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Welcome



The AFC Asian Cup UAE 2019™ will be the biggest and best-ever edition in the history of this famous competition.

At the forefront of the AFC's ambitions through its vision and mission is the desire to enhance its competitions for our players, teams and passionate fans.

We want to provide the ultimate stage for the continent's brightest stars to shine. Above all, we want to engage and excite the largest football community on the planet.

Fans are the lifeblood of football. Together with the Local Organising Committee, the AFC is committed to providing the perfect stage for our fans to experience a tournament of a lifetime.

Whether you are home supporters or travelling to the eight stadiums across the four cities in the UAE, you can be assured that the Local Organising Committee will ensure a simple and efficient ticket sales process for all fans.

This is the second time that the UAE has staged this prestigious tournament – the other back in 1996 – and since then the AFC has spared no efforts in establishing a more captivating and compelling tournament for our fans.

In the spirit of the competition's slogan 'Bringing Asia Together,' the 17th edition will feature its largest-ever cast of 24 teams, representing and 'united by' the five AFC zones, reaching more fans than ever before.

The teams will battle for the richest-ever prize purse of USD\$14.8 million, further enhancing the stature of the competition and the AFC has also unveiled a dazzling new trophy, one that captures the excitement and drama of the tournament.

The AFC Asian Cup Australia 2015 was a resounding success on all fronts, setting new records in TV viewership and match attendances.

We are confident the AFC Asian Cup UAE 2019™ will build on its remarkable success and engage with and entertain more fans than ever before. I look forward to joining you – and hundreds of millions across the Continent and beyond – as we celebrate a new chapter in the glorious history of the AFC Asian Cup in the UAE.

Shaikh Salman bin Ibrahim Al Khalifa

AFC President





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Welcome



Dear Friends,

January sees the start of an outstanding global football schedule and marks the return of the AFC Asian Cup tournament to the UAE to crown the football champions of Asia. We are honoured to be hosting the largest tournament field ever for an AFC Asian Cup competition, encompassing the full scope, history and promise of a united Asia.

The 2019 competition truly embodies the tournament motto of 'Bringing Asia Together', with an unprecedented 24 teams competing together over 51 games in 8 stadiums across 4 host cities. More teams and more matches promise more excitement, more joy and more opportunities.

Based on our cherished values of tolerance, peace and love, the United Arab Emirates warmly welcomes Asia and the world to join in this historic celebration. Our society represents a mix of cultures from every continent united under the wise leadership of this country to promote the values of happiness and harmony.

The Local Organising Committee (LOC) is focused on converting these opportunities into a tangible and lasting social impact that will continue beyond the football pitch and long after the final goal is scored. To this end, we have created new platforms and fan-focused initiatives to provide greater access for more people than ever before. We've reached out to families, schools and communities to instill in them a sense of pride and excitement in hosting such a prestigious event of this scale.

We have a long and deep-rooted tradition of hospitality in the UAE. We also proudly call ourselves home to large communities from all over Asia and the world. For these reasons, we are satisfied that the fans and competing teams will enjoy a tournament that is safe, convenient, affordable and full of excitement.

Welcome to the UAE, the Land of Zayed, the home of peace and tolerance.

H.E. Mohammed Khalfan Al Romaihi

Vice Chairman of the Higher LOC





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ONE

4

CITIES

8

STADIUMS

FOR ALL

TROPHY

24

COUNTRIES

51

MATCHES

OF ASIA

Ticket Prices

Ticket Prices					
Stage Category	Group Matches	Round of 16	Quarter Final	Semi Final	Final
Category One	AED 75	AED 75	AED 150	AED 150	AED 300
Category Two	AED 50	AED 50	AED 75	AED 75	AED 150
Category Three	AED 25	AED 25	AED 50	AED 50	AED 75

