



مهرجان Al Dhafra Festival (10)

Madinat Zayed, Al Gharbia (The Western Region), 13 -29 December, 2016

Participants' Guide

Al Dhafra Camel Beauty Contest (Mazayna) - Camel Milking Competition (Mahaleb) – Heritage Competitions





About Al Dhafra Festival

Inspired by the Emirati Culture and heritage, Al Dhafra is an annual festival, held under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces. The Festival seeks to bring together generations, cultivate patriotic spirit among young people, revive heritage and immortalize it in memory.

Al Dhafra sheds light on the role of camels in the culture and heritage of the UAE. It includes many events, notably the camel Mazayna (camel beauty contest), camel auctions, the traditional market, the dates competition, poetry, photography, folk music, the falcon competitions, saluki races and other traditional activities. Participation in the camel beauty contest is open to purebred breeds, namely Al Asayel and Al Majahim. Hybrid breeds are not accepted.

Objectives of the Festival

- The preservation of the Emirati cultural heritage, its customs and the related practices.
- With the support of the wise leadership, the Festival provides support and financial assistance to the locals and the participants.
- A contribution to the development of cultural tourism in the Western Region.

The Festival has also many other objectives, including:

- The stimulation of the economic activity in the Western Region.
- The promotion of the Gate of the Empty Quarter, Madinat Zayed, among the lovers of heritage tourism from all over the world.
- An attempt to attract more visitors to attend the various events of the Festival and discover the cities of the Western Region.
- A significant effort to preserve the heritage of the Arab Gulf region.



On many occasions, His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the United Arab Emirates (May God Protect Him), has underlined the importance of supporting and consolidating the culture of heritage festivals. His Highness says that the preservation of heritage and its transmission to future generations constitute an important basis for the identity of people of the UAE and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC). He believes that the preservation of heritage should go in line with the civil progress and cultural dialogue, highlighting, in this context, that this approach was one of the most important pillars of the vision adopted by the late Father, Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan (May God Bless His Soul).

Since 2008, Al Gharbia has been hosting this cultural, heritage, and economic event. Held in Madinat Zayed, Al Dhafra reproduces in the hearts and souls of its visitors and guests the tales of history and civilisation in an exceptional harmony that blends between the nobility and authenticity of the past and the modernity of the present.

Today, Madinat Zayed (Zayed City), in Al Gharbia (The Western Region) in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, is hosting the 10th edition of Al Dhafra Festival under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces. Organised by the Cultural Programs and Heritage Festivals Committee – Abu Dhabi, the Festival is sponsored and supported by different government institutions and official bodies of the state.

The Festival, which had turned, within a short period, into a mega regional and international event was inspired in its form and content by the authentic Bedouin spirit. The current edition carries a lot of fun and benefit for the lovers of Bedouin life, others who are interested in the revival of the Arab civilisational heritage and those who desire to explore this heritage and its manifestations in the Emirati future vision. Today, the Festival features a variety of heritage activities and competitions.

It is a real honour for us to welcome this large number of participants from the Gulf region, who are present to take part in the different laps and categories of the Camel Mazayna and all of the Festival's competitions and heritage events that keep evolving year after year. Thank you for your interest and your keenness to contribute to the various efforts, which aim at safeguarding the heritage of the Arab Gulf region. We do wish you the best and a continued success in your endeavour.

We are quite confident that your stay in Madinat Zayed will constitute a key factor in achieving more success for this distinguished regional and international event. As Al Dhafra continues to shine this year, notably through devising more impressive heritage competitions, the 10th edition is expected to witness a development in the mechanism for the Mazayna Contest and in the number of laps.

We are also pleased to welcome the guests of the Western Region, both visitors and tourists from all over the world. Despite the advance of modern technology in all walks of life, Al Dhafra Festival, a unique heritage event of its kind, continues to attract more and more lovers of heritage from different generations.

The timing of the Festival falls within the school and university holidays, allowing the young Emirati generation to become a key partner and an active player in the process of maintaining our cultural heritage. The Festival offers visitors from different nationalities an opportunity to become acquainted with the main aspects of our national identity. These are, in fact, the main objectives of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, in particular and the UAE, in general.

Welcome everybody,

Sheikh Hamdan bin Zayed Al Nahyan
Ruler's Representative in the Western Region of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi



In a determined quest to safeguard the Emirati authentic heritage and preserve it for future generations, the Emirate of Abu Dhabi has made giant and confident leaps and accomplished great achievements in a brief period of time, and this under the directives of the wise leadership of the United Arab Emirates. Meanwhile, Abu Dhabi has remained keen on cooperating and exchanging knowledge and expertise with the different cultures of the world.

Since the launch of Al Dhafra Festival in 2008 in Madinat Zayed in Al Gharbia (The Western Region) under the generous patronage of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, the Festival has gained a prestigious regional and international position on the calendar of heritage festivals.

Over the years, the number of participants from camel owners has increased, owing to their keenness to take part and compete at this

major heritage event. The categories, laps and prizes of the Mazayna have developed and Al Dhafra managed to achieve its ambition to become the biggest and most comprehensive camel Mazayna. In this new edition, the Higher Organising Committee has made a number of essential changes, as far as the Mazayna laps are considered so as to bring more development and meet aspirations. The Festival is also expected to feature several exciting competitions and heritage activities.

Al Dhafra Festival has managed to secure a prestigious status thanks to the generous support of His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE (May God Protect Him) for the projects of heritage safeguard and his constant encouragement to continue with the reinforcement of the culture of heritage festivals.

The Festival also owes its success to the close care of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces. His Highness has always accorded a special attention to the various efforts made to preserve deep-rooted heritage and inherent traditions.

The constant follow-up of the Festival and its development strategy by His Highness Sheikh

Hamdan Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the Ruler's Representative in the Western Region, has also contributed to the countless achievements of Al Dhafra.

The Festival has actually excelled at the promotion of authentic Emirati heritage and the reinforcement of its safeguard and protection. Over the years, Al Dhafra has managed to transform Al Gharbia into one of the top tourist destinations in the world, through advertising the region, and the details of its culture, authenticity, and the traditions of the Emirati people.

As we welcome your valuable contribution and visit to Dar Zayed, we wish you a successful participation and exciting moments. We do also extend our thanks and appreciation for your regular attendance to Al Dhafra Festival.

His Excellency Faris Khalaf Al Mazrouei,
Chairman of the Cultural Programs and Heritage Festivals Committee – Abu Dhabi
Chairman of the Higher Organising Committee

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Instructions for Participants

- Participants must commit to the set of rules and conditions of the Mazayna.
- Participants must commit to the preset time of camel entry. The late entry of any camel will not be accepted.
- Owners are not allowed to access the barrier stalls after their submission of camels to the Committee. The presence of any camel owner will lead to the disqualification of his participation in the lap.
- Any participation that will not abide by the rules will be disqualified. All participants have to commit to the instructions that have been decided by the Organising Committee. They should be an example of good conduct and avoid any form of disturbance that may affect the calm and peace at the Festival.
- Every participant must respect the entry timetable. Access is categorically banned after the beginning of laps.
- Participants must respect the decision of the jury. Any disrespect or objection will lead to disqualification.
- If the Sorting Committee decides that a camel is not up to the general specifications, the participant will be disqualified.
- The best features of the participating camels will be designated. Comparison and selection to designate the position will be in accordance with a system of grading points. The Committee's decisions are final and not subject to any objection or interference.

Terms for the obtention of a Participation Card

- A copy of the passport or the ID.
- Two personal photos.
- Approval and commitment to the terms and rules of the Mazayna.
- The participant must be 21 years old or more.
- The participant must be present personally to get his Participation Card.
- He who has no Participation Card cannot take part in the competition. The fee to obtain the Card is AED 350.
For more information, please call the following numbers:
00971-50-2333046 / 00971-50-2333045
Office: 00971-2-5994589
Fax: 00971-2-8841058

Registration

From Saturday, 10/12/2016 to Wednesday 14/12/2016, from 08:00 am to 06:00 pm.

