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The winter season is here and the industry is full geared up for the festive travel. There are some geo-political issues which are causing issues in the robust and smooth growth. However, the industry is as always resilient and ready to work through all hurdles.

In this issue as always, we offer new and exciting options for our readers. The top destinations and Hotels are being discussed as never before. Please learn more about Island nation of Malta and the Medical Tourism in Korea. Read about the Enchanting Christmas Markets in Austria. Learn about the amazing Pakistan and the Trnava Region located in the Western Slovakia. The article on Moscow is a must read.

We have covered top Hotels and Resorts in the issue such as the voco Dubai The Palm and Damac Hills II Hotel Edge by Rotana. Indigo Hotel, Kabal Akhdar Resort & Spa in Oman and Regie Ottoman Hotel in the heart of Istanbul, Turkey. Our article on the impressive Moscow Marriott Imperial Plaza is not to be missed .

As always, read about the news and views relating to the hospitality industry plus learn about what is happening in the Airlines and Aviation Industry.

So, have a good time reading...

**Ken Chapman**  
Editor



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**Christmas Eve**

This Christmas Eve, gather your loved ones and experience the warmth and joy of the holiday season with our exquisite Christmas Eve dinner buffet. We've curated a lavish spread of festive delicacies, ensuring a memorable dining experience for all.

Our culinary team has prepared a wide array of mouthwatering dishes, including a live roast turkey carving station, where you can savour the succulence of perfectly roasted turkey, carved to order by our expert chefs.

**Christmas Day**

This Christmas Day, treat yourself and your loved ones to a truly unforgettable festive experience with our lavish Christmas Day Brunch. Indulge in a bountiful buffet brimming with all your holiday favourites, all complemented by a live carving station where our chefs will prepare your feast before your eyes.

But it's not just about the food - we've created a magical atmosphere for the whole family to enjoy! Be serenaded by the joyful sounds of a live choir, filling the air with Christmas carols, and watch as Santa makes a special appearance to spread cheer and holiday magic. For the little ones, there will be a range of fun-filled activities, ensuring that everyone, from the youngest to the oldest, can enjoy a day full of festive fun and togetherness.

**New Year's Eve**

This New Year's Eve, join us for an unforgettable night of celebration, delicious cuisine, and festive cheer as we bid farewell to the old year and welcome the new one in style. Our New Year's Eve Dinner Buffet is a feast for the senses, featuring a stunning selection of festive specialties crafted to delight every taste.

Enjoy a variety of mouthwatering dishes, including seasonal favourites and a live carving station where our expert chefs will serve up succulent roast meats to your liking. From rich gravies and freshly prepared sides to decadent desserts, every bite will remind you of the magic of the season.

As the evening progresses, prepare for a sparkling countdown to midnight, complete with a complimentary glass of wine to toast the arrival of the New Year, surrounded by the warm and festive atmosphere of good company.





# SHARJAH NATIONAL HOTELS

## An integral part of tourism in Sharjah

Sharjah National Hotels has become an integral part of Sharjah's tourism, with three properties to meet the needs of various types of travelers, offering options like an urban retreat in Marbella Resort, staycation at newly refurbished Hotel Holiday International, to a relaxed tranquil beach vacation at Oceanic Khorfakkan Resort & Spa.



### **Oceanic Khorfakkan Resort & Spa.**

Oceanic Khorfakkan Resort & Spa, An idyllic escape set on acres of UAE's picturesque East Coast tucked away in the coastal town of Khorfakkan. With a secluded beach, warm sand, gleaming waters and lush greenery set in the spectacular rolling hills of the Hajar Mountains.

### **Hotel Holiday International**

A perfect blend of Arabian hospitality, comfort, and luxury. Overlooking Sharjah's beautiful Khalid Lagoon and Al Majaz Water Front, the hotel is conveniently located just 20 minutes from both Sharjah and Dubai airports and less than 5 minutes away from the nearby Sharjah Souk and shopping malls.







### **Marbella Resort**

A concept unique in the Arabian Peninsula and ideal for that family getaway offering a secluded and intimate ambiance. With a range of dining experiences and extensive recreational facilities in a beautiful location designed in the Arab Andalusia style of architecture.

Escape the summer heat and discover a haven of hospitality at Sharjah National Hotels, your ultimate destination in the UAE. Perfectly situated for long-distance travelers from Oman, KSA, and Kuwait, our collection of properties offers an oasis of comfort and convenience. Your time to relax in a variety of accommodations, from luxurious suites to cozy rooms, and private villas each thoughtfully designed to ensure a memorable stay.

Enjoy a wealth of amenities including refreshing pools, world-class dining, and rejuvenating spa experiences, all within easy reach. Whether you're exploring Sharjah's cultural gems, embarking on shopping adventures, or simply seeking relaxation, our hotels provide the perfect retreat.

Take advantage of special summer rates and exclusive packages tailored to enhance your stay. From personalized service to unparalleled comfort, Sharjah National Hotels invites you to experience true Arabian hospitality during your summer getaway in the UAE.

*Book now and make unforgettable memories with us!*





# KOREA

## Comprehensive, Cooperative Care

South Korea has achieved international recognition from the world in a short span. One can certainly say that it is at the helm of medical tourism today. Not only does it offer its visitors a curative perspective but a scenic and refreshingly cultural one as well.

Putting the various treatments concisely yet multifaceted in its offerings of eye care, skin/ dermatology, heart/ cardiology, gene therapy, organ transplant, plastic surgery, spine/ joint disorders, internal medicine related issues, to the various cancers or simply spa and well-being, all are taken very seriously and professionally here.

Cancer needs a special mention here as cancer research organisations and medical institutes are constantly in the process to uncover new technologies of medical procedures, hence many foreign cancer patients are able to opt for robotic or laparoscopic surgery during some cancer surgeries, added with cost-effective pricing without compromising on quality care.

