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# ABOUT ABU DHABI

Abu Dhabi, the capital of the United Arab Emirates, is a dynamic and rapidly growing metropolis. Literarily translated to “Father of Gazelle.” It is thought that this name came about because of the abundance of gazelles in the area and a folk tale involving the Ruler of Abu Dhabi from 1795–1816. This simple settlement has since grown into a vibrant international population with 1.5 million residents.

Landmarks such as the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque (a stunning architectural monument to the nation’s cultural heritage) and the iconic Corniche (eight kilometres of manicured waterfront decorated with a variety of cafes and restaurants) encapsulate the city’s strong commitment to local heritage as well as its willingness to embrace international influences.

## Abu Dhabi has been increasingly visible on the world stage in the last few years:

- National Airline Etihad has become a world leading airline
- Mubadala’s investment and ownership of Manchester City football club
- Abu Dhabi Formula 1 Grand Prix – Yas Marina circuit
- Opening of the iconic Louvre museum

## For all those interested in Golf, Abu Dhabi is home to 6 world-class golf courses. Here is a snapshot of 3 of the most famous courses:

- Abu Dhabi National Golf Club (home to the HSBC European PGA Tour Event)
- Yas Links
- Saadiyat Beach Golf Club

The Emirate of Abu Dhabi has become an attractive place to live and work.

As a growing economic hub, Abu Dhabi is home to a large expatriate population (over 80% of all inhabitants). More than 120 different nationalities call Abu Dhabi home, having been attracted to the region by employment opportunities. Its overall cost of living is lower than that of many financial hubs including London, New York, and Sydney.

**Abu Dhabi was recently voted World’s safest city in 2020 according to a newly released global crime index. It was the third consecutive year that Abu Dhabi had topped the poll**

The city prides itself on its culture of tolerance and hospitality. While an initial culture shock is inevitable, many of those who relocate from Western financial centres are delighted to find that Abu Dhabi is more liberal than they initially expected. Abu Dhabi provides plenty of leisure facilities, green spaces, and beaches for families to enjoy. The culture is extremely sociable, and the local and expatriate population are never short of activities to pursue. A little more than an hour away from Dubai and home to two of the country’s main airline carriers, Etihad and Emirates, Abu Dhabi is also a convenient location for those seeking a busy social scene and exciting travel options.



### Living in Abu Dhabi

If you plan on moving to Abu Dhabi with a family, the large expatriate community is well catered for when it comes to raising children. There are numerous organisations, facilities and institutions that provide invaluable support, as well as the chance to socialise with other parents and children. There are many private international schools in Abu Dhabi that adhere to various national curriculum. Most expatriate parents choose an institution that mirrors the characteristics found in their home country's education system.

#### Things to do with the family:

- Ferrari World Abu Dhabi
- Yas Waterworld
- Warner Brothers World – Abu Dhabi
- Emirates Park Zoo

Overall, Abu Dhabi provides an excellent living experience and allows people to see both the history and future of the region, all in one place.

With a large expatriate population, making friends and socialising is possible whether you move on your own or with a family.

Abu Dhabi is well equipped for international relocators to transition into their new lives as quickly and seamlessly as possible.

### Tax

There is no income tax in the UAE meaning that the overwhelming majority of the country's 7.8 million expatriates are financially better off in the UAE than they would be in their home countries.

#### For more information on Abu Dhabi please visit:

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