Ras Al Khaimah Art Festival 2027 Edition

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Ras Al Khaimah Art

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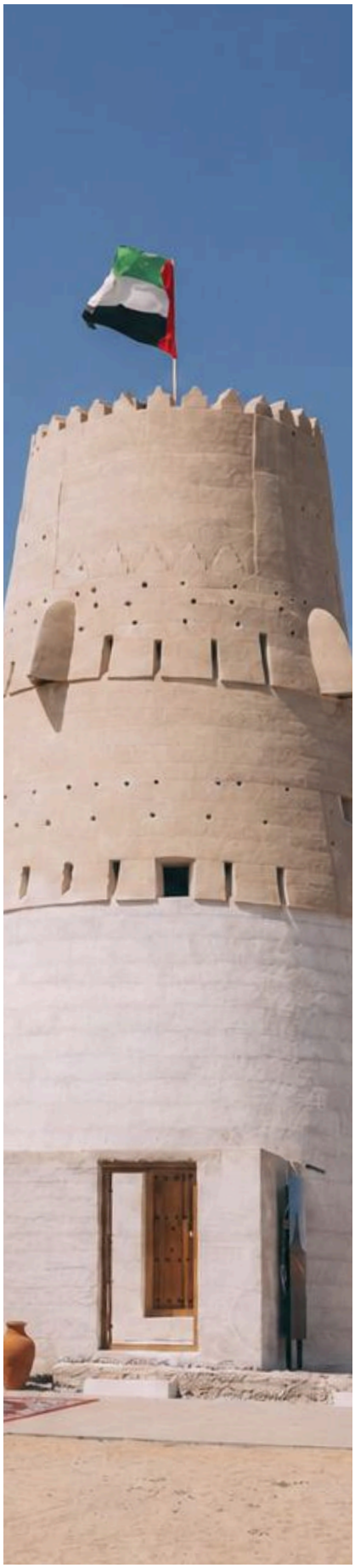

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Ras Al Khaimah Art 2027 Festival

Ras Al Khaimah Art provides an immersive and sensory cultural experience to local and international visitors. Ras Al Khaimah Art blends the modern and the ancient, bringing together a variety of artforms whilst encouraging dialogue between artists, authors, creatives and the community at Al Jazeera Al Hamra Heritage Village.

Ras Al Khaimah Art 2027 Festival is curated by Sharon Toval and organized by the Sheikh Saud bin Saqr Al Qasimi Foundation for Policy Research under the Ras Al Khaimah Art Program.

Titled **Lost in Translation**, Ras Al Khaimah Art 2027 Festival is inspired by Sofia Coppola's iconic film (2003) and takes "translation" as a central idea and metaphor.

It is not only about language but also about emotions, culture, and the experience of being in a place where you do not fully belong. It is about the distance between people, quiet loneliness, and the deep human desire to transform and connect even when understanding seems incomplete.

Sharon brings together more than 140 artworks by over 130 artists from 54 nationalities who reflect on migration, memory, belonging, and the tension between personal identity and public role. They also explore how meaning shifts when it moves from one context to another, or how places and landscapes can create connection or isolation.

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Al Jazeera Al Hamra Heritage Village

Al Jazeera Al Hamra Heritage Village is the United Arab Emirates' last remaining intact Emirati pearling village. It provides a deep connection to the legacy of the pearl diving history and cultural heritage of the United Arab Emirates. The village includes traditional elements including a fort and watchtowers, mosque, souq and courtyard houses of various designs. Today, Al Jazeera Al Hamra Heritage Village serves as a place to preserve, protect, and share the rich cultural heritage, ensuring that future generations can experience and learn from this 16th-century pearl fishing village.

Accessibility

Al Jazeera Al Hamra Heritage Village is a historic site with some uneven, sandy and narrow pathways. Information about accessible routes, parking and drop-off points, wheelchair provision, companion access and other visitor support will be published closer to the Festival. Visitors with specific access requirements are encouraged to contact hello@rakart.ae before their visit so the Festival team can advise on suitable access arrangements.

Heritage site guidance

The village is a protected heritage environment. Please stay on marked routes, supervise children, avoid climbing walls or architectural remains, and follow the guidance of Festival and site teams.

