

Historic



THE HEART OF HISTORY

The known history of modern humans has been rewritten following the discovery of artefacts in Sharjah dating back 125,000 years, far earlier than anywhere else. But the emirate's historic influence spans from before the dinosaurs to the present day.



KNOWLEDGE...

Religion, language, art, science and technology have all been traded through the ages.

Discover Sharjah's museums at www.sharjahmuseums.ae.

TRADITIONS...

Heritage is kept alive by re-enactment displays.

Visit Sharjah Tourism (www.sharjahtourism.ae) for details of the many historic sites and festivals.



ARCHITECTURE...

Beautifully cherished and restored buildings show important technologies.

Wander the Heritage Area to bring the past to life.



Sharjah Call Centre
800 80 000
www.sharjahtourism.ae

Sharjah Museums
06 556 6002
www.sharjahmuseums.ae

Sharjah Archaeology Museum
06 566 5466
www.archaeologymuseum.ae

Sharjah Art Museum
06 568 8222

Sharjah Calligraphy Museum
06 569 4561

Sharjah Heritage Museum
06 568 0006



The Heart of History

The first humans to ever move out of Africa settled in Sharjah some 135,000 years ago.



www.sharjahtourism.ae



Sharjah my destination®



NATURAL HISTORY...

The very landscape and wildlife have an intriguing history to discover.

Sharjah's dramatic terrain has in the past been the desert of today, fertile savannah and lain beneath the seas as sandy ocean-bed. The evolution and adaptability of its natural heritage is an important story.

Head to the Natural History and Botanical Museums at the Sharjah Desert Park.



LIFESTYLE...

Traditional ways of life still influence the modern world in many ways.

Don't miss the old houses of Bait Al Naboodah and Majlis Al Midfaa in the Heritage Area.

EXPLORATION...

Sharjah's story has influence from far afield.

Explore the Maritime Museum and the Museum of Islamic Civilisation in Sharjah city.



STATE-OF-THE-ART MUSEUMS HIGHLIGHT SHARJAH'S GREAT HISTORICAL STORIES.



Dr Sultan Al Qassimi Centre Of Gulf Studies
06 558 5855
www.dsqc.ae

Al Mahatta Museum
06 573 3079

Majlis Al Midfaa
06 568 1738

Sharjah Maritime Museum
06 522 2002

Sharjah Museum Of Islamic Civilisation
06 565 5455
www.islamicmuseum.ae

Sharjah Natural History & Botanical Museums
06 531 1411

Historic Highlights

1 Heritage Area

WANDER THE ATMOSPHERIC STREETS OF THE HERITAGE AREA AND FEEL AS IF YOU ARE STEPPING BACK IN TIME.

IMPRESSIVE AND DOMINEERING, THE FORTS ON BOTH COASTS TELL OF A FASCINATING HISTORY...

From the stately Sharjah Hisn in the city, which was the home of the ruling family, to lookout posts all along the coast and forts perched in the foothills of the Hajar mountains (such as at Al Ghayl on the East Coast inland from Kalba) – each has a story to tell.

2 Forts



3 Fossils

PREHISTORIC WONDERS...
From evidence of dinosaurs to artefacts of the first humans to leave Africa, head to Fossil Rock in the desert interior.

4 Pearls

ORIGINAL CURRENCY...
Pearling was the principal income source for 6,000 years – learn all about it at the Maritime Museum.

RECENT FLOURISHING OF THE ARAB ART SCENE IS THE LATEST CHAPTER IN A HISTORY WITH SHARJAH AT ITS HEART...

The Sharjah Art Museum is the family home of regional art and includes a fascinating historical collection that gives insight into how the region has been viewed over time.

The Dr Sultan Al Qassimi Centre of Gulf Studies has a celebrated collection of historical prints, photographs and maps.

5 Art



6 Museums



WITH MORE THAN 50 MUSEUMS AND HISTORICAL SITES ALL HISTORY IS INVESTIGATED...

From the full story of Islamic civilisation to the origins of our planet, from classic planes to classic cars, from art to science... Sharjah's world-class museums are rightly celebrated and their collections really do provide insight and inspiration, education and entertainment.

For more information please visit www.sharjahmuseums.ae.

7 Ancient



GREAT INSIGHTS...

Artefacts from earlier civilisations reveal our shared human history at the Archaeology Museum.



8 Dhows

MARITIME HERITAGE...

Seafaring culture is revered as central to the story of civilisation both locally and

internationally. See that history come alive at any of the emirate's harbours and at the Maritime Museum.