



EMIRATES PALACE

MANDARIN ORIENTAL

ABU DHABI



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# ABU DHABI



Abu Dhabi, situated on the southeastern coast of the Arabian Peninsula, is one of the most prestigious cities in the United Arab Emirates. With its luxurious lifestyle, exquisite dining and stunning architecture, it is a dream destination for discerning travellers and culture enthusiasts alike.

The nearby Liwa Desert and the Arabian Gulf provide exceptional opportunities for outdoor adventures and relaxation. Nestled along the shimmering coastline, the city offers a perfect blend of natural beauty and urban sophistication. The Corniche, a true jewel of Abu Dhabi, presents a breathtaking backdrop of turquoise waters and modern skyscrapers.

The vibrant streets of the city invite exploration with historic sites such as Qasr Al Watan and the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque showcasing the rich heritage and architectural grandeur of the region. Picturesque areas like the Heritage Village are filled with charming cafes and artisan shops where you can savour local delicacies and discover Emirati craftsmanship.



Abu Dhabi is also a cultural hub. Its renowned museums such as the Louvre Abu Dhabi and the Abrahamic Family House remarkable collections and captivating exhibitions that reflect the city's commitment to art and education.

Cultural diversity is another enriching aspect of Abu Dhabi. With its mix of expatriates and locals, international events and a multicultural atmosphere, the city is a true crossroads of cultures and traditions.

The surroundings of Abu Dhabi offer stunning natural beauty. The nearby desert dunes invite exploration whether for thrilling dune bashing or tranquil camel rides. The coastal mangroves and islands provide unique ecosystems to discover along with opportunities for birdwatching and kayaking.

# AN ICONIC DESTINATION





Emirates Palace Mandarin Oriental, Abu Dhabi offers unparalleled luxury and world-class accommodation. Since its opening in 2005, this opulent hotel has welcomed VIP guests, celebrities, heads of state and royal families from around the globe, delivering a level of service truly befitting royalty.

Built over three years, the Palace boasts more marble and gold leaf than any other development in the UAE with a construction cost of 3.5 billion dollars—a testament to its grandeur. Set on a sprawling 100 hectares adjacent to the stunning Presidential Palace, the hotel features a breathtaking dome that reaches 200 metres high, adorned with floor-to-ceiling marble, gold-plated ceilings and exquisite Swarovski crystal door handles.

In January 2020, the hotel transitioned to the esteemed Mandarin Oriental brand, marking the beginning of a “new golden era” for this iconic destination. Renowned for its lavish offerings, Emirates Palace Mandarin Oriental is famous for unique experiences such as coffee infused with 24-carat gold flakes and a gold vending machine in the lobby alongside its impressive 114 gold domes.

With 390 luxurious rooms, including 88 suites and a private 1.3-kilometre sandy beach, this five-star hotel embodies the vision of Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, blending tradition with modernity while honouring cultural heritage. The architectural style influenced by Arabian and Andalusian designs showcases the essence of Arabian hospitality.

The hotel’s design features intricate elements—high arches, decorative motifs and grand hallways—all linked to the rich history of the Arab world. Unique to Emirates Palace Mandarin Oriental is the presence of a Gold Leaf Specialist ensuring the maintenance of over one million square metres of 24-carat gold leaf that adorns its interiors.

The Palace is equipped to host prestigious events with opulent ballrooms and a renowned Conference Centre featuring state-of-the-art facilities. It houses the largest theatre in any hotel globally, accommodating up to 1,100 guests, and is crowned by the hotel’s grand chandelier which weighs an impressive 2.5 tonnes.



# KEY LOCATIONS AND DISTANCES



- Located along the Arabian Gulf
- Close to major tourist attractions, including Qasr Al Watan and Sheikh Zayed Mosque
- Near luxury shops and dining options (20 minutes drive), with access to upscale destinations like The Galleria Al Maryah Island and Marina Mall
- A 10-minute drive from Abu Dhabi Corniche
- A 30-minute drive from Abu Dhabi International Airport
- A 1.5-hour drive from Dubai
- A 1.5-hour drive from Al Ain
- A 2-hour drive from Liwa Oasis
- A 2.5-hour drive from Fujairah
- A 2.5-hour drive from Ras Al Khaimah



### **MICHAEL KOTH GENERAL MANAGER**

A German Swiss national, Michael Koth has over 45 years of extensive experience in the hospitality industry, making him well equipped to manage all aspects of the property's operations and rebranding efforts.

Before joining Mandarin Oriental, he held senior leadership positions at the InterContinental Hotel Group, including General Manager of InterContinental Doha and Cairo. He later served in IHG's corporate office in Dubai as General Manager of Operations Support and then as Director of Operations for the Levant, overseeing 13 hotels across three brands.

Michael's journey in hospitality also included two years in Asia as Director of IHG's Luxury and Lifestyle Resorts for Southeast Asia, where he was responsible for pre-opening hotels and leading major refurbishments including the InterContinental Bali Resort.

Commenting on his role, he expressed his commitment to building upon the legacy of Emirates Palace and delivering exemplary service standards. Fluent in English, French and German, Michael was awarded General Manager of the Year – Middle East in 2016 by the World Luxury Hotel Awards, highlighting his excellence in hospitality management. In his leisure time, he enjoys contemporary art, culture, opera, golf and travelling with his family.

