

"Caravan Focus" – News from Orient Tours

EVENTS

- **DUBAI SUMMER SURPRISES, from 11th June to 14th August 2009**

EXHIBITIONS AND ROADSHOWS

- **India International Travel Mart, Bangalore (18-20 July 2009), Chennai (24-26 July 2009), India**
- **Travel & Tourism Fair, Kolkatta (11-13 July 2009), Ahmedabad (31 July-02 August 2009), India**
- **ITB Asia 2009, Singapore (21-23 October 2009). Meet Orient Tours at the Dubai Tourism Stand.**
- **Dubai Road Show in Far East, Singapore, Malaysia & Hong Kong (26-30 October 2009). Meet Orient Tours at the Dubai Tourism Stand.**

NEWS FROM ORIENT TOURS

Orient Tours wins the UAE's Leading Tour Operator Award 2009



Orient Tours has won the prestigious UAE's Leading Tour Operator Award 2009 organized by the World Travel Awards. The award was presented to our Chairman, HE Sheikh Faisal Al Qasimi during the Middle East World Travel Award ceremony held at The Monarch Dubai on 05th May 2009.

We dedicate this award to our partners all over the world and to our staff.

NEWS FROM DUBAI

Sofitel Dubai Jumeirah Beach

Location: Jumeirah Beach

Soft Opening: End July 2009

Category: 5-star



Guestrooms: 438 guestrooms and suites. All guestrooms offer sea view and balcony. 2 special needs guestrooms are available.

Guestroom facilities: i-Pod docking station, LCD television, DVD, CD player, mini bar, safe deposit box, wireless internet, tea/coffee making facilities.

Food & Beverage Outlets: AOC French Brasserie, the all day dining restaurant, ROCOCO, the Italian restaurant, an Irish Pub, lobby café, snack/internet café bar and pool bar.

Leisure Facilities: an infinity swimming pool, health club, 2 massage rooms, sauna & steam room, beauty saloon, public beach.

Conference & Meetings: 2 meeting rooms, 4 breakout rooms and a business centre.

Dubai Fountain

Burj Dubai developers unveiled a world-class water, light and music spectacle, the Dubai Fountain.



Located near Burj Dubai, the world's tallest building and the Dubai Mall, the Dubai Fountain offers a vibrant musical and visual experience. Over 6600 lights and 50 color projectors create a visual spectrum of over 1000 different water expressions, performed to selected musical pieces range from classical to contemporary Arabic and world music. Timing: 06:00pm until midnight. During this time, the show is on every 30 minutes and lasts for approx. 5 minutes.

Manhattan Avenue Hotel

Hawthorn Deira Dubai has been renamed as Manhattan Avenue Hotel.

NEWS FROM ABU DHABI

Yas Island Abu Dhabi: Yas Island is under construction since 2007 in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi. Once completed, the Yas Island will feature attractions such as a world class motor sports racetrack (Yas Marina Circuit), signature hotels, a movie theme park by Warner Bros., the Ferrari theme park, water park, 300,000 square meter retail area, golf courses, lagoon hotels, marinas, polo clubs, apartments, villas, numerous food & beverage outlets etc. Yas Marina Circuit will be opened to host the inaugural Formula 1 Abu Dhabi Grand Prix on 01st November 2009.

Below you will find details of the 3 hotels that are expected to soft-open on Yas Island in time for the Formula 1 Abu Dhabi Grand Prix in November 2009.

The Yas Hotel

Location: Yas Island. The hotel is being set half on land and half on water, overlooking the marina and positioned on the Yas Marina Circuit.

Soft-opening: End October 2009

Category: 5-star deluxe



Guestrooms: 499 guestrooms and suites.

Guestroom facilities: 42-inch LCD television, home theatre systems and all modern amenities.

Food & Beverage Outlets: 8 restaurants including all day dining restaurant, Arabic, Tandoori, Asian, Italian, Japanese, specialty seafood and fine dining wine restaurant. A lobby Patisserie and 4 bars.

Leisure Facilities: gymnasium with sauna & steam rooms, a Spa with 10 treatment rooms and 2 rooftop swimming pools.

Conference & Meetings: 1 ballroom, 10 meeting and boardrooms.

Radisson Blu Yas Island

Location: Yas Island, Abu Dhabi

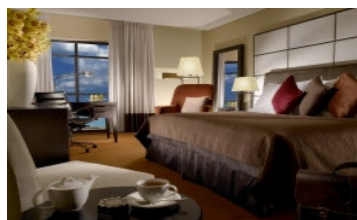
Soft-opening: End October 2009

Category: 4-star

Guestrooms: 397 rooms including 30 suites with views over the golf course and the Yas Marina Circuit.

Guestroom facilities: LCD television, i-Pod, in-room safe, hairdryer, work desk, free high speed internet access and all modern amenities.