To read more about Al Jazeera Al Hamra Heritage Village, please visit www.ajah.ae

Map

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المجلس Majlis	البراحة Baraha Area		المنصة Viewing Deck	حديقة الصخر Rock Garden

Program Highlights

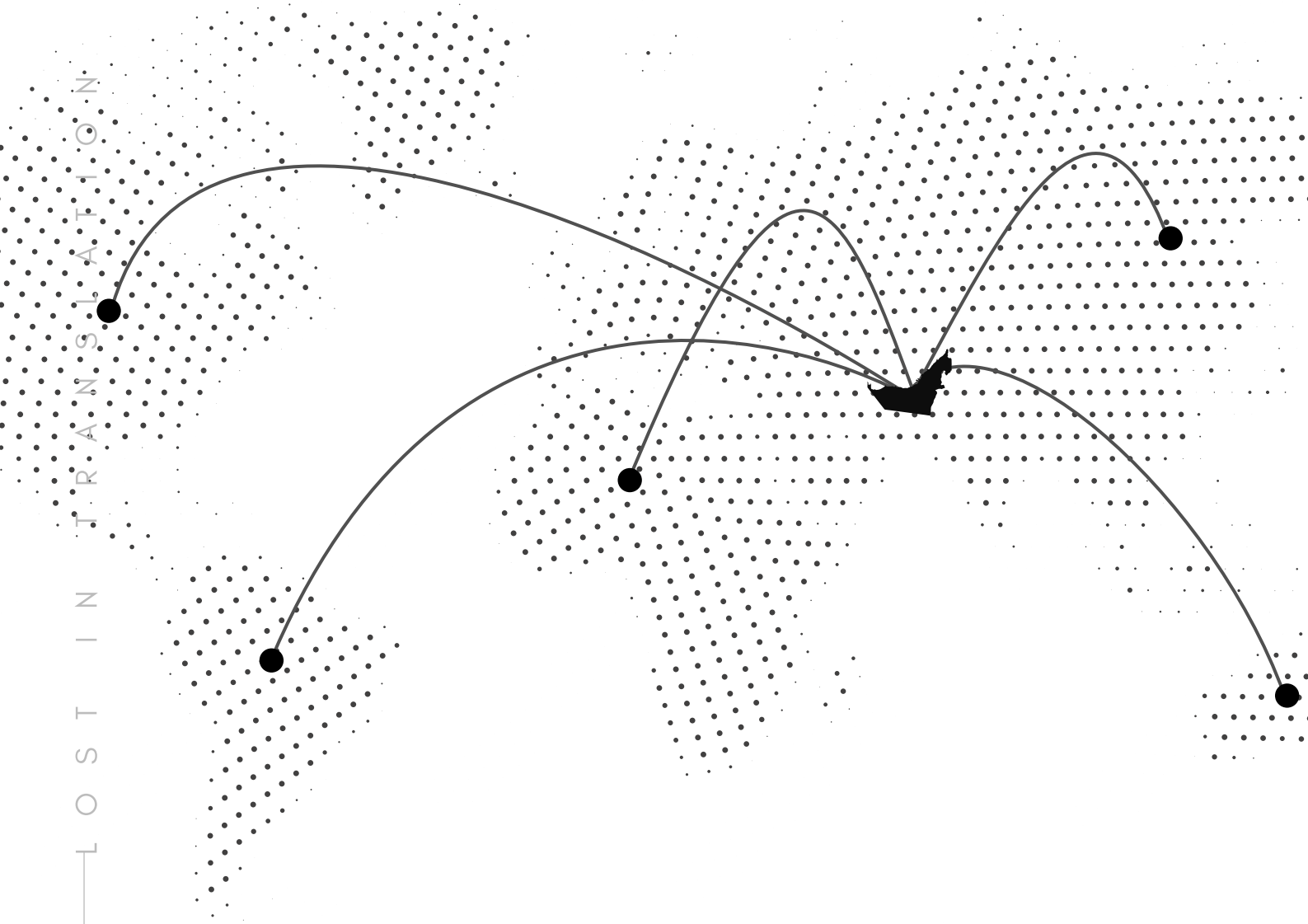
Ras Al Khaimah Art 2027 Festival brings together exhibitions, tours, workshops, masterclasses, performances, cultural activities and dining experiences.