Apart from containing an effective healthcare system for its citizens, the South Korean government has made foreign patients use transport and information services easily accessible through separate channels of contact. The 'Medical Korea' Information Centre located in Seoul and Incheon International Airport aid any visitor in four main languages i.e. English, Chinese, Japanese, and Russian.

The ministry of culture, sports and tourism has conveniently linked the tourism industry with its medical tourism industry (integrated specific cities/provinces that can cater to both). Apart from this, medical tourism visas can be issued for a short or long-term period which includes visa insurance, medical interpretation service, customised tourism tour services, medical professional counsellor and other services as per personal requirements.

### **A few of various health providers are as follows:**

**Seoul University Bundang Hospital International Healthcare Centre:** this needs a special mention as it is responsible in the operation of Sheikh Khalifa Speciality Hospital at Ras Al Khaima and has 42 specialised medical professionals to undertake various medical issues with utmost sincerity. (located in Bundang-gu, Seongnam)

**Gangnam JS Hospital:** Popular for its specialisation in cartilage regeneration and degenerative arthritis treatments. Known for its use of cord blood cells in treatments. (located in Gangnam-gu).

**JASENG Hospital of Korean Medicine:** This institution caters specifically to spine and joint disorders. (located in Apgujeong area of Gangnam).

**Samsung Medical Center:** Tertiary hospital or specialized medical and referral center. It is also the largest cancer center in Asia. (located at Gangnam-gu).

South Korean hospitality and care is displayed through their honest and honourable approach to well-being, health, and holistic (natural and time tested) methods towards their clients, patients and visitors. Their balanced perspective has helped them achieve their recognition and success in the health industries and has left an undeniable mark as a leader in health pioneering.







# AVIAREPS Middle East Launches Exclusive Private Jet Holiday Packages

*First-of-Its-Kind Platform Allows Tourism Boards to Effectively Promote  
Ultra Luxury Travel from Across the GCC Region*



A ground breaking initiative that offers tourism boards and their partners a pioneering platform to promote private jet holiday packages to luxury lifestyle concierge desks and leading travel agencies throughout the Gulf States (GCC) region.

AVIAREPS' private jet holiday packages combine the ultimate in luxury travel with insider access to hidden gems, private tours, and VIP events that the general public normally don't have access to. These exceptional experiences are brought to life through strategic partnerships with national, regional, and city tourism boards, as well as specialized tour operators, hotels, resorts, airports, and JetClass, AVIAREPS' strategic private jet consolidator partner.

"We are thrilled to launch this new initiative that has been three years in the making, ensuring we have the right partners to provide the ultimate experiences for a particular international jet setting segment of travellers from the Middle East. Our private jet holiday packages are designed for those who already travel in style but seek experiences that go beyond the ordinary," said Glenn Johnston, Vice President Middle East & Global Public Affairs at AVIAREPS.

The AVIAREPS initiative is unique in that it provides luxury lifestyle concierge desk and travel agent partners with full training on each element, experience and event within each package, so that they can be promoted confidently and easily tailored to







their client's needs. The packages are also supported with highly targeted digital marketing campaigns, and constantly updated monthly to include new destinations and often centred around unique international lifestyle events.

Key travel industry partners that have joined the initiative to promote the offerings to their clientele include DW Travel, Travelwings, among others. These partnerships further enhance the reach of the exclusive travel packages, ensuring that high-net-worth individuals across the region have access to bespoke luxury experiences.

#### **A Booming Private Jet Market in the Middle East**

Recent statistics highlight the Middle East as one of the fastest-growing markets for private jet travel globally, with data from WingX, a global aviation and private jet flight movement tracker, revealing that departures from the GCC region have increased by 76.6% during 2023 versus 2019, with demand in 2024 expected to rise further. This demand is driven by high-net-worth individuals who seek privacy, exclusivity, and seamless travel experiences. AVIAREPS Middle East's new initiative caters directly to this sophisticated audience, offering an unprecedented level of access to hidden gems, VIP events, and personalized adventures.

#### **Unique Destinations to Be Showcased**

The evolving line up of destinations to be showcased include Malta with its private access to cultural and heritage sites, international yachting and classic car events, followed by Slovakia with exclusive culture and wellness programs within the Trnava region, with many more destinations and experiences to follow.

Discover unparalleled luxury experiences and exclusive private jet holiday packages.

Visit the website for more details: [privatejet.aviareps.me](https://privatejet.aviareps.me)





# Malta:

## The Stunning Backdrop of Gladiator II, Epic movie filmed on the Island

The grandeur and might of ancient Rome was on full display in Ridley Scott's *Gladiator*, a historical epic that starred Russell Crowe as ferocious gladiator Maximus. Returning to that world for *Gladiator II*, not only meant reconstructing the city, but going even bigger.

To achieve that scale, *Gladiator II* returned to several of the countries where the first film shot. The Colosseum was reconstructed in Fort Ricasoli in Kalkara, Malta.

Malta is riddled with old forts from the Napoleonic era on up to the World War II and all of them built in this similar limestone. Basically filming was done everywhere on the island. Fort Delimara was used for the interior tunnels of the Colosseum and Fort Manoel, where the gladiator training took place. The road to Rome, in the finale, was an unspoiled valley of agricultural crops, which had orchards, olive trees, lemon trees, and grapevines.







# Christmas in the City of Valletta Bigger than ever

Valletta, Malta's historic capital, transforms into a festive wonderland at Christmas. With dazzling lights, vibrant markets, cultural performances, and rich traditions, the city blends historical charm with seasonal cheer, creating a magical experience for visitors and locals alike.

Malta's historic capital, Valletta, is a trove of culture, history, and exuberance. The city is renowned for its picturesque streets, lavish architecture, and rich cultural attractions. Valletta is transformed into an enchanting destination during the Christmas season, where the cheer and brightness of the season perfectly blend with the charm of its past.

The city offers a distinctive setting for Christmas celebrations with its defensive walls, baroque palaces, and grid-like streets. Valletta's already remarkable architecture assumes a mystical air in December when it is decked out in festive garlands, sparkling lights, and vibrant decorations.

