

Sir Bani Yas Island, Abu Dhabi, UAE

Sheikh Zayed's private island turned wildlife sanctuary delivers an extraordinary double act: a purpose-built cruise beach with free sun loungers and cold drinks, minutes from a savannah where giraffes and Arabian oryx roam free.

-  Pier (dedicated cruise pier, 2022)
-  Typical call: 7-9 hrs
-  Cruise card — no cash needed
-  Arabic / English
-  Wildlife & beach

🍹 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Dedicated cruise pier (opened Feb 2022); occasional tender for some ships

Best For: Beach relaxation, wildlife safaris, nature, families

Pier to beach: ~500-800 m flat walk; free golf carts and trams run continuously

Don't Miss: Arabian Wildlife Park 4x4 safari — giraffes, cheetahs & Arabian oryx

 Getting around:  **Rideshare** ❌ not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Arabian Wildlife Park 4x4 Safari** — A 1.5-hour open-vehicle drive through the reserve, home to 17,000+ animals: giraffes, cheetahs, Arabian oryx...
- **Mangrove Kayaking** — Paddle through lush mangrove channels teeming with birdlife — pink flamingos, herons, and kingfishers — in calm...
- **Ancient Christian Monastery Ruins** — The UAE's only known pre-Islamic Christian site dates to around 600 AD — ruins of a monastery, church, and courtyard.
- **Mountain Biking & Land Sailing** — Guided mountain bike trails through the island's rugged red-dirt interior, or try land sailing — three-wheeled...
- **Cruise Beach Day** — The free cruise beach offers thousands of loungers, umbrellas, calm warm swimming, volleyball, football, and a...

BEST WALKS

- **Beach Promenade & Flamingo Lagoon Walk** Easy · 2-3 km · 40 min — Stroll from the Welcome Centre along the beach resort path toward the quiet zone, looping past the mangrove edge where flamingos often...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:08AM–6:51PM · Jun 5:41AM–7:19PM · Aug 6:04AM–7:03PM · Sep 6:16AM–6:33PM · Oct 6:27AM–6:02PM	
Apr	79°	75°	1d		
Jun	91°	87°	0d		
Aug	95°	91°	0d		
Sep	93°	89°	0d		
Oct	88°	85°	0d		

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Sun protection is essential. Shade on the beach is limited. Bring SPF 50+, a wide-brim hat, and sunglasses — the UAE sun is fierce year-round.
- Leave cash on the ship. Everything on the island — drinks, excursions, treatments — is charged to your cruise card. AED is not