# THE FAN



## AN ITEM LADEN WITH HISTORY

Designed by Abu Dhabi based multidisciplinary artist Ahmad Al Areef, the fan of Emirates Palace Mandarin Oriental is inspired by the heritage and history of pearl diving in the country. Two hundred finest pearls are carefully handpicked to represent the islands that form Abu Dhabi. The city's uniqueness is signified by the pearl in the centre of the fan, while the rib of the fan, made with dhow wood, is a material used by divers to make their boats and the gold metal chain with nose clip symbolises the clip used by pearl divers. Specially handcrafted by artisans and craftsmen, the beads are artfully embellished at the edges of the fan, lending an elegant contrast between the pearl white colour against the blue silk fabric, illustrating the serene private beach of our resort.

# GENERAL INFORMATION

**ADDRESS**

West Corniche Road, P.O. Box 39999, Abu Dhabi, UAE

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**OPENING DATE**

November, 2005

**WEBSITE**

<https://www.mandarinoriental.com/en/abu-dhabi/emirates-palace>

**GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION**

Emirates Palace Mandarin Oriental, on the shores of the Arabian Gulf. In the heart of Abu Dhabi's cultural and luxury district, close to the iconic Corniche, heritage sites and vibrant shopping areas.

**OWNER / MANAGER**

Government of Abu Dhabi

**GENERAL MANAGER & AREA VICE PRESIDENT OPERATIONS MIDDLE EAST**

Michael Koth

**REGIONAL BRAND DIRECTOR**

Mujahid Mansoor

**ARCHITECT**

Wimberley Allison Tong & Goo)



# INTRODUCTION

## ROOMS AND SUITES

302 rooms and 88 suites are thoughtfully designed across two elegant wings offering a serene ambiance and refined luxury. Each space is adorned with plush carpets and muted gold tones providing a warm welcome and natural light through skylights and large windows.

The rooms average 50sqm featuring king-sized beds, spacious wardrobes and separate sitting areas. The suites average 64sqm with select signature suites boasting expansive outdoor terraces. All accommodations include luxurious marble bathrooms and stunning views of the gardens or Arabian Sea complemented by dedicated butler service for an exceptional stay.

## DINING

- Episodes – Lobby Lounge
- Café Fountain – Sunset hotspot by the fountains.
- Vendôme - A vibrant all-day dining restaurant offering multi-national cuisine
- Broadway - A modern American brasserie and bar with a distinctive design and a captivating atmosphere
- Sand & Koal – Seaside open fire cooking
- Talea by Antonio Guida - One Michelin-star restaurant serving authentic Italian cuisine
- Hakkasan – Cantonese Cuisine
- Martabaan by Hemant Oberoi – Contemporary Indian fine dining restaurant
- Lebanese Terrace – A Levantine menu inspired by Lebanon's coastal cuisine
- Cascades – Greek-inspired pool restaurant positioned on the Mandarin Wing
- ALMA – Mexican restaurant located near the pool on the Oriental Wing
- Strawfire by Ross Shonhan – Japanese cuisine featuring the art of Warayaki cooking

## WELLNESS

The Spa and fitness facilities available on site.

## MEETING FACILITIES

Emirates Palace Mandarin Oriental, Abu Dhabi offers tailor-made service for all types of events.

# ROOMS



EMIRATES PALACE MANDARIN ORIENTAL, ABU DHABI features two elegant wings – East (Mandarin) and West (Oriental) - leading to 302 guest rooms and 88 suites along wide marble corridors. The guest wings are adorned with plush carpeting in muted gold and cream tones, complemented by polished wood bannisters and carved doors.

Each guestroom includes king-sized beds with luxurious cotton linens, separate sitting areas with chaise longues and spacious bathrooms featuring marble finishes, sunken bathtubs and rain showers. Floor-to-ceiling windows open to private balconies overlooking the city, gardens or the Arabian Sea. An attentive butler service is available to cater to guests' needs.



## ROOMS

Emirates Palace Mandarin Oriental offers a selection of elegantly designed rooms, each reflecting the hotel's sophisticated sensibility. The Deluxe City View Room features stunning vistas of the city from a spacious layout with king or double beds, complemented by a luxury bathroom and a private terrace. In the Deluxe Garden View Room, guests can enjoy serene views of the gardens along with bespoke furniture and a private balcony, creating an inviting retreat.

For those seeking an enhanced experience, the Deluxe Garden Terrace Room provides striking views of Abu Dhabi from a private terrace, elegantly furnished with contemporary décor and a luxury bathroom.

The Deluxe Sea View Room boasts breathtaking views of The Gulf from its private balcony, showcasing a blend of bespoke furniture and luxurious Arabian design accents alongside cutting-edge entertainment technology. Each room type promises a charming and sophisticated stay, tailored to meet the desires of discerning guests.



## SIGNATURE VEGAN ROOMS

Emirates Palace Mandarin Oriental proudly introduces the region's first fully vegan guestrooms thoughtfully designed with compassion and sustainability in mind. Each spacious and elegant room features beautifully crafted furniture and fixtures made entirely without animal-based products.

Guests can enjoy vegan-friendly bath amenities by VOTARY and in-room products by Palatino ensuring a mindful and luxurious experience. The minibar is stocked with vegan wine and an exclusive in-room dining menu offers a diverse selection of plant-based dishes.

Beyond the rooms, the commitment to vegan living extends throughout the hotel. Guests can indulge in vegan-certified treatments at The Spa utilise bamboo beach towels and 100% plant-based suncare at the Beach Club and enjoy holistic vegan options at all dining outlets.

An organic farming experience allows guests to harvest their own vegetables which are then prepared and served in the hotel's restaurants making every aspect of their stay a reflection of sustainable luxury.



