

RAK NYE – Ras Al Khaimah New Year's Eve 2025

FAQ

1. What is the RAK NYE Festival?

All visitors and residents are invited to join the RAK NYE Festival on December 31, 2024 – a free public event for the entire family that includes various entertainment options, including DJ entertainment, dedicated kids' activities, food trucks and a section for bachelors and families. The RAK NYE Festival is a daylong celebration and provides the perfect location to witness the stunning fireworks display at midnight.

2. Where is the RAK NYE Festival located?

The RAK NYE Festival is a free-to-attend event – click [here](#) to view the location on Google Maps. It's accessible by foot from all six designated parking areas including Jais Parking ([click here](#)), Yanas Parking ([click here](#)), and Julphar Main Parking ([click here](#)). Dhaya Parking ([click here](#)), which serves as the caravan zone, is located directly opposite the festival, while Rams Parking ([click here](#)), which includes BBQ and camping areas, is situated right next to the event location. All parking is free of charge.

3. Where can I BBQ?

BBQ is only allowed in the Al Rams Parking zone, which is equipped with designated BBQ areas and disposal bins for charcoal. Visitors must ensure they use these bins and avoid burying charcoal in the sand. This zone is family-friendly, providing a safe and comfortable environment for grilling. To use this area, make sure to register your vehicle online in advance.

4. Where can I camp?

For those bringing caravans or RVs, Dhayah Parking zone offers spacious camping facilities opposite the festival grounds. If you prefer tent camping, Al Rams Parking zone provides designated areas with access to BBQ facilities. Both zones are close to the event while providing a comfortable camping experience. Vehicle pre-registration is mandatory to ensure smooth entry and exit.

5. What time should I arrive to avoid traffic?

We recommend you arrive between 2pm and 5pm as the event gets progressively busier throughout the afternoon. Traffic congestion tends to peak closer to the event start time, and all roads leading to the venue will be closed by the police at 11pm. Early arrival also allows you to secure a prime spot for viewing the fireworks.

6. Where are the best places to view the fireworks?

The fireworks can be enjoyed from several vantage points, including the entire Marjan Island, the waterfront area between Marjan Island and Al Hamra Village, the RAK NYE Festival grounds, and parking zones like Dhayah, Jais, Yanas, and Rams. Each location offers a unique perspective, but arriving early ensures the best viewing experience.

7. Who is performing at the event?

This year's RAK NYE will feature electrifying performances by renowned artists such as Mukhtaar (Arabic rap), Fahmil Khan Band (Bollywood music), and an international DJ. The live entertainment will cater to a variety of musical tastes, with performances beginning in the evening and continuing until the fireworks display.

8. What time do the fireworks start?

The highly anticipated fireworks display will commence slightly before midnight. The show promises a spectacular blend of pyrotechnics, laser drone show and music, so ensure you've secured your spot well in advance.

9. Are there family-friendly activities at the festival?

Yes, the event includes a dedicated kids' zone filled with activities such as face painting, interactive games, and live performances tailored for younger audiences. This ensures the entire family can enjoy a memorable evening.

10. Can I bring my pet to the event?

Although Ras Al Khaimah is a pet-friendly destination, for safety reasons and to ensure the comfort of all attendees, pets are not allowed at the RAK NYE Festival. The fireworks and large crowds may also be stressful for animals.

11. Is parking available, and do I need to pre-register?

Six dedicated parking zones are available free of charge, with the capacity for more than 20,000 cars. They include Jais Parking ([click here](#)), Yanas Parking ([click here](#)), and Julphar Main Parking ([click here](#)). Dhaya Parking ([click here](#)), which serves as the caravan zone, is located directly opposite the festival, while Rams Parking ([click here](#)), which includes BBQ and camping areas, is situated right next to the event location. Both Dhaya and Rams Parking zones operate on a first-come, first-served basis.

When driving from the Umm Al Quwain side of Ras Al Khaimah towards Al Marjan Island, traffic regulators will direct all cars to the closest parking areas. The same applies when entering Marjan Island / Al Hamra Area from Al Shuhada Road and E311 side.

A dedicated map showing public routes to all parking lots, along with detailed information about road closures will be provided on RAKNYE.com website.

Pre-registration of your vehicle is required to streamline the entry process and allocate parking efficiently. A dedicated link to register for parking will be available on the RAKNYE website.

12. Will there be food and drinks available at the event?

Yes, a variety of food trucks and beverage stalls will be available throughout the festival grounds. From local Emirati delicacies to international cuisines, there's something for every palate. There will also be a dedicated bar area where alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages can be purchased.

13. Is alcohol allowed at the event?

Yes. There will be a dedicated bar area where alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages can be purchased. Attendees are encouraged to enjoy the festivities responsibly.

14. Are there restroom facilities available?

Yes, portable restroom facilities are strategically placed throughout the festival grounds and in all parking zones for your convenience. These are regularly cleaned and monitored to ensure hygiene standards are maintained.

15. Is the event accessible for people with disabilities?

Absolutely. The event is designed to be inclusive, with wheelchair-accessible pathways, ramps, and dedicated parking spaces for people with disabilities. Assistance staff will also be available on-site to provide help if needed.

16. What should I wear to the event?

While there's no formal dress code, it's advisable to wear comfortable and weather-appropriate clothing. As the event takes place outdoors, bring a jacket for cooler evening temperatures.

17. What happens if it rains or there's bad weather?

The event will proceed as scheduled unless there are extreme weather conditions. In such cases, updates will be provided on the official RAK NYE website and social media channels. Be sure to check for any last-minute announcements.

18. What safety measures are in place for the event?

RAK NYE prioritises the safety of all attendees. Medical stations and security personnel will be on-site, and crowd management systems are in place to prevent overcrowding. Attendees are also encouraged to follow event guidelines and report any issues to the nearest information desk.

19. Can I fly drones during the event?

No, drone usage is strictly prohibited during the event to ensure the safety of attendees and to avoid interference with the fireworks display. Unauthorised drones will be confiscated.

20. Can I use ride-hailing services like Careem?

Yes, ride-hailing services are available. Drop-off and pick-up points are located near the event grounds to ensure easy access. These zones will be clearly marked on the event map.

21. Are there first aid services available?

Yes, first aid stations will be located throughout the festival grounds, staffed by qualified medical professionals. In case of an emergency, notify the nearest event staff or visit a first aid station.

22. Are there any world record attempts for this year's fireworks?

Ras Al Khaimah is aiming to break a new Guinness World Record with its fireworks display, featuring cutting-edge pyrotechnic and laser drone technology. Keep an eye out for official announcements and updates during the event.

23. Can I bring my own food and drinks?

You're welcome to bring your own food and drinks. However, all BBQ activities must be conducted in designated areas, and waste must be properly disposed of in provided bins.

24. Is there an entry fee for the event?

No, entry to the RAK NYE festival grounds is free. However, certain activities or zones, such as dedicated kids' games, food trucks, a shisha zone, and a bar for purchasing beverages, are chargeable and require payment.

25. Are there hotels near the event?

Yes, several hotels around Marjan Island and Al Hamra Village offer special New Year's Eve packages. Guests can enjoy direct access to the event and additional amenities like spa treatments and gourmet dinners. Check out the [RAK NYE website](#) for a list of partner hotels and deals.