



*A World of Natural Treasures*

## The National Aquarium

*The Largest Aquarium in the Middle East!*

The National Aquarium Abu Dhabi is the largest aquarium in the Middle East and is home to 46,000 animals spread across 10 zones spanning from the tropical waters of the Pacific and freshwaters of the Amazon through to the frozen ice caps of the Arctic and the caves of the Mediterranean.

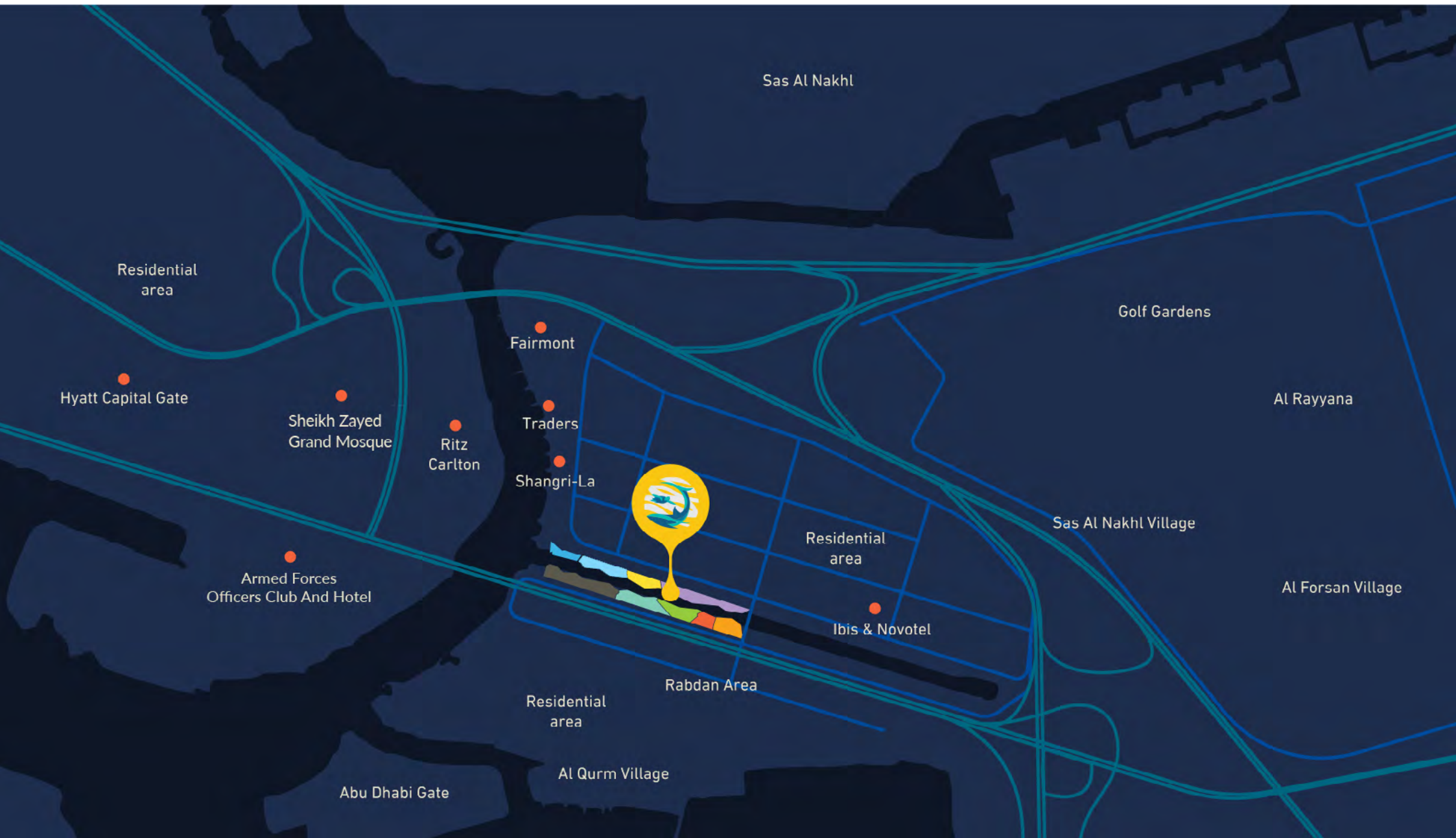
The ten-zone theme hosts more than 300 species. The aquarium houses more than 200 sharks and rays, representing 25 different species.

All of the animals are obtained according to CITES guidelines and are cared for by a team of 80 sea-life experts.

A whole department dedicated to education with a capacity to welcome 50,000 school children a year.







## The Location

Located along Rabdan Area, the historic natural waterway bordering the mainland, The National Aquarium is one of the 11 Anchors situated in Al Qana; which is set to be one of Abu Dhabi's most unique and iconic destinations.

Easily accessible from Abu Dhabi island and adjacent to the neighbouring five-star hotels, the development is in a prime location for both residents and tourists. With no high-rise buildings and towers in the immediate vicinity, Al Qana offers a breath of fresh air with uninterrupted spectacular views across the waters to the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque and the nearby Memorial Park.

Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque



 5M Visitors Annually

The Ritz-Carlton Hotel



 619

Fairmont  
Bab Al Bahr Hotel



 369

Shangri-La Hotel



 374

Hyatt Capital Gate Hotel



 211

Ibis & Novotel Hotels



 560

Traders Hotel



 314

Armed Forces  
Officers Club And Hotel



 326









## The Project

*Creating a moment for people to  
re-connect with nature*

The National Aquarium is designed to provide live experiences, community engagement, and hands-on involvement in preserving the local biodiversity and heritage to build a more sustainable future.

Join us on a journey around the world and step into the mind of a marine biologist when you get up close and personal with the 46,000 magical creatures in our aquarium!

Through its strategic partnership with the Environment Agency – Abu Dhabi (EAD), The National Aquarium ambitions to create the largest and one of the most innovative rehabilitation schemes of its kind to protect wildlife in the emirate of Abu Dhabi. The partnership includes the creation of a first of its kind specialized animal rescue vehicle to respond to wildlife emergencies and offer first aid while transporting injured animals to The National Aquarium to receive assessment, treatment, and eventually be released.

## Ten themed Zones

UAE's Natural Treasures

Red Sea Wreck

Atlantic Cave

The Sub

Ring of Fire

Ocean Magic

Frozen Ocean

Flooded Forest

Bu Tinah Island

Behind the Scenes



## UAE's Natural Treasures

### *Discover Pearls Of Wisdom*

To pay homage to our historic roots, we're taking you on a deep-dive into the magical world of Arabian pearl fishing. Witness first-hand how oysters and pearls are naturally formed in nature while exploring the rich diversity of animals that inhabit the coasts of the Eastern Arabian Peninsular.



## Red Sea Wreck

### *Unearth Red Sea Ruins*

They have the ability to explore some of the most incredible treasures of the sea. To give you a sense of their world, we're taking you on an underwater exploration through a shipwreck where you can come face-to-fin with hundreds of fish and coral typically found in the Arabian Red Sea.





## Atlantic Cave

### *Explore Hidden Treasures*

Discover what really lives beneath the ocean. Right across the world cave formations have been created over millions of years through erosion and plate movements. Explore this mystic underwater world to see some of the most amazing creatures hiding in the tiniest nooks and crannies, all looking to find a safe habitat to breed their youngsters.



## The Sub

### *Submerge Your Senses*

We'll take you below the surface so you can discover the operations of a submarine while exploring the magical world beneath the waves. Not only will you witness marine life in its natural habitat, but you might be lucky enough to spot our Nautilus! A Nautilus is a marine mollusk - a distant cousin to squids, octopuses and cuttlefish however lives inside its hard, exterior shell.





## Ring of Fire

*Feel The force Of Nature*

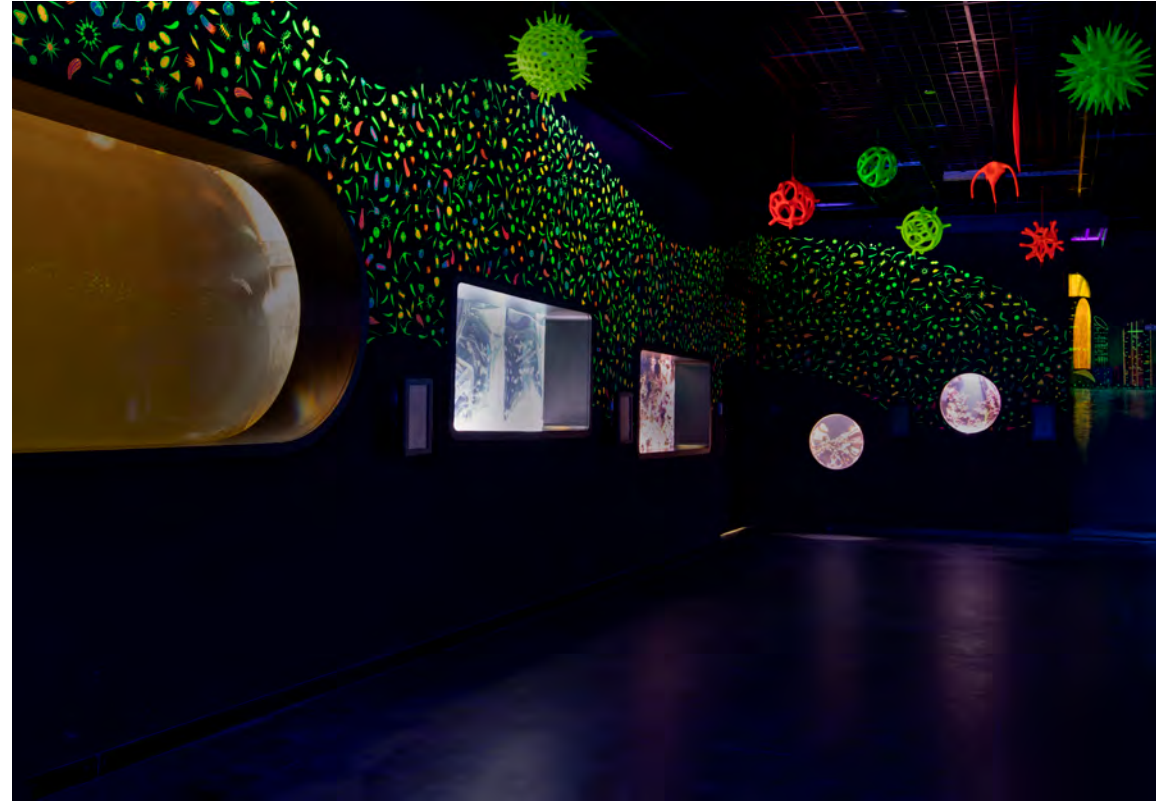
The Ring of Fire is the longest chain of volcanoes in the world located in the outskirts of the Pacific Ocean. While the force of a volcano has the power to destroy human settlements, it also enriches the earth with nutrients and other chemical components. Explore the fascinating marine life that can be found in this constantly-changing ecosystem.



