

DNHG Overnight Trip to the Al Dhafra Bedouin & Camel Festival in Madinat Zayed
Anytime between 18-30 December 2015

Ali, one of the organisers of Al Dhafra Bedouin Festival in Madinat Zayed, close to the Liwa has invited DNHG members to attend the Festival.

Those interested in going should contact Ali (050 4411269) and mention DNHG/Sonja.

The festival continues until 30th December.

More information at:

<http://www.aldhafrafestival.ae/?lang=en>

From the National:

The festival inspired in its form and content, by the authentic Bedouin spirit, is dedicated to the protection of environmental and historical heritage, and the reinforcement of the bond between the past and the present of the Emirati citizens.

The 9th edition of the festival is expected to draw a large attendance as it features more than 15 outstanding competitions and rich heritage activities, Al Dhafra Festival offers prizes with a total value of more than AED 55 million (\$15 million) including 225 cars.

The number of laps at the Camel Mazayna Competition (Camel Beauty Contest) will reach 72 for both Asayel (locals) and Majahim (dark-skinned) camels. The other competitions and activities are: the Mahaleb Competition, the Heritage Camel Race, the Arab Heritage Saluki Race, the Falcon Hunting Competition (falcons bred in captivity), the Purebred Arabian Horse Race, the Dates' Mazayna, the Dates' Packaging Competition, the Photography Competition, the Handicrafts Competition, the Classic Cars Competition, the Camel Auction, the Traditional Market and the Children's Village.

From the last edition of the festival, two additional open laps have been added to Camel Mazayna for Sheikhs and whoever wishes to take part from the tribes to pick the ten most beautiful camels (local Asayel + Majahim).