The 7 Emirates

Abu Dhabi: Is the by far the biggest of the 7 Emirates and the Capital Emirate of the UAE. It is ruled by the Al Nahyan family. In 2006 the population of the emirate was 1463491. Abu Dhabi is famous for the big amusement park it has, Ferrari World. It has an international airport and the most popular mode of transport is by car. Abu Dhabi has a very old fort.

Dubai: The second largest of the seven emirates, and is ruled by the Al Maktoum family. Pearling and fishing were the main sources for the people of Dubai. His Highness Sheikh Maktoum bin Rashid Al Maktoum is the current ruler of Dubai. It is the biggest tourist attraction emirate. In 2006 the population of this emirate was 1422000. Dubai does have an international airport and the most famous mode of transport is by car. It is most famous for its famous buildings.

Sharjah: Shares its southern border with Dubai and it is ruled by the Al Qasimi family. Under the leadership of Sheikh Sultan bin Mohammed Al Qasimi, Sharjah is the cultural and educational center of the UAE. In 2008 the population of this emirate was 800000. Sharjah has an international airport and the most famous mode of transport is by car.

Ajman: is the smallest emirate and is ruled by the Al Nuami family. Ajman does have an international airport and the most famous mode of transport is by car. The population of this emirate is 135000 (approximately).

Um Al Qaiwain: is the second smallest emirate and is ruled by the Al Mualla family. Date farming plays a significant role in the economy. This emirate’s population is just 41000 which make it have the least population from all the emirates. Um Al Qaiwain doesn’t have an international airport and the most famous mode of transport is by car and sometimes by dhows.

Ras Al khaimah: is ruled by another branch of the Al Qasimi family. The emirate does have an international airport and most famous mode of transport is by car. The emirate’s population in 2010 is estimated to be a total of 300000. Ras Al Khaimah has a unique abundance of flora, so it is no surprise that agriculture is important to the local economy. This emirate is known to have the whitest and roundest pearls found in the Middle East.

Fujairah: is the only emirate without a coastline on the Arabian Gulf. It is ruled by the Al Sharqi family and is the fifth largest emirate. Fujairah’s population is estimated to be a total of 130000. This emirate does have an international airport and the most famous mode of transport in Fujairah is by car.

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