

Architectural Guide United Arab Emirates

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Diversity Sevenfold

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) consist of seven federal states: Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Sharjah, Fujairah, Ajman, Umm Al Quwain and Ras AL Khaimah. In order to take into account both their variety and complexity, each emirate is accorded one chapter. The "hyper-architecture" of Dubai is just as important for the UAE as the majestic building culture of Abu Dhabi or Arab post-modernism in the lesser known emirates.

We derived just as much pleasure from the exploration of old construction traditions and contemporary spectacles as our excursions into the fascinating and diverse natural spaces of this country which has inspired numerous architects and designers over the years. We would be delighted if our readership takes inspiration from this during their next journey to the UAE.

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