

Al Maryah Island – New Year’s Eve 2018

FAQs

LOGISTICAL FAQs

Q: What time does the event start?

Doors open at 5 pm, the concerts kick-off at 9 pm starting with Myriam Fares and ending with Amr Diab. A spectacular fireworks display will take place at mid-night, with the event coming to a close at 1 am.

Q: How long will the fireworks display last?

8 minutes.

Q: What will be on offer for visitors to Al Maryah Island?

This year, we’re inviting residents and visitors to usher in 2019 with a star-studded music spectacular, the biggest celebration in the capital this New Year’s Eve. Visitors are welcome to the island to celebrate with Award-winning singer Amr Diab, and Lebanese superstar, Myriam Fares, as they perform live in on the waterfront Promenade at Al Maryah Island.

Q: Is the event free?

The event is free and open to all visitors. Entry to the main concert area is on a first-come, first-served basis. Prime spots will fill up quickly and guests are encouraged to arrive early. However, everyone is guaranteed a fantastic view thanks to large floating screens out on the water, ensuring no one misses a second of this electrifying evening.

Q: Are there any activities planned for children?

The event caters to families, children included.

Q: Which musical acts will be performing?

Al Maryah Island will host the biggest celebration in the capital this New Year’s Eve, with live performances from Amr Diab and Myriam Fares in the build-up to the New Year countdown.

Q: Will there be food and beverage outlets available?

A range of outlets are available at Al Maryah Island. From casual dining at The Galleria, to five-star feasts at Rosewood Abu Dhabi and Four Seasons Hotel Abu Dhabi. Restaurants require reservations due to popular demand and a valid booking reservation must be presented on the night to gain entry.

Q: Will shops be open at The Galleria on Al Maryah Island?

Visitors can enjoy a wide array of shopping and dining outlets at The Galleria until 10 pm.

Q: Where is Al Maryah Island?

Al Maryah Island is in the heart of Abu Dhabi located across from Abu Dhabi Mall between Al Reem Island and Mina Zayed.

Q: Can I get there by public transport?

Al Maryah Island is easily accessible by public transport and within a short distance from most areas around the city of Abu Dhabi. Visitors are advised to use the public bus where possible, as the availability of parking spaces is limited to 5,000 cars. The following bus routes run via Al Maryah Island:

- 040 between Al Maryah Island and Khalifa South
- 005 between Al Marina and Al Maryah Island
- 052 between Al Maryah Island and Zayed Sports City

Q: Can I travel by car?

The event offers parking spaces for up to 5,000 cars. Visitors should arrive early to secure a space or use public transportation services such as buses or taxis. Once car parks reach their full capacity, access to Al Maryah Island will be limited to taxis and emergency vehicles only. However, pedestrian access will continue to be allowed throughout the night.

Q: Can I valet my car at Rosewood Abu Dhabi or Zuma?

Valet services at Rosewood Abu Dhabi and Zuma will only be available for guests staying at the hotel or have valid restaurant bookings. All guests should arrive early to ensure access to Al Maryah Island, which will be limit the access of cars traveling to the island, (except public transportation and taxi) once car parks reach their full capacity. The Galleria's valet services will not be available on 31 December.

Q: Is valet service available?

There is no public valet service for the concert event on Al Maryah Island. Valet services at Rosewood Abu Dhabi and Four Seasons Hotel Abu Dhabi will only be available for guests staying at the hotels or valid restaurant bookings. All guests should arrive early to ensure access to Al Maryah Island, which will be limit the access of cars traveling to the island, (except public transportation and taxi) once car parks reach their full capacity. There will be no valet service at The Galleria on Al Maryah Island on the night.

Q: Is parking available at the main event area?

The event offers parking spaces for up to 5,000 cars. Visitors should arrive early to secure a space or use public transportation services such as buses or taxis. Once car parks reach their full capacity, access to Al Maryah Island will be limited to taxis and emergency vehicles only. However, pedestrian access will continue to be allowed.

Q: Will there be any road closures in place?

There may be road closures later in the evening, as midnight approaches and, car parks reach their full capacity. Access to Al Maryah Island will be limited to taxis and emergency vehicles only, and pedestrian access.

However, Zayed the First St (Rosewood), Hamdan Bin Mohammed St (Four Seasons) Bridges as well as the roads across Zayed the First St and Hamdan Bin Mohammed St from Reem Island will be closed on December 31st and only 10th Street and Al Falah Street will be open for traffic.

Q: Can I walk to the event?

Pedestrians can walk to the event, however, if capacity at the venue is reached, pedestrian access will be restricted.

Q: What is the best location to view the fireworks?

The best locations to view the fireworks will be North and South of the Abu Dhabi Global Market Square, and the Promenade.

Q: This is meant to be a family event. Why are strollers prohibited?

To avoid congestion along the Promenade, it will be kept chair- and stroller-free on December 31st. A designated stroller park area will be available so guests with young children can store their strollers securely, and join the celebrations. Families can also watch the fireworks at vantage points in Abu Dhabi Global Market Square North and South. Strollers will be collected from 3:00pm onwards.

Q: Where is the stroller parking located?

A stroller park will be setup inside The Galleria for guests at North and South Car Park at the bottom of left of the escalators

Q: Will there be alcohol available?

Alcohol will only be available in licensed premises that require pre-booking at Rosewood Abu Dhabi and the Four Seasons Hotel Abu Dhabi. Only visitors with valid reservations can access these venues. UAE laws and regulations relating to alcohol consumption will apply, and absolutely no alcoholic beverages will be tolerated on The Promenade, in Abu Dhabi Global Market Square or areas outside of licensed premises.

Q: Won't it be crowded?

We are working with relevant government entities in Abu Dhabi to ensure all our guests enjoy a safe and pleasant celebration. Once the Promenade and car parks reach capacity, access to Al Maryah Island will be limited, in the interest of the health and safety of visitors.

Q: Where can I find toilets?

Please note that toilets are located inside The Galleria on Al Maryah Island

Q: Where can I get information?

You can obtain further information at the information desk located inside The Galleria. Alternatively, you may reach out to us through Instagram and Facebook on @AlMaryahIsland, and our website www.almaryahisland.ae.

Q: Are there any time restrictions for the event?

New Year's Eve on Al Maryah Island is a very popular event and operates on a first-come, first-served basis. Once the Promenade, Abu Dhabi Global Market Square North and South, and the car parks reach full capacity, access to the Island will be restricted.

Q: Where can I find the LED screens to watch the show?

Screens across the Promenade will be available for you to enjoy the celebrations.

Tickets

Q: Should I register my kids as well to enter the main concert area?

No registration is needed as the event is free to attend. Entry to the main concert area is on a first-come, first-served basis. Prime spots will fill up quickly and guests are encouraged to arrive early. However, everyone is guaranteed a fantastic view thanks to large floating screens out on the water, ensuring no one misses a second of this electrifying evening.

Q: Where can I find out further information?

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