Christmas in Valletta is an immersive event that blends tradition and history with a festive flair, making it more than simply a visual feast. With its old warehouses converted into lively eateries and retail establishments, the Valletta Waterfront has become a centre of activity. It's the ideal location for a celebratory supper or a leisurely walk against the backdrop of the Grand Harbour.

## Fairyland

Malta is extremely popular for its Fairyland Festival, where Pjazza Tritoni in Valletta will be transformed into Santa's City this Christmas. At Santa's City, there will be enjoyment for everyone. This year, a World Cup Village will be set up for all international



football supporters to come together and cheer for their favourite team whilst enjoying drinks and good food.

In addition to the rides and attractions, visitors will find a Christmas Market where they can indulge in a variety of Festive Food and Drink options! Santa Claus, together with his elves, will be in residence at Fairyland, ready to meet children from all over the world, compile his Naughty and Nice list and even get a head-start on delivering gifts. Fairyland guarantees a magical outing for the entire family.



# Regie Ottoman Hotel

## A Modern Oasis in the Heart of History

**R**egie Ottoman Hotel Located in the heart Istanbul's historical peninsula, in Sirkeci, that is ideal for all public transportation options and within walking distance of iconic landmarks like the Hagia Sophia, Sultanahmet Mosque, Karakoy and Galata Tower.

Regie Tobacco Factory building from the Ottoman Empire's has been meticulously restored and transformed into the enchanting Regie Ottoman Hotel. For a decade, our hotel has been welcoming guests to experience a harmonious blend of historic charm and modern comfort.



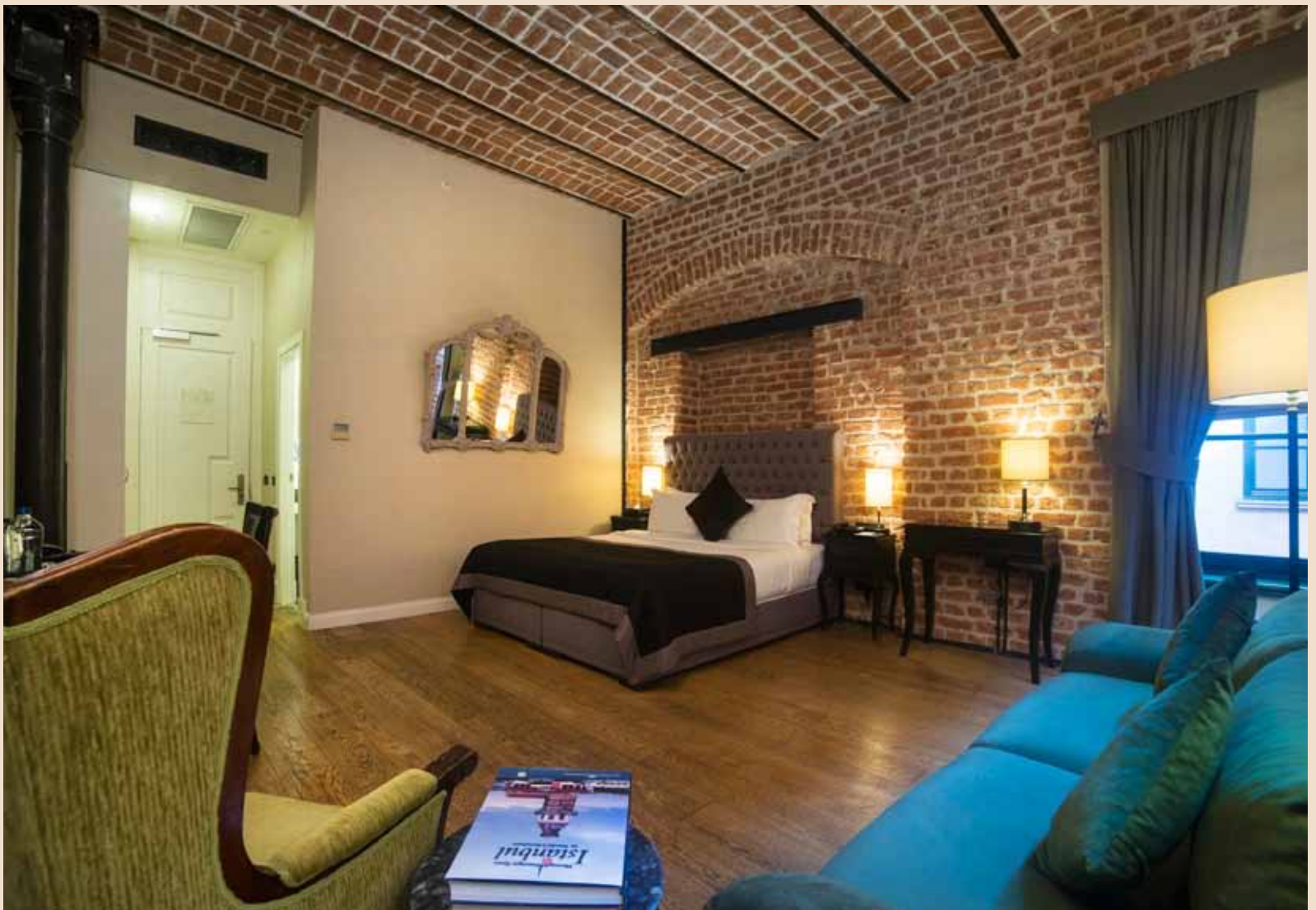


Each of our 34 uniquely designed rooms offers a serene and inviting atmosphere. Adorned with minimalist decor and carefully curated details, our Superior, Deluxe and suite rooms, cater to every preference.

Experience the finest local flavors of Turkey with our gourmet open buffet breakfast, crafted to bring you an authentic taste of tradition where every bite tells a story. Unwind in our sauna or stay active in our fully equipped gym after a day of exploring.

