**Golden Jubilee visit to United Arab Emirates**

His Highness the Aga Khan will commence his Golden Jubilee visit to United Arab Emirates from 23 - 27 March 2008. Reported by the official website of the Ismaili Muslim Community. [http://www.theismaili.org/?ID=203](http://www.theismaili.org/?ID=203)

**Ismaili Muslims prepare in anticipation of His Highness the Aga Khan’s Golden Jubilee visit to UAE**

From the official [website](http://www.theismaili.org/?ID=203) of the Ismaili Muslim Community With only days remaining before Mawlana Hazar Imam’s expected arrival in the United Arab Emirates, there is an of excitement and anticipation as the Jamat prepares for an historic visit. Golden Jubilee National Task Forces are busy planning and coordinating the visit.

**Aga Khan to open Ismaili Centre on March 26**

DUBAI - The Ismaili Centre in Dubai will be opened on March 26 by The Aga Khan. As the fourth Ismaili Centre in the world and the first in the Middle East, the opening of this centre is historic for the community. [Khaleej Times](http://khaleejtimes.com/)

**His Highness the Aga Khan, Prince Rahim and Princess Zahra arrive in the UAE**

Story at the source, with picture gallery [http://theismaili.org/cms/203/UAE-visit](http://theismaili.org/cms/203/UAE-visit)
Shaikh Hamdan Bin Zayed Al Nahyan meets with Aga Khan

Abu Dhabi: Shaikh Hamdan Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister, on Monday received Prince Aga Khan, spiritual leader of the Islamic Ismaili sect. Gulf News Xpress News

First Ismaili Centre in Middle East

The centre has been built on 13,000 square metres of land in the Oud Metha area Xpress The first Ismaili Centre in the Middle East will be formally opened on Wednesday in Dubai by the spiritual head of the Ismaili community, the Aga Khan. The centre has been built on 13,000 square metres of land in the Oud Metha area and the foundation stone was laid in 2003.
Mohammed bin Zayed receives Prince Aga Khan

General/ HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces received in Abu Dhabi yesterday HH Prince Aga Khan, Leader of the Ismaili community who is currently visiting the country along with his daughter Princess Zahra and his son Prince Rahim. Present during the meeting was Foreign Minister HH Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

Hamdan bin Zayed receives Ismaili community Leader
Ismaili community leader in the world
Source: UAE Interact - WAM

Ismaili Centre opens in Dubai

Aga Khan has officially opened the Ismaili Centre Dubai on a land gifted by the ruling family of the emirate.
The land for the centre, situated in Oud Metha on 13,000 square metres, was presented by the UAE Vice-President and Prime Minister and Dubai ruler Shaikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum to Aga Khan in 1982, on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of the Aga Khan’s accession to the leadership of the Ismaili Muslims, the group said in a statement.

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Prince Karim Aga Khan opens Ismaili Centre in Dubai

Shaikh Ahmad (right) and Shaikh Nahyan with the Aga Khan at the new Ismaili Centre in Dubai.

By Ashfaq Ahmed, Chief Reporter

Dubai: Prince Karim Aga Khan, Imam (spiritual leader) of the Shiite Ismaili Muslims, on Wednesday said the new Ismaili Centre in Dubai is a place for peaceful contemplation. "It is not a place to hide from the world, but rather a place which inspires us to engage our worldly work as a direct extension of our faith," the Aga Khan told a big gathering at the opening of the Ismaili Centre in Dubai.

Source: Gulf News

Aga Khan opens Ismaili Centre, first for Middle East

UAE. The Aga Khan, leader of the world’s Ismaili Muslims, this week opened a cultural centre in Dubai for followers of the branch of Shia Islam.

The Ismaili Centre Dubai is the first base for Ismailis in the majority-Sunny Muslim Middle East. The Aga Khan is the 49th hereditary imam, or spiritual leader, of the Ismailis, the second-largest group of Shiites.
DUBAI (AFP) - The Aga Khan, spiritual leader of the world’s Shiite Ismaili Muslims, on Wednesday inaugurated an Ismaili cultural centre in the Gulf emirate of Dubai, the first of its kind in the Middle East.

Member of the Shiite Muslim Ismaili sect welcome their spiritual leader, the Agha Khan (C), during the opening ceremony of the Dubai Park. The Aga Khan, spiritual leader of the world’s Shiite Ismaili Muslims, on Wednesday inaugurated an Ismaili cultural centre in the Gulf emirate of Dubai, the first of its kind in the Middle East. (AFP/Karim Sahib)
UAE Vice President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum launched the Dubai Creek cultural project today. The project is expected to transform the UAE, especially Dubai, into an international hub for culture.

Dubai Culture and Arts Authority Chairman Sheikh Majid bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum delivered a speech at the launch ceremony, which was held at Sheikh Saeed’s House in Shindagha. He said the project was in line with Dubai Strategic Plan 2015 and that it would preserve the UAE’s heritage. Source

**Dubai is a truly global crossroads: Aga Khan**

WAM Dubai, March 26th, 2008 (WAM) — Spiritual Leader of the Ismaili Sect Prince Agha Khan praised Wednesday Dubai as a hub of cosmopolitan activity, a truly global crossroads. Source

**Initiative to combine past and present - "Khor Dubai" Cultural Project**

Dubai: His Highness Shaikh Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai launched yesterday the “Khor Dubai” Cultural Project which aims to transform the banks of Dubai creek into the cultural hub of the city.
The ambitious 20 kilometre project was announced at Shaikh Saeed Al Maktoum’s house in Al Shindagha by Shaikh Majid Bin Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, head of the Culture and Arts authority, in the presence of Shaikh Hamdan Bin Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai, and Shaikh Maktoum Bin Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai as well as Prince Aga Khan, head of the Ismaili sect. Source AFP

