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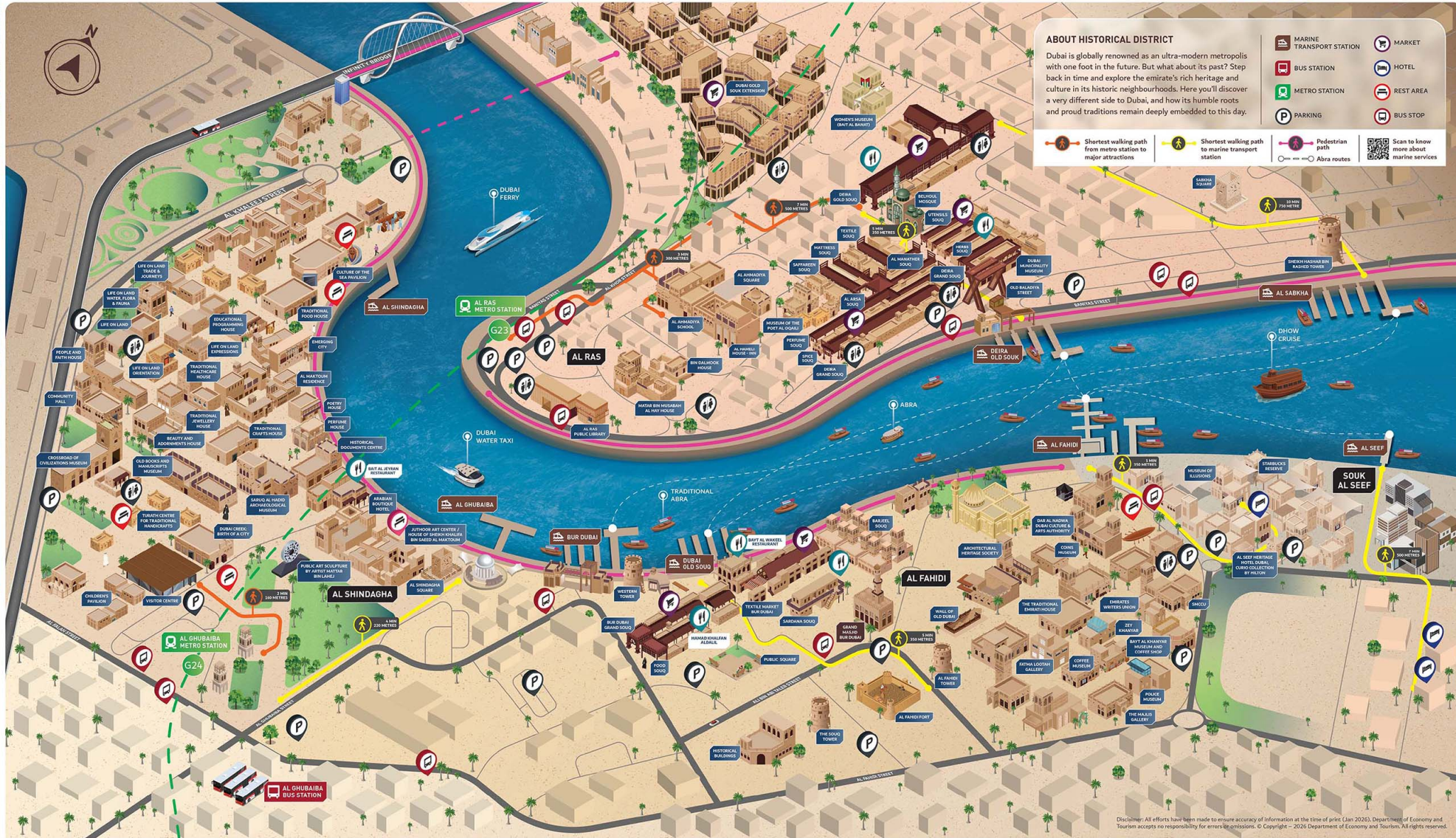
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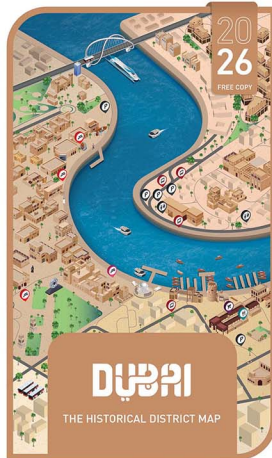
ABOUT HISTORICAL DISTRICT

Dubai is globally renowned as an ultra-modern metropolis with one foot in the future. But what about its past? Step back in time and explore the emirate's rich heritage and culture in its historic neighbourhoods. Here you'll discover a very different side to Dubai, and how its humble roots and proud traditions remain deeply embedded to this day.

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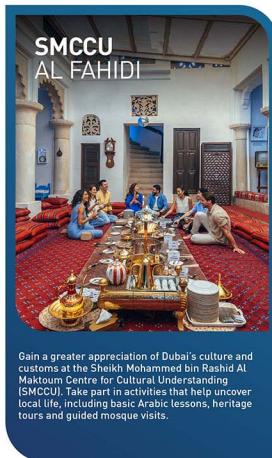
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THE HISTORICAL DISTRICT MAP



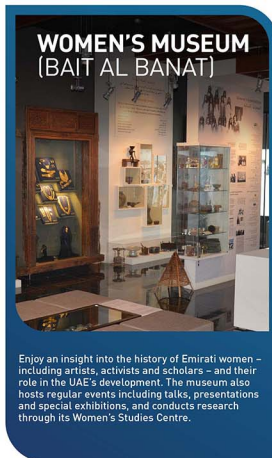
**SMCCU
AL FAHIDI**

Gain a greater appreciation of Dubai's culture and customs at the Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Centre for Cultural Understanding (SMCCU). Take part in activities that help uncover local life, including basic Arabic lessons, heritage tours and guided mosque visits.