- All those willing to take part in the Mazayna laps should register their camels. It should be noted that unregistered camels will not be allowed to take part in the Mazayna.

Oath-Taking

- **Category of Single Laps – Sharia (Bought Camels)**
“I swear by the Almighty God to say the truth and nothing but the truth. This camel is rightfully mine, with no partner in business. And, Allah is my witness.”
- **Category of Single Laps – Talad**
“I swear by the Almighty God and his holy book to say the truth and nothing but the truth. This camel is a Talad and is rightfully mine. It has been under my personal and direct supervision. It is taking part under my own care and Allah is my witness.”
- **Category of the Six-Camel Lap**
“I swear by the Almighty God to say the truth and nothing but the truth. These six camels are rightfully mine, with no partner in business. And, Allah is my witness.”
- **Category of the Jamal Laps - Sharia**
“I swear by the Almighty God to say the truth and nothing but the truth. These ten camels are rightfully mine, with no partner in business. And, Allah is my witness.”
- **Category of the Jamal Laps – Talad**
“I swear by the Almighty God and his holy book to say the truth and nothing but the truth. These camels are Talad and are rightfully mine. They have been under my personal and direct supervision. They are taking part under my own care and Allah is my witness.”
- **Category of the Bayraq Lap**
“I swear by the Almighty God to say the truth and nothing but the truth. These fifty camels are rightfully mine, with no partner in business. And, Allah is my witness.”
- **Category of Male Camel and its Progeny**
“I swear by the Almighty God to say the truth and nothing but the truth. This male camel and its progeny are rightfully mine, with no partner in business. And, Allah is my witness.”
- **Category of Promotional Lap**
“I swear by the Almighty God to say the truth and nothing but the truth. These camels are rightfully mine, with no partner in business and they have not obtained any prizes at Al Dhafra Festival, in its 7th, 8th and 9th editions. And, Allah is my witness.”

Conditions for Participation in Single Laps

- Camels are allowed to participate only once.
- Individuals from the tribes are not allowed to take part in the main lap for Sheikhs.
- Camels must carry an identification electronic chip (microchip).
- Participants are allowed to participate with only one camel in each lap.
- Hybrid camels are not allowed to participate in Asayel or Majahim laps.
- Camels must be clean and free from any diseases and fungal infections like scabies and favus.
- Camels that are found with drugs in the lips, shaved, dyed in any parts of the body or with changes from natural form are not allowed.
- It is not allowed to raise numbers between laps and the stages for age determination must be respected.
- If the age committee has doubts about a camel's age, then an oath can only be accepted from the owner who was in charge at the time of its birth.
- The Camel will be subjected to a DNA test, if the majority of the Age and Type Committee doubts that it might be hybrid. The prize will not be submitted after receiving the results of the DNA test. The owner must bring the mother if the father was earlier tested at the laboratory of the Mazayna Committee (The Scientific Group Laboratory). If the father is not tested, then the owner should bring the mother and the father within a period of 30 days to the official site of the Mazayna. If no tests are conducted within the preset period, the prize will be permanently withheld, with the owner losing any right to claim it back.
- In the event of discovery of any fraud or manipulation, the judges will ban the participating camel for a period of 2 years.. If the fraud is repeated by the same owner, the judges will deprive him of all prizes and impose a ban on him for a period of 2 years.
- Any participant will be excluded from all competitions in the event of verbal abuse against any of the members of the Committees.
- Any participant cannot withdraw until the results are announced.
- The camel owner must prove that the camels are his property and take oath before the Committee.
- The participants who do not carry a Participation Card will not be allowed to take part in the Mazayna.
- Anyone who violates these instructions exposes himself to legal proceedings.

Sale and Purchase Rules

- Sharia (purchased camel) can participate only once in the six-camel lap and the -10camel lap.
- If the Mazayna Committee finds out that the sale operation is not in accordance with regulations, the camel will be banned from participation for a period of three years. The seller and the buyer will also be banned for 3 years.
- If the camel is returned from the buyer or the seller, it will be banned from participation for a period of 3 years. The seller and the buyer will also be banned for 3 years.
- Sale and purchase from a close relative are not allowed (father, son, brother).
- Payment of the agreed transport fees.

* The Higher Organising Committee of the Festival has every right to change or amend the conditions and prizes of the Mazayna, without prior notice.

Single Laps

Main Laps for Sheikhs – Category of Locals (Asayel)

	Lap	Position 1	Position 2	Position 3	Position 4	Position 5
1	Best looking Mafrouda	Nissan Station SE	80,000	60,000	25,000	20,000
2	Best looking Haqqa	Nissan Station SE	80,000	60,000	25,000	20,000
3	Best looking Luqyah	Nissan Station SE	80,000	60,000	25,000	20,000
4	Best looking Jathaa	Nissan Station SE	80,000	60,000	25,000	20,000
5	Best looking Thanaya	Nissan Station LE	80,000	60,000	25,000	20,000
6	Best looking Hayel	Nissan Station LE	80,000	60,000	25,000	20,000

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Single Laps for Tribes (Sharia) – Main General

Lap		Position 1	Position 2	Position 3	Position 4	Position 5	Position 6	Position 7	Position 8	Position 9	Position 10
1	Best looking Mafrouda	Nissan Station SE	80,000	60,000	25,000	20,000	14,000	13,000	12,000	11,000	10,000
2	Best looking Haqqa	Nissan Station SE	80,000	60,000	25,000	20,000	14,000	13,000	12,000	11,000	10,000
3	Best looking Luqyah	Nissan Station SE	80,000	60,000	25,000	20,000	14,000	13,000	12,000	11,000	10,000
4	Best looking Jathaa	Nissan Station SE	80,000	60,000	25,000	20,000	14,000	13,000	12,000	11,000	10,000
5	Best looking Thanaya	Nissan Station SE	80,000	60,000	25,000	20,000	14,000	13,000	12,000	11,000	10,000
6	Best looking Hayel	Nissan Station SE	80,000	60,000	25,000	20,000	14,000	13,000	12,000	11,000	10,000

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Single Laps for Tribes (Talad) – Main General

Lap		Position 1	Position 2	Position 3	Position 4	Position 5	Position 6	Position 7	Position 8	Position 9	Position 10
1	Best looking Mafrouda	Nissan Station SE	80,000	60,000	25,000	20,000	14,000	13,000	12,000	11,000	10,000
2	Best looking Haqqa	Nissan Station SE	80,000	60,000	25,000	20,000	14,000	13,000	12,000	11,000	10,000
3	Best looking Luqyah	Nissan Station SE	80,000	60,000	25,000	20,000	14,000	13,000	12,000	11,000	10,000
4	Best looking Jathaa	Nissan Station SE	80,000	60,000	25,000	20,000	14,000	13,000	12,000	11,000	10,000
5	Best looking Thanaya	Nissan Station SE	80,000	60,000	25,000	20,000	14,000	13,000	12,000	11,000	10,000
6	Best looking Hayel	Nissan Station SE	80,000	60,000	25,000	20,000	14,000	13,000	12,000	11,000	10,000

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Single Laps for Tribes (Sharia) – General, Category of Asayel