Discover a culinary journey at our Michelin Guide Restaurant 'OCAK', where Executive Chef Ömer Bozyap presents seasonal menus showcasing the finest Turkish and Anatolian flavors. Complement your meal with our extensive wine list, handcrafted cocktails, or a selection of premium raki. OCAK also offer delectable vegetarian options. Indulge in a truly unforgettable dining experience in our restaurant that is also perfect for corporate events and group gatherings.

[www.regieottoman.com](http://www.regieottoman.com)







# PAKISTAN

## Exploring the Rich Tapestry

### A Journey of Culture, History, and Natural Beauty

Pakistan offers an opportune moment to explore the country's rich cultural heritage, diverse landscapes, and warm hospitality. For Turkish travelers, Pakistan presents a treasure trove of experiences that are as varied as they are enchanting. From the towering peaks of the Himalayas to the historical remnants of ancient civilizations, Pakistan is a land waiting to be discovered.

#### **Majestic Mountains and Serene Valleys**

Pakistan's geographical diversity is unparalleled. The northern regions boast some of the world's highest peaks, including K2, the second-highest mountain on earth. This area, known as Gilgit-Baltistan, is a paradise for adventure enthusiasts, offering trekking, mountaineering, and skiing opportunities. The serene valleys of Hunza and Swat are not only renowned for their breathtaking beauty but also for their rich cultural traditions and hospitality.

Moving towards the south, the lush green landscapes of Azad Jammu and Kashmir offer stunning natural beauty, with pristine lakes and rivers that invite tranquility and reflection. The Punjab region, with its fertile plains, is the heartland of Pakistan, known





for its vibrant culture, music, and cuisine. The city of Lahore, often referred to as the cultural capital of Pakistan, is a must-visit for its historical sites, including the Badshahi Mosque, Lahore Fort, and the bustling bazaars of the old city.

The province of Sindh, home to the ancient Indus Valley Civilization, offers a glimpse into the rich history and cultural heritage of the region. The UNESCO World Heritage site of Mohenjo-Daro is a testament to one of the world's earliest urban settlements. The port city of Karachi, Pakistan's largest metropolis, offers a blend of modernity and tradition, with its bustling markets, beautiful beaches, and a vibrant arts scene.

In the west, the rugged terrain of Balochistan offers unique landscapes and a rich cultural tapestry. The province is home to the historic city of Quetta and the natural wonder of the Hingol National Park, which features the iconic Princess of Hope rock formation and the vibrant Hingol River.

### **A Melting Pot of Cultures**

Pakistan's cultural diversity is as rich as its landscapes. The country is home to numerous ethnic groups, each with its own unique traditions, languages, and cuisines. From the Pashtun regions in the northwest to the Sindhi and Baloch cultures in the south, the diversity of the people is a testament to the country's rich cultural heritage.

Festivals such as Eid, Basant, and Nowruz are celebrated with great enthusiasm across the country, offering visitors a chance to experience the local culture firsthand. The traditional music and dance forms, such as Qawwali and Sufi dance, provide a deep connection to the spiritual and cultural roots of the region.

### **Hospitality That Warms the Heart**

Pakistani hospitality is renowned worldwide. The concept of "Mehmaan Nawazi" (hospitality) is deeply ingrained in the culture, where guests are treated with utmost respect and generosity. Whether in the bustling cities or remote villages, visitors are often invited into homes and treated to traditional meals, offering a genuine taste of Pakistani culture.





# Moscow Marriott Imperial Plaza



In the heart of Moscow, in the historic district where the Way Palace of Tsar Alexei Romanov once stood, a place that was exclusively reserved for members of the imperial court, now stands one of the most remarkable hotels in the capital — the Moscow Marriott Imperial Plaza. It can rightfully be called a real masterpiece of architecture. The elegant interior, made in the Art Deco style, geometric ornaments, glossy textures, stucco, crystal and marble create an atmosphere of luxury and elegance. The hotel has 268 rooms and suites, an author's Cafe Imperial restaurant, a fitness center and ultramodern banquet and conference halls.

Despite the fact that the Moscow Marriott Imperial Plaza opened in December 2021, it has already managed to become one of the most desirable Moscow locations for an unforgettable vacation, luxurious weddings, as well as large-scale events. The centerpiece of the hotel is a majestic marble staircase leading to the Imperial Plaza banquet Hall. The hall, in turn, appears in all its splendor: the area is 800 square meters, crystal Italian chandeliers, stained glass windows, high ceilings and mirrors.

Moscow Marriott Imperial Plaza is located in a prestigious center of the city with convenient transportation links, near Komsomolskaya Square and the Circle Line of the Moscow Metro. Many places for cultural enrichment and leisure are in close proximity to the hotel.

In the culinary world of the Moscow Marriott Imperial Plaza, flavor becomes art.

The hotel's brand chef, Emil Aliyev, is a world-renowned master chef with over 28 years of experience. In addition to creating