Among program highlights is **The Whispers Palace**, offering an innovative way to experience video art, somewhere between a traditional Bedouin camp and a surreal, post-human environment. Inspired by Emirati and Bedouin tent structures, it invites visitors to gather in intimate spaces and encounter moving-image works together. Within Lost in Translation, the installation becomes a space between worlds: tradition and future, memory and imagination, physical gathering and mediated experience.

For the first time in a contemporary art festival, **InstArtWorld** presents Instagram accounts as works of digital art in their own right. Pre-selected posts by their creators transform each account into a curated visual universe of videos, GIFs, animations, and experimental imagery. These artists dedicate their creative practices to the online world, some working with AI and digital technologies, others incorporating handmade materials from the physical world. Here, scrolling becomes an exhibition experience, questioning where art is created, displayed, and encountered.

Lastly, **The Hidden Table** is where gastronomy and art meet in a reimagined dining experience at the Ras Al Khaimah Art Festival. From the Flamingo Room by tashas where African Glamour comes to life, and the Michelin-starred artistry of Newcastle's Restaurant Pine, each evening unveils a distinct culinary narrative within the historic walls of Al Jazeera Al Hamra.

Bookings for tours, workshops, masterclasses and dining experiences are expected to open from November 2026. For more information, please visit rakart.ae.



RAK Art on the Move

RAK Art on the Move extends Ras Al Khaimah Art Festival beyond the emirate through a series of curated spaces. Each edition presents selected artworks alongside live performances, talks and creative experiences, introducing artists to new audiences and creating opportunities for exchange and collaboration.

To begin, the Dubai edition will take place from 24 to 25 October 2026 at Progressive Art Gallery, followed by the Sharjah edition from 5 to 6 December 2026 at Base39, Sharjah Research, Technology and Innovation Park. The program will bring together artists, curators, collectors, cultural institutions, gallery representatives, creative professionals, media, diplomats and private sector stakeholders.

Further editions are planned internationally, extending RAK Art on the Move to connect with wider communities and build new relationships beyond the United Arab Emirates.

Visiting Groups and Delegations

A visit to Ras Al Khaimah Art 2027 Festival also provides opportunities for groups from museums, universities, schools, embassies, cultural organizations, collector circles and professionals to engage with art and heritage.

Groups of five or more should contact the Festival in advance at hello@rakart.ae.

Please include your preferred date and time, group size and any accessibility needs.

Travelling to Ras Al Khaimah

Ras Al Khaimah is accessible by road from several international airports from destinations around the world.

Ras Al Khaimah International Airport

Approximately 30 minutes by car to Al Jazeera Al Hamra Heritage Village.
To learn more about Ras Al Khaimah International Airport, visit rakairport.com

Dubai International Airport

Approximately 90 minutes by car to Al Jazeera Al Hamra Heritage Village.
To learn more about Dubai International Airport, visit dubaiairports.ae

Sharjah International Airport

Approximately 45–75 minutes by car to Al Jazeera Al Hamra Heritage Village.
To learn more about Sharjah International Airport, visit sharjahairport.ae

Zayed International Airport (Abu Dhabi International Airport)

Approximately 2 hours by car to Al Jazeera Al Hamra Heritage Village.
To learn more about Zayed International Airport, visit zayedinternationalairport.ae

Where to Stay in Ras Al Khaimah

Ras Al Khaimah Art 2027 Festival has partnered with the following hotels to provide visitors a special rate:

★★★★★

The Ritz-Carlton Ras Al Khaimah, Al Hamra Beach

Vienna Street, Ras Al Khaimah

10% **EXCLUSIVE DISCOUNT**

Nestled along pristine shores, the hotel is a 10-minute drive from Al Jazeera Al Hamra Heritage Village.

For hotel information and instructions on how to access your festival rate, visit

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★★★★★

The Ritz-Carlton Ras Al Khaimah, Al Wadi Desert

Al Mazraa, Wadi Khadija, Ras Al Khaimah

10% **EXCLUSIVE DISCOUNT**

Located in a 1,235-acre gated private Nature Reserve, the hotel is a 30-minute drive from Al Jazeera Al Hamra Heritage Village.