Lap		Position 1	Position 2	Position 3	Position 4	Position 5	Position 6	Position 7	Position 8	Position 9	Position 10
1	Best looking Mafrouda	Nissan Pickup	50,000	40,000	20,000	15,000	14,000	13,000	12,000	11,000	10,000
2	Best looking Haqqa	Nissan Pickup	50,000	40,000	20,000	15,000	14,000	13,000	12,000	11,000	10,000
3	Best looking Luqyah	Nissan Pickup	50,000	40,000	20,000	15,000	14,000	13,000	12,000	11,000	10,000
4	Best looking Jathaa	Nissan Pickup	50,000	40,000	20,000	15,000	14,000	13,000	12,000	11,000	10,000
5	Best looking Thanaya	Nissan Pickup	50,000	40,000	20,000	15,000	14,000	13,000	12,000	11,000	10,000
6	Best looking Hayel	Nissan Pickup	50,000	40,000	20,000	15,000	14,000	13,000	12,000	11,000	10,000

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Single Laps for Tribes (Talad) – Category of Asayel (only for locals) *

Lap		Position 1	Position 2	Position 3	Position 4	Position 5	Position 6	Position 7	Position 8	Position 9	Position 10
1	Best looking Mafrouda	Nissan Pickup	50,000	40,000	20,000	15,000	14,000	13,000	12,000	11,000	10,000
2	Best looking Haqqa	Nissan Pickup	50,000	40,000	20,000	15,000	14,000	13,000	12,000	11,000	10,000
3	Best looking Luqyah	Nissan Pickup	50,000	40,000	20,000	15,000	14,000	13,000	12,000	11,000	10,000
4	Best looking Jathaa	Nissan Pickup	50,000	40,000	20,000	15,000	14,000	13,000	12,000	11,000	10,000
5	Best looking Thanaya	Nissan Pickup	50,000	40,000	20,000	15,000	14,000	13,000	12,000	11,000	10,000
6	Best looking Hayel	Nissan Pickup	50,000	40,000	20,000	15,000	14,000	13,000	12,000	11,000	10,000

* Only Emirati camel owners are allowed to take part in these laps.

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Mafarid Lap for Tribes (Sharia) Asayel - only for locals *

Lap	Position 1	Position 2	Position 3	Position 4	Position 5	Position 6	Position 7	Position 8	Position 9	Position 10
1 Mafarid	30,000	20,000	15,000	14,000	13,000	12,000	11,000	10,000	9,000	8,000

Houl Lap for Tribes (Sharia) Asayel - only for locals *

Lap	Position 1	Position 2	Position 3	Position 4	Position 5	Position 6	Position 7	Position 8	Position 9	Position 10
1 Houl	30,000	20,000	15,000	14,000	13,000	12,000	11,000	10,000	9,000	8,000

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Single Laps for Sheikhs – Majahim Category

Lap		Position 1	Position 2	Position 3	Position 4	Position 5
1	Best looking Mafrouda	Nissan Station SE	80,000	60,000	25,000	20,000
2	Best looking Haqqa	Nissan Station SE	80,000	60,000	25,000	20,000
3	Best looking Luqyah	Nissan Station SE	80,000	60,000	25,000	20,000
4	Best looking Jathaa	Nissan Station SE	80,000	60,000	25,000	20,000
5	Best looking Thanaya	Nissan Station SE	80,000	60,000	25,000	20,000
6	Best looking Hayel	Nissan Station SE	80,000	60,000	25,000	20,000

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Main Single Laps for Tribes (Sharia) – General, Category of Majahim

Lap		Position 1	Position 2	Position 3	Position 4	Position 5	Position 6	Position 7	Position 8	Position 9	Position 10
1	Best looking Mafrouda	Nissan Station SE	80,000	60,000	25,000	20,000	14,000	13,000	12,000	11,000	10,000
2	Best looking Haqqa	Nissan Station SE	80,000	60,000	25,000	20,000	14,000	13,000	12,000	11,000	10,000
3	Best looking Luqyah	Nissan Station SE	80,000	60,000	25,000	20,000	14,000	13,000	12,000	11,000	10,000
4	Best looking Jathaa	Nissan Station SE	80,000	60,000	25,000	20,000	14,000	13,000	12,000	11,000	10,000
5	Best looking Thanaya	Nissan Station SE	80,000	60,000	25,000	20,000	14,000	13,000	12,000	11,000	10,000
6	Best looking Hayel	Nissan Station SE	80,000	60,000	25,000	20,000	14,000	13,000	12,000	11,000	10,000

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Main Single Laps for Tribes (Talad) – General, Category of Majahim

	Lap	Position 1	Position 2	Position 3	Position 4	Position 5	Position 6	Position 7	Position 8	Position 9	Position 10
1	Best looking Mafrouda	Nissan Station SE	80,000	60,000	25,000	20,000	14,000	13,000	12,000	11,000	10,000
2	Best looking Haqqa	Nissan Station SE	80,000	60,000	25,000	20,000	14,000	13,000	12,000	11,000	10,000
3	Best looking Luqyah	Nissan Station SE	80,000	60,000	25,000	20,000	14,000	13,000	12,000	11,000	10,000
4	Best looking Jathaa	Nissan Station SE	80,000	60,000	25,000	20,000	14,000	13,000	12,000	11,000	10,000
5	Best looking Thanaya	Nissan Station SE	80,000	60,000	25,000	20,000	14,000	13,000	12,000	11,000	10,000
6	Best looking Hayel	Nissan Station SE	80,000	60,000	25,000	20,000	14,000	13,000	12,000	11,000	10,000

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Single Laps for Tribes (Sharia) – General, Category of Majahim

Lap		Position 1	Position 2	Position 3	Position 4	Position 5	Position 6	Position 7	Position 8	Position 9	Position 10
1	Best looking Mafrouda	Nissan Pickup	50,000	40,000	20,000	15,000	14,000	13,000	12,000	11,000	10,000
2	Best looking Haqqa	Nissan Pickup	50,000	40,000	20,000	15,000	14,000	13,000	12,000	11,000	10,000
3	Best looking Luqyah	Nissan Pickup	50,000	40,000	20,000	15,000	14,000	13,000	12,000	11,000	10,000
4	Best looking Jathaa	Nissan Pickup	50,000	40,000	20,000	15,000	14,000	13,000	12,000	11,000	10,000
5	Best looking Thanaya	Nissan Pickup	50,000	40,000	20,000	15,000	14,000	13,000	12,000	11,000	10,000
6	Best looking Hayel	Nissan Pickup	50,000	40,000	20,000	15,000	14,000	13,000	12,000	11,000	10,000

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Single Laps for Tribes (Talad) – Category of Asayel (only for locals)*

Lap		Position 1	Position 2	Position 3	Position 4	Position 5	Position 6	Position 7	Position 8	Position 9	Position 10
1	Best looking Mafrouda	Nissan Pickup	50,000	40,000	20,000	15,000	14,000	13,000	12,000	11,000	10,000
2	Best looking Haqqa	Nissan Pickup	50,000	40,000	20,000	15,000	14,000	13,000	12,000	11,000	10,000
3	Best looking Luqyah	Nissan Pickup	50,000	40,000	20,000	15,000	14,000	13,000	12,000	11,000	10,000
4	Best looking Jathaa	Nissan Pickup	50,000	40,000	20,000	15,000	14,000	13,000	12,000	11,000	10,000
5	Best looking Thanaya	Nissan Pickup	50,000	40,000	20,000	15,000	14,000	13,000	12,000	11,000	10,000
6	Best looking Hayel	Nissan Pickup	50,000	40,000	20,000	15,000	14,000	13,000	12,000	11,000	10,000

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Mafarid Lap for Tribes (Sharia) Majahim - only for locals *

Lap	Position 1	Position 2	Position 3	Position 4	Position 5	Position 6	Position 7	Position 8	Position 9	Position 10	
1	Mafrouda	30,000	20,000	15,000	14,000	13,000	12,000	11,000	10,000	9,000	8,000