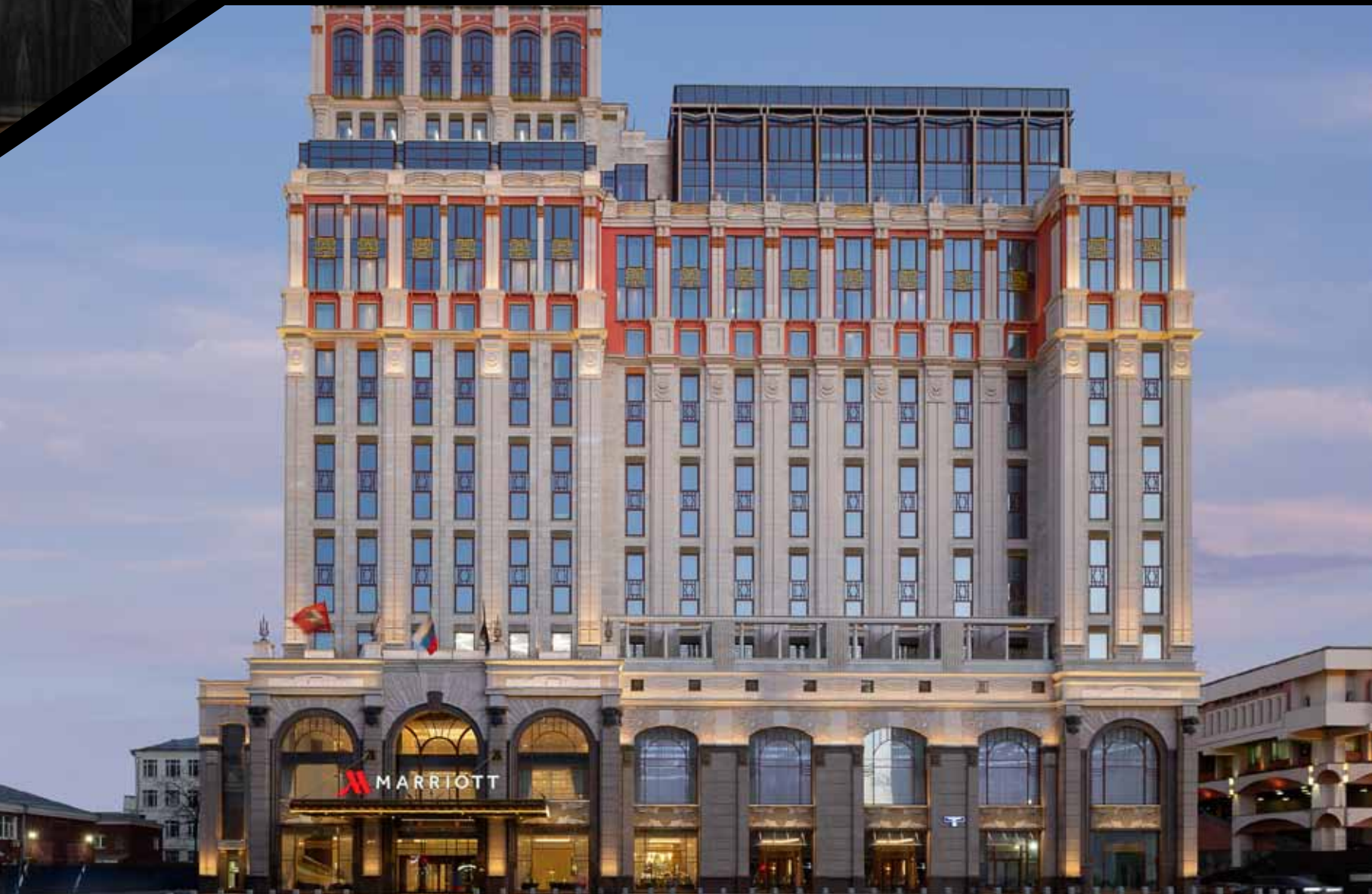




the most exquisite dishes at the Moscow Marriott Imperial Plaza, Emil serves as an ambassador for culinary federations and is a member of judging panels worldwide. He is a multiple award winner in various tournaments and championships and is an honorary member of the Chefs' Association in Russia, Spain, Serbia, Croatia, Turkey, Israel, and other countries.

Moscow Marriott Imperial Plaza offers a unique blend of luxury, comfort, and convenience. This hotel is an ideal choice for both business travelers and tourists eager to immerse themselves in the rich culture and history of Russia's capital. With its prime location, top-notch amenities, and attentive service, every guest can experience an atmosphere of hospitality and elegance. Plan your stay at the Moscow Marriott Imperial Plaza to discover all the wonders of Moscow and create unforgettable memories.

[marriottimperialplaza.moscow](https://marriottimperialplaza.moscow)







## You are **Unique for Us**

Whether you seek the tranquility of the sea or the dynamic bustle of a modern city, **Coral Beach Resort Sharjah** is ideally located to offer both. Perched on a scenic beach, merely 17 KM from Sharjah International Airport and 25-KM from Dubai International Airport, within close proximity to Ajman Port and Hamriyah Free Zone, the deluxe resort features 156 spacious rooms equipped with the finest amenities. Exceptional conference and banquet venues, excellent choice of restaurants and state-of-the-art fitness and recreation facilities make your stay truly enjoyable.





# voco® Dubai The Palm



Welcome to a boutique-styled premium hotel at an iconic lifestyle destination by the beach. Ideally located on the trendy Palm West Beach, on the Palm Jumeirah, voco® Dubai The Palm offers contemporary-style hotel living with direct beach access, overlooking the stunning views of the Arabian Gulf and Ain Dubai. Combining traditional local hospitality with contemporary convenience. All the rooms are furnished with voco™ care, quality bed linens, and spacious and cosy rooms with the state of the art amenities.

## Memorable Meetings



Host meetings in our interactive high-tech meeting room with teams across the globe or in person. Choose to work with clients, teammates or independently within this private space. Experience premium coffee breaks that keep you going through the day.

The meeting room features state-of-the-art facilities, natural daylight, and versatile seating. Select from the DDR packages comprise business lunches at Maison Mathis, coffee breaks, and post-meeting drinks.

Maison Mathis at voco Dubai The Palm, West Beach, offers an unforgettable European dining experience. Enjoy freshly baked sourdough, stone-baked pizzas from an open kitchen, and flavorful dishes. Delight in a family-friendly Saturday Brunch with live music and kids' activities, a traditional Sunday Roast, or a Monday Ribs Feast. Don't miss their bar's extended happy hour from 12 PM to 8 PM, featuring great discounts on beers, spirits, and cocktails. Also, watch out for our festive season celebrations for the whole family. Website : [www.maisonmathisvocopalm.com](http://www.maisonmathisvocopalm.com)



Head up to our rooftop bar, Frenia, right beside our fabulous infinity pool for a sundowner. Snack on some delicious Mediterranean tapas and unwind over refreshing Signature cocktails while you soak in the magical sunset over the stunning Dubai Marina skyline, the Ain Dubai, and the waters of the Arabian Gulf. Get ready for a magical New Year's Eve night with live entertainment and fireworks show.