### CLUB SEA VIEW ROOM – WITH EP CLUB LOUNGE ACCESS

This exquisite room showcases a blend of contemporary elegance and Arabian luxury, featuring rich ebonised walnut furnishings and polished marble accents that create a refined yet inviting ambiance. The décor beautifully integrates intricate Arabian motifs, offering a modern aesthetic with cultural depth. Guests who book this room type enjoy exclusive access to the EP Club, where personalised services and amenities, including a private lounge with gourmet offerings, enhance the experience, transforming their stay into a journey of unparalleled comfort and sophistication.

# EP CLUB LOUNGE





## THE EP CLUB LOUNGE

The EP Club features stunning interiors that blend neutral tones with bold colours, embodying the dynamism of contemporary design through innovative use of light, shape and form. Exclusively available to guests who have booked Suites and Club Rooms, this elegant space offers a seamless experience from the moment of arrival. A dedicated team of concierges and butlers is available around the clock to provide bespoke privileges and ensure every need is met.

Guests can savour tailored culinary creations from skilled chefs and unwind with breathtaking views of the Arabian Sea from the private beach, complete with cabanas and daybeds. Exclusive privileges include personalised check-in, 24-hour club access, priority spa and dining bookings, and complimentary use of private rooms for meetings. The EP Club also offers a sumptuous champagne breakfast, afternoon tea, evening canapés with drinks, and selected live entertainment for an unforgettable experience.

# SUITES





Our exceptional suites are the most spacious in the hotel and offer an unforgettable experience for guests. Each is designed to provide an elegant and sophisticated environment with carefully crafted details to meet the needs of the most discerning visitors. Features include breathtaking sea views, private terraces, spacious living and dining areas, and state-of-the-art entertainment technology. Enjoy the luxurious ambience of our Sea View, Panoramic Sea View, Beachfront, Deluxe Beachfront, Royal and Palace Suites, each offering a distinctive coastal retreat for an extraordinary stay.



## SEA VIEW SUITE

Discover unparalleled elegance in our Sea View Suite, spanning an inviting 110 sqm, where sophistication is seamlessly woven with unobstructed views of the Arabian Gulf. Each morning, guests awaken to stunning vistas of the ocean, creating an ambiance of serene refinement that offers the perfect environment for relaxation and rejuvenation. Meticulously designed to blend elegance with comfort, this suite ensures a truly elevated stay, while also offering the option of a connecting room to accommodate families seeking an enhanced and seamless experience.



## PANORAMIC SEA VIEW SUITE

The Panoramic Sea View Suite boasts a generous 165sqm, featuring a dedicated living room, dining area, and a beautifully designed bedroom, making it ideal for unforgettable seaside experiences. This exquisite suite can also be booked alongside our Sea View Suite for an even more luxurious stay.

Offering some of the finest accommodation in the Emirates, this suite is a private retreat of understated luxury featuring breathtaking 180-degree sea views, a hot tub and world-class entertainment options. Enjoy the added benefit of 24-hour butler service and exclusive access to The EP Club when guests choose this exceptional room.



## PALACE SUITE

### 2-BEDROOM PALACE SUITE

The two-bedroom Palace Suite is a striking and sumptuous retreat, encompassing an impressive 330sqm. It features king-size beds and an opulent bathroom with a Jacuzzi. Luxurious design accents enhance the elegant atmosphere, while breathtaking sea views elevate the experience to new heights. With 24-hour butler service at your disposal, every need is effortlessly catered to, ensuring a stay that epitomizes luxury. Enjoy exclusive access to The EP Club when booking this suite.

### 3-BEDROOM PALACE SUITE

For those seeking an even grander experience, our three-bedroom Palace Suite combines three interconnected suites, offering over 470sqm (5,080 sqft) of unmatched regal opulence. This magnificent space includes a stunning majlis, an expansive terrace and a dining room with a pantry, perfect for entertaining. The suite's elegant design and luxurious amenities create an atmosphere of sophistication, while exclusive access to The EP Club makes it a landmark destination in Middle Eastern hospitality.



## ROYAL SUITE

Indulge in the opulent comfort of our Royal Suite, a spacious 280sqm haven where a walk-in wardrobe awaits to fulfil your every need. The suite features a dedicated dining room perfect for entertaining and an expansive living room equipped with state-of-the-art entertainment technology. Every detail reflects refined elegance, ensuring that each moment is a testament to the grandeur of royal living.

Designed with outstanding attention to detail, our Royal Suite offers ultra-luxurious accents throughout. Enjoy breathtaking views of the palm-fringed Gulf and relax in the hot tub for a truly exclusive experience. Guests who book this room will also benefit from exclusive access to The EP Club.



# RESTAURANTS AND BARS

## TALEA BY ANTONIO GUIDA

Talea by Antonio Guida is a one Michelin-starred restaurant offering authentic Italian cuisine. Celebrating "Cucina di Famiglia," the menu reflects Guida's unique culinary interpretation of beloved classic dishes from Italy, earning its reputation as one of the finest dining experiences in the UAE.

Talea presents delectable dishes such as ravioli, creamy burrata, ossobuco and vitello tonnato. With a focus on seasonal Italian ingredients, the restaurant combines traditional Milanese techniques with innovative flair in an elegant yet relaxed atmosphere.





## ABOUT CHEF **LUIGI STINGA**

Luigi Stinga was raised in a family that loved cooking traditional and tasty food, developing his passion early while learning alongside his grandmother. His career began at the 2-MICHELIN star Ristorante Don Alfonso in Sant' Agata sui due Golfi, instilling a deep appreciation for culinary excellence.

He then worked at various MICHELIN starred restaurants including Ristorante Quattro Passi and Don Alfonso before moving to Relais & Châteaux at Il Pellicano Hotel in Tuscany, where he was mentored by Chef Antonio Guida.