Food & Beverage Outlets: Assymetri, the all day dining restaurant serves the Radisson Blu super breakfast and focuses on freshly cooked dishes from an open kitchen; choose from an a la carte menu or an international buffet, Filini is a contemporary Bar & Restaurant serving Italian cuisine, Zeeba offers classic & refined Persian cuisine, Fast Track Lobby Bar and Shams Pool Bar.



Leisure Facilities: a Spa, swimming pool, tennis courts, kids pool and kids play area.

Conference & Meetings: a ballroom for up to 450 guests, 7 meeting rooms and several breakout areas.

Park Inn Abu Dhabi

Location: Yas Island, Abu Dhabi
Soft-Opening: End October 2009
Category: 3-star



Guestrooms: 204 guestrooms and suites with views over the golf course and the Yas Marina Circuit.
Guestroom facilities: LCD television, wireless internet access, work desk, in-room safe, hairdryer.
Food & Beverage Outlets: Spearmint, the all day dining restaurant offering international buffet and Amerigos, the Mexican Bar & Restaurant.
Leisure Facilities: a swimming pool and a tennis court.
Conference & Meetings: 2 meeting rooms and a large breakout area.

OTHER HOTEL NEWS FROM ABU DHABI

Fairmont Abu Dhabi Creek

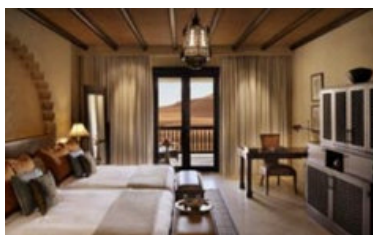
Location: Abu Dhabi Creek
Soft-Opening: 4th quarter of 2009
Category: 5-star
Guestrooms: 369 guestrooms and suites.
Guestroom facilities: interactive television and media panels, internet, in-room safe, tea/coffee maker, hairdryer, iron & iron board.
Food & Beverage Outlets: all dining restaurant offering international & Arabic specialties with outdoor seating facilities, Italian restaurant & Bar, Lebanese restaurant & Lounge, Grill restaurant, Lobby lounge, Signature bar, Chocolate Boutique and Pool Grill.



Leisure Facilities: Spa, fitness centre including a women only gymnasium, 2 swimming pools and a tennis court.
Conference & Meetings: a ballroom and 6 meeting rooms.

Anantara Qasr Al Sarab & Spa

Location: Liwa Desert, Abu Dhabi
Opened: Last quarter of 2009
Category: 5-star



Guestrooms: 154 guestrooms & suites and 42 one, two & three bedroom villas
Guestroom facilities: satellite television, DVD, wireless internet, i-Pod docking station, coffee/tea making facilities, hairdryer, rain shower.
Food & Beverage Outlets: all day dining restaurant, roof top bar & grill, pool side restaurant and lobby lounge & bar.
Leisure Facilities: Anantara Spa, outdoor swimming pool, children's play ground, tennis courts, gymnasium, various desert activities. In addition to this, the suites & villas will have a private swimming pool.
Conference & Meetings: one meeting room which can accommodate approx. 150 person.

Traders Hotel, Qaryat Al Beri Abu Dhabi (by Shangri-La)

Location: Qaryat Al Beri, Abu Dhabi
Soft-Opening: 03rd quarter of 2009
Category: 4-star
Guestrooms: 301 guestrooms and suites
Guestroom facilities: broadband internet, LCD television, DVD player, working desk, safe deposit box, hairdryer, tea/coffee making facilities, non-smoking floors.
Food & Beverage Outlets: all day dining restaurant, lobby lounge and pool bar
Leisure Facilities: a health club, outdoor swimming pool and private beach.



Additional facilities: CHI, The Spa located at Shangri-La Qaryat Al Beri and souk with cafes, restaurants & shops (within 500 meters)
Conference & Meetings: 1 meeting room and a business centre.

OTHER HOTEL UPDATES

The Radisson properties in the UAE and Oman have been renamed as follows:

- Radisson Blu Dubai Deira Creek
- Radisson Blu Sharjah
- Radisson Blu Yas Island
- Radisson Blu Muscat

NEWS FROM THE SULTANATE OF OMAN

Mirbat Beach Resort & Spa

Location: Salalah.

Soft-opening: End October 2009

Category: 5-star



Guestrooms: 238 guestrooms & suites and 55 chalets.
Guestroom facilities: internet, television, in room safe deposit box.

Food & Beverage Outlets: all day dining restaurant, seafood restaurant, Pool terrace & bar, English Pub, Arabic Café, Cigar lounge and Piano lounge.

Leisure Facilities: private beach, outdoor swimming pools, children's activities centre.

Conference & Meetings: a banquet hall and a meeting room.

Muscat Holiday Hotel

Muscat Holiday Hotel has upgraded its facilities. The 123 guestrooms and suites have been refurbished and are now equipped with tea/coffee making facilities, safe deposit box, 32" LCD TV and wireless internet.



Next Update: September 2009