



4-9 December 2017

Event Listing

The 4th International Festival of Falconry (IFF) 2017

8 - 9 December

Khalifa Park in Abu Dhabi – from 11 am – 9 pm

Under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE, the International Festival of Falconry (IFF 2017) will be held on December 8th – 9th in Abu Dhabi; the festival highlights the UAE's efforts in promoting the intangible Cultural Heritage of falconry of the UAE and worldwide and the successful registration in the representative list of intangible Cultural Heritage of the UNESCO in 2010.

Four decades have passed since the 1st International Festival of Falconry (IFF) in 1976, which was held in Abu Dhabi under the patronage of the nation's founding leader; the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan; where his wise vision resulted in amassing the largest international falconers in the world.

This year, the festival theme celebrates youth under the theme: "The leaders of the current generation pass knowledge, wisdom and skills of falconry to the youth and make it a living heritage & legacy for generations to come. " The festival will run on the 8th – 9th of December, 2017 at Khalifa Park in Abu Dhabi.

The 2017 festival celebrates the heritage of falconry with the presence of Falconers who took part in the first International Festival of Falconry in 1976.

With the participation of 500 falconers, experts, researchers, and international delegates from over 80 countries from all corners of the world along with UNESCO representatives, and the relevant organisations concerned with preservation of falconry heritage and conservation of the environment – making this festival by far the largest of its kind worldwide in the field of falconry and its heritage.

Visit IFF at Khalifa Park in Abu Dhabi between the 8th and 9th of December; the event will be open from 11 am to 9 pm and enjoy its diverse facets including:

- Learn about the efforts to preserve the art of falconry and its longstanding heritage.
- Gain the knowledge about the different falconry methods in different countries all over the world, and be introduced to the customs and traditions of different civilizations in hunting.
- Watch live performances of falcons, raptors, Arabian Saluki and Houbara.
- Live demonstrations of local folklore and heritage arts specific to the United Arab Emirates and other participating countries.
- Take part in educational, entertaining and culturally enriching workshops.
- Take a trip down the history of falconry within photography galleries.
- Attend specialized exhibitions and unique shows of pavilions and tents from participating countries.
- Watch interactive live presentations of participating international falconry schools.