This experience prepared him for Seta Restaurant in Mandarin Oriental, Milan, which earned its first MICHELIN star six months after opening. In 2019 Luigi became Chef de Cuisine at Mandarin Grill in Mandarin Oriental, Kuala Lumpur, serving over 600 rooms and 2,000 guests for breakfast during high season, curating menus that highlighted local ingredients.

After three years, he joined the rebranding team at Emirates Palace in Abu Dhabi and is now the Head Chef at the MICHELIN star restaurant TALEA by Antonio Guida, where he received the Young Chef Award 2023 from the Michelin Guide.



### Opening Hours

Lunch: 12:30 – 3pm

Dinner: 6:30 - 11pm

# Hakkasan

Hakkasan is a Michelin-starred restaurant renowned for its authentic Cantonese cuisine. Spanning 16,000 sq ft, the venue includes a restaurant, bar, lounge and four private dining rooms all separated by carved wooden screens that echo the luxe interiors of the London flagship.

Designed by long-time partner Gilles & Boissier, the space reflects the Hakkasan ethos of modern ethnicity with embroidered furniture and marbled Chinese forms. The Hakkasan Terrace offers a stylish bar, bespoke cocktails and cabanas with views of the city skyline. Signature dishes like Peking Duck with Caviar and Crispy Duck Salad enhance the vibrant dining experience complemented by local and international DJs.





## ABOUT CHEF **LEE KOK HUA**

Hakkasan Abu Dhabi Executive Chef Lee began his culinary journey at the age of 16 and now brings over 30 years of experience to the kitchen. Starting from a young age and learning from senior mentors Lee entered competitions in Malaysia where he consistently placed in the top three. He worked in Johor and Singapore in various restaurants until his late twenties when he moved to London as a Sous Chef for Hakkasan Hanway Place.

He remained with Hakkasan in London for seven years before joining Hakkasan Abu Dhabi as pre-opening Executive Chef. Lee has now been with Hakkasan Abu Dhabi for 13 years and in 2023 was awarded one Michelin star.

Lee takes a comprehensive approach to his work not only in his cooking but also in his consideration for the team around him. He is a purposeful chef with a distinctive cooking style focused on the details within his kitchen from sourcing the best ingredients to presenting the final plate. Lee's philosophy is entirely guest focused allowing him to be creative and adapt to market needs.



HAKKASAN

### Opening Hours

Dinner: 6 – 11:30pm

Bar: 6pm – 1am

Dim Sum Lunch: 12 - 3:30pm (Saturday)

## LEBANESE TERRACE

Emirates Palace Mandarin Oriental, Abu Dhabi opened Lebanese Terrace in July 2023. This culinary venue celebrates the exquisite flavours and culinary traditions of Lebanon amidst the captivating beauty of the Palace grounds. Led by Chef de Cuisine Gilber Sakr, the menu draws on the rich tapestry of Lebanese cuisine and recreates the charm of a traditional terrace with intricate aquamarine walls, olive trees and stained-glass windows.

The warm and inviting indoor and outdoor seating areas can accommodate up to 200 guests. Lebanese Terrace offers a diverse selection of hot and cold mezze and Arabic oven-styled grills, transforming dining into an uplifting art with dishes that reflect the region's heritage. Whether enjoying charcoal-grilled meats, seafood platters or exotic specialities, guests are transported to the shores of the Mediterranean.





## ABOUT CHEF ELIAS

Chef Elias, a Lebanese native, has had a passion for food ever since he was young. Introduced to the culinary world by his chef father, he became fascinated by the different colours, flavours and textures that allowed him to create culinary masterpieces for people to enjoy. While he enjoyed the process of making the food, he truly cherished the reactions of his guests upon tasting his dishes.

Growing up with the ability to experiment with Lebanese cuisine, he added his own special touches when he had the opportunity to leave Lebanon and work in the GCC at a young age. This experience allowed him to share the fascinating world of Lebanese cuisine with various countries.

In 2022, Chef Elias decided to pursue his passion for food in Abu Dhabi, where he got the chance to run The Lebanese Terrace, one of the most famous Lebanese restaurants in the city. Chef Elias' dishes not only provide a distinctive insight into authentic Lebanese food but also tell a unique story of Lebanese culture and the childhood he has known.

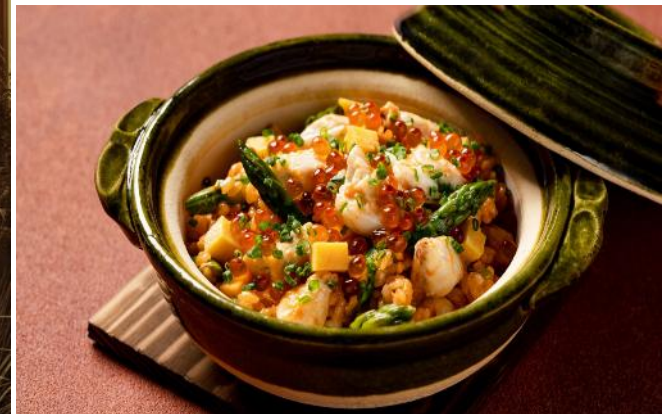


Opening Hours  
12:30 – 11pm

## STRAWFIRE

Strawfire, the latest culinary venture by acclaimed restaurateur and chef Ross Shonhan, showcases the art of Warayaki cooking, a traditional Japanese technique that infuses each dish with a distinct smokiness from straw-fired flames.

The restaurant features five unique dining spaces, including the Toyama Private Dining Room, which showcases a dramatic synthetic Shimenawa rope as a centrepiece. The menu caters to all palates with an à la carte selection, a signature tasting menu and the Chef's Omakase menu, all enhanced by live entertainment, including a DJ and a jazz band on weekends.





