

## “Caravan Focus” – News from Orient Tours



### EVENTS

- DUBAI WORLD CUP (DWC), on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2011

### EXHIBITIONS AND ROADSHOWS

- ITB, Berlin, Germany, from 09<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> March 2011. Meet Orient Tours at the Dubai Tourism Stand and the Sharjah Tourism Stand.
- Seatrade, Miami, Florida, USA, from 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> March 2011. Meet Orient Tours at the Dubai Tourism Stand.
- Dubai Road Show in Far East 2011 (Malaysia, Indonesia & Philippines), from 04<sup>th</sup> to 08<sup>th</sup> April 2011. Meet Orient Tours at the Dubai Tourism stand.
- Arabian Travel Market (ATM) in Dubai, UAE, from 02<sup>nd</sup> to 05<sup>th</sup> May 2011. Meet Orient Tours at the Dubai Tourism Stand and Orient Tours Corporate Stand.

### NEWS FROM UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

<p><b>Ibn Battuta Gate Hotel (managed by Moevenpick Hotels)</b></p> 	<p><b>Location:</b> Sheikh Zayed Road  <b>Opened:</b> October 2010  <b>Category:</b> 5-star  <b>Guestrooms:</b> 396 guestrooms and suites.  <b>Guestroom facilities:</b> LCD television, internet, personal safe, tea/coffee maker and mini bar.  <b>Food &amp; Beverage Outlets:</b> all day dining restaurant, Indian restaurant, Italian restaurant, Chinese restaurant, Moroccan inspired lounge &amp; bar, the pastry shop, rooftop bar, Middle Eastern Shisha lounge and the nightclub.  <b>Leisure Facilities:</b> fully equipped gym, rooftop swimming pool, Spa, kids club, shuttle service to Oceana Beach Club and Ibn Battuta mall.  <b>Conference &amp; Meetings:</b> 3 ballrooms &amp; 6 meeting rooms.</p>
<p><b>Hotel JAL Tower Dubai</b></p> 	<p><b>Location:</b> Sheikh Zayed Road  <b>Category:</b> 5 star  <b>Opened:</b> November 2010  <b>Guestrooms:</b> 471 guestrooms and suites.  <b>Guestroom facilities:</b> LCD, internet and safe deposit box.  <b>Food &amp; Beverage Outlets:</b> Benkay, the Japanese restaurant; Al Muhallab, the Arabic seafood restaurant; IndoThai, the Asian restaurant, Celsius, the all day dining restaurant; IZUMI, the Lobby Lounge and Pool Bar.  <b>Entertainment &amp; Leisure:</b> gymnasium, spa, sauna &amp; steam rooms, rooftop swimming pools for adults &amp; children.</p>

**The Ritz-Carlton, Dubai International Financial Centre**



**Location:** Dubai International Financial Centre  
**Opened:** January 2011  
**Category:** 5 star  
**Guestrooms:** 341 guestrooms and suites. 124-one to four bedroom serviced apartments.  
**Guestroom facilities:** LCD television, internet, in-room safe, work area and mini bar.  
**Food & Beverage Outlets:** Can Can, the classic French Brasserie; Bluerain, the authentic Thai Restaurant; Centre Cut, the traditional steakhouse; the Cigar Bar and the Lobby Lounge.  
**Leisure Facilities:** Spa with 13 treatment rooms, sauna & steam rooms and a swimming pool.  
**Conference & Meetings:** a ballroom and 8 meeting rooms.

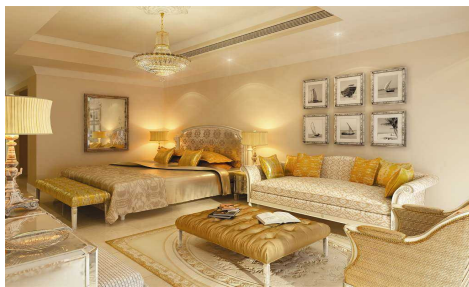
**Jumeirah Zabeel Saray**

**Location:** Palm Jumeirah, Dubai  
**Soft-opened:** 09<sup>th</sup> January 2011  
**Category:** 5-star deluxe



**Guestrooms:** 405 luxurious guestrooms and 38 luxurious villas.  
**Guestroom facilities:** balcony, internet, tea & coffee making facilities, iPod docking stations. Villa facilities include direct beach & lagoon pool, private pool and fully equipped kitchen.  
**Food & Beverage Outlets:** Amala, the Indian restaurant; C Club, the cigar lounge; Imperium, the all day dining restaurant (opened on 01<sup>st</sup> March 2011), Lalezar, the signature Turkish restaurant and Al Nafoorah, the Lebanese restaurant (to open on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2011)  
**Leisure Facilities:** fitness studio, fully equipped gym, 2 tennis courts, outdoor infinity pool with 2 Jacuzzis, children's pool, private beach, Mehteran, the theatre and event venue. The Talise Ottoman Spa with 42 treatment rooms, sauna & steam rooms, 3 Turkish Hammams, relaxation lounges and 2 indoor salt water swimming pools (opening soon).  
**Conference & Meetings:** 5 meeting rooms


