

What's On



Salmiya Co-op Society held a celebration on the occasion of Kuwait National and Liberation Days under the patronage of Sheikha Sheikh Al-Abdullah Al-Khalifa Al-Sabah, the honorary President of Kuwait Disabled Sports Club. Children and adults were presented with gifts. Salmiya Co-op officials and parents of the disabled children and adults attended the event.

Saadiyat Island: Your gateway to culture, nature, relaxation

Amere one hour from Saudi Arabia, Oman and Bahrain respectively, Abu Dhabi is fast becoming one of the region's most sought-after destinations for that perfect break. Opened in November, Jumeirah at Saadiyat Island is the newest addition to Abu Dhabi's line of top world-class hotels and resorts. Just 20 minutes from Abu Dhabi airport, Jumeirah at Saadiyat Island Resort provides the perfect staycation that combines culture and nature in the most luxurious of settings.

The resort is island life at its best. It is Jumeirah Group's first luxury "eco-conscious" resort, where depending on the season, guests may catch a glimpse of Indo-pacific humpback and bottle nose dolphins, green or hawksbill turtles and dugongs. Guests can choose to stay at one of the resort's 293 modern, sunlit rooms with panoramic suites offering floor-to-ceiling windows and private balconies overlooking the Arabian Gulf.

Jumeirah at Saadiyat Resort also offers eight private high-class villas, with either two, three and four-bedrooms with private pools. Some of the villas are equipped with their own spa treatment room ensuring maximum privacy for an even more luxurious and unforgettable experience. The villas also feature a space for domestic helpers, so guests have the opportunity to travel and enjoy their time in a family-friendly environment.

The resort has three outdoor infinity pools, a children's pool and a tennis court. The Bodyism Wellness Centre, the first in the UAE, is a state-of-the-art gym with a separate and dedicated ladies section.

The spa is an oasis of calm tranquility with a variety of organic treatments centered on a grand Moroccan Hammam, which will enrich the body and mind with cleansing rituals that have been celebrated for centuries.

Here are our top five things to do while you are enjoying your break on Saadiyat Island:

Louvre Abu Dhabi

The world-renowned Louvre Abu Dhabi museum, located in Saadiyat Island is every art lovers dream. The galleries tell the story of humanity in 12 chapters. The concept of the museum is to reveal the connections and openness of cultures by focusing on shared themes. The magical structure, designed by Pritzker-prize winning architect Jean Nouvel, is a place where water and light are combined and shine together in harmony. Adults and families can enjoy insightful tours and children-friendly exhibitions. Tickets can be purchased online or on site and will give you access to exhibitions, galleries, children's



museum and public spaces underneath the dome.

Manarat Al Saadiyat

Just ten minutes away from the resort, Manarat Al Saadiyat is the center for arts and culture in Abu Dhabi. It is a space for people to come together to experience and share creative artistic expression. With regular exhibitions, screenings, classes, special events, panel discussions, educational initiatives and workshops it is the ideal space for all kinds of cultural expression. There is also a range of delectable dining options to be enjoyed. To plan your cultural experience, visit the website.

Tea

Everything tastes better by the sea - and Tea, at the heart of Jumeirah at Saadiyat Resort, offers a variety of gastronomical experiences to suit all guests' various palates. Whether it's a Levantine charcoal grilled Sunset BBQ with live music and delectable Arabic mezze or the Weekend Breakfast which features Arabian breakfast favorites with touches of western influence. On Lamet Al Saaila families and friends can savor delicacies from a different region every month and create memories. Tea also offers an extensive shisha service.

Outdoor activities

For those who want to spend time in the open air, the resort provides plenty of options for outdoor activities. Guests can enjoy the sea on kayaks, stand up paddle boards and the new Mirage Eclipse experience. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Those wanting to remain on ground can head to the tennis courts or explore the 400-meter expanse of beach. The tennis court is open from 6am to 10pm and water sport activities are from 9am to sunset.

Marine and Environment education

The resort, Jumeirah's first "ecofriendly," is single-use plastic free and encourages a sustainable mindset. Set as it is, in a protected area, the resort takes preservation of the natural environment very seriously. Dolphins, turtles, and oryx are just a few of the amazing species who call Saadiyat their home. To this end, complimentary educational talks, by the resort's Marine and Environmental Manager, Emily Armstrong, are given on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the Pool Bar. The talks explain the resort's commitment to sustainability and conservation and encourage guest to discover and participate in the amazing eco initiatives at play.

ACK students intern at Deer & Dear

Deer & Dear hosted a group of four Australian College of Kuwait (ACK) students for an internship opportunity. Deer & Dear is a Kuwaiti clothing line with stores all around the country that was founded in 2009. Deer & Dear has been working with ACK and supporting its students since 2017. These students were given practical hands-on experience with the day-to-day activities associated with maintain-

ing a retail store. They were trained in administrative aspects such as merchandizing, packaging and pricing.

Students also had the opportunity to work with helping customers to develop their necessary interpersonal skills for retail. The experience helped ACK's marketing students as they were intentionally put in retail marketing stores. Participating students described the experience as a great opportunity to understand the inner-workings of retail marketing. ACK strives to increase opportunities for students to take part in vocational training in order to develop their professional skills. It offers many opportunities for students in different majors to get hands-on practice in their field before they graduate.



SHR announces closure of Safir International Hotel Kuwait

Safir Hotels & Resorts (SHR) announced the closure of Safir International Hotel Kuwait, to occur at the end of March 2019 with the last guest checking out on March 31, 2019. Located in Bneid Al Gar, the hotel has occupied a prime location with sweeping views of the Kuwait Towers and Arabian Gulf, since 1968 when it first opened as a Hilton hotel.

In 1984, an extension was added to the original hotel building. In 1989, hotel management was taken over by Kuwait Hotels Company and the hotel was renamed Kuwait International Hotel. Two years after the Liberation of Kuwait, the hotel was then renamed "Safir International Kuwait". In 2003, the main building unfortunately had to be demolished, as it had become unsafe to operate as a hotel. Safir continued operating the extension on behalf of the property owner, Kuwait Investment Authority (KIA) as a stand-alone hotel, but now the time has come to terminate operations.

For many years, Safir International

Kuwait was at the heart of Kuwaiti Society, hosting many important social and business events. Its legacy of excellence as Kuwait's second true five-star hotel was legendary. Besides the many international guests that stayed at the hotel throughout the years, the property was also home to the first Chanel and Louis Vuitton boutiques in the Middle East, and it featured the first escalator in Kuwait as well as the country's first Japanese restaurant (Kei). Nabil Shashtari, the hotel's current General Manager, fondly recalls: "There was nothing else like it. Today we have malls like the Avenues, which are full of high-end brands and international cuisine, so it is easy to take these things for granted. But back then, these things were unheard of in the country. Safir International Kuwait changed all of that. It set a precedent for exceptionalism."

"It is always unfortunate to lose a hotel property, but especially one with as much history as Safir International Kuwait," says Fawzi K Al-Musallam, Chief Executive Officer of Safir Hotels & Resorts. "We are very much invested in our relationship with KIA and we are working closely together with their team, to manage the closure of the property in the coming two months". The Hotel's management team is supported by executives from Safir's Kuwait-based headquarters, to ensure that all aspects of the final hand-over are considered in a comprehensive and professional manner.