## ABOUT CHEF **ROSS SHONHAN**

Ross started his career in his native Australia before moving to London and the USA. Raised on a family-run cattle farm in Queensland, he learned the value of great ingredients and the importance of food cooked with love.

This passion has taken him from Executive Chef at Nobu Matsuhisa's restaurant in Dallas Texas to Zuma London, where he helped shape the culinary landscape. He also created the iconic Bone Daddies ramen bars, Flesh & Buns and Shack-Fuyu. Ross's previous venture, Netsu in Dubai, was a Japanese steakhouse in partnership with the Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group.

Although an expert in Japanese cuisine, he has extensive experience with flavours from around the world from Thailand to Mexico. In 2024 Chef Ross will open Strawfire in Abu Dhabi, celebrating the Japanese art of warayaki—cooking with straw and fire—in partnership with Emirates Palace Mandarin Oriental.

The venue aims to be one of Abu Dhabi's most unique dining destinations, bringing together ingredients, techniques, art, culture and conversation in a spectacular way while serving modern Japanese cuisine.



Opening soon

## SAND & KOAL

Opened in November 2023, Sand & Koal is a lively dining hotspot further establishing the hotel as a culinary and experiential hub. With a focus on the art of live fire cooking, Sand & Koal provides an immersive dining experience that unfolds throughout the day and night.

The name reflects its beach-front location and cuisine, representing day with Sand and night with Koal.

Guests can enjoy casual lounging, leisurely lunches and torch-lit fine dining with views of the Palace and the Arabian Sea. The menu features vegetable-based recipes, charred seafood, unique meat cuts and grilled skewers, with dishes finished table-side for entertainment. Committed to responsible sourcing, the seasonal menu showcases high-quality ingredients while promoting local agriculture.





## ABOUT CHEF **JACK JARROT**

Born in Bundaberg, Australia, Chef Jack Jarrott discovered his passion for cooking early on. His culinary journey took off in London where he trained in grilling and steak cookery at renowned steakhouses including Gaucho and honed his skills in various Gordon Ramsay restaurants.

Jack earned a professional diploma from Westminster Kingsway College graduating with the highest honours. After relocating to Dubai he collaborated with Fernando Trocca to create Sucre, an acclaimed open-fire dining restaurant, earning a Michelin Guide listing for two consecutive years.

Most recently Jack worked under Master Chef Paul Gajewski at The Guild Restaurant which won the Restaurant Opening of the Year in the Michelin Guide 2024 and was featured in Condé Nast Traveller's Best New Restaurants. Nominated for the Caterer Awards 2024 Best Head Chef of the Year Jack's relentless pursuit of excellence continues to shape his promising culinary career.



SAND & KOAL

Opening Hours  
5pm – 1am

# BROADWAY

Opened in October 2023, Broadway at Emirates Palace Mandarin Oriental, Abu Dhabi combines contemporary gastronomy with the glamour of the 1920s. Adjacent to the hotel's main Auditorium Theatre, this modern brasserie showcases Art Deco style with an industrial twist, featuring exposed steel, brick and red leather booths.

Accommodating up to 270 guests, Broadway offers a seamless indoor-outdoor experience, perfect for celebrations or casual gatherings. The menu is designed for sharing, with options ranging from escargot and tater tots to classic burgers and indulgent desserts, ensuring something for every palate.



## ABOUT CHEF GEORGE LYON



George Lyon is the Head Chef at Broadway, a modern American brasserie at Emirates Palace Mandarin Oriental in Abu Dhabi. With over 14 years in the hospitality industry, George has honed his skills at top London restaurants, training under Gordon Ramsay.

His culinary journey began at The Savoy Grill where he advanced from Commis Chef to Junior Sous Chef, creating new menu items and mentoring young chefs. He further excelled at Mayfair venues including the fine dining restaurant Maze, where he contributed to its achievement of three AA Rosettes and a Michelin Guide recommendation.

In 2018 George became Head Chef at George, a private members' club, focusing on sourcing the finest seasonal produce. In 2022 he moved to the Middle East to join the pre-opening team of Waldorf Astoria Doha West Bay, developing menus for Geoffrey Zakarian's restaurant.

Throughout his career George has achieved significant recognition, including television appearances with Gordon Ramsay.



### Opening Hours

3pm – 1am (Monday - Friday)

12:30pm - 1am (Saturday - Sunday)

# MARTABAAN

Martabaan by Hemant Oberoi is envisioned as a 'contemporary classic' Indian dining destination by the celebrated master chef and the first Indian nominated to the World Gourmet Club. Renowned for his innovative approach to Indian cuisine, Oberoi's recipes draw deeply from cultural traditions, revolutionising the culinary landscape with creations like Temple Cuisine and Iron Cuisine.

Located at Emirates Palace Mandarin Oriental, Martabaan boasts an opulent ambience with splendid views of the Arabian Gulf and the Marina, perfectly complementing the mystic flavours of Indian cuisine. The 'Tikka Le' Bar adds a sparkling facet with a medley of signature cocktails. Guests can enjoy an aristocratic dining experience in elegantly appointed private rooms while indulging in a menu featuring distinctive offerings such as Varqui Crab, Dum ki Nalli and Masala Chai Crème Brûlée to ensure a delightful feast for every discerning palate.





## ABOUT CHEF HEMANT OBEROI

Chef Hemant Oberoi originally from Firozpur India transitioned from aspiring doctor to acclaimed chef launching a 45-year culinary career at prestigious hotels. After a long tenure at Taj Hotels where he directed the food and beverage offerings for 27 luxury properties, he opened his own restaurant Hemant Oberoi Restaurant in Mumbai in 2017.