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Sofitel Ras Al Khaimah Al Hamra Beach Resort

Vienna Street, Al Hamra Village, Ras Al Khaimah

15% **EXCLUSIVE DISCOUNT**

Offering views of the desert and the Arabian Gulf, the resort is a 15-minute drive from Al Jazeera Al Hamra Heritage Village.

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Anantara Mina Ras Al Khaimah Resort

Al Huwailat Street, Mina Al Arab, Ras Al Khaimah

10% **EXCLUSIVE DISCOUNT**

Overlooking the beach and surrounded by mangroves, the resort is a 15-minute drive from Al Jazeera Al Hamra Heritage Village.

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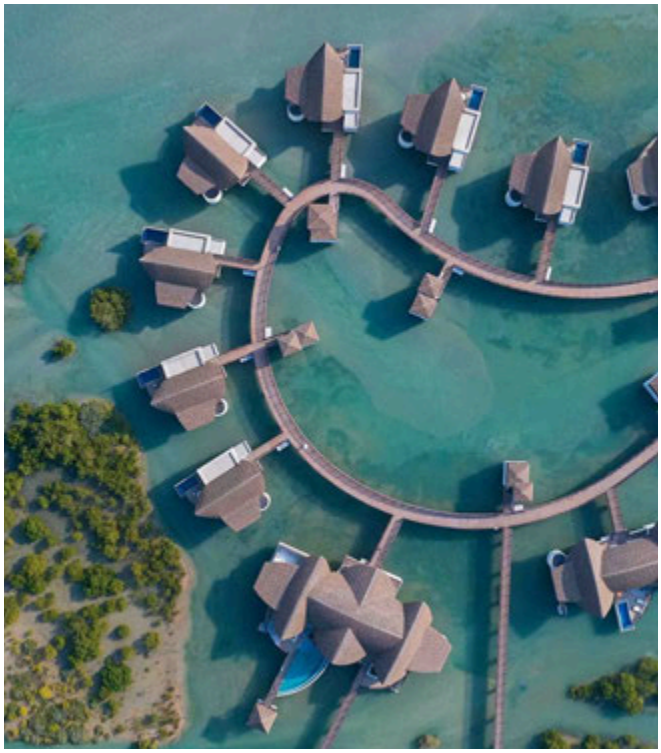

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Rotana Ras Al Khaimah – The Mangroves

Khuzam Street, Ras Al Khaimah

20% **EXCLUSIVE DISCOUNT**

Set beside the serene mangroves of Ras Al Khaimah, the hotel is a 20-minute drive from Al Jazeera Al Hamra Heritage Village.

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★★★★★

InterContinental Ras Al Khaimah Mina Al Arab Resort & Spa

Hayat Island – Al Riffa, Ras Al Khaimah

EXCLUSIVE DISCOUNT

Nestled between the Arabian Gulf, terracotta desert, and the Hajar Mountains, the resort is a 15-minute drive from Al Jazeera Al Hamra Heritage Village.

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Waldorf Astoria Ras Al Khaimah

Vienna Street, Al Jazeera Al Hamra, Ras Al Khaimah

10% **EXCLUSIVE DISCOUNT**

With the views of the Arabian shoreline, Waldorf Astoria Ras Al Khaimah is a 15-minute drive from Al Jazeera Al Hamra Heritage Village.

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★★★★

Hilton Garden Inn Ras Al Khaimah

Bin Daher Street, Ras Al Khaimah

15% **EXCLUSIVE DISCOUNT**

An urban oasis overlooking the harbor, the hotel is a 30-minute drive from Al Jazeera Al Hamra Heritage Village.