# Frenia

## Mediterranean Rooftop Pool Bar voco Dubai The Palm

### Unique points:

The view of Ain Dubai over the Palm Jumeirah with Sunset  
Apertivo Hour  
Selection of gourmet Mediterranean tapas

### Capacity:

Maximum 130 pax

### Concept:

Pool Bar in the daytime that transforms into an outdoor lounge in the evening.

### Ambience:

Outdoor, catching sunsets, live DJ, Laid back, fun, colourful, bright.

### Cuisine: Mediterranean

#### Signature Dishes:

Suppli Al Telefono, Mediterranean Dip Trio, Zucchini fries, Oven Flank Steak, Spaghetti Allo Scaglio, Signature doners, Eggplant Freekeh Salad, Wagyu Tartar

#### Drinks:

The Sundowner, Paper Plane, Rose Cloud, Paloma Twist

### Experiences:

Cater to special celebrations, private events, and live entertainment.

### Target audience:

25 to 45 years old expats, sundowner lovers, girls' nights, date nights, birthday celebrations, post-work drinks.

### Sustainability initiatives or eco-friendly practices:

Electronic reservations system, Paperless recycle straws (BPA Free)

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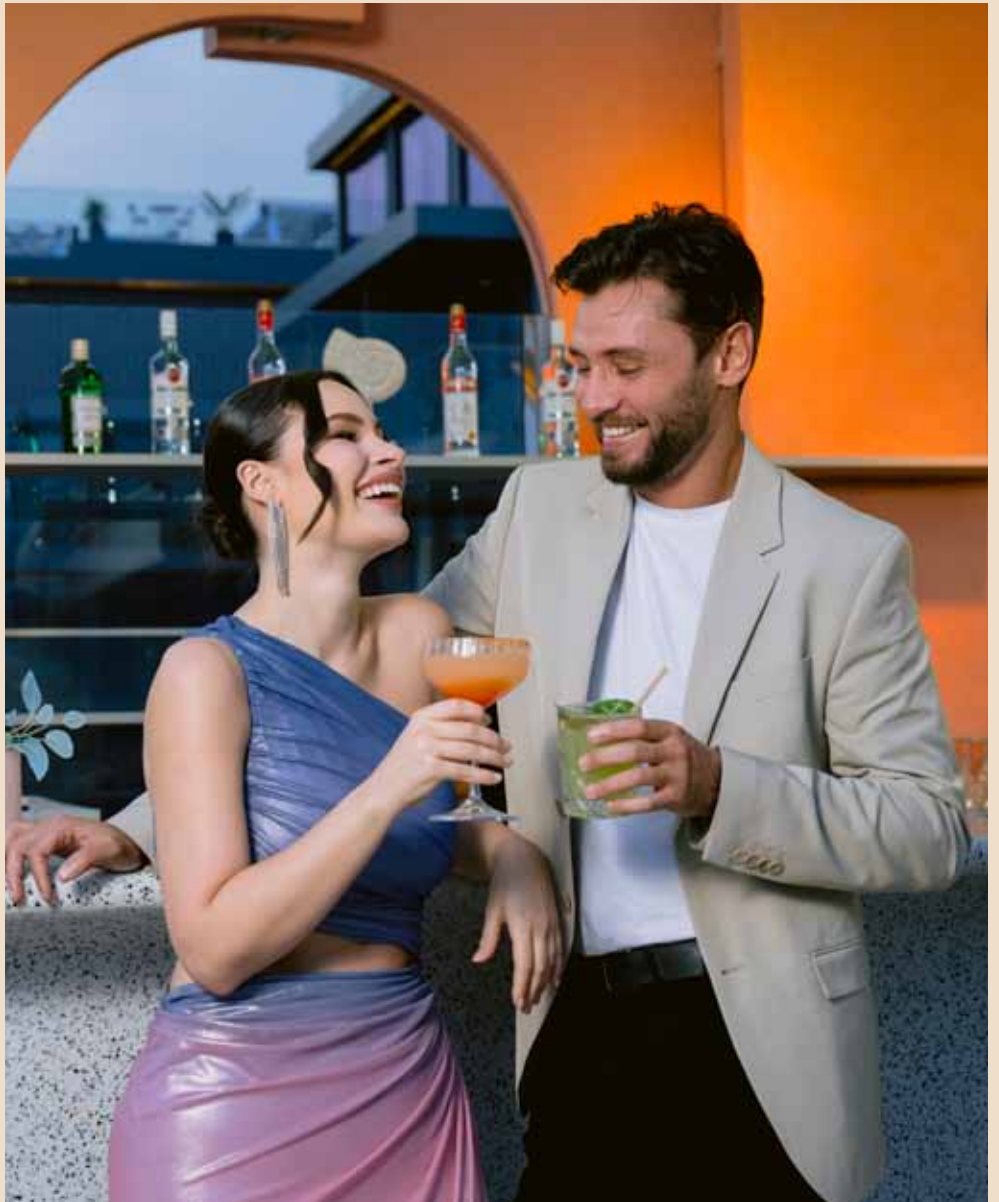
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ROOFTOP  
BAR **FRENIA** POOL





# Hotel Indigo

## Jabal Akhdar Resort & Spa

### Reimagine Life on the Green Mountain



Where Ancient Traditions Blend with Contemporary Comfort  
2,000 Metres above Sea Level



HG Hotels & Resorts debuts its first boutique lifestyle brand resort in the region with the opening of Hotel Indigo Jabal Akhdar Resort & Spa on 1st September 2024. Nestled 2,000 metres above sea level amidst the dramatic peaks and canyons of Oman's "Green Mountain," this retreat features 173 beautifully designed rooms, suites and chalets, each offering majestic views. Hotel Indigo Jabal Akhdar Resort & Spa invites explorers to experience a breathtaking mountain escape where curated wellness and neighbourhood-inspired bucket list experiences come to life through passionate storytelling.