Oberoi has served numerous high-profile guests including world leaders and celebrities showcasing his diverse culinary influences from India and beyond. His latest venture Martabaan opened in Abu Dhabi's Emirates Palace Hotel focusing on traditional Indian cuisine presented with innovative twists.

Recognised for his contributions to the industry Oberoi's legacy includes managing critical incidents during the 2008 terrorist attacks at The Taj Mahal Palace where he ensured the safety of guests. He remains committed to his craft emphasising the importance of strong culinary foundations and continuing to inspire through his work in hospitality.

*Martabaan*  
BY HEMANT OBEROI

Opening Hours  
12:30 – 10:30 pm

# VENDÔME

Vendôme is an elegant all-day dining restaurant offering a vibrant selection of multi-national cuisine. Located at the iconic Emirates Palace Mandarin Oriental, Abu Dhabi, it showcases local and international dishes with precise attention to detail.

Using seasonal and fresh local produce, Vendôme provides a dining experience for guests of all ages in a modern and spacious setting with high ceilings and both indoor and outdoor spaces. Emphasising quality, this newly refreshed restaurant serves the finest dishes from the Middle East while incorporating a variety of international favourites into its expansive culinary offerings.



# EPISODES

Episodes is an exquisite dining destination that offers a vibrant ambiance in our lobby lounge. Promising a journey of exceptional culinary delights, it features an extensive selection of the finest teas from around the world alongside fabulous pastry creations and much more.

Episodes includes **Episodes 1:** Tea Apothecary where rare blends are paired with sweet and savoury creations. **Episodes 2:** Gourmet Deli serves artisanal sandwiches, fine viennoiseries and locally farmed delicacies perfect for satisfying cravings throughout the day. For pastry lovers, **Episodes 3:** The Mandarin Cake Shop harmonises classical and contemporary delicacies to delight your taste buds. Finally, **Episodes 4:** Gelateria offers a range of decadent gelato choices to enchant sweet lovers on their indulgent journey.





## ABOUT CHEF **ALEXANDRE THABARD**

Alexandre Thabard is the Executive Pastry Chef at Emirates Palace Mandarin Oriental in Abu Dhabi. At just 26 years old and with over ten years of experience in pastry, chocolate making, confectionery and ice cream, he has gained recognition in fine pastry.

Originally from Paris, Alexandre trained in various aspects of the sweet arts, mastering classical techniques and exploring innovative approaches. He spent several years at Maison Lenôte where he taught pastry courses and developed high-level technical skills. In 2018 he won the "Best Young Pastry Hope" award from Relais Desserts.

Alexandre focuses on simplicity and natural ingredients, creating gluten-free, sugar-free and vegan options to meet evolving consumer needs. At Emirates Palace he showcases his refined creations in the cake shop, afternoon tea and banquets.

He fosters a collaborative environment with his talented team ensuring a high-quality customer experience. His signature creation is the Emirates Palace Cake featuring local flavours such as a chocolate crisp, date biscuit, cardamom cream and milk chocolate mousse available year-round at the Cake Shop.



### Opening Hours

Episodes 1 and 2: 9am - 11pm

Episodes 3 and 4: 10am - 11pm

## CAFÈ FOUNTAIN

Café Fountain is a much-loved sunset hotspot perfect for unwinding and relaxing while taking in stunning views of the city's modern architecture.

This award-winning outdoor venue complements the iconic Emirates Palace Mandarin Oriental, inviting guests to enjoy sophisticated coffee and tea options alongside a delightful array of light meals and pastries. With its captivating views of Abu Dhabi's skyline, Café Fountain provides a unique outdoor experience for all who visit.



# ALMA

Building on the growing demand for Latin American cuisine, ALMA is a restaurant concept launched in November 2023 at Emirates Palace Mandarin Oriental, Abu Dhabi, enhancing the hotel's food and beverage offering. This relaxed poolside eatery serves authentic Mexican comfort food tailored for a luxurious resort environment.

Spanish for 'soul,' ALMA features a design that connects with nature. The menu includes traditional Mexican dishes made from scratch with local and organic ingredients, along with vegan and gluten-free options. Comfortable seating and shading provide respite from the sun, complemented by a beverage menu focused on Latin American spirits and flavours.



## CASCADES

Building on the allure of poolside dining, Cascades is a Greek-inspired restaurant launched at Emirates Palace Mandarin Oriental, Abu Dhabi. Named for the adjacent cascading waterfalls and sea grottos, it offers a casually elegant terrace where diners can enjoy stunning views of the azure Arabian Gulf.

Surrounded by lush palms and the sounds of nature, guests can unwind in refreshing sea breezes. Cascades serves as a family-friendly alternative to ALMA, located on the Oriental Wing, providing outdoor entertainment for all ages. With the nearby Kids Palace and Pool, parents can linger over a long meal while children enjoy various activities. Perfect for sunny days, Cascades is the ideal spot to nourish both body and spirit during a day of family fun in the sun.



# WELLNESS



# THE SPA AT EMIRATES PALACE MANDARIN ORIENTAL

The Spa at Mandarin Oriental, Emirates Palace Abu Dhabi combines ancient Eastern healing traditions with award-winning personalised therapies to provide transformative wellness experiences.

Facilities include a luxurious Royal Hammam nine uniquely designed private treatment suites and Hideaway Spa Cabanas located by the beach. Signature offerings include Oriental Qi and Essence of Abu Dhabi along with exclusive treatments featuring renowned brands such as OTO CBD Subtle Energies and 111SKIN.

