

Abu Dhabi Tourism Authority Events Highlights - The Forward Planner 2011

Jan



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Abu Dhabi HSBC Golf Championship
Get closer to the greats at the new-look, European Tour-backed Abu Dhabi HSBC Golf Championship, with its world-class playing field, enhanced spectator viewing platforms, a revitalised interactive Championship Village and a host of entertainment and F&B outlets. The 6th edition is teeing up its most impressive showing to date.

Feb



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Al Ain Aerobatic Show
Stand by for an aerobatic extravaganza that combines awesome displays of military and civil aircraft, dizzying stunt flying and knuckle-gnawing, high-soaring, wing-tip-to-tip competitions. One of the longest running events in the emirate, the Al Ain Aerobatic Show continues to live up to its billing as one of the world's foremost aerobatic spectacles.



2-17 | 2011



Gourmet Abu Dhabi 2011
Back for the third year from 2 to 17 February 2011, mark your calendars as Gourmet Abu Dhabi returns for yet another gastronomic experience! Set to feature a host of international Michelin-starred masterchefs, renowned pâtissiers, special guests and the finest châteaux, Gourmet Abu Dhabi will satisfy your gourmet cravings with unique dining experiences in perfect grandeur. Stay tuned to www.gourmetabudhabi.ae for more updates!

Mar



24-26 Mar | 2011



Abu Dhabi Yacht Show
Having jumped straight into the Superyacht league on its inaugural showing in 2009, the exhibition is now on course to achieve a top three industry ranking. ADTA is a headline sponsor.



12 | 2011



Abu Dhabi International Triathlon
Looking to build on the outstanding success of the 2010 inaugural US\$250,000 Abu Dhabi International Triathlon, the 2011 event is expected to have double the field with more than 1,500 international athletes, including 75 world elites. Once again the event will feature signature racing distances and a stunning course that weaves throughout Abu Dhabi's most iconic landmarks.



24 Mar - 02 April

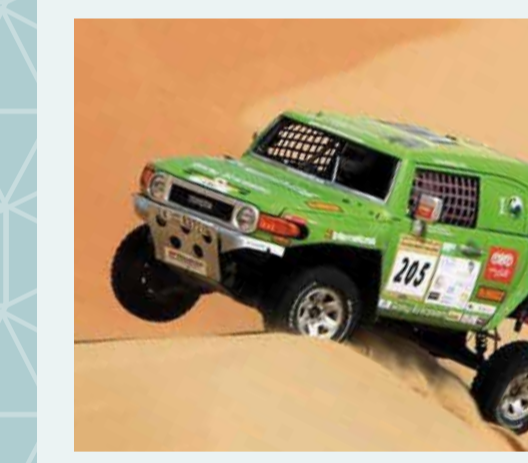


Al Gharbia Water Sports Festival
Numerous sporting competitions and activities open for anyone to join. Includes kite surfing, surf sea kayaking, power-boating, jet skiing, wakeboarding, beach volleyball and Beach football.

Apr



1 Apr - 7 Apr | 2011



Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge
The Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge - one of the world's most prestigious international cross country rallies - runs entirely across Abu Dhabi emirate, taking hardened motorsport drivers through some of the most demanding yet stunning landscapes on the planet, such as the expansive Rub Al Khali (Empty Quarter), the world's largest expanse of unbroken sand and home to 200 metre high majestic rolling dunes.

July



July-August | 2011
TBD



Summer in Abu Dhabi
The Summer in Abu Dhabi family festival continues to go from strength to strength, with great activities, award-winning international acts, best-in-class edutainment and unbeatable ticket, hotel and attraction deals throughout the emirate. From 'hanging out' with Marvel's Spiderman and watching gravity-defying trapeze artists to seeing dance spectaculars and learning about the wonders of science, there is no better place to 'get out into the great indoors' than Summer in Abu Dhabi.

Nov



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Abu Dhabi Junior Golf Championship
Recognized as one of the world's top tournaments for under-18 golfers. Attracting over 41,000 entries per year. The tournament will once again be run by the UK's prominent national daily newspaper The Daily Telegraph. ADTA is the title sponsor.

Dec



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F1 Powerboat Championship
F1 Powerboats is a global series taking place in six countries on three continents. ADTA is the major sponsor of Team Abu Dhabi F1 Powerboat squad, which includes two local drivers, Thani Al Kanzi and Ahmed Hameli, and is under the management of the ADIMC.



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Abu Dhabi Adventure Challenge
A gruelling six day, multi-discipline endurance race which includes running, biking, canoeing and swimming. It pits the world's leading 'Adventure Racing' athletes against each other, and the elements, in arguably one of the most testing events of its kind.



31 Dec 2011 - 14 Jan 2012



Volvo Ocean Race
Abu Dhabi's confirmation as a host port for the 2011-12 Volvo Ocean Race saw the emirate sail into the history books as the first Middle East stopover in the event's 37-years. As it embarks on its latest world-class sporting endeavour, Abu Dhabi is making waves within the international sports yacht arena for all the right reasons as it readies to host the nine-month, 39,000 nautical mile race in January 2012, both as host port and through its latest sports partnership, Abu Dhabi Ocean Racing, which will take the emirate's name to the high-seas in this 'Everest of Sailing'.

It's all happening right **here**.
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