Houl Lap for Tribes (Sharia) Majahim - only for locals *

Lap	Position 1	Position 2	Position 3	Position 4	Position 5	Position 6	Position 7	Position 8	Position 9	Position 10	
1	Mafrouda	30,000	20,000	15,000	14,000	13,000	12,000	11,000	10,000	9,000	8,000

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Conditions for Participation in the Jamal Laps

- Camels are allowed to participate only once.
- Camels must carry an identification electronic chip (microchip).
- Participants are allowed to participate with only one camel herd in each lap.
- If the participation is disqualified, the owner can change the camel, only once in the Jamal Laps.
- Hybrid camels are not allowed to participate in Asayel or Majahim laps.
- Camels must be clean and free from any diseases and fungal infections like scabies and favus.
- Camels that are found with drugs in the lips, shaved, dyed in any parts of the body or with changes from natural form are not allowed.
- It is not allowed to raise numbers between laps and the stages for age determination must be respected.
- If the age committee has doubts about a camel's age, than an oath can only be accepted from the owner who was in charge at the time of its birth.
- In the event of discovery of any fraud or manipulation, the judges will ban the participating camel for a period of 2 years.. If the fraud is repeated by the same owner, the judges will deprive him of all prizes and impose a ban on him for a period of 2 years.
- Any participant will be excluded from all competitions in the event of verbal abuse against any of the members of the Committees.
- Any participant cannot withdraw until the results are announced.
- The camel owner must prove that the camels are his property and take oath before the Committee.
- If the number of participating camels is lower than required, the owner can add more camels before the beginning of the jury's work. If the required number is not met, then the participant will be disqualified.
- Camels that carry the mark 'T' in the DNA blood-match test are not allowed to take part in the six-camel, the Jamal – Talad laps, the ten-camel Jamal laps, the Baynounah Jamal laps, and the Bayraq Jamal laps.
- The participants who do not carry a Participation Card will not be allowed to take part.
- Anyone who violates these instructions exposes himself to legal proceedings.
- The participating Sharia can take part only once in the flowing laps: Six-camel lap and the Jamal 10 lap.
- The participant can buy two (2) camels to take part in the six-camel lap. He also can buy up to four (4) camels to take part in the Jamal 10 lap.
- The six-camel lap includes: A Mafrouda, a Haqqa, a Luqyah , a Jathaa, a Thanaya and a Hayel.
- The ten-camel lap includes: A Mafrouda, a Haqqa, a Luqyah , a Jathaa, a Thanaya, a Hayel and five other different camels that are chosen by the participants, provided that they are Thanayas or younger.

Sale and Purchase Rules

- Sharia (purchased camel) can participate only once in the six-camel lap and the -10camel lap.
- If the Mazayna Committee finds out that the sale operation is not in accordance with regulations, the camel will be banned from participation for a period of three years. The seller and the buyer will also be banned for 3 years.
- If the camel is returned from the buyer or the seller, it will be banned from participation for a period of 3 years. The seller and the buyer will also be banned for 3 years.
- Sale and purchase from a close relative are not allowed (father, son, brother).
- Payment of the agreed transport fees.

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Jamal Laps

General Six - camel Lap – Category of Asayel

Position 1	Position 2	Position 3	Position 4	Position 5
Nissan Station Platinum City SE	Nissan Station XI	Nissan Pickup	50,000	40,000

General Six - camel Lap – Category of Majahim

Position 1	Position 2	Position 3	Position 4	Position 5
Nissan Station Platinum City SE	Nissan Station XI	Nissan Pickup	50,000	40,000

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Jamal Talad (15) Lap - General for the Category of Asayel

Position 1	Position 2	Position 3	Position 4	Position 5
Nissan Station Platinum City SE	Nissan Station XI	Nissan Pickup	50,000	40,000

Jamal Talad (15) Lap - General for the Category of Majahim

Position 1	Position 2	Position 3	Position 4	Position 5
Nissan Station Platinum City SE	Nissan Station XI	Nissan Pickup	50,000	40,000

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General Jamal 10 Lap for Tribes (Sharia) - Category of Asayel

Position 1	Position 2	Position 3	Position 4	Position 5
Nissan Station Platinum City SE	Nissan Station XI	Nissan Pickup	50,000	40,000

General Jamal 10 Lap for Tribes (Sharia) - Category of Majahim

Position 1	Position 2	Position 3	Position 4	Position 5
Nissan Station Platinum City SE	Nissan Station XI	Nissan Pickup	50,000	40,000

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General Baynounah Jamal (20) Lap for Tribes - Category of Asayel

Position 1	Position 2	Position 3	Position 4	Position 5
Nissan Station Platinum City SE	Nissan Station XI	Nissan Pickup	50,000	40,000

General Baynounah Jamal (20) Lap for Tribes - Category of Majahim

Position 1	Position 2	Position 3	Position 4	Position 5
Nissan Station Platinum City SE	Nissan Station XI	Nissan Pickup	50,000	40,000

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General Male Camel and Progeny Lap – Category of Asayel

Position 1	Position 2	Position 3	Position 4	Position 5
Nissan Station SE	50,000	40,000	30,000	20,000

General Male Camel and Progeny Lap – Category of Majahim

Position 1	Position 2	Position 3	Position 4	Position 5
Nissan Station SE	50,000	40,000	30,000	20,000

Conditions for Participation in the Male Camel and Progeny Lap

- Participants in the Male Camel and Progeny Lap for the categories of purebred Asayel and Majahim should be present on the official site of the Mazayna before the official launch of the new edition on the 10th of December, 2016. Those who will be absent will not be allowed to participate.
- The male camel and its progeny will be subjected to a DNA test and the test fee will be borne by the owner. If the Type Committee finds that the camel is hybrid, the camel will be prevented from participation and the owner has the right to change it.
- If the Type Committee finds that any of the progeny is hybrid, then it will be prevented from participation and the owner has the right to change it.
- If the Organising Committee finds that a participating owner is preventing any person from resting the camel, then this owner will be disqualified and the prize will be withheld, remarking that all participating camels should be free from diseases, especially brucellosis with a certificate from the Abu Dhabi Food Control Authority (ADFCA).
- Participants in the Male Camel and Progeny Lap for the categories of purebred Asayel and Majahim should remain present on the official site of the Mazayna until the end of the Festival.
- The participant should provide 4 camels from the age of Jathaa and below.

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Promotional Laps for Tribes - Category of Asayel (Local)*

Position 1	Position 2	Position 3	Position 4	Position 5
Nissan Pick up	50,000	40,000	30,000	20,000

Conditions for Participation in the Promotional Laps

- The participant should provide 5 camels from the age of Jathaa and below.
- Only participants and camels that have not obtained any prizes at the 3 previous editions of Al Dhafra Festival are allowed to take part.

Promotional Laps for Tribes - Category of Majahim (Local)*

Position 1	Position 2	Position 3	Position 4	Position 5
Nissan Pick up	50,000	40,000	30,000	20,000

* Only Emirati camel owners are allowed to take part in these laps.