The Spa also caters to male guests with the Acqua di Parma Barbieri and offers unique hammam rituals inspired by Moroccan and Turkish heritage. Additional services include Fatima and Friends treatments for children alongside holistic wellness programmes focused on Nourishment Movement Wellbeing Connections and Stillness.

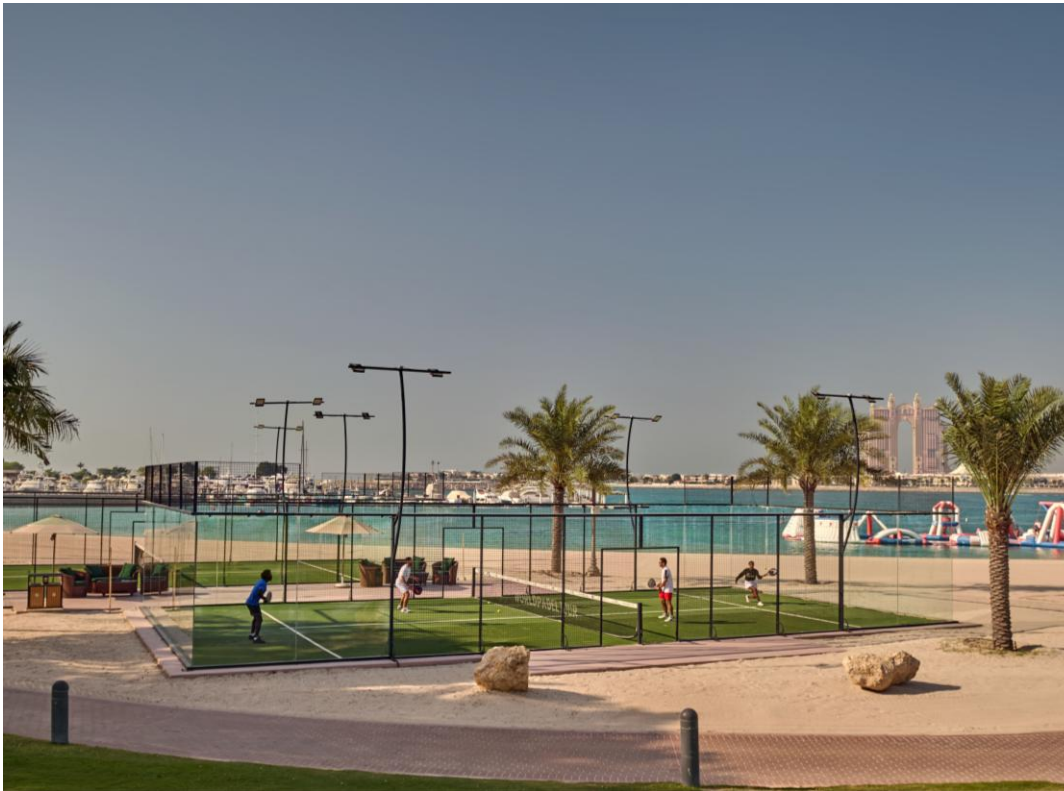
The Kids Spa is open to children from 6 years and above for a nurturing and fun experience. And best of all, the treatments use organic, chemical-free products to pamper delicate skin with heavenly fragrances.



# LEISURE DESTINATION

Redefining recreational luxury, the resort offers a range of activities for discerning guests including an exclusive beach with premium sun loungers, two temperature-controlled swimming pools and access to 6 km of beautifully landscaped running paths.

Guests can also enjoy the modern marina, complimentary bicycles for exploring the expansive grounds and two state-of-the-art fitness centres. For a uniquely local experience, the resort provides complimentary camel rides along the beach, adding an authentic cultural touch to this leisure destination.



# FITNESS CENTRE

The Fitness Centre features a comprehensive range of state-of-the-art cardiovascular and strength-training equipment, catering to fitness enthusiasts of all levels. As the exclusive home to Technogym, it offers cutting-edge innovations in fitness that focus not only on building strength but also on enhancing movement and flexibility.

Technogym's approach integrates functional movement patterns, ensuring that each workout promotes a more balanced, agile, and healthier body. Whether guests seek to improve endurance, increase muscle tone or maintain an active lifestyle, the Fitness Centre delivers a personalised experience with equipment tailored to individual fitness goals.



# WATERSPORTS

Dive into endless excitement with our cutting-edge watersports, perfect for families seeking adventure together. Choose from an exhilarating array of motorised and non-motorised activities all powered by renewable energy. Whether you're looking for the thrill of a banana boat ride jet skiing donut rides knee-boarding or wakesurfing we have something for everyone.

Our Water Sports Centre seamlessly blends adventure with sustainability. In addition to our thrilling motorised options, the resort also features non-motorised activities including kayaking and stand-up paddle boarding, providing a perfect blend of relaxation and outdoor adventure in a stunning coastal setting. Our professional instructors are dedicated to guiding you through a variety of experiences tailored for both thrill-seekers and those looking to unwind.

We prioritise eco-friendly practices by offering electric sport experiences that minimise environmental impact while delivering adrenaline-pumping fun. Before you hit the water, our team provides comprehensive safety briefings to ensure a secure and enjoyable experience.



# LITTLE FANS



# KIDS PALACE

The Kids Palace is a transformative space designed for children aged 10 months to 12 years. Under the supervision of Mandarin Oriental's exceptional service team, the space offers a vibrant safe environment with dedicated areas tailored to different age groups, including Fatima & Friends for toddlers, Family Nest for family activities, Falcon Adventures for older children and the children's restaurant Flutter Bites. The facility features both indoor and outdoor spaces that encourage exploration and adventure especially during themed camps.