**Kempinski Hotel & Residences Palm Jumeirah**



*Note: Work on the adjacent Emerald Palace is put on hold for the time being.*

**Location:** Western crescent of Palm Jumeirah  
**Soft-Opening:** Early July 2011  
**Category:** 5-star  
**Guestrooms:** 244 luxurious suites, penthouses & villas, all with sea or lagoon view, terrace, and a good number of which boast private swimming Pool and outdoor Jacuzzi.  
**Guestroom facilities:** living & dining room, fully equipped kitchen with a Maxi bar, Espresso coffee machine, wireless internet, LCD television, DVD and private safe.  
**Food & Beverage Outlets:** Il Palazzo, the international restaurant; Beach Bar & Grill will open later in the year.  
**Leisure Facilities:** Fitness centre, a private 500-meter white sandy beach, swimming pool and shaded children's pool, beach club and Kid's Club & playground.

<p><b>Grand Millennium Al Wahda Abu Dhabi</b></p> 	<p><b>Location:</b> Al Wadha Abu Dhabi  <b>Opened:</b> October 2010  <b>Category:</b> 5 star  <b>Guestrooms:</b> 585 guestrooms and suites. 124 serviced apartments.  <b>Food &amp; Beverage Outlets:</b> Al Wadha, the all day dining restaurant; Toshi, the Far Eastern restaurant; Portobello, the Italian restaurant; Porterhouse, the Grill &amp; Bar; Reflexions, the Chic Bar and the lobby lounge.  <b>Leisure Facilities:</b> spa, sauna, Jacuzzi &amp; steam rooms and fully equipped health club.  <b>Conference &amp; Meetings:</b> a variety of business and meeting facilities.</p>
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<p><b>The Westin Abu Dhabi Golf Resort &amp; Spa</b></p> 	<p><b>Location:</b> Abu Dhabi  <b>Soft-opening:</b> Mid July 2011  <b>Category:</b> 5 star  <b>Guestrooms:</b> 172 guestrooms and suites.  <b>Food &amp; Beverage Outlets:</b> all day dining restaurant, specialty Moroccan restaurant, cocktail lounge, café and pool restaurant.  <b>Leisure Facilities:</b> 2 squash courts, 27-hole Abu Dhabi Golf Club and Westin Heavenly Spa  <b>Conference &amp; Meetings:</b> 1 ballroom, 4 meeting rooms &amp; 1 boardroom.</p>
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## UPDATES FROM THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

<p><b>At.mosphere restaurant in Burj Khalifa</b></p> <p>At.mosphere the world's highest restaurant opened on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2011. Located on the 122<sup>nd</sup> floor of Burj Khalifa, the restaurant offers breathtaking views of Dubai on all sides. It is recommended that reservations are made well in advance, as the restaurant is now in high demand.</p>
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<p><b>Canadian Passport Holders</b></p> <p>Effective from 01<sup>st</sup> January 2011, Canadian Passport holders need to obtain a visa prior to travelling to the United Arab Emirates</p>
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<p><b>Bab Al Shams Desert Resort &amp; Spa The Meydan Hotel</b></p> <p>Since 01<sup>st</sup> January 2011, Bab Al Shams Resort &amp; Spa and The Meydan Hotel are managed by Meydan LLC. These two properties are no longer under the Jumeirah Group.</p>
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<p><b>Danat Al Ain Resort</b></p> <p>Danat Hotels &amp; Resort has taken over the management of the former Inter-Continental Al Ain Resort and the property is now re-branded as Danat Al Ain Resort.</p>
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<p><b>Khatt Springs Resort &amp; Spa</b></p> <p>Since January 2011, Khatt Springs Resort &amp; Spa is managed by Golden Tulip Hotels.</p>
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<p><b>Doubletree by Hilton Ras Al Khaimah</b></p> <p>The opening of the hotel is postponed to early April 2011.</p>
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### **Waldorf Astoria, Ras Al Khaimah**

Formerly known as Al Hamra Palace, the upcoming deluxe hotel within the premises of Al Hamra Village will be managed by Hilton and operated as Waldorf Astoria, Ras Al Khaimah. The 349-guestroom Arabian-themed palace hotel is scheduled to open in Q4 2011. More details on this hotel will follow in the next editions of our newsletter.

### **Volvo Ocean Race 2011 – 2012**

Abu Dhabi becomes the Middle East's first host port for the Volvo Ocean Race 2011-2012. The teams are expected to arrive in Abu Dhabi at the end of leg 2 on 01<sup>st</sup> January 2012. There will be a Pro-AM race on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2012 and in Port-Race on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2012 before they continue with the leg 3 from Abu Dhabi to Sanya, China. Abu Dhabi has also formed a team for the Volvo Ocean Race 2011-2012.

### **Radisson Blu Muscat**

The hotel has completed the soft refurbishment of its guestrooms in December 2010.

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