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Bayraq Lap – General for the Category of Asayel

Position 1	Position 2	Position 3
1,000,000	600,000	400,000

Bayraq Lap – General for the Category of Majahim

Position 1	Position 2	Position 3
1,000,000	600,000	400,000

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Bayraq Lap – General for the Category of Asayel

Day	Date	Category	Laps	Entry time
Saturday	17	Thanaya	General Sharia Lap for tribes (Asayel + Majahim) Talad Lap for tribes (Asayel + Majahim) – only for locals	7:00 am to 7:30 am
			Best Looking Thanaya for tribes- General Main Sharia Lap (Asayel + Majahim) Best Looking Thanaya for tribes- General Main Talad Lap (Asayel + Majahim)	10:00 am to 10:30 am
			Best Looking Thanaya Lap for Sheikhs (Asayel + Majahim)	12:00 pm to 12:30 pm
Sunday	18	Hayel	General Sharia Lap for tribes (Asayel + Majahim) Talad Lap for tribes (Asayel + Majahim) – only for locals	7:00 am to 7:30 am
			Sharia Lap for tribes – only for locals	9:00 am to 9:30 am
			Best Looking Hayel for tribes- General Main Sharia Lap (Asayel + Majahim) Best Looking Hayel for tribes- General Main Talad Lap (Asayel + Majahim)	10:00 am to 10:30 am
			Best Looking Hayel Lap for Sheikhs (Asayel + Majahim)	12:00 pm to 12:30 pm
Monday	19	Talad (15)	General Talad (15) Lap for Asayel + Majahim	7:00 am to 8:30 am
Tuesday	20	Jathaa	General Sharia Lap for tribes (Asayel + Majahim) Talad Lap for tribes (Asayel + Majahim) – only for locals	7:00 am to 7:30 am
			Best Looking Jathaa for tribes- General Main Sharia Lap (Asayel + Majahim) Best Looking Jathaa for tribes- General Main Talad Lap (Asayel + Majahim)	10:00 am to 10:30 am
			Best Looking Jathaa Lap for Sheikhs (Asayel + Majahim)	12:00 pm to 12:30 pm
Wednesday	21	Baynounah Lap	Baynounah Jamal (20) Lap for tribes (Asayel + Majahim)	7:00 am to 8:30 am
Thursday	22	Haqqa	General Sharia Lap for tribes (Asayel + Majahim) Talad Lap for tribes (Asayel + Majahim) – only for locals	7:00 am to 7:30 am
			Best Looking Haqqa for tribes- General Main Sharia Lap (Asayel + Majahim) Best Looking Haqqa for tribes- General Main Talad Lap (Asayel + Majahim)	10:00 am to 10:30 am
			Best Looking Haqqa Lap for Sheikhs (Asayel + Majahim)	12:00 pm to 12:30 pm

Friday	23		Break	
Saturday	24	Luqyah	General Sharia Lap for tribes (Asayel + Majahim) Talad Lap for tribes (Asayel + Majahim) – only for locals	7:00 am to 7:30 am
			Best Looking Luqyah for tribes- General Main Sharia Lap (Asayel + Majahim) Best Looking Luqyah for tribes- General Main Talad Lap (Asayel + Majahim)	10:00 am to 10:30 am
			Best Looking Luqyah Lap for Sheikhs (Asayel + Majahim)	12:00 pm to 12:30 pm
Sunday	25	Mafrouda	General Sharia Lap for tribes (Asayel + Majahim) Talad Lap for tribes (Asayel + Majahim) – only for locals	7:00 am to 7:30 am
			Mafrouda Lap (Sharia) for tribes – for only locals	9:00 am to 9:30 am
			Best Looking Mafrouda for tribes- General Main Sharia Lap (Asayel + Majahim) Best Looking Mafrouda for tribes- General Main Talad Lap (Asayel + Majahim)	10:00 am to 10:30 am
			Best Looking Mafrouda Lap for Sheikhs (Asayel + Majahim)	12:00 pm to 12:30 pm
Monday	26	Six-camel Lap	General Six-camel Lap (Asayel + Mjahim)	7:00 am to 8:00 am
		Five-camel Lap	Promotional Five-camel Lap for tribes – only for locals	11:00 am to 11:30 am
Tuesday	27	Jamal (10) Lap	Jamal (10) Lap (Asayel + Majahim)	7:00 am to 8:30 am
Wednesday	28	Male Camel and Progeny Lap	Male Camel and Progeny Lap	7:00 am to 8:00 am
Thursday	29	Bayraq Lap	Bayraq Lap (Asayel + Majahim)	7:00 am to 8:30 am

Heritage Competitions

13 – 29 December, 2016



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Al Dhafra Festival (10th Edition)

Madinat Zayed, Al Gharbia (The Western Region), 13 –29 December, 2016

- Mahaleb Competition
- Falcon Mazayna
- Arab Saluki Beauty Contest
- Arabian Saluki Traditional Race Championship (2000 metres)
- Best Dates' Mazayna and Dates' Packaging Competition
- Classic Cars Competition
- Purebred Arabian Horse Race
- Ghanam Al Naim Mazayna
- Sour Milk Competition
- Handicrafts Competition



Timetable for Heritage Competitions at Al Dhafra Festival

Traditional Market and the Children's Village From the 13th to the 29th of December, 2016	Day	Date	Activity	Site	Time
	Tuesday	13	Mahaleb Competition **	Site of the Mahaleb Competition	6:30 am
	Friday	16	Arabian Saluki Beauty Contest/Smooth category	Traditional Market	3:00 pm
			Classic Cars Competition *	Traditional Market	10:00 am
	Saturday	17	Arabian Saluki Beauty Contest/Feathered category	Traditional Market	3:00 pm
			Sour Milk Competition*	Traditional Market	08:00 am
			Handicrafts Competition *	Traditional Market	08:00 am
	Sunday	18	Best Dates Competition - Submission of Al Dabbas	Traditional Market	08:00 am
	Monday	19	Best Dates Competition – Al Dabbas results	Traditional Market	08:00 am
	Tuesday	20	Best Dates Competition - Submission of Al Khalas	Traditional Market	08:00 am
	Wednesday	21	Best Dates Competition - Results of Al Khalas	Traditional Market	08:00 am
	Thursday	22	Best Dates Competition - Submission of Al Shishi	Traditional Market	08:00 am
	Friday	23	Best Dates Competition - Results of Al Shishi	Traditional Market	08:00 am
			Falcon Mazayna – Pure Shaheen category	Traditional Market	2:00 pm
Saturday	24	Best Dates Competition – Submission of Al Fara'd	Traditional Market	08:00 am	
		Falcon Mazayna – Pure Gyr category	Traditional Market	08:00 am	
		Falcon Mazayna – Pure Qarmoushah category	Traditional Market	08:00 am	
		Arabian Saluki Race - Pre Races (The Heats)	Camel Race track	1:00 pm	
Sunday	25	Best Dates Competition –Results of Al Fara'd	Traditional Market	08:00 am	
Monday	26	Ghanam Al Naim Mazayna	Site of Sheep Competition	08:00 am	
		Dates Packaging Competition - Submission	Traditional Market	08:00 am	
Tuesday	27	Purebred Arabian Horse Race	Camel Racetrack	4:00 pm	
		Ghanam Al Naim Mazayna	Site of Sheep Competition	08:00 am	
Wednesday	28	Dates Packaging Competition –Arbitration and results	Traditional Market	10:00 am	
Thursday	29	End of the Handicrafts Competition	Traditional Market		
		End of the Sour Milk Competition	Traditional Market		
		End of the Classic Cars Competition	Traditional Market		
		Arabian Saluki Race - Final Race	Camel Race track	2:00 pm	
			Dates Packaging Competition –Announcement of results	Camel Mazayna Area	

* Note: All these competitions end with the end of the activities

** Note: This competition runs from the 13th to the 16th of December, 2016

The Mahaleb Competition

The Mahaleb Competition is considered as a cornerstone among the Festival's activities. Camel milking, a part of the inherent heritage, reflects the relationship between the people of the region and camels. The Competition aims at selecting the milkiest camels and encouraging camel owners to buy them. Camel milk is considered as one of the most important food products provided by camels. In the past, this Competition was organised and held by tribes so as to learn about the best types of camel milk and its abundance.

The Competition runs over four days and includes Asayel, Majahim and hybrid camels. This competition is inspired by the Bedouin spirit that gives camels a prominent position in daily life. Bedouins, in fact, make great efforts to breed and feed camels so that they can get the best from them.

