



This weekend we needed to get away, but not too far away, and so the Al Raha Beach Hotel on the outskirts of Abu Dhabi served wonderfully as a home base for a relaxing, hassle-free weekend!

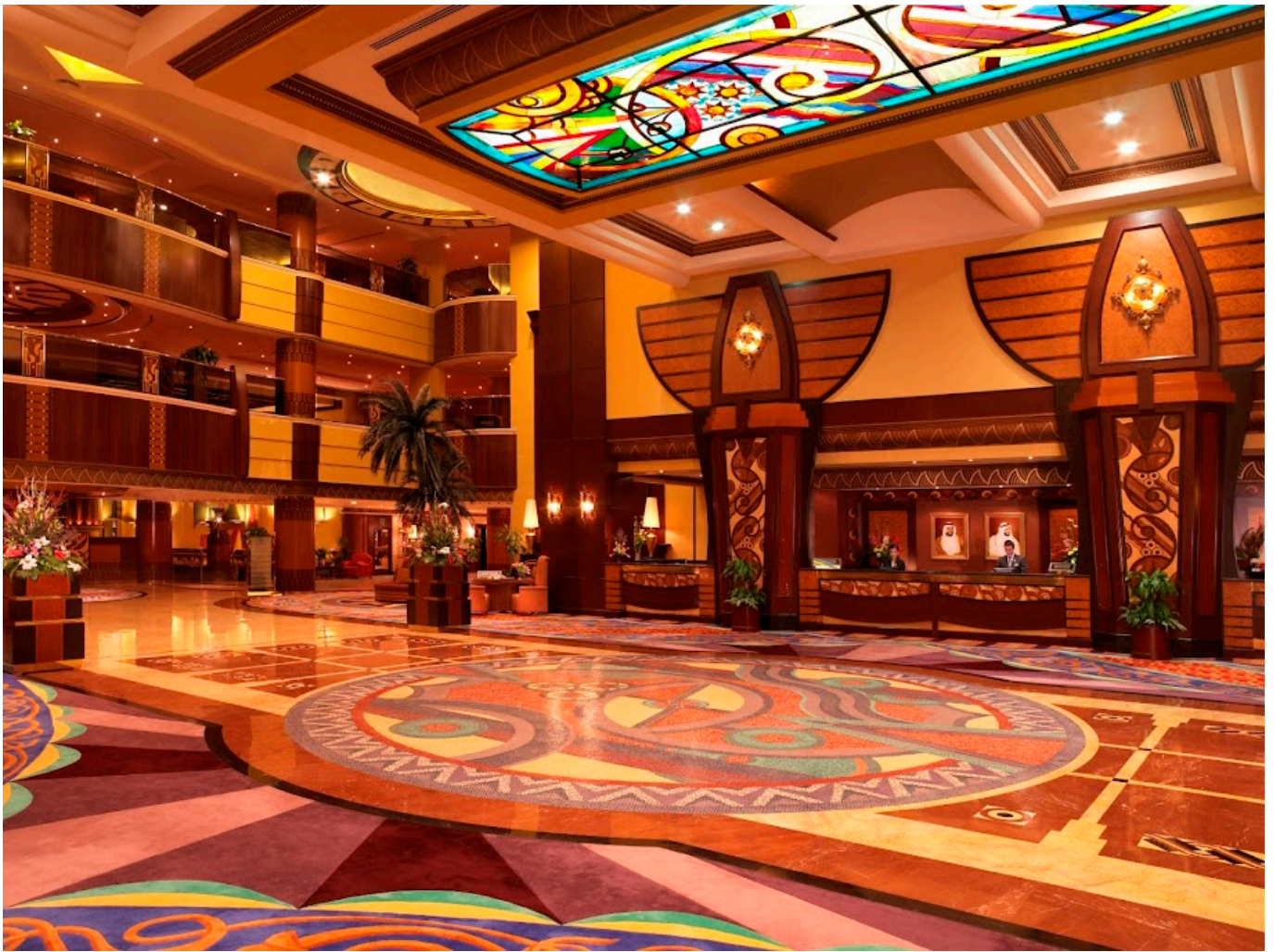
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Al Raha Beach Hotel works for that quick, spontaneous break for Abu Dhabi residents - without the long drive or advanced preparations - and also as a convenient place to stay for visitors to the capital.

As for visitors from Dubai, Al Raha Beach Resort is only 40 minutes away from you!



Our room was compact, but well appointed with everything needed by the discerning guest. There are Suites, and Grand Suites, and Executive Suites, and Junior Suites, and you best ask because there is a room for everyone at Al Raha! Particularly, the 24 villas with 2, 3, or 4 bedrooms seemed to offer a great family vacation.



The lobby is vibrantly decorated, and a bit of a shock to the senses as you enter, but it does portray the fun and adventure Al Raha has been set up to be!

It does not quite announce what we found the Al Raha Beach Hotel to be best at - and that is a fabulous oasis of relaxation in the busy city.







Although there are business amenities and state of the art event facilities, and happy hours and quizzes at The Black Pearl piano bar, and all sorts of entertainment and shopping nearby, the Body & Soul spa is what capped off a fabulous stay for us.

After a Thursday night to wind down, the lazy weekend morning soaking in the jacuzzi and steaming in the
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sauna, followed by an excellent and vigorous massage by a true professional Thai masseuse, all our worries and stress had been kneaded away, and still we had a second night to look forward to - hint: ask for the weekend deals!



The restaurants are ten, the meeting rooms seven, and the grand ballrooms are three. Never a dull moment!

The Sevilla restaurant served an international buffet, while a harpist played in the lobby nearby. And a table outside offers a charming ambience overlooking the large swimming pool and landscaped gardens.



The neighborhood is growing fast, and it appears that a magical mega-project is underway. I suppose one may predict that within a few years Al Raha Beach Hotel will be at the heart of a splendid waterfront recreational development.





The Al Raha Beach Hotel waterway offers smooth sailing and water sports, as well as land-based fun for both kids and adults!



The nearby villa complex has its own pool and lounging area.



All in all, Al Raha Beach Hotel offers a private and easy weekend get-away from the city: its convenient location is unbeatable, and the weekend deals are awesome value - so when the urge knocks, just throw a quick bag in the car and drive right out to the Al Raha Beach, where you are both close to everything and far away from everything at the same time.



The Al Raha Beach Hotel is managed by Danat Hotels & Resorts, a division of the National Corporation for Tourism & Hotels: [Hotel booking information](#)