



YAS ISLAND – THE DESTINATION Press Information

Overview

Yas Island is strategically located off the coast of Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates, within a 30 minute driving distance to Abu Dhabi's city centre and 50 minute drive to Dubai. With phase one now complete with seven hotels, Yas Marina, Yas Links Golf Course and Yas Marina Circuit fully operational, Yas Island is destined to be the leisure hub of the UAE.

Access

Connected to the mainland by road and tunnel, Yas Island is easily accessible from Abu Dhabi International airport, exhibition centre, Abu Dhabi city centre, Dubai, (and by local residents in Al Raha Gardens). In addition, a new 10-lane highway connects Yas Island to both Abu Dhabi and Dubai and has reduced the drive time to Abu Dhabi City to approximately 30 minutes from the hotel and the drive to Dubai to approximately 50 minutes. Yas Island is also only a 10 minute drive from Abu Dhabi's International Airport.

Yas Marina Circuit

Yas Marina Circuit grabbed the World's attention when it played host to the inaugural 2009 Formula 1™ Etihad Airways Abu Dhabi Grand Prix in November 2009. Yas Viceroy spans the track, offering an unrivalled view of the circuit.

The track is unlike any seen in the world today and a challenge even to the most experienced driver. German architect Hermann Tilke, most notable for the Grand Prix circuit in Shanghai, has incorporated high speed passes, varying elevations, slow cornering and a marina which compliments this spectator friendly track. The track also boasts the longest straight in Formula 1, and a tunnel joining the pit lane with the main circuit. For more information on Yas Marina Circuit and the Formula 1™ Etihad Airways Abu Dhabi Grand Prix, visit www.yasmarinacircuit.ae.

Marinas

Yas Island is a premier yachting destination, providing full service, premium berthing facilities and access to numerous leisure and entertainment facilities. Yas Marina, a super-yacht facility with a capacity of over 140 berths, is owned by Aldar and managed by Camper and Nicholsons Marina, the project is located at the heart of Yas Marina Circuit with berthing adjacent to the race track. Yas Marina is set to become a revered global marina where luxury yacht owners will have access to Yas Viceroy, Yas Links Golf Course and Ferrari World Abu Dhabi. The southern marina, a potential 2,000 berth marina and yacht haven, will be host to seasonal festivals and events when it opens in phase 2 of the Yas Island project.

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Ferrari World Abu Dhabi

Ferrari World Abu Dhabi is the World's first Ferrari theme park and the largest indoor attraction of its kind, which opened to the public in October 2010. Ferrari World Abu Dhabi pays tribute to Ferrari's brand essence: excellence, performance, technical innovation and innate Italian heritage with attractions, facilities and food & beverage outlets that offer guests a unique sensory experience, bringing to life the Ferrari story in a way never seen before. Boasting over 20 rides and attractions, including the world's fastest rollercoaster Ferrari World Abu Dhabi is a must-visit destination for Ferrari fans and families from across the world.

Yas Mall

Yas Mall (opening 2014), will be a super regional shopping mall catering for residents as well as international visitors. At the heart of Yas Island, Aldar's brand new leisure and entertainment destination will showcase some of the World's leading brands, from volume retailers to high-end designer labels. With four department stores, 400 stores and 12,000 parking spaces, Yas Mall will set a new benchmark for retail in Abu Dhabi.

Located at the centre of a new growth area for Abu Dhabi, Yas Mall is easily accessible for shoppers via a convenient and well planned-road network that includes the new 10-lane Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed (Shahama-Saadiyat) Highway, which passes through Yas Island. The mall will be home to the first Géant Hypermarket in Abu Dhabi, which will spread over 16,000 m². Al-Futtaim have also selected Yas Island as the site of the largest IKEA store in the MENA region.

The Yas Island Water Park

The Yas Island water park — scheduled to open in the fourth quarter of 2012 — will have an Emirati theme and is expected to be one of world's most "advanced" water parks. The water park will be based on a tale of "The Lost Pearl" following the adventures of a young Emirati girl in search of an exquisite pearl which brought prosperity to the pearl divers in her village.

The story will take guests through more than 40 rides, slides and attractions, including a pearl-diving show demonstrating traditional Emirati heritage.

"The water park on Yas Island will be one of the most advanced anywhere in the world, with many unique rides, which will excite every member of the family". The water park, which is being developed by Aldar Properties and will be operated by Farah Leisure Parks Management, spreads across more than 15 hectares featuring restaurants, shops and interactive games.

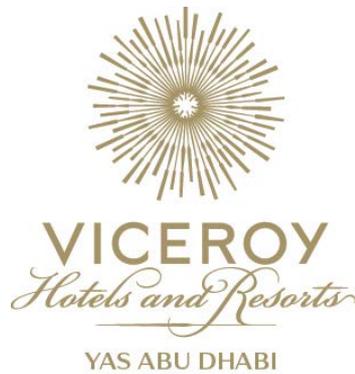
Golf

Yas Links Golf Course, the first true links golf course in the Middle East region, was opened in March 2010. The course was designed by Kyle Phillips, one of the World's leading golf course designers with a portfolio of work including The Kingsbarn Course at St Andrew's, Scotland and The Grove in London. The championship course is located on the West shores of Yas Island, an area of immense ecological significance to Aldar and the Yas Island project, with an area of new mangrove plants bringing environmental regeneration. The Links Club includes 18 holes, a 4000 sqm luxurious clubhouse, floodlit practice ranges and a golf academy.

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Residential

The Yas Island will offer a variety of modern low-rise and mixed-use residential apartments, including villas to rent, lease and own.

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