

# UAE Culture

Explore the rich traditions and cultural elements that shape Emirati identity. We'll delve into areas like poetry, music, henna, falconry, Bedouin life, clothing, and the unique concept of Majlis gatherings.

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# The Power of Arabic Poetry

## 1 Cultural Expression

Poetry reflects Arabic language, culture and beliefs.

## 2 Universal Appeal

Even non-Arabic speakers can appreciate the beauty of poetry.



# Music and Dance

## Khalili Music

Features instruments like the Tabl, Nay and Oud.

## Bedouin Folk Music

Emphasizes drums and tambourines in its rhythms.



# Ayyalah: A Traditional War Dance

1

## Rhythmic Movements

Swords or sticks used in rhythmic turns.

2

## Recited Poetry

Poetry is recited over the music, sometimes with women dancing separately.



# Henna: A Symbol of Emirati Culture



## Ancient Origins

Used for dyeing skin, leather, and textiles since the Bronze Age.



## Celebration

Worn for weddings, special occasions, and even just for fun.

# Falconry: A Cultural Symbol

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## Ancient Tradition

Dates back at least to 3500 BC in the Arab region.

2

## National Emblem

Became a cultural symbol of the UAE.

3

## Global Popularity

50% of all falconers today come from the Middle East.



# Bedouin Culture: A Founding Pillar

## Desert Dwellers

The word Bedouin means 'desert dweller' in Arabic.

## Rich Traditions

Bedouin culture is one of the founding pillars of Emirati society.

## Hospitality

Bedouins are known for their hospitality and generosity.



# Traditional Emirati Attire

1

Abaya

Long cloak covering most of the body.

2

Kandura

Long, white robe for men.

3

Gutrah

Traditional headscarf for men.

