

Manama *urban guide*

Dining

Zoe

Laid-back lounge slash restaurant Zoë, is designed to resemble a Manhattan loft – and it strikes all the right notes with the stylish trendy crowd.

A great spot to visit for people with different outlooks: those who are looking for a quick, yet luxurious lunch, or those who are looking for a relaxed dinner before hitting one of the city's many renowned nightclubs, or even if you are just looking to chill out with friends over a cup of coffee.

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Hotel

Banyan Tree

This luxurious hotel and resort located in Al-Areen, is probably the most exquisite hotel in Bahrain – The Banyan Tree hotel chain is known for its prestigious standards and exclusive status, and it lives up to its reputation with its recent addition to the global chain – Banyan Tree Al-Areen.

Banyan Tree Al-Areen is a forty five minute drive from the international airport, which provides the guests of the retreat a truly relaxing serene experience away from the city's everyday busy life.

Banyan Tree Hotel,
Al Areen resort.

Manama is one of the region's upcoming destination. With an influx of international and regional visitors to the city, Manama is trying to lead by having a strong infrastructure for growth and development. As most regional cities, construction is everywhere. The country is constantly renovating, building, developing. However being one of the oldest cities, and even being enscripted in the Islamic chronicles, there is a lot preserved in buildings and tradition. Other than what is currently being developed, Manama has quite a bit to offer its visitors. The city is more quality driven and focuses towards services, amenities, businesses, culture and other issues. With that you will find within the older part of Manama local galleries, artists, domestic artworks and many more being shared with bystanders and visitors.

Escape

Hawar Resort

Hawar Resort is built on Hawar Islands, a body comprised of sixteen islands – and because the resort is located outside the main island, the only way to get there is by a forty five minute boat ride from Ad-Dur Jetty on the main island (which is a forty minute drive from central Manama). The isolated location of the resort, is perfect for those looking for a real retreat experience.

www.hawarresort.com



Place

La fontaine

A masterpiece of architectural beauty, La Fontaine is the city's epitome of artistic bliss. The renovated house of Alireza family, dates back to more than a hundred years. The gorgeous building was refurbished by French artist Jean Marc Sinan, into an elaborate centre of arts.

The centre, although specializing in holding contemporary art exhibitions, also has a spa, an upscale restaurant, an out-doors amphitheater and a Pilates/dance studio, the first of its kind in the region.

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Sightseeing

Bahrain Fort

Qalat al Bahrain is one of the few Middle East cities with a UNESCO heritage site. The entry tower (called tell) will testify to continuous human presence from about 2300 B.C. to the 16th century A.D.

Bahrain fort, Manama

Shopping

Manama Souq

The Manama Souq is located within the old part of the city. A traditional market, the souq offers a mind blowing selection of goods.

With its traditional architecture, of narrow roads and little shops – you'll find the Manama Souq after passing through Bab Al-Bahrain (Gate of Bahrain) – one of Bahrain's historical sites, built in the 1940's by the British. A visit to the souq is both a shopping experience and a sightseeing experience in itself – in addition to the old fashioned stores, there are some modern ones.

Manama Souq, Bab Al Bahrain

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