



## **LOCAL ATTRACTIONS**

Explore Ras Al Khaimah's attractions from this luxury resort hotel, including a waterpark, sailing, shooting and flying venues, safaris and area sightseeing.

Ras Al Khaimah is a unique destination for visitors of all ages, with its diverse landscapes and distinctive excursions that have enticed guests over the years. This rising emirate boasts of beautiful and dramatic mountains, red sandy deserts and lush green plains indented by a series of creeks and lagoons. It has a rich heritage, dating back 5,000 years, which manifests in numerous historical sites, forts and abandoned villages.

Discover a great range of extraordinary attractions from the Waldorf Astoria Ras Al Khaimah. Glimpse the dolphins while sailing on a traditional dhow to the beautiful Musandam Peninsula at the Strait of Hormuz. Consider a desert or mountain safari by air-conditioned vehicle or helicopter, with views of the sunset on the dunes and the summer house of the Royal Family atop the mountains. Visit Khatt Springs, renowned for its medical healing properties, or area forts and settlements.

Experience the rich heritage of Ras Al Khaimah, which includes majestic forts and museums - each telling a story of its own. History lovers would enjoy visiting the Dhayah fort, built in the 16th century on a mountain overlooking the Gulf, to fight the British troops. The National Museum of Ras Al Khaimah, built in mid of the 18th century during the emirate's invasion by Persians, was originally the house of the Royal Family until 1964. It includes a number of ancient ornaments, discovered in the emirate and is considered the wealthiest monumental museum in the UAE.

One of the famous traditions in the region is raising Falcons. Ras Al Khaimah presents an unique falcon show with an exclusive rapture display. Housing the region's most diverse and interactive display of Falcons, Hawks, Kestrels, Owls and Eagles, be a part of the action at the Falconry Deck or just sit back and be amazed. Resident Professional Falconers fly their team of dedicated birds of prey using both traditional Arabic & 'modern' Western techniques. A tour of the world class Falconry Mews, Rehabilitation and Breeding Centre, rounds off this one-of-a-kind experience in style.

### **BEDOUIN OASIS DESERT CAMP**

The first Bedouin-style desert camp in Ras Al Khaimah provides visitors with the perfect opportunity to explore authentic desert living. Using only traditional and natural materials the Bedouin Oasis Desert Camp is a step back in the days when tent roofs were originally made from goat hair and there was only fire or an antique gas light to provide heating and lighting.

### **NATIONAL MUSEUM OF RAS AL KHAIMAH**

Built in the middle of the 18th century during the emirate's invasion by Persians, the National Museum of Ras Al Khaimah was originally the house of the Royal Family until 1964. In 1987, the late Sheikh Saqr Bin Mohamed Al Qassim opened the museum, which includes a number of local ancient monuments and an intriguing collection of archaeological and ethnological artifacts.



## **DHAYAH FORT**

Built as a strategic military castle in the 16th century, Dayah Fort witnessed a battle between the local people and the British troops in which its towers were set on fire. These were later destroyed in 1819 and the Fort was restored in the 1990's.

## **RAK ZOO**

The two-stage RAK Zoo is the third largest in the UAE after Al Ain Zoo and the Emirates Park in Abu Dhabi. The 1 million-square-metre zoo, situated close to Saqr Park, is home to African and white lions, white and rare golden tigers, black panthers and cheetahs, grey and Arab wolves, rare antelopes and deer. Admire a variety of beautiful birds and rare animals.

## **JAZIRAT AL HAMRA**

Jazirat Al Hamra is an abandoned coastal village in Ras Al Khaimah, which was occupied from the 16th century and abandoned nearly 40 years ago. The villagers who lived here were mainly fishermen and pearl traders.

## **THE LAND OF PEARLS - PEARL EXCURSION AND PEARL MUSEUM**

The first of its kind in the UAE, the Pearl Farm produces more than 100,000 pearls each year. Visitors to the Pearl Excursion begin by learning how a pearl is cultivated and get the opportunity to open an oyster. If the oyster contains a pearl, then the visitor gets to keep it! The Pearl Museum presents visitors a glimpse into the history of the pearl industry in the Arabian Peninsula. On display across the museum is a selection of ancient equipment and old diving costumes with a collection of special natural pearls in different shapes and colours.

## **SEAWINGS**

The Seawings Urban Experience takes off from the pristine shores of Ras Al Khaimah on an exciting 45 minutes aerial tour of the city, giving you picturesque views of the emirate before flying to Dubai, where you can enjoy its highlights including Burj Khalifa.

## **HERITAGE**

The Emirate of Ras Al Khaimah has an impressive archaeological heritage and a very rich history. This area had always enticed settlers with its unique combination of all the four types of landscapes found in different parts of the United Arab Emirates: the fertile plains, the mountainous region, coastal areas and the desert environment.