

# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

## SIGHTS AND SPLENDOR NOVEMBER 2025



### EMBARK ON A LEGENDARY JOURNEY BACK IN TIME AT THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM ABU DHABI

The newly opened Natural History Museum Abu Dhabi at the Saadiyat Cultural District invites visitors on an extraordinary journey through 13.8 billion years of natural history. Spanning 35,000 square metres, this iconic museum brings together science and storytelling through immersive galleries, rare specimens, and state-of-the-art digital experiences. Visitors can get up close to Stan, the world-renowned 67-million-year-old T. Rex, see a 25-metre female blue whale fossil, witness the ancient Murchison meteorite, encounter the native *Stegotetrabelodon emiratus*, and more. Beyond extensive collections showcasing marine life, terrestrial evolution, cosmic wonders, and the origins of the universe, the museum also features fascinating Abu Dhabi ruins, offering insight into the region's deep archaeological heritage and the ancient coastal settlements that shaped early civilisation in the UAE. Designed to inspire curiosity in explorers of all ages, the museum includes thematic zones, interactive displays, research facilities, guided tours, and family-friendly discovery areas, making it one of the most exciting new cultural destinations in the UAE.



### INDULGE IN SKY-HIGH LUXURY AT CIEL DUBAI MARINA

Ciel Dubai Marina, Vignette Collection by IHG, is Dubai's newest architectural icon, now officially open and redefining luxury living in the heart of Dubai Marina. Soaring 377 metres high with 82 floors, Ciel is the world's tallest hotel, brought to life by award-winning designers NORR and operated by The First Group Hospitality. The landmark property features 1,004 elegant rooms and suites adorned with stylish aesthetics and offering stunning vistas of the Arabian Gulf and city skyline. Guests can indulge at eight exceptional dining venues, including the Tattu Sky Pool and Tattu Lounge, unwind at the luxury 'sky' spa, or soak up the sun in the world's highest infinity pool, while the epic observation deck offers unparalleled panoramic views of Dubai Marina and beyond. With exclusive access to Soluna Beach Club and direct connectivity to the Dubai Marina Boardwalk, Ciel blends refined luxury with seamless convenience redefining sophistication and offering guests sky-high experiences in the city of the biggest, boldest, and best.



### CELEBRATE THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR IN DUBAI

December marks one of Dubai's most vibrant and festive seasons, as the city transforms into a dazzling celebration of culture, entertainment, shopping, and winter-themed attractions. Kickstarting festivities is the **54<sup>th</sup> UAE National Day** on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2025, featuring a spectacular lineup of fireworks, drone shows, cultural performances, and festive destinations including Al Seef, Dubai Festival City, The Beach JBR, and Global Village, offering a wonderful blend of tradition, pride, and family-friendly fun. The festivities continue with Dubai's magical **Christmas markets**, which take center stage across the city. European-inspired festive villages, artisanal stalls, themed food pop-ups, Santa meet-and-greets, and live entertainment illuminate popular locations such as Madinat Jumeirah, Habtoor Palace's Winter Garden, and Dubai Expo City, bringing the exhilarating spirit of the season to life. Next is the **Dubai Shopping Festival** from 5 Dec 2025 - 11 Jan 2026, bringing its signature mix of mega sales, exclusive retail promotions, raffles, concerts, fireworks, immersive pop-ups, and citywide experiences, creating a vibrant winter experience like no other. Rounding off the season's cheer is Dubai's most iconic spectacle of all — **New Year's** celebrations that are famous worldwide for their record-breaking grandeur. This year, the city has unveiled an extended, week-long lineup of festivities, giving residents and visitors even more time to revel in dazzling shows, high-energy entertainment, and unforgettable moments leading up to the big countdown. With all these extraordinary experiences coming together, December truly becomes one of Dubai's most vibrant and exciting months shining bright with unparalleled world-class festive magic.



### STEP INTO THE FUTURE OF ART AT DUMA

The Dubai Museum of Art (DUMA) is a contemporary creative space dedicated to showcasing a thoughtfully curated journey through permanent and rotating exhibitions, digital and immersive artworks, sculpture displays, and unique creations that seamlessly blend technology with visual storytelling. Inspired by the sea and the pearl, this five-storey "floating" architectural marvel is designed by award-winning Japanese architect Tadao Ando and is set to rise gracefully over the waters of Dubai Creek. Beyond its striking design, DUMA will feature creative studios, learning spaces, workshops, a library, VIP lounge, restaurants, and a range of public programs aimed at fostering interaction within the artistic community and making contemporary art more accessible to global audiences. With its forward-thinking vision, engaging exhibitions, and dynamic cultural offerings, DUMA stands as an inspiring new destination for art enthusiasts, families, collectors, and visitors eager to explore Dubai's ever-evolving world of art, innovation, and creativity.