The Kids Palace focuses on five key pillars: Sustainability, Culinary, Arts and Creative, Wellbeing and Exploration. Children can engage in eco-friendly activities like gardening and nature walks while budding chefs participate in interactive cooking classes. The programme also nurtures physical mental and emotional health through activities such as yoga and mindfulness workshops. For parents seeking some relaxation, a Day Pass is available for one child to enjoy the Kids Palace.



# MEETINGS AND EVENTS



# MEETING AND EVENTS FACILITIES

Emirates Palace, Abu Dhabi provides a stunning backdrop to a myriad of events from global summits, to annual shareholder meetings, to extravagant weddings and even Hollywood movies.



Within a total meeting and conference space exceeding 7,000 sqm, the Emirates Palace Auditorium and Ballroom can accommodate up to 1,100 and 2,400 guests, respectively. In addition, over 40 meeting rooms, six large terraces and a variety of pre-function areas provide many options for private meetings, cocktail receptions, banquets, concerts and conferences. Set in 85 hectares of beautifully landscaped gardens with vast picturesque lawns, Emirates Palace Mandarin Oriental, Abu Dhabi offers spectacular outdoor venues for gala dinners and events.



A spacious 3,000 sqm with a capacity to accommodate 1,100 seated guests, the state-of-the-art Auditorium is ideal for musical performances, graduations and formal ceremonies. Ornate gold decorative details highlight the rich Arabian heritage of Abu Dhabi. The state seal of the United Arab Emirates adorns the crown of the stage.

Elegant gold curtains open to a full stage that has hosted performances from some of the world's best speakers, musicians and political leaders. The 1,100 audience seats fan out in rows of plush gold and red velvet and turn inward in a concave fashion establishing a greater connection between the performers and the viewers. Balcony seats are framed by a sweeping balcony rake in gold mashrabiya.

# WEDDINGS

Every wedding is uniquely special, but a wedding at Emirates Palace, Abu Dhabi is exceptional. The ballroom features ornate marble and gold decor, blending timeless architecture with modern design. Expansive manicured gardens and elegant terraces provide glamorous venues for weddings in the UAE. Emirates Palace offers a variety of rooms and reception areas, along with an on-site flower shop for unforgettable floral arrangements. The talented culinary team prepares bespoke menus for memorable receptions.

The temperate climate in late autumn, winter and early spring makes dreamy outdoor weddings a reality. The resort's stunning gardens, manicured lawns and regal terraces, along with 1.3 km of pristine private beach, offer countless choices for the perfect setting. All outdoor venues are framed by the property's spectacular façade, making weddings at Emirates Palace truly remarkable.



# COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABILITY



Emirates Palace Mandarin Oriental, Abu Dhabi is dedicated to environmental stewardship and social responsibility, guided by the principle of “Acting with Responsibility.”

The hotel implements a comprehensive sustainability plan, ‘Naturally Better,’ focused on responsible sourcing. Agricultural products, including tea, coffee, cocoa and free-range eggs, are sourced from certified suppliers committed to ethical practices. The innovative desert vegetable garden produces around seven tons of vegetables annually, while 70 beehives support local biodiversity and enhance culinary offerings with organic honey.











The Palace prioritises renewable energy through energy-efficient systems and LED lighting, significantly reducing consumption. Its desalination plant produces 2,500 cubic metres of water daily, saving approximately 912,500 cubic metres annually. By actively engaging in initiatives like ‘Earth Hour,’ the hotel demonstrates its commitment to conserving energy and promoting awareness of sustainability.

The hotel has eliminated single-use plastics, replacing them with biodegradable alternatives and reusable glass bottles from an in-house filtration system. Community engagement includes collaborations with the Abu Dhabi Sustainability Group and local organisations, supporting educational initiatives and offering locally made dairy products from the Zayed Higher Organisation for People of Determination. These partnerships enhance local economies and foster a culture of sustainability within the community.

In waste management, the hotel promotes biodegradable packaging and recycles food waste into compost, achieving a waste diversion rate of 16.5%. The Palace also encourages suppliers to adopt sustainable practices, creating a ripple effect that extends beyond its operations.

These efforts reflect the Palace’s commitment to sustainability and social responsibility, aligning with the values of the Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group. Through innovative practices and community involvement, the hotel aims to create a positive impact on both the environment and society at large.

## DID YOU KNOW?

-  The Palace is crowned with 114 domes. The largest is the Grand Atrium, which measures 42m wide, has a gold finial at its apex, and is covered in silver- and gold-coloured mosaic tiles. The soaring Central Dome soars 72.6m above the ground.
-  It took 20,000 people and three years of continuous construction to complete the Emirates Palace Hotel.
-  The Palace glimmers with over one million square feet of marble imported from Italy, Spain, China and India, with 13 different colours chosen to reflect the many hues of the desert, from sunrise yellow to sunset red.
-  Located at the main entrance, the awe-inspiring Emirates Palace Triumphal Archway, covered in Italian stone and larger than the Arc de Triomphe in Paris, stands on 1,000,000 square metres of reclaimed land—equalling half the area of Monaco.
-  Shining throughout the Palace are 1002 chandeliers made from Swarovski crystals. The largest, located in the GCC Council Chamber, weighs 2.5 tons.
-  It cost 3.5 billion US dollars to build Emirates Palace, making it the third most expensive hotel in the world to construct.
-  The hotel's shimmering interior is decorated with 86,114 feet of 22-carat gold leaf..
-  Made with white sand imported from Algeria, our private beach stretches 1.3km along the Abu Dhabi coast.
-  The Palace's FIFA-approved football field serves as the winter training grounds for international teams.
-  Major international movies filmed in and around the Palace include Furious 7, The Kingdom, and Race 3.



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