

VISIT AL NOOR MOSQUE



Al Noor Mosque is the first mosque in Sharjah to be visited by non-Muslims within a guided tour that informs about the pillars of Islam and cultural aspects of life in the UAE. Photography and videography are permitted during the Mosque visit.

Public Visit:

**Mondays & Thursdays
(10:00 AM – 11:00 AM)**

Private Visit:

Sun – Thu (upon request)

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Sharjah, the capital of Culture in the UAE has more than 1400 Mosques, but Al Noor Mosque is regarded as the most famous.

The word “Noor” in Arabic means “light”. Al Noor Mosque stands majestically beside Khalid Lagoon on Buhaira Corniche facing the Majaz district, which makes a charming landscape.



The neighborhood of Khalid Lagoon on Buhaira Corniche, where Al Noor Mosque is located, is an unhackneyed one. Towering buildings with shiny outer surfaces abound the spick and span surroundings. The infrastructure and settings around this area in Sharjah are all very contemporary, yet this mosque of Ottoman-Turkish architecture beautifully blends in.



Al Noor Mosque was built by the order of Her Highness Sheikha Jawaher bint Mohammed AlQassimi, the wife of the ruler of Sharjah. Construction of the Mosque started on 6th April 2003 and was completed 2 years later in 2005. It can host 2200 people in total for prayer (1800 in the men's section and 400 in the ladies section).



One of the eye catching features of the exterior is the elegant cascading domes, of which there are 35 in total. The central dome is surrounded by several half domes and finally at each corner by four small cupola domes.



The domes at Al Noor Mosque are constructed from concrete cladding which is called GRC (glass fiber reinforced concrete).

The domes were made in segments and decorated prior to being assembled on the site. Each of these segments in its singular form is very light in weight.



The interior of the domes are highly decorated with a combination of floral, geometric and other interlaced patterns. These arabesque patterns are made up of a number of repeated geometric elements.

When standing beneath the chandeliers, they appear floral in shape. They do not detract from the interior decorations but rather complement to Al Noor Mosque's beautiful interior.



The central dome of the mosque weighs approximately 100 tones and is supported by 4 main marble pillars.
The interior of the dome reaches a height of 31.5 meters and is beautifully lit with stained glass windows.



The main entrance is flanked on both sides by two graceful minarets which soar into the sky at a height of 52 meters. There are three suspended arches at front of the Mosque which are popular in Islamic design.

Al Noor Mosque minarets are fluted, cylindrical and pencil like in shape with no balconies and are typical of the Ottoman design, each is delicately decorated with geometric designs and crowned with a conical peak.



The interior (prayer hall) is spectacular and large, but peaceful and serene open space with arches, pillars and small columns which are intricate decorated.

Marble that was sourced from Italy and India is an aspect on the interior walls and pillars. The complex arabesque decorative patterns on the walls and ceilings were made from gypsum, and the coloring is white to off white with some elements of gold and pale pink.



The use of calligraphy in Islamic architecture could be dated from the 7th century Common Era.

There are nine panels located around the mosque that are adorned with calligraphic inscriptions from the Holy Quran in the Thuluth style.

كُلُّ خَلْقٍ عَلَيْنَا زَكَاةٌ يَا أُولِي الْأَلْبَابِ فَإِنَّ خِلَافَتَنَا لَكُم مَّخْفُوفَةٌ وَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الرَّافِقُونَ

The Mihrab is the indentation in the back wall of the mosque which is the direction of the qiblah facing Mecca.

It is almost shaped like a small doorway and is a notable feature carved in marble with stalactite sculptured design with gold ornamentation.

Above the Mihrab there is a verse from the Holy Quran written in calligraphy.



The Minbar (pulpit) is the small raised platform with steps, on the front right hand side area of the mosque, next to the Mihrab.

This is where the Imam (Prayer Leader) gives the Khutbah (Friday sermon) to the congregation.



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