## Ocean Magic

### *Breathe Beneath The Waves*

As beautiful as they are, oceans can be very dangerous and complex systems that force marine animals to be highly adaptable. Discover the marine life that thrives in these ever-changing environments amongst this awe-inspiring underwater world.





## Frozen Ocean

### *Experience An Arctic Blast*

Even though this region is basically a giant ice cap, it's home to a diverse range of animals, particularly marine life. It also plays an important role in helping the planet maintain its temperatures for animals to breed and thrive happily. Come and discover how animals such as Arctic sea birds and fish live in these icy waters.



## The Flooded Forest

### *Wander Through The Rainforest*

From the breathtaking canopies, tropical birds and crisp, clean air, Rainforests play an important role in our planet's ecosystem. In fact, they are home to over 50% of the world's biodiversity and yet cover only 2% of the Earth's surface. Step inside the forest floor and discover the many mysteries our rainforests have to offer.





## Bu Tinah Island

### *Delve Into An Island Oasis*

With its shallow waters, seagrass beds, tall mangroves and extensive coral reefs, Bu Tinah Island is where a diverse range of marine life thrive. Explore island life in all its glory while supporting the Environmental Agency of Abu Dhabi to spread the importance of island conservation.



## Wildlife Rescue

*Our Mission is to Rescue,  
Rehabilitate and Release the  
Native Wildlife in the Abu  
Dhabi Emirate*

The Wildlife Rescue program is a joint collaboration between the Environment Agency - Abu Dhabi & The National Aquarium of Abu Dhabi.

Our mission is to Rescue, Rehabilitate and Release native wildlife in the Abu Dhabi Emirate; we aim to ensure a world of natural treasures for future generations.

The Environment Agency - Abu Dhabi calls on the community to report injured wildlife or environmental emergencies, through the Abu Dhabi Government Contact Centre at 800 555





## Professors Aquademy

*"In the end, we will conserve only what we love; we will love only what we understand, and we will understand only what we are taught."*

*Baba Dioum*

Conservation Education is at the heart of everything we do. That's why we offer a variety of exciting programs for schools, visitors, and the community, so we can educate as many people about our incredible underwater world.

For Public and Private schools in the UAE, we offer "Professor's Aquademy", a program catered to children from kindergarten to high school. Inspired by our animal ambassador "Professor" our friendly water monitor lizard – this program educates kids about the different environments and the importance of learning how we can preserve them for future generations.

We take a hands-on, highly interactive approach to keep kids inspired by allowing them to 'meet & greet' the animals and play games designed for engaged learning.

Ready to take them on a journey around the world without leaving Abu Dhabi?



## Junior Marine Biologist

*Kids from 5-15 now can engage in an exciting after-school activity in which they will step into the role of being a Marine Biologist at The National Aquarium.*

*This hands-on activity is a guided program led by an educator that will teach the kids how to perform activities professional biologists do on a daily basis, such as animal care, selecting and providing the nutrition to different species, monitoring their environment, and how to enrich the life of the animals under human care.*

*Additionally, the kids will have a unique chance to join efforts with the team in taking care of our lovely temporary residents from the Wildlife Rescue Program, the Sea Turtles.*





## Dive inside the largest aquarium in the Middle East

### DISCOVER SCUBA DIVING AT THE NATIONAL AQUARIUM, ABU DHABI

First time diving? We've got you covered!

*Picture this scenario in your head... You are breathing underwater surrounded by thousands of colorful fish while a school of hammerhead sharks swim past you. The dancers of the ocean; the eagle rays gracefully pass by to say hello. You will get to experience all of this in the largest aquarium in the Middle East!*

### SCUBA DIVE WITH INFAMOUS SHARKS, RAYS & THOUSANDS OF AQUARIUM ANIMALS

*Certified Divers can take the plunge and experience the thrill of a Shark Dive in the spectacular National Aquarium, Abu Dhabi. You will experience close encounters with thousands of aquatic animals in the largest Aquarium in the Middle East!*





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