www.sharjahmydestination.ae) and everywhere the welcome will be wonderfully genuine and generous.

Visit the Heritage Museum (www.sharjahmuseums.ae) to appreciate ongoing traditions.



THE TRADITIONAL AND THE MODERN COMBINE UNIQUELY...

Sharjah has specialised in preserving traditional culture and celebrating it with modern fanfare. With galleries that combine the historical and contemporary, and events that showcase the past and the future, the emirate is rightly hailed as a leading light.

See the Sharjah Light Festival highlight this capital of culture every February. For more details, please visit www.sharjahmydestination.ae



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Cultured Highlights



2 Events

DON'T MISS SHARJAH'S FAMOUS FESTIVALS

ANCIENT CREATIVE EXPERTISE IN TEXTILES AND JEWELLERY ON DISPLAY...

Displays, stalls, workshops and exhibitions can be found throughout the year at the main festivals and at various venues including Al Qasba and the Heart of Sharjah Area.

Key events are the Sharjah Light Festival in February, Theatre Days in March, Heritage Days in April and the Water Festival in December.



3 Displays

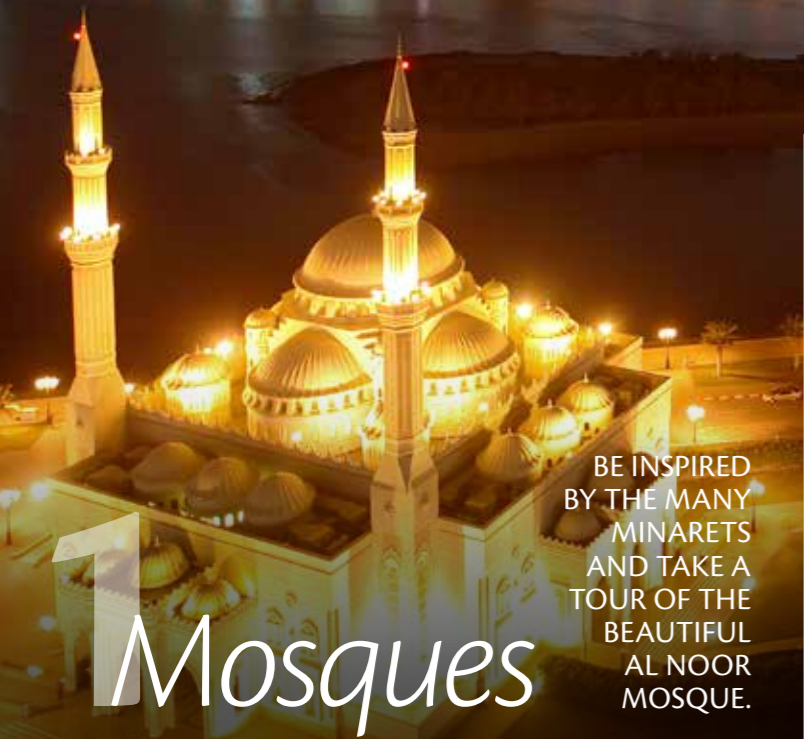
TRADITIONAL CRAFTSMANSHIP IS STILL VERY MUCH A PART OF THE CULTURE...

Truly authentic crafts are still practiced in Sharjah having been passed down through the generations. The best places to witness this living history is at museums, heritage festivals, souks and dhow yards.

Head to the Maritime Museum for ancient skills, Souk Al Arsah for textile appreciation and Heritage Days for the food.



4 Crafts



1 Mosques

BE INSPIRED BY THE MANY MINARETS AND TAKE A TOUR OF THE BEAUTIFUL AL NOOR MOSQUE.

PROUD OF ITS OWN CULTURE AND EMBRACING TO OTHERS...

Sharjah has a cultural richness that can literally be tasted. With a long tradition as a trading centre, local culinary specialities feature an array of spices and influences from across the region.

Traditional food can be enjoyed at heritage festivals. And be sure to visit the atmospheric cafe in Souk Al Arsah.



5 Traditions



6 Art

AT THE CENTRE OF THE REGION'S MODERN ART BOOM...

The Sharjah Art Foundation, Art Museum and Maraya Art Centre all host exciting shows.

RICHLY ILLUSTRATED...

Sharjah's fascinating history is illustrated in paintings, prints, maps and photographs at the Sharjah Art Museum and the Dr. Sultan Al Qassimi Centre Of Gulf Studies.



7 History



8 Treasures

GREAT CULTURAL INSIGHT...

Uncover stories of culture and history in the treasures of the Museum of Islamic Civilisation and the Archaeology Museum.

