

# TEE-OFF IN RAS AL KHAIMAH GOLF FACT SHEET



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Ras Al Khaimah offers exclusive golf coursesand events that have established the nature-based Emirate as a leading destination for lovers of the great game.

A world-class destination for leisure and business travel, Ras Al Khaimah, has played host to several prestigious and regional sporting events over the past years, which all play a significant role in boosting the Emirate's tourism. With award-winning golf clubs and world-class events such as UAE Tour and the Ras Al Khaimah Championship – the Emirate is growing its popularity as a premium golfing destination in the region.

#### **World-Class Golf Events**

The Emirate has hosted leading international championships, welcoming the DP World Tour (formerly known as the European Tour) tournament for the first time in February 2022, which was televised in 154 countries, followed by the Ras Al Khaimah Classic, a rare double-header in the DP World Tour's Middle East swing, where some of the world's biggest golf stars battled it out at the Al Hamra Golf Club. Ras Al Khaimah played host to the UAE finals of the World Amateur Golf Championships in September 2022 and saw the return of the OP World Tour for a second running at Al Hamra Golf Club in February 2023, further building the emirate's popularity as a premium golfing destination in the region.

#### **Award-Winning Golf Clubs**

## **Al Hamra Golf Club**

The Al Hamra Golf Club, located in the Al Hamra village, features stunning views of the Arabian Gulf and Hajar mountain range that provides a backdrop for the 18-hole championship golf course. This world-class course offers a fun and challenging game to golfers of all levels. The Par-72 Championship course by Peter Harradine has been carefully sculpted to meander around four interconnected open water lagoons merging seamlessly with the water of the Arabian Gulf. The front nine measuring 3,578 yards makes its way out and away from the Clubhouse, whilst the back nine measuring 3,747 yards returns home around the lagoon to the Clubhouse. With five varying tee options on each hole, golfers of all abilities are able to get the most from their golfing experience. The club hosts three teaching academies as well as private lessons for all age groups.

With the short daylight hours, Al Hamra Golf Club uses the latest zero pollution floodlights to offer golfers the ability to play into the night. Using a combination of the front nine and back nine championship courses, a composite 9-hole course is created, providing the perfect option for players after work or for the true golf enthusiast who just can't get enough.

Additional facilities include the Al Hamra Golf Club Gym, fitted with the latest Technogym equipment for both cardiovascular and weight training exercise. The Al Hamra's Golf Shop, offers the latest clothing, accessories and equipment from some of golf's premier brands, including Taylor Made, Ping, Titleist and Callaway.



For golfers looking to fuel up or unwind post-golf can visit Maison Mathis or The Bay. Considered by many as the 19th hole, the bar serves as the perfect meeting place before or after golf. Guests can watch live sports while enjoying their favourite tipple or relax on the terrace overlooking the 18th green.

Al Hamra Golf Club is also conveniently located in close proximity to world-class hotels including Waldorf Astoria Ras Al Khaimah, Ritz-Carlton Al Hamra Beach Resort, Al Hamra Residences and Village, Hampton by Hilton Marjan Island, Radisson Resort Ras Al Khaimah and DoubleTree by Hilton Ras Al Khaimah, all offering attractive 'Stay & Play' packages. Also nearby is the award-winning Al Hamra International Exhibition & Conference Centre making it perfect for MICE and corporate groups.

#### **Tower Links Golf Club**

Tower Links Golf Club, located in the heart of the city, first opened in 2004 and was designed by landscape architect Gerald Williams. The diverse course features a driving range, putting & chipping greens and a teaching tee. The par 72, 7098 yard, 18-hole course caters to golfers of all standards, The professional course presents four tee boxes and sandy waste areas that allow both amateurs and professional players a more challenging game.

Considered the most natural golf course in the UAE, Tower Links is framed by the spectacular Hajar mountains, nutrient-rich mangroves and terracotta sand dunes. The protected mangrove reserve provides a safe haven for many aquatic and bird species, including the pale pink flamingo synonymous with Ras Al Khaimah. The natural beauty of the surroundings presents unique golfing challenges ensuring players have an unforgettable experience.

Tower Link Golf Club also has a spa available for non-golfers or for those players who need muscle relief after a strenuous game. The 19th hole, Links Restaurant, has impressive views of the verdant oasis and serves delicious food from the Middle East, Asia and the Mediterranean. The Bunker Lounge shows sporting events live from around the globe and features darts and pool.

Conveniently located nearby are comfortable city hotels including Hilton Garden Inn, Citymax Hotel Ras Al Khaimah and Action Hotel as well as the stunning Hilton Ras Al Khaimah Beach Resort with the longest beach in the Emirate with 1.5 kilometres of sandy shores.

## **Upcoming Mountain Golf Adventures**

#### **Jais Mini-Golf**

Launching in 2023, visitors can enjoy a fun family-friendly golfing experience atop Jebel Jais, the UAE's highest peak. Created by Al Hamra Golf Course and internationally recognised Troon Design and Development, experience a nine-hole mini-golf putting course set against majestic mountain vistas at the Jais Viewing Deck Park. The park spans a ridge and features seven viewing decks with 12 powerful binoculars that command unparalleled panoramas of the Hajar mountain range and swooping valleys. To keep guests fueled throughout the day, Puro Express and Muse Café also serve up a delicious selection of snacks and drinks.

Nestled amongst the wilderness of the rugged mountains as one of the world's highest golf attractions, blending seamlessly with the natural landscape, Jais Mini-Golf offers an interactive experience where players can practice their skills on their own or with friends and family, competing in themed challenges.

To find out more about Jais Mini-Golf, please contact +971 4 815 7333, email <u>info@visitjebeljais.com</u>, visit <u>visitjebeljais.com</u> or follow <u>@jais adventure park.</u>

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## **About Ras Al Khaimah Tourism Development Authority (RAKTDA)**

The Ras Al Khaimah Tourism Development Authority (RAKTDA) was established in May 2011 under the government of Ras Al Khaimah. RAKTDA aims to develop the Emirate's tourism infrastructure and



establish Ras Al Khaimah as a world-class destination for leisure and business travel, creating sustainable investment opportunities and enhancing the quality of life for its residents. In order to achieve its goals, the Authority has a government mandate to license, regulate and monitor the Emirate's tourism and hospitality industry.

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