Conditions for Participation in the Mahaleb Competition

- Each Participant is entitled to take part in the competition with only one camel.
- The milk might be extracted by the owner or anyone approved by the owner.
- The container of the milk will be inspected by the jury.
- The camel must be clean and free from any diseases, especially brucellosis and MERS-CoV and fungal infections like scabies and favus.
- The breast should be clean, not hanging loosely, and nipples should be intact.
- The camels should not be under the influence of any unauthorised substances used to increase milk production.
- The participants are not allowed to feed the camels as the Festival will take charge of this.
- The camels will be inspected in specialised laboratories for substances used to increase milk production.
- Hybrid camels are not allowed in laps for Asayel.
- Khuwawir category cannot take part in the laps for the Urabi category.
- Um Thalith (a camel that gave birth three times) cannot participate in laps for Thanou or Um Thani (a camel that gave birth twice).
- Camels must carry an identification electronic chip (microchip).
- Camels that are infected with any transmitted disease or fungus are disqualified.
- Camels will be kept for the duration of the competition.
- Participants must leave the Mahaleb site, just after the end of the milking process.
- Any participant that misses the preset time for the competition (morning or evening) will be disqualified.
- The Organising Committee bears no responsibility for any harm that the camels may suffer during the period of custody.
- Participants under the age of 21 are not accepted.
- In case of any verbal abuse against the committees, the participant will be barred, denied any prizes, and referred to the competent authorities.
- In the event of discovery of any fraud or manipulation, the Committee will bar the participant, and retain his prizes, with no objection accepted.

For more information, please call Mr. Tayeb 0502333045 or Mr. Anbar 0502333046.

Terms for obtaining the Participation Card

- A copy of the passport or the ID.
- Two personal photos.
- Approval and commitment to the terms and rules of the competition.
- The participant must be 21 years old or more.
- The participant must be present personally to get his Participation Card.

For more information about the Participation Card, please call Mr. Hani: 0552880284

Timetable for all Mahaleb Laps

- Veterinary Examination: Saturday the 10th and Sunday the 11th of December, 2016.
- Registration: Sunday the 11th of December, 2016
- Entry: Monday the 12th of December, 2016 from 13:00 to 15:00
- Competition Date: From Tuesday, the 13th to Friday, the 16th of December

Mahaleb Laps

Urabi Lap (Asayel)

Position 1	Position 2	Position 3	Position 4	Position 5	Position 6	Position 7	Position 8	Position 9	Position 10
Nissan Pickup	30,000	28,000	26,000	24,000	22,000	20,000	18,000	16,000	14,000

Thanou Khuwawir Lap (Asayel)

Position 1	Position 2	Position 3	Position 4	Position 5	Position 6	Position 7	Position 8	Position 9	Position 10
Nissan Pickup	30,000	28,000	26,000	24,000	22,000	20,000	18,000	16,000	14,000

Majahim Lap

Position 1	Position 2	Position 3	Position 4	Position 5	Position 6	Position 7	Position 8	Position 9	Position 10
Nissan Pickup	30,000	28,000	26,000	24,000	22,000	20,000	18,000	16,000	14,000

Open Lap

Position 1	Position 2	Position 3	Position 4	Position 5	Position 6	Position 7	Position 8	Position 9	Position 10
Nissan Pickup	30,000	28,000	26,000	24,000	22,000	20,000	18,000	16,000	14,000

Falcon Mazayna

On the sidelines of Al Dhafra Heritage Festival, and in cooperation with Al Marzoum Protected Area for Hunting, the Falcon Mazayna competitions will be held on the 23rd and 24th of December in Al Gharbia region, Madinat Zayed , at the official site of Al Dhafra for the categories of Pure Shaheen, Pure Gyr, and Pure Qarmoushah.

Mazayna Categories and Dates

- Category of Pure Shaheen
23/12/2016
2:00 pm
- Category of Pure Gyr
24/12/2016
2:00 pm
- Category of Pure Qarmoushah
24/12/2016
2:00 pm

Conditions for Participation

- The Committee checks the falcon's category in the case of any suspicion.
- Falcons that don't carry an ID ring will not be allowed into the competition.
- Participants can take part with more than one falcon in the championship categories.
- The Committee's decisions are final and not subject to objection.

For more information, please call:
+97156-5872228/9

Prizes

Category	Position 1	Position 2	Position 3
Pure Gyr	75,000	50,000	25,000
Pure Qarmoushah	75,000	50,000	25,000
Gyr Shaheen	75,000	50,000	25,000



Arabian Saluki Beauty Contest Championship

By organising the Arabian Saluki Beauty Contest Championship, the Festival aspires to bestow an opportunity upon the Saluki owners to put on display their male and female salukis from the Smooth and Feathered categories.

The Arabian Saluki is considered as one of the oldest hounds in the world. Originating in the Arabian Peninsula, this hound breed can be traced to 13,000 years ago. Over thousands of years, the Bedouin population in the Arab region used the Saluki hounds and gave them significant care and attention, in recognition of their exceptional skills, intelligence and loyalty. In the harsh environment of the desert, the Salukis were used as hunters and watchdogs. At the same time, they were close companions of Bedouins, and part of the larger family. Considered as a key element of Arab heritage, the Salukis have always played a major role in the history of ancestors, including hunting, travelling, companionship and safety.

Categories and Dates

- Smooth category (Male & Female)
Friday 16/12/2016
3:00 pm
- Feathered category (Male & Female)
Saturday 17/12/2016
3:00 pm



Prizes

Category	Best In Show	Second In Show	Third In Show
Smooth/ males	15,000	10,000	5,000
Smooth/ females	15,000	10,000	5,000
Feathered/ males	15,000	10,000	5,000
Feathered/ females	15,000	10,000	5,000

Terms and Conditions

- The Saluki must be Arabian and pure-bred.
- Salukis from the two categories (Smooth and Feathered); both genders (male and female) and from different colors Light (white-Grey – Red) and Dark (brown, blue, black) can participate.
- The age of the participating Saluki must be over 1 year.
- Participation is open for the public and each participant must have no less than 4 Salukis.
- The participating Saluki must be free from diseases and disabilities, and given all the essential immunizations and medical vaccines.
- The Saluki must carry an identification electronic chip (microchip) to prove the ownership.
- The Saluki must be physically fit and free from disabilities.

Application for participation should be sent, with information about the Saluki and his owner via text message (sms) to Mr. Hamad Al Ghanem: +971509121266 or via mail to: events@salukiofarabioclub.net.

- **Information about the Saluki:**
name – age- line – gender – colour – chip number
- **Information about the owner:**
name – ID number – Participant name -- phone number – address – country

Arabian Saluki Traditional Race Championship (2000 metres)

The Arab Heritage Saluki Race, organised as part of the events of the Camel Mazayna, is one of the most popular competitions at the Festival. The Organising Committee stipulates a number of terms and conditions that must be respected for participation.

