



## **Al Maha Desert Resort & Spa FACT SHEET**

Al Maha Desert Resort & Spa nestles within the 225-square kilometre Dubai Desert Conservation Reserve (DDCR), one of the largest formally protected conservation reserves in the Gulf and internationally recognised.

Just 45 minutes from Dubai International Airport, Al Maha is a secluded haven, where both leisure and business travellers are assured privacy within the tranquillity of the desert. Al Maha has received a host of international accolades, including awards that highlight the world's finest hospitality venues, leading environmental designs, contributions to conservation and the protection of biodiversity.

Surrounded by some of the regions' most spectacular landscape, rich with protected wildlife and filled with experiences of traditional Bedouin pastimes, Al Maha offers a sophisticated, yet simple and serene experience to its guests, some 35 per cent of which are repeaters or referrals.

The resort does not accept day-visitors with in-house guests being the sole focus of the staff. With a ratio of three staff per suite, guests are assured of a skilled, professional and personalised service.

Recreating a Bedouin encampment spread across the vast dunes, this small, ultra-luxurious resort offers 42 individual suites, each with its own private, temperature-controlled swimming pool. Reflecting old-style Arabian architecture and with the largest private collection of original Arabian antiques and artworks in the Gulf, Al Maha is an important repository for over 2,000 historic and rare pieces of artwork, weaponry, traditional jewellery, and Bedouin handicrafts.

Sandstone floors, traditionally hand-plastered walls, herds of Arabian Oryx and Domani Gazelle, traditional falconry displays, and colourfully-bridled camels blend effortlessly with state-of-the-art boardroom and conference facilities, Bluetooth wireless technology, and the resort's uniquely formulated spa treatment products. A guest stay may be enhanced with the optional wildlife activities, desert safaris, guided nature walks, traditional falconry displays, archery, and camel and horse safaris.

Al Maha's numerous international awards and recognitions include most recently, being the only Leisure Hotel in Dubai within the Top 20 of Conde Nast's Readers Awards for the M.E., Africa and Indian Ocean regions for 2008; being named by National Geographic Adventure as one of the world's Top 50 Ecolodges; the World Legacy Award from National Geographic and Conservation International presented by Queen Noor of Jordan in Washington DC; the 8th Arab Cities Award for Architecture from the Arab Cities Organisation; inclusion in the exclusive Condé Nast Traveller (UK) 2006 Gold List; and recognition as the sole Dubai representative in the Condé Nast Traveller (UK) 2007 Top 20-Hotel List for Africa, Middle East and Indian Ocean Islands.

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