

صرح زايد المؤسس THE FOUNDER'S MEMORIAL

VISITOR'S GUIDE

The Founder's Memorial is a permanent national tribute to the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, the founding President of the United Arab Emirates.

Free and open to the public, The Founder's Memorial encourages visitors of all ages to embark on their own journey of discovery through a series of personal encounters with the life, legacy and values of the late Sheikh Zayed, as a man and as a leader.

The centrepiece of The Founder's Memorial is a monumental public artwork named The Constellation, a dynamic 3 dimensional portrait of the UAE's founding father.

The memorial also includes a dedicated Welcome Centre with a unique multimedia experience, a Heritage Garden populated with traditional plants, and 3.3 hectares of beautifully landscaped public space designed for quiet reflection in the heart of downtown Abu Dhabi.

Under the guidance of His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President

of the UAE, The Founder's Memorial was inaugurated in an official ceremony on 26 February 2018 by His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashed Al Maktoum, UAE Vice President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai, His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, and Their Highnesses, the Rulers of the Emirates.

Location:

The corner of Corniche Rd and 18th Street (near the Emirates Palace Hotel) in downtown Abu Dhabi.

Transportation:

The Founder's Memorial has public parking for those travelling by car. Please note that parking spaces are limited. When arriving by taxi or coach, a dedicated drop-off and pick-up area is located on 18th Street at the entrance by the Welcome Centre.

Hours of Operation:

Daily, 9am – 10pm

Etiquette:

The Founder's Memorial is intended to be a place of quiet contemplation and reflection. Please be respectful of other visitors and observe all rules and regulations posted on-site, published online and issued by its official representatives.

Cultural Tour Guides:

Complimentary 30-minute tours are provided in English and Arabic by The Founder's Memorial Cultural Tour Guides throughout the day. Spots are limited so please make a reservation at the Welcome Centre or book in advance online.

Bookings:

Tour operators, schools and Universities, and other large groups need to book their visit in advance online.

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1. WELCOME CENTRE

This is where most visits to The Founder's Memorial begin. The Welcome Centre features an insightful multimedia experience exploring the life, legacy and values of Sheikh Zayed, including rarely-seen footage, images and stories from those that knew him personally.

Please note, all Cultural Tours begin at the Welcome Centre.



TOILETS



BABY CHANGING ROOM



PRAYER ROOM



VISITOR INFORMATION

2. THE CONSTELLATION

The Constellation is a monumental three-dimensional portrait of Sheikh Zayed that can be viewed from multiple vantage points around the memorial. Housed in a 30m-high pavilion, The Constellation contains 1,327 geometric shapes suspended on 1110 cables. By night, the suspended shapes shine like stars, a reminder of Sheikh Zayed's legacy as a guiding light for the UAE and its people.

3. SANCTUARY GARDEN

The public plaza in front of The Constellation features Ghar and Sidr trees to provide shade for visitors, along with other local tree species including Nakhl (Date Palm), Faneh (Sweet Acacia) and Samr (Umbrella Tree).

4. FALAJ WATER CHANNEL

The design of this traditional water feature has been inspired by the ancient irrigation system known as the aflaj (singular: falaj) which provided precious water to the people of the UAE for centuries.

5. ELEVATED WALKWAY

Featuring a series of inspiring Sheikh Zayed quotes, the elevated walkway also provides stunning views of The Constellation, the Corniche and the Abu Dhabi skyline.

6. HERITAGE GARDEN

This curated garden is populated with a range of local plants known in the UAE for their traditional uses, including Desert Cotton, Henna, Toothbrush Tree, Akkai Weed, Caralluma and Hamam.