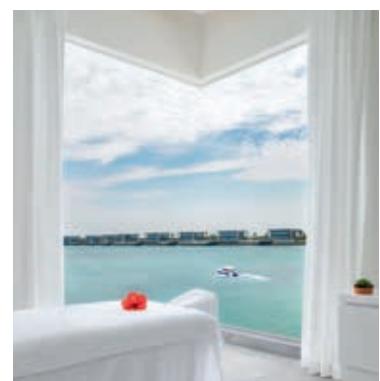


Zaya Nurai Island

ABU DHABI, UAE



Just a 10-minute boat ride off the shores of Abu Dhabi, Zaya Nurai Island is one of the Middle East's hidden gems. Populated by a handful of private residences and a boutique hotel, the exclusive private island is perfect for high-profile travellers seeking privacy or looking to play castaway.

Typically, visitors are overnight guests of the hotel or day pass visitors, but some hire out the whole island. Still, there's something for everyone on Zaya Nurai Island. Water-based activities on offer include fishing trips, snorkelling, wakeboarding and jet skiing, and there's even a wave machine for the little ones.

On land, there's even more to do with the Smokin' Pineapple beach club carving out a name for itself as a top party spot. Its DJ sets, cocktails, hammocks, sea swings and cushions form a recipe for unmatched daytime partying. Guests seeking shoreside peace can make their way around the island by foot, bike, or buggy, passing the tennis courts, open-air cinema or stopping off at Ginger Mermaid's infinity pool for one of its famous sushi boats, enjoying sweeping vistas of the Arabian Gulf.

There's a world-class spa with a relaxation area that offers some of the island's most jaw-dropping views. Massages are offered in glass-walled private pavilions above the water and their therapeutic treatments are second to none.

Island dining is also an indulgent activity in itself. For Nurai Island's guests, customisation is key. This might mean a shoreside picnic, personally prepared by the head chef, a beachfront sunset dinner for two or champagne breakfast brought straight to the boudoir.

The island's restaurants also cater to most culinary whims — fresh fish is on the menu at the Eastern Mediterranean-inspired Hooked; all-day internationally inspired fare is served at Frangipani; while artisanal cheeses and handpicked wines are available at Book Cellar.

The 32 beach, estate and water villas each have their own pool and beachfront location. They also come stocked with treats such as organic wines, pink lemonade and even an underwater camera. Airy interiors and the addition of locally sourced art add to Zaya Nurai's calming ambiance.

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KEY FACILITIES

- 32 villas with a private pool
- Five restaurants and bars
- Private beaches
- Nurai Spa
- Activity centre
- Private boat transfer

KEY ACTIVITIES

- Fishing
- Wakeboarding
- Jet skiing
- Snorkelling

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