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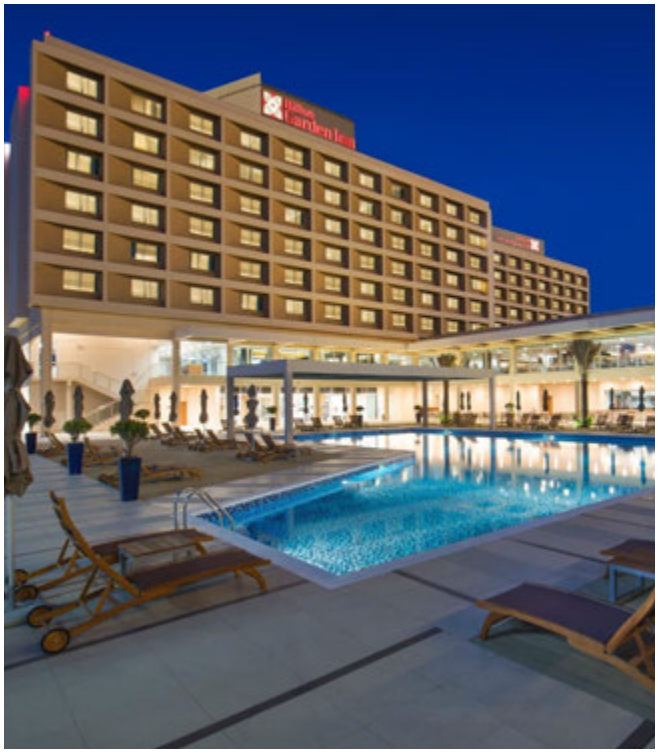

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Rove Al Marjan Island

Al Marjan Is Blvd – Jazeerat Al Marjan, Ras Al Khaimah

10% EXCLUSIVE DISCOUNT

With views overlooking the Arabian sea, the hotel is a 15-minute drive from Al Jazeera Al Hamra Heritage Village.

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Travel Essentials

Passport & Visa

Please check the entry requirements through the official UAE Government portal before traveling. Passports generally require at least six months' validity from the date of entry.

Currency

The local currency is the UAE dirham (AED), pegged to US Dollar at AED 3.67. Credit and debit cards are accepted, although a small amount of cash can be useful.

Climate

Ras Al Khaimah is generally mild in January and February, with daytime temperatures of around 24– 25°C and cooler evenings of approximately 13– 14°C. Occasional rain is possible.

What to wear

Light, modest clothing is recommended, along with a jacket or shawl for cooler evenings. Comfortable footwear is essential for exploring the heritage village's natural and uneven surfaces.

During Ramadan

Festival hours and hospitality arrangements may change during Ramadan. Visitors are encouraged to respect local customs around fasting, prayer and shared public spaces, and to check the Festival program before visiting.

Time zone

Gulf Standard Time (UTC/GMT +4). The UAE does not observe daylight-saving time.

Electricity

The UAE uses a 220–240 V, 50 Hz electricity supply. Type G plugs are standard, so some travelers may require an adaptor.

Mobile connectivity

e&, du and Virgin Mobile operate across the UAE.
Tourist SIM cards and eSIM packages are available.

Useful Information

Emergency Contacts

Police

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Ambulance

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Civil Defence / Fire

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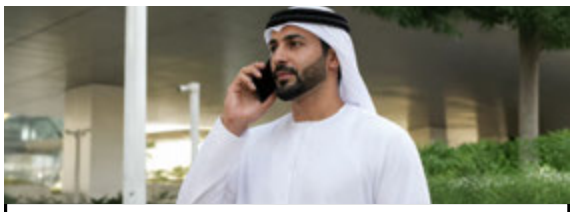

UAE International Dialling Code

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About the Al Qasimi Foundation

The Sheikh Saud bin Saqr Al Qasimi Foundation for Policy Research was established in 2009 to aid in the social, cultural, and economic development of Ras Al Khaimah, a northern emirate in the United Arab Emirates. Established through Emiri decree by His Highness Sheikh Saud bin Saqr Al Qasimi, UAE Supreme Council Member and Ruler of Ras Al Khaimah, the Foundation is considered a non-profit, quasi-governmental organization.

About Ras Al Khaimah

Ras Al Khaimah is the northernmost of the seven Emirates that make up the United Arab Emirates. It is known for its rich history, dating back 7,000 years, and diverse landscape, from 64km of pristine beaches to terracotta deserts and mountain backdrop. The emirate is home to the highest peak in the UAE, Jebel Jais, which features the world's longest zip line. At the Emirate's economic heart lies multiple major companies and diverse sectoral interests, including manufacturing and tourism.

More information can be found in visitrasalkhaimah.com.

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