United Arab Emirates visit

From the official website of the Ismaili Muslim Community
26 March 2008 - DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — His Highness the Aga Khan, Spiritual Leader of the Shia Ismaili Muslims, today officially opened an Ismaili Centre in Dubai – the fast growing metropolis of the United Arab Emirates (UAE). The Ismaili Centre Dubai is the fourth such institution in the world and the first in the Middle East. The opening ceremony was attended by His Highness Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum and His Highness Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan — senior members of the ruling families.
The Ismaili Centre Dubai — Fact Sheet

This new Centre is itself a profoundly spiritual place. Its defining symbolism is inspired by the Fatimid tradition — stretching back over 1000 years and widely shared with sister traditions throughout the Islamic world — from Baghdad to Bokhara. This building exists fundamentally as a place for peaceful contemplation, but one that is set in a social context. It is not a place to hide from the world, but rather a place which inspires us to engage our worldly work as a direct extension of our faith.

— His Highness the Aga Khan at the Opening Ceremony of the Ismaili Centre Dubai, 26 March 2008

Objective:
The Ismaili Centre Dubai was conceived with the objective to promote search for mutual understanding, which remains essential to assuring peace and stability. The Centre will offer facilities for lectures, presentations, seminars and conferences relating to the Aga Khan Development Network’s areas of activity in social, economic and cultural endeavour. It will also host recitals and exhibitions that will serve to educate wider publics about the breadth of Islam’s heritage. Like its functions, the Centre’s architecture will reflect our perception of daily life whose rhythm weaves the body and the soul, man and nature into a seamless unity. Like the other Ismaili Centres established in London, Vancouver and Lisbon, the Ismaili Centre Dubai will
reflect a mood of humility, forward outlook, friendship and dialogue.

**Dubai Park Overview and Gallery**

Situated across the road from the Ismaili Centre Dubai, the Dubai Park is a gift from Mawlana Hazar Imam to the city of Dubai. It was developed by the Aga Khan Trust for Culture, an agency of the Aga Khan Development Network.
Speech by His Highness the Aga Khan at the Inauguration of The Ismaili Centre Dubai - 26 March 2008

Mawlana Hazar Imam addresses the quests at the opening ceremony of the Ismaili Centre Dubai. Photo: Gasj Othe
Video: Opening of the Ismaili Centre Dubai

Video of Mawlana Hazar Imam opening the Ismaili Centre Dubai on 26 March 2008, in the presence of His Highness Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum and His Highness Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, senior members of the ruling families of the United Arab Emirates. Hazar Imam was accompanied at the ceremony by Princess Zahra and Prince Rahim. Following the opening of the Ismaili Centre, Mawlana Hazar Imam inaugurated the Dubai Park, located adjacent to the Centre. Presented as a gift from Hazar Imam to the City of Dubai, the 3000 square metre park was developed by the Aga Khan Trust for Culture.

Video of the development of the Ismaili Centre Dubai

The Ismaili Centre Dubai - Picture Gallery

Dubai: Institutional Dinner and Farewell
Thousands of visitors tour Ismaili Centre in Dubai

Official website of the Ismaili Muslim community has a report published on thousands of visitors touring Ismaili Centre Dubai. Click here to visit the source.

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Hotels in Dubai

From Dubai City Guide Blog: Hotels in Dubai are running 100% between 23 to 28th March as His Highness the Aga Khan is visiting Dubai. Thousands of believers will be visiting Dubai for this event. Aga Khan will Inaugurate the Ismaili center in Dubai.  
http://www.dxb.com/?p=256

Ismaili Centre and Landscape Park Dubai

One of the world’s largest Ismaili Centres is currently under construction in Dubai, and, directly across from it and by the same developer, a Landscape Park. Both are constructed using a white stone, but I’m not expert on identification of stones, so I’m not sure what kind of stone it is.  
Source

Ismaili Center Dubai - Construction Photograph

Click below for the panoramic view of the ongoing construction of Dubai Ismaili Center.  
Ismaili Center Dubai

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New Ismaili Centre symbol of peace, brotherhood - Aga Khan

Sunday, December 14, 2003  Prince Karim Aga Khan, the Ismaili Muslims' spiritual leader, laid the foundation stone for Dubai’s new Ismaili Centre yesterday.

Crown Prince and Aga Khan tour Dubai

Yesterday, General Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Dubai Crown Prince and UAE Defence Minister, accompanied Prince Karim Aga Khan, the Ismaili Muslims' spiritual leader, on a tour of Dubai’s landmarks.

Video: First Ismaili Centre Opened in Middle East

Aga Khan Visits the United Arab Emirates

23 March 2008 - His Highness the Aga Khan met with the ruling families of Abu Dhabi and Dubai during a visit to the United Arab Emirates. His Highness also opened the new Ismaili Centre in Dubai.

His Highness the Aga Khan with Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al-Maktoum, UAE Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai, at the launch of the “Khor Dubai” development project.
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His Highness the Aga Khan with His Highness Sheikh Mohammad bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces of the UAE.
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Photo credit: Courtesy the Crown Prince Court of Abu Dhabi, UAE

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Speech by His Highness the Aga Khan at the Foundation Laying Ceremony of the Ismaili Centre in Dubai, Saturday, 13th December 2003