Races

- Qualifying race - six laps (3 laps for males / 3 laps for females)
- Final race "Challenge Race" two laps (one lap for males / one lap for females)

Date and Time of Races

Qualifying race: Saturday, 25/12/2016 – 1:00 pm

Final race: Wednesday, 28/12/2016 – 2:00 pm

Terms and Conditions

- The participating Saluki must be free from diseases and disabilities, and given all the essential immunizations and medical vaccines.
- Pregnant or breastfeeding Salukis are not accepted.
- The Saluki must carry an identification electronic chip (microchip) to prove the ownership.
- All winners must submit samples for tests just after the race. The results of non-tested Salukis will not be taken into consideration. Samples will be examined at laboratories. A Saluki and his owner can be banned according to the laws and regulations of the Abu Dhabi Sports Council (ADSC).
- Any violence or aggression against another Saluki can lead to expulsion, and annulment of results.
- The end result of the winning Saluki will be calculated from its departure from the starting line until its arrival at the finish line. The results of the Salukis that go out of the racetrack will not be taken into consideration.
- Participations will not be accepted after 23/12/2016.
- The winner of the top position at the Challenge Race will receive a 4 x 4 car for the male lap. The winner of the top position for the female lap will also collect a 4 x 4 car. There are also a number of valuable cash prizes for 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th positions.
- Application for participation in the race should be sent, with information about the Saluki and his owner via text message (sms) to Mr. Hamad Al Ghanem: +971509121266 or via mail to: events@salukiofarabioclub.net
- + Information about the Saluki: name – age- line – gender – colour – chip number
- + Information about the owner: name – ID number – phone number – address – country
- The Saluki must be Arabian and pure-bred.
- Impaired Salukis, with one or two ears cut are not accepted. The participating Saluki should be fit, with no diseases, disabilities or impairments.
- Salukis from the two categories (Reesh and Hoss) and both genders (male and female) can participate.
- The age of the participating Saluki must be over 1 year.
- Participation is open for the public and each participant must have no less than 2 Salukis

The Final Race (Challenge Race) – 2000 metres

Female Lap

Position 1	Position 2	Position 3	Position 4	Position 5
Four-wheel drive	30,000	20,000	5,000	5,000

Male Lap

Position 1	Position 2	Position 3	Position 4	Position 5
Four-wheel drive	30,000	20,000	5,000	5,000



Best Dates Competition and Dates Packaging Competition

As part of the events held within the framework of the 10th edition of Al Dhafra Festival, the Organising Committee presents the Best Dates Competition. The Committee believes in the importance of dates as a strategic product and seeks to provide constant support to the efforts of farmers in the UAE, and the region in general.

Dates are an essential part of the cultural and civilisational heritage of the UAE, and they constitute a cornerstone in the history of the Western Region, which is abound with the finest varieties of palm trees.

The Organising Committee specified four varieties of dates for participation in the Dates Mazayna, namely Dabbas, Fara'd, Khalas, and Shishi. The Committee also set a number of terms and conditions for participation in the Best Dates, and Dates Packaging competitions.

Dates Specifications:

- One participation cannot contain more than one variety per package
- Dates must be free from insect infestation, free from dead insects, their eggs, worms or leftovers.
- Dates must be free from any apparent imperfections.
- Dates must have no smell or unusual smell or taste, with no metal or sand impurities (scratch, sunburn and black spots)
- Dates must be of appropriate and acceptable size.
- The product should not contain unripe fruits.
- The product must be free from pesticide residues and chemical fertilizers (the winning entries will be checked in a laboratory).

Conditions and Terms:

- The dates must be from the local production of the United Arab Emirates.
- The dates must be from the production of the 2016 season.
- Half-ripe dates are not accepted in the competition.

- The production must be from the farm owned by the participant.
- The Participant must bring his agricultural land ownership documents for registration.
- The weight of the product should not be less than 5 kg.
- Dates must be provided in Mukhrafa (a basket made of palm leaves).
- Everyone is entitled to participate in only one competition, not counting the Dates Packaging competition.
- The jury's decisions are final and not subject to objections.

For more information, please call Mr. Nasser: 0506150022

Timetable for the Submission of Participations in the Dates Mazayna Competition

Sunday	Submission and arbitration for the category of Al Dabbas	18/12/2016
Monday	Announcement of Al Dabbas results	19/12/2016
Tuesday	Submission and arbitration for the category of Al Khalas	20/12/2016
Wednesday	Announcement of Al Khalas results	21/12/2016
Thursday	Submission and arbitration for the category of Al Shishi	22/12/2016
Friday	Announcement of Al Shishi results	23/12/2016
Saturday	Submission and arbitration for the category of Al Fara'd	24/12/2016
Sunday	Announcement of Al Fara'd results	25/12/2016
Monday	Submission for the Dates Packaging Competition	26/12/2016
Tuesday	Arbitration and announcement of results	27/12/2016

Prizes

Category	Position 1	Position 2	Position 3	Position 4	Position 5
Al Dabbas	25,000	15,000	10,000	5,000	5,000
Al Khalas	25,000	15,000	10,000	5,000	5,000
Al Shishi	25,000	15,000	10,000	5,000	5,000
Al Fara'd	25,000	15,000	10,000	5,000	5,000
Dates Packaging	25,000	15,000	10,000	5,000	5,000

Classic Cars Competition

On the sidelines of Al Dhafra Festival, the Organising Committee holds for the fifth time a competition for classic cars. The required criteria for participation in the competition include: The age of the car, its shape, model and current maintained status. In cooperation with the Abu Dhabi Classic Cars Club, the competition will be held from the 16th until the 28th of December, 2016 .

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Prizes

Category	Prize
Top position for the most fine-looking car at the Festival	15,000
Position(2) for the most fine-looking car at the Festival	7,000
Position(3) for the most fine-looking car at the Festival	3,000
Most luxurious classic car	2,000
Biggest classic car	2,000
Smallest classic car	2,000
Most fine-looking classic four-wheel drive	2,000
Limousine	2,000
Sports	2,000
Trucks	2,000
Most fine-looking heritage car	2,000
Most fine-looking saloon car	2,000



Purebred Arabian Horse Race

Terms and Conditions

- Only purebred Arabian horses, born in the UAE, (WAHO) are accepted.
- Participants should respect the departure time, in each lap. Those who won't respect the time for horse entry to the barrier stalls will be disqualified.
- In case of any violence or aggression against another participant in the course of the race, the results of the attacker and his horse will be revoked.
- Participating horses should enter from the preparation area. In case of any violation, results will be revoked.
- Participants should provide their horse permits and the ID of the owner.
- Prizes will be presented to the owner, only. In case of the owner's absence, the Race Committee will keep the prize.

Safety Conditions

- Participants should wear the required outfit: A vest, a helmet, glasses, appropriate shoes.
- Preparation and inspection of horses before entry to barriers stalls.

Conditions for Registration

- The owner must sign the Approval and Pledge Document and respect all the stated rules. The owner must provide accurate information for registration.
- Registration should be in the name of the owner, which appears on the horse permit. If this condition is not respected, the contestant will not be accepted.
- All participating horses should bear numbers.

- In the event of any violation of the rules, the Committee will disqualify the participant and ban him from all races of the current edition.
- Horses that are qualified at Madinat Zayed Racetrack are allowed to participate.

Timetable

- Date of the race: 26/12/2016
- Time: Preparation session begins at 14:00
- First lap begins at 16:00
- Time interval between two laps: 30 minutes
- The racetrack gates will be closed 10 minutes before the beginning of the lap.

For more information or registration, please call: 0508282330 / 0505662222

Prizes

Lap	Position 1	Position 2	Position 3
Al Dhafra Main Lap	20,000	15,000	10,000
Open Lap	15,000	10,000	7,000
Lap for Beginners	10,000	7,000	5,000



Ghanam Al Naim Mazayna

The competition will be held on the 25th and the 26th of December, 2016.

Conditions

- The participant should be the rightful owner of the cattle.
- Only 10 heads of cattle are allowed in the Jamal lap.
- In single laps, only one head of cattle will be accepted.
- Sheep that were not sorted by the judges will be disqualified.
- Only the sheep that had their wool shaved, at least one month before the competition, will be accepted.

