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VIAGGIO IN ITALY

New attraction at FerrariWorld, Yas Island

Ferrari World recently launched their latest attraction, the Viaggio in Italy. A stunning ride that engages all of the senses, thrillseekers are strapped into a seat inspired by the Ferrari GT design and sent flying on a simulated aerial journey that starts from the Fiorano Circuit in Maranello and soars over the scenic highlights of Italy, including Venice,

the Tuscany countryside, Isola Bella of Lago Maggiore, the Passo della Futa, Florence, Portofino, Rome, the Dolomite Mountains and the Costa Amalfitana, before finishing in Capri. Lush images of mountains, villages, coastlines, cities and forests virtually transport visitors to the best that Italy has to offer while special effects including mist, wind and the invigorating scents of flowers and plants bring the whole journey to life.

For more information, visit www.ferrariworldabudhabi.com



DUBAI SUMMER SURPRISES 2012

June 14 - July 14, Dubai

The Dubai Summer Surprises (DSS) shopping festival is back for its fifteenth edition from June 14 to July 14.

This growing international promotion celebrates summer with a family-focussed programme of events at over 50 malls around Dubai, highlighted by international character shows.

Modhesh World, featuring the smiling festival mascot, Modhesh, is a huge entertainment space divided into different themed zones, and will surely be a huge hit with children of all ages. Of course, serious bargain hunters will love the multitude of shopping deals at each of the malls.

For information, visit www.dubaievents.ae

Tempo would be remiss if it didn't include Her Royal Madgeness: the World's Undisputed Material Girl, in the list of what's hot in Abu Dhabi this month.

Madonna performs in Abu Dhabi's du Arena on June 3 and 4.

Did you know... that one of Madonna's monikers on tour is 'Dita Parlo', after the famed 1920s German actress that Madonna was fascinated about?

SENSES & SENSIBILITIES

May 30 - June 19, Art Sawa, DIFC, Dubai

Through her 'Senses and Sensibilities' exhibition, Henda Al Falafly explores the many emotions expressed by women in their daily lives. She uses body language to understand the meaningful silence carried over by their experiences and stories.

Her work reflects all its semantic in the facial expressions and movements of the hands, the feet, the look, the clothes, and reveals then the tension and the emotions repressed.

The exhibition runs until June 19 at Art Sawa at DIFC in Dubai.

For more information, email info@artsawa.com or visit www.artsawa.com



Sky and Sun

I'd heard about Sky and Sun towers on Reem island but nothing prepared me for the sweeping views and the stunning facilities. Love it, and in case any architects are reading this, we definitely need more of this in Abu Dhabi! (Just don't forget to make the rooms bigger).

Panorama Panache

Speaking of property, Emaar pulled a dashing marketing maneuver with its recent launch of Panorama at The Views, a property this is said to have sold OUT in hours. This demonstrates two things: that there is an appetite for property and two, that creative selling approaches work. However, we hope that developers don't lose sight of the fundamentals; buyers seek security, legal protection and confidence in their investment.

Owner Onus

Still on the subject of real estate, Concierge applauds the recent measures taken to formalize the role of homeowner associations. Donna, a reader, told me she'd balked when she was asked to pay annual 'service fees' of Dh 100,000 to cover expenditures in maintaining the communal property (expenditures that she wasn't even consulted about). You're right, Donna, that doesn't compute. But what is clear is that homeowner associations are a welcome indicator that the market is maturing.

M&Ms

For those of you who will leave your homes sealed up through summer while you go on vacation, beware M&Ms; the menaces of summer: And no, I'm not talking about the variety that 'melts in your mouth and not in your hands' but about 'mold and mildew'. Nothing wipes away the glow of summer vacation faster than returning to see your furniture rotting.

Gas in the Tank

Ian forwarded a friendly reminder that is being circulated by the Civil Defence: be watchful of rising temperatures over the coming weeks that also mean gas tanks can overheat. Their advice: don't overfill tanks at the pump.

Enjoy the sun, sky and summer.

The Concierge

Send me your rants, raves, gripes and grumbles: concierge@tempoplanet.com