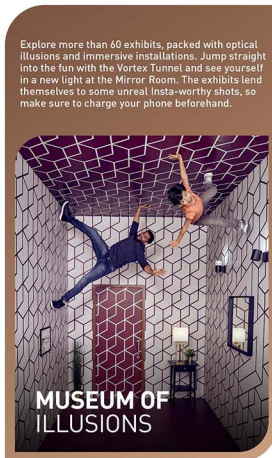
This vibrant bazaar promises a colourful and aromatic experience, as you peruse the herbs and spices spilling from large baskets at every turn. Chat to the vendors, who will give you plenty of ideas on how you can use the exotic spices on offer, while a wide variety of fragrant teas from around the world are also available.

SPICE SOUK



**WOMEN'S MUSEUM
(BAIT AL BANAT)**

Enjoy an insight into the history of Emirati women – including artists, activists and scholars – and their role in the UAE's development. The museum also hosts regular events including talks, presentations and special exhibitions, and conducts research through its Women's Studies Centre.



Explore more than 60 exhibits, packed with optical illusions and immersive installations. Jump straight into the fun with the Vortex Tunnel and see yourself in a new light at the Mirror Room. The exhibits lend themselves to some unreal Insta-worthy shots, so make sure to charge your phone beforehand.

MUSEUM OF ILLUSIONS



MUSEUM OF THE POET AL QQAILI

Step back in time at this beautiful heritage house, located near the Spice Souk, and learn about the legendary Arabic classical poet who moved into the building in 1923. The space is split into nine main wings covering Al Qqaili's life, poetry, correspondence, manuscripts and more.



Coffee has always played an important role in Arabic culture, and this museum in Al Fahidi Historical Neighbourhood showcases exactly why. Coffee grinders used in the First World War, historical data dedicated to coffee and old brewing pots are just a few of the artefacts on display. Entry is free, with the museum shop on the ground floor.

COFFEE MUSEUM



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Today, Dubai is known across the globe as an innovative and ultra-modern metropolis that's helping to shape the world of tomorrow. But the city also has a rich heritage and culture to appreciate. Visit the historical district and step back in time at museums, souks and other important landmarks, for a fascinating glimpse into the Dubai of yesteryear.

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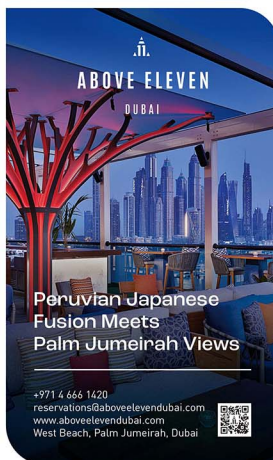
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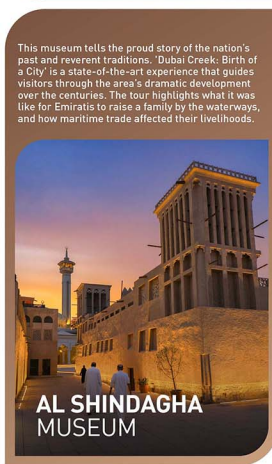
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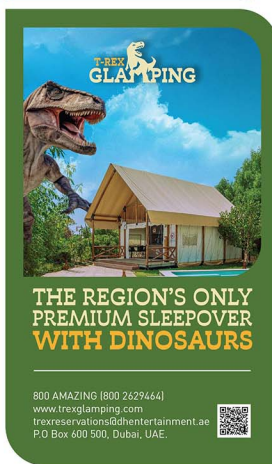
**CROSS THE CREEK
ON AN ABRA**

For just AED1 (US\$0.27), you can hop aboard one of Dubai Creek's many traditional ferry boats, known as abras, to travel between Bur Dubai and Deira. Each abra, or 'water taxi', holds about 20 passengers and crossings start around 6am every day. Admire spectacular views of old Dubai on your journey – including traditional houses, wind towers and minarets.



This museum tells the proud story of the nation's past and reverent traditions. Dubai Creek: Birth of a city is a state-of-the-art experience that guides visitors through the area's dramatic development over the centuries. The tour highlights what it was like for Emiratis to raise a family by the waterways, and how maritime trade affected their livelihoods.

AL SHINDAGHA MUSEUM



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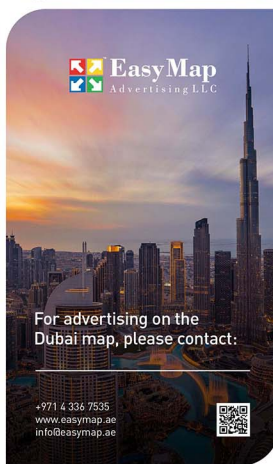
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Discover the story behind Emirati fragrances at Perfume House, part of Al Shindagha Museum. It illustrates how scents played an integral role in the country's history, with a legacy that still lives on today. Visitors can explore Emirati culture via scent and learn stories associated with the perfumes that influenced trade within the emirates.

PERFUME HOUSE