

Planning a Budget-friendly Trip to Abu Dhabi

Abu Dhabi is one of the most luxurious cities in the world but it's also possible to sample this world-class destination on a limited budget

When you think of Abu Dhabi, you probably think of five-star hotels, high-end dining and sheer luxury. While the city undoubtedly has these assets, it is still possible to enjoy a holiday here on a modest budget.

Unlike many other luxury destinations, Abu Dhabi has plenty of reasonably priced hotel accommodation, cultural activities, and food options, all served with the finest Emirati hospitality and under stringent health and safety standards.

Here is a guide to planning a trip to Abu Dhabi that won't burn a hole in your wallet:

1. Al Diar Capital Hotel



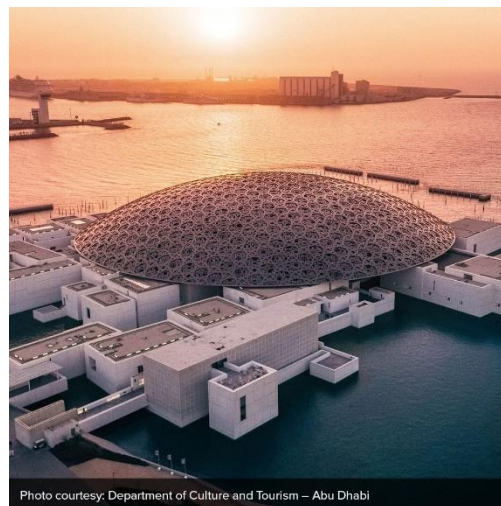
Al Diar Capital Hotel is a quality, three-star property conveniently located near the heart of Abu Dhabi's business district and just 30 minutes from the international airport. There are several attractions in the vicinity of this property, including Abu Dhabi Mall and the beautiful Abu Dhabi Corniche. Al Diar Capital Hotel offers spacious rooms and suites with stylish seating areas. As well as a number of bars, the hotel restaurants serve an array of international cuisine. The price of a deluxe room varies from INR 3,000–5,000 depending on the season.

2. Traders Hotel Qaryat Al Beri Abu Dhabi, by Shangri-La



This four-star property offers the heights of luxury at an affordable price. The hotel features a compelling blend of contemporary flair and elegant comfort, allowing you to relax and rejuvenate in its stylish ambience. It also has its own private beach, giving you a place to catch some sun and sea. While the unbeatable views of the magnificent Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque offer even more appeal. Room rates start from INR 5,000.

3. Louvre Abu Dhabi



With its stunning display of culturally significant artwork from throughout history, Louvre Abu Dhabi is an art lovers' dream. The Arab world's first universal museum is located in the heart of Saadiyat Cultural District, on Saadiyat Island, and has already become one of the modern urban wonders of the world. The artworks illustrate similarities and exchanges from shared human experiences, going beyond geography, nationality and history. The museum's unique location, where the Arabian sky meets the sands of Saadiyat Island and the waters of the Arabian Gulf, is as compelling as the amazing artwork inside.

Entrance tickets to the museum are priced at INR 1,200, and INR 600 for visitors aged 13 - 22.

4. Masdar City Central Park



Masdar City Central Park is part of Masdar City, one of the world's most sustainable urban communities. The park is built to the highest sustainability standards to reduce energy and water consumption, construction and operational waste, and carbon emissions for materials used in the park. This fun outdoor attraction is a children's favourite with interactive playgrounds in lush surroundings.

5. Hudayriyat Beach



Located on the Hudayriyat Island, the beach offers breathtaking views, large courtyards, cycling and running tracks for visitors, along with play areas for football, volleyball, basketball and tennis. Swimming enthusiasts can enjoy free access to the beach from sunrise to sunset and dip in the glimmering waters. You can also enjoy food and treats from across the world from a variety of food and ice cream trucks.

6. Food on a budget



Having an incredible dining experience in Abu Dhabi doesn't always involve splurging the cash, with the city streets offering a great variety of budget-friendly eateries. The **Al Danah neighbourhood** is a fantastic place to find some delicious dining options, including Asian-inspired seafood, Italian-style pizzas or moreish Lebanese dishes. When it comes to Arabic food, shawarmas and kibbeh are must-try options, with cheese manakish (a pizza-style bread), hummus and falafel being great vegetarian alternatives. Dampa Seafood Grill, Marigold Restaurant (international cuisine), Max's Restaurant (Filipino fare) and Chowking Restaurant (Chinese food) are other choices in the area.

Al Saada Bakery, offering Middle Eastern desserts and pastries in the **Al Dhafrah area**, is another highly regarded food spot, with an average meal costing INR 600 for two people.

As travel restrictions ease, now is the time to experience the unique destination of Abu Dhabi, and all its amazing affordable options. So, get ready to plan your once-in-a-lifetime trip to the beautiful emirate of Abu Dhabi.