Categories of the Competition

- Best male
- Best female
- Best Jatha (male)
- Best Jathaa (female)
- Open Lap (5 heads of cattle bred or bought)
- Jamal lap(10 heads of cattle bred or bought)

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Prizes

Category	Position 1	Position 2	Position 3	Position 4	Position 5
Best male	15,000	7,500	5,000	3,500	2,500
Best female	12,500	6,500	3,500	2,500	1,500
Best Jatha (male)	10,000	5,000	2,500	1500	1000
Best Jathaa (female)	10,000	5,000	2,500	1500	1000
Lap of Production category (5 heads of cattle)	17,500	10,000	6,500	3,500	2,500
Jamal lap(10 heads of cattle)	25,000	15,000	10,000	7,500	5,000

Sour Milk Competition

The competition will run over the whole period of the Festival, from the 17th to the 28th of December, 2016.

Day	Position 1	Position 2	Position 3
1st	2,500	1,500	1,000
2nd	2,500	1,500	1,000
3rd	2,500	1,500	1,000
4th	2,500	1,500	1,000
5th	2,500	1,500	1,000
6th	2,500	1,500	1,000
7th	2,500	1,500	1,000
8th	2,500	1,500	1,000
9th	2,500	1,500	1,000
10th	2,500	1,500	1,000
11th	2,500	1,500	1,000
12th	2,500	1,500	1,000

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The Handicrafts Competition

Type of Competition: The design and making of a cover for the winning camels at Al Dhafra Festival

- The competition will run over the whole period of the Festival, from the 17th to the 28th of December, 2016.
- Participants should make to measure a cover in a particular size for any of the winning camels (Haqqa, Luqyah, etc...).
- Inspired by the authentic Emirati heritage and a civilisational spirit, the cover must be exclusively handmade and decorated with heritage ornaments like "Al Tarabish" (tassels) , golden liras, Al Tellli (woven silvery and golden threads), Al Zari cloth, etc...
- Colours should be consistent, and in harmony with each other, and participants are advised to avoid the use of bright colours that might be inappropriate for the occasion. On one of its tips, each cover should bear the emblem of Al Dhafra Festival (2016).
- Participant have one week for the making and submission. The Committee of the Competition will announce the exact dates.

Terms and Conditions

- Participation is open for men and women or women who are taking part in the Traditional Market or women in general (The Committee decides on participations)
- Participation is exclusively open to Emirati nationals
- Age category: From the age of 20 to the age of 60

Prizes

Day	Position 1	Position 2	Position 3	Position 4	Position 5
1st	1,500	1,000	750	500	250
2nd	1,500	1,000	750	500	250
3rd	2,500	1,500	1,000	1,500	1,000
4th	2,500	1,500	1,000	1,500	1,000
5th	2,500	1,500	1,000	1,500	1,000
6th	2,500	1,500	1,000	1,500	1,000
7th	2,500	1,500	1,000	1,500	1,000
8th	2,500	1,500	1,000	1,500	1,000
9th	2,500	1,500	1,000	1,500	1,000
10th	2,500	1,500	1,000	1,500	1,000
11th	2,500	1,500	1,000	1,500	1,000
12th	2,500	1,500	1,000	1,500	1,000

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Al Dhafra Souq

The previous edition of Al Dhafra Festival witnessed the first phase of a major project when the Heritage Market was transformed into a permanent site, situated near the main platform of the Camel Mazayna (Beauty Contest) in Madinat Zayed in Al Gharbia (The Western Region). Once completed, the project will consist of 200 shops in addition to Majaless (sitting areas) and open theatres.

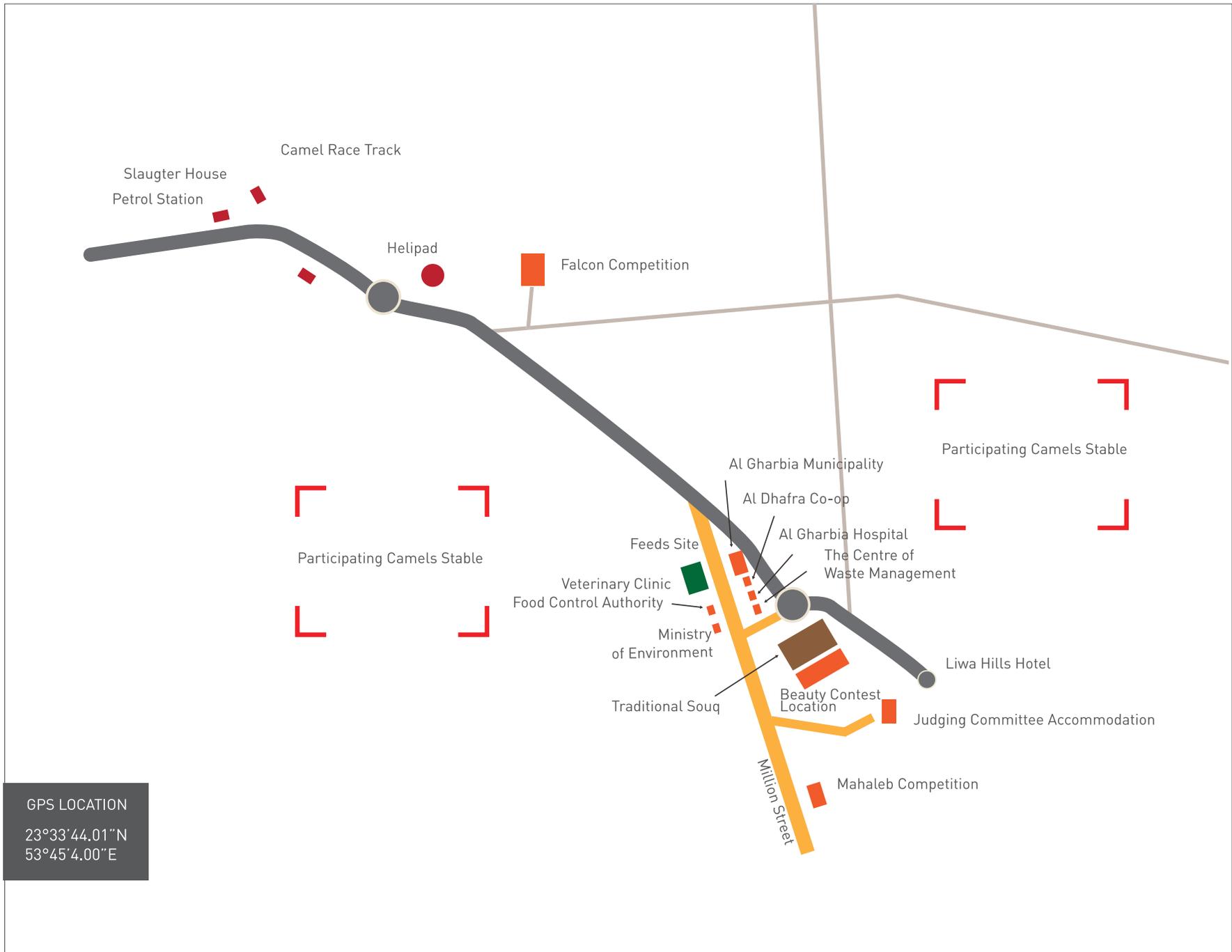
Over a total area of 48,000 square metres, the Market provides its visitors with a variety of services, parking lots, tourist buses, as well as high security and safety standards. At the Market, there is also a special section for exhibitors, sponsors and supporters and an educational village for the children, where they can learn and have fun. Another section is allocated to the display of the different aspects and details of the ancient way of life in the wilderness.



The creation of the Traditional Market dates back to the launch of the first edition of Al Dhafra Festival in 2008. The Market represents a vital platform that aims at preserving and promoting the Emirati handicrafts so as to ensure their survival in the long run.

In this context, the main objectives consist in raising awareness about the importance of this sector and encouraging the younger generation to practise these crafts. And so, the purpose of project is to improve the essential skills and supply the market with new products that fall in line with the different requirements of modernity. The traditional crafts and industries make, in fact, a dynamic economic sector that contributes to the generation and creation of job opportunities for large segments of the society, notably women.





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