**James Reeves, General Manager, said:** "Our team has poured their heart and soul into creating a place that captures the very essence of Jabal Akhdar. Every detail and every experience has been carefully curated to immerse you in the story of this remarkable destination, connect with the local culture and create memories that will stay long after you leave. From the moment you arrive, you'll feel the magic of this place. We can't wait to welcome guests to our neighbourhood and share the wonders of Jabal Akhdar."

#### Inspired by the Neighbourhood

The resort's design echoes the colours and textures of the mountain, creating a space that is both strikingly beautiful and deeply rooted in Omani heritage. Thoughtful touches and curated experiences bring to life the stories of the resilient communities that have thrived here for centuries. While the mountain's rugged terrain once made it difficult to access, today it welcomes travellers seeking outdoor adventure, connection with nature, and a taste of authentic Omani life in its villages and terraced farms.

#### Reimagine Life on the Green Mountain

Hotel Indigo Jabal Akhdar Resort & Spa is more than just a stay, it's an invitation to reconnect with nature and immerse yourself in





the neighbourhood. Wander through historic villages, discover ancient dwellings carved into the mountainside, hike amidst terraced gardens, or simply savour the tranquillity of the mountain air.

### **A Wellness Sanctuary**

Jala Spa & Wellness is an oasis of vitality on the Green Mountain – a destination celebrated for its clean fresh air, natural springs, and source of some of the world's purest rose water. Offering a range of rejuvenating treatments that draw inspiration from ancient Omani traditions and contemporary techniques, the spacious spa features three distinctive wellness zones with bespoke treatment experiences, immune-boosting Himalayan salt rooms, extensive thermal zones and relaxing indoor vitality pools.

### **Flavours of Oman**

Delight in a culinary journey through the resort's three distinctive dining venues that draw inspiration from the ancient Zanzibari spice trade and the bounty of fresh ingredients, sourced locally. At Vue Rooftop & Lounge, the highest rooftop in the Middle East, savour panoramic canyon views, craft cocktails, and signature wood-fired dishes. Wadi Habib serves authentic Omani flavours in a warm and inviting setting, while Zaatar provides a vibrant all-day dining experience, perfect for sharing stories and connecting with fellow travellers.

### **IHG's First Hotel Indigo Resort in the Region**

The launch of Hotel Indigo Jabal Akhdar Resort & Spa marks a significant milestone as IHG's first Hotel Indigo resort in the region and will start welcoming guests from 1st September 2024.

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# Fall in love in MOSCOW

## Ideas for an unforgettable date in the heart of Russia

**M**oscow is good not only for business trips, but also for unforgettable romantic experiences. It has a rich history, amazing architecture, luxurious restaurants and plenty of ideas for a journey with your beloved one.

What first comes to your mind while thinking about the best place for a date? A restaurant, of course. In Moscow you can choose a treat for every taste. The connoisseurs of fine cuisine can visit one of the restaurants listed in the Michelin guide: Artest Chef's table, Twins Garden, Beluga, Biologie, Grand Cru, Savva, Selfie, White Rabbit and Sakhalin. Those who like to enjoy a beautiful view of the city during a romantic dinner should pay attention to the stylish restaurant O2 Lounge (Carlton Hotel) or restaurant Buono in the famous Stalinist high-rise (Radisson Royal). Lovers of exquisite interiors will also appreciate the restaurant "Boat" reminding an expensive yacht, elegant "White" with references to the Silver Age, two-story "Mansard" with panoramic windows and the atmosphere of "The Great Gatsby" and luxurious "Parisien" with royal spirit.

If you happen to be in Moscow during spring or summer seasons, visiting parks and estates is a "must" for couples to enjoy outdoor romance.

Kuskovo estate with its neoclassical architecture has preserved the atmosphere of a holiday with a swing. The Arkhangelskoye estate, a great example of Russian manor art of the XVIII-XIX centuries, is a wonderful place for walks or romantic photo sessions. Dubrovitsy estate is a hidden gem near Moscow: quiet and peaceful location with an old church in a baroque style.

Tsaritsyno is well-known for its magnificent palace complexes and huge park with ponds, bridges and sculptures which you can explore. Kolomenskoye is the oldest manor with a unique park ensemble and a church of the 16th century included in the UNESCO heritage list. In May the park becomes a place of tourist pilgrimage as more than 1000 trees bloom simultaneously.

Already feeling blown away by a romantic atmosphere and

ready for a wedding ceremony? In Moscow there are plenty of professional wedding agencies with a high level of service, which will help to organize your once-in-a-lifetime celebration. Despite the stereotypical view of Moscow as the cold capital in every way possible, in reality it has one of the most favorable atmospheres for a romantic date or even a wedding trip thanks to its architecture, nature and open-hearted people!. If you dream of saying "yes" in an old mansion or cable car, on a football stadium or in a dim metro station, why not do it in Moscow?









# TRNAVA REGION

## UNIQUE EXPERIENCES

The Trnava Region is located in the most economically developed part of Western Slovakia, a fact demonstrated by its excellent transport connections. It is located on the borders of three other countries. It directly neighbours Czech Republic to the north, Austria to the northwest and Hungary to the south. It is conveniently located very close to several other major cities:

- Bratislava Airport is 45 kilometres away from Trnava
- Vienna, with its large international airport, is 110 kilometres away from Trnava
- Budapest is 215 km to the southeast
- Prague 400 km to the northwest

All of these cities are connected to Trnava by multi-lane highways and regular international Express Trains. A green natural environment provides excellent conditions for healthy living and spending





free time in harmony with the great outdoors. Visitors can combine active rest in nature with unique wellness, cultural, and culinary experiences, making it a well-rounded destination for relaxation, exploration, and tasting local specialties. The Trnava Region is an exciting new destination near capital city Bratislava. These vibrant multicultural resting places offer a safe and welcoming atmosphere, with Piešťany international airport that feels like home. Enjoy your favorite services at great prices, a pleasant Central European climate, and easy access to everything you love.

