

Mountain tribes

Mountain tribes used to live in the top of Hajar Mountains; they used to work as farmers and raising animals especially goats for living. They have different types of houses: winter house and summer house. Winter house is small deep house build of rocks on the top of the mountain no windows to keep the house warm. Summer houses are located next to the coastal and the houses are made of palm trees leaves with big windows which mustn't face the sunrise or sunset directions to avoid the heat of the sun.

The main mountains tribes:

- Al Shehhi tribe & Al Hebssi tribe almost the same
- Al Dohoori tribe & Al Shemeili tribe

Where they are living:

- Hajar mountains Roaoo Al Jebal area (Heads of mountains)
 - o Jebel Jais (Jais mountain)
 - o Yanis mountain
 - o Hebis mountain
 - o Shamal area

General information:

- **Customs, traditions:** wear kandura , gutrah the traditional UAE headscarf and it is held in place with an ornate headband called the agal but mountain people have different agal which called Kuzam with silver thread. And they are famous for their Jarz “wooden stick with Axe on the top which used in the past as a weapon.
- **Dialect:** They have especial dialect which they used some formal Arabic words but they change some of the letters or change it completely “coded words” which makes it difficult for other Emirati / Arab people to understand)
- **Folklore:** famous for Al razeef & Alrwah which they used their special handmade drums to perform this dance, Ras Al Khaimah is special for Alrwah folklore which you can see it only in mountain tribes' wedding and celebrating special occasions, how this folklore performed? an along queue of at least twenty drummers start drumming and moving step forward and step backward then they move around themselves and start drumming in different tone and singing. The song is changing depending on the time if it is morning, afternoon or evening. Most families in this tribe are famous in doing this folklore; we can see three different generating of the same family in one queue performing.