### REASONS TO CHOOSE THE TRNAVA REGION

- Medical tourism - the world famous Spa and wellness in Piešťany - healing waters and sulfur mud
- Rich water resources - drinking water, mineral springs on Rye Island
- Top sport facilities - modern international sports area X-Bionic with Olympic horse-riding centre, and popular golf courses across region
- World-renowned beekeeping and meading
- History of European nobel families and their luxurious settlements
- Nature friendly environment suitable for hiking and mountain biking
- Culture, art and modern design

The most visited part of the destination is the worldfamous Spa Piešťany renowned for its therapeutic geothermal water and unique sulfur mud. The Spa complex on Spa Island is one of the largest and most distinguished in Europe. Trnava used to be the First Royal Town and is also known as the "Small Rome" due to its numerous churches. Trnava offers a rich historical experience with a medieval city center, historic architecture, and an active university atmosphere. A guided city tour reveals its fascinating stories and architectural marvels.

The Trnava region is celebrated for its rich beekeeping heritage, producing high-quality honey and internationally awarded mead.





# Experience Austria's Christmas Markets

## Vienna, Salzburg, and Innsbruck



For those seeking a truly magical winter experience, Austria's Christmas markets in Vienna, Salzburg, and Innsbruck offer an unforgettable adventure. From mid-November through December, visitors can immerse themselves in festive lights, cozy scents, and delightful treats—perfect for those looking to celebrate the holidays in a charming European setting.

### Vienna: A Festive Wonderland with a Royal Touch

The Christmas markets in Vienna transform the city into a winter wonderland, with over 20 locations to explore. The main attraction is the Viennese Dream Christmas Market in front of the City Hall, where twinkling lights and festively decorated stalls offer delights such as roasted chestnuts, “Langos” (crispy flatbread), and warm Kinderpunsch (a non-alcoholic punch). Visitors can shop for unique souvenirs, including hand-painted ornaments, traditional Austrian toys, and artisanal soaps. The stunning backdrop of Vienna's historic buildings makes this an especially regal experience.



### Salzburg: A Romantic Escape in Mozart's Hometown

The Salzburg Christkindlmarkt is one of Austria's oldest and most traditional markets, held in the city's scenic Old Town. The famous Hohensalzburg Fortress looms above, creating a picture-perfect scene. Visitors can enjoy gingerbread, creamy hot chocolate, and classic Austrian treats as they browse stalls with local handicrafts, from woolen hats to hand-carved wooden figures. Salzburg's musical heritage shines through as local choirs perform Christmas carols, adding a soulful melody to the festive atmosphere.



### Innsbruck: Alpine Charm and Winter Magic

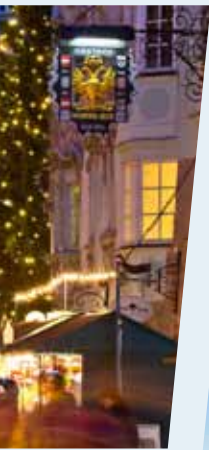
Innsbruck's markets combine the charm of the Alps with authentic Austrian tradition. The Old Town Christmas Market, framed by the snowy Nordkette mountains, offers stunning views alongside its festive stalls. Here, visitors can indulge in Tyrolean specialties, including hot apple cider and hearty sausages. Children will enjoy the Märchenwald, a fairy-tale forest adorned with whimsical decorations, while adults can explore stalls selling Swarovski crystal ornaments, crafted locally in Innsbruck.

Whether exploring Vienna's opulence, Salzburg's charm, or Innsbruck's alpine wonder, Austria's Christmas markets offer a festive escape, rich in tradition and winter cheer—perfect for travelers from the GCC looking to create special holiday memories.

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# DAMAC Hills 2 Hotel

## Edge by Rotana

### An Oasis of Discovery



Welcome to DAMAC Hills 2 Hotel - Edge by Rotana, a stylish 3-star retreat nestled in the vibrant DAMAC Hills 2 community. With its chic design and modern amenities, the hotel offers an exceptional blend of comfort and style, making it an ideal choice for those seeking a combination of relaxation, leisure, and connection during their travels.

#### **An Oasis of Comfort**

The hotel boasts 295 stylish rooms and suites that seamlessly blend contemporary design with tranquillity. Catering to both business and leisure travellers, each room is a calming retreat designed to provide a serene environment for relaxation and rejuvenation.

#### **An Oasis of Flavour and Leisure**

Guests can indulge in a vibrant dining experience complemented by excellent leisure facilities. Urban Bar & Deli, open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner with options for both dine-in and takeaway, presents a diverse menu in a lively setting. For those focused on wellness, the Bodylines Fitness and Wellness Club offers a fully equipped gym and two temperature-controlled pools, catering to fitness enthusiasts and those seeking a relaxing escape.





#### **An Oasis of Inspiration**

DAMAC Hills 2 Hotel - Edge by Rotana provides four versatile meeting rooms, ideal for a range of events, from intimate business meetings to social gatherings. The added convenience of nearby access to the RTA bus station serving Studio City ensures a straightforward and efficient travel experience.

#### **An Oasis of Exploration**

Located just 30 km from Al Maktoum International Airport, DAMAC Hills 2 Hotel - Edge by Rotana offers a prime base for both business and leisure travellers. The hotel is ideally situated for access to major sports and entertainment venues, including The Sevens Stadium, Dubai Camel Racing Club, Hamdan Sports Complex, and Dubai Motor City. Nature enthusiasts can explore the nearby Al Qudra desert, Duck and Swan Lake, and scenic cycling tracks. Major attractions such as Expo City Dubai, Dubai Outlet Mall, and IMG Worlds of Adventure are just a 25-minute drive away, providing endless opportunities for exploration and entertainment.

#### **The Perfect Retreat**

DAMAC Hills 2 Hotel - Edge by Rotana is an excellent choice for families, couples, solo travellers, and business guests. Its welcoming environment and modern amenities make it the perfect base for your next adventure or business trip. Discover a comfortable and convenient stay at DAMAC Hills 2 Hotel - Edge by Rotana. [rotana.com](http://rotana.com)







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