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Tournament Chart

GROUP A



UNITED ARAB
EMIRATES

THAILAND

INDIA

BAHRAIN

GROUP D



IR IRAN

IRAQ

VIETNAM

YEMEN

GROUP B



AUSTRALIA

SYRIA

PALESTINE

JORDAN

GROUP E



SAUDI ARABIA

QATAR

LEBANON

DPR KOREA

GROUP C



KOREA
REPUBLIC

CHINA PR

KYRGYZ
REPUBLIC

PHILIPPINES

GROUP F



JAPAN

UZBEKISTAN

OMAN

TURKMENISTAN





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MATCH SCHEDULE

GROUP STAGE

Date	Group Matches													
	Saturday 5 January	Sunday 6 January	Monday 7 January	Tuesday 8 January	Wednesday 9 January	Thursday 10 January	Friday 11 January	Saturday 12 January	Sunday 13 January	Monday 14 January	Tuesday 15 January	Wednesday 16 January	Thursday 17 January	
Venue														
Zayed Sports City Stadium <i>Abu Dhabi</i>	01 20:00 UAE vs BHR			08 17:30 IRQ vs VIE		15 20:00 IND vs UAE			23 17:30 OMA vs JPN				35 20:00 KSA vs QAT	
Mohammed Bin Zayed Stadium <i>Abu Dhabi</i>			07 20:00 IRN vs YEM				17 17:30 PHI vs CHN				28 17:30 PLE vs JOR		33 17:30 OMA vs TKM	
Al Nahyan Stadium <i>Abu Dhabi</i>		03 17:30 THA vs IND			10 15:00 JPN vs TKM			19 15:00 VIE vs IRN				29 17:30 KOR vs CHN		
Hazza Bin Zayed Stadium <i>Al Ain</i>	02 15:00 AUS vs JOR				12 20:00 QAT vs LIB		18 20:00 KGZ vs KOR			25 20:00 UAE vs THA		31 20:00 VIE vs YEM		
Khalifa Bin Zayed Stadium <i>Al Ain</i>			05 15:00 CHN vs KGZ			14 17:30 JOR vs SYR			22 15:00 PRK vs QAT		27 17:30 AUS vs SYR		34 17:30 JPN vs UZB	
Al Maktoum Stadium <i>Dubai</i>			06 17:30 KOR vs PHI			13 15:00 BHR vs THA		21 20:00 LIB vs KSA				32 20:00 IRN vs IRQ		
Rashid Stadium <i>Dubai</i>				09 20:00 KSA vs PRK			16 15:00 PLE vs AUS		24 20:00 TKM vs UZB			30 17:30 KGZ vs PHI		
Sharjah Stadium <i>Sharjah</i>	04 20:00 SYR vs PLE				11 17:30 UZB vs OMA			20 17:30 YEM vs IRQ		26 20:00 IND vs BHR			36 20:00 LIB vs PRK	

Group A

A1	United Arab Emirates (UAE)
A2	Thailand (THA)
A3	India (IND)
A4	Bahrain (BHR)

Group B

B1	Australia (AUS)
B2	Syria (SYR)
B3	Palestine (PLE)
B4	Jordan (JOR)

Group C

C1	Korea Republic (KOR)
C2	China PR (CHN)
C3	Kyrgyz Republic (KGZ)
C4	Philippines (PHI)

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KNOCKOUT STAGE

		Round of 16			Quarter Finals		Semi Finals		Final							
Friday 18 January	Saturday 19 January	Sunday 20 January	Monday 21 January	Tuesday 22 January	Wednesday 23 January	Thursday 24 January	Friday 25 January	Saturday 26 January	Sunday 27 January	Monday 28 January	Tuesday 29 January	Wednesday 30 January	Thursday 31 January	Friday 1 February		
Rest Days			42 21:00 1A vs 3cde				47 17:00 W43 vs W44							51 18:00 W49 vs W50		
			39 21:00 1D vs 3bef				46 20:00 W38 vs W39				50 18:00 W47 vs W48					
					44 20:00 1E vs 2D											
			36 18:00 2A vs 2C						48 20:00 W42 vs W41							
				41 18:00 2B vs 2F												
			37 15:00 1B vs 3acd													
					43 17:00 1C vs 3abf											
				40 15:00 1F vs 2E												
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Group D	
D1	Islamic Republic of Iran (IRN)
D2	Iraq (IRQ)
D3	Vietnam (VIE)
D4	Yemen (YEM)

Group E	
E1	Saudi Arabia (KSA)
E2	Qatar (QAT)
E3	Lebanon (LIB)
E4	DPR Korea (PRK)

Group F	
F1	Japan (JPN)
F2	Uzbekistan (UZB)
F3	Oman (OMA)
F4	Turkmenistan (TKM)



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PLAYERS



ALI MABKHOUD

Country	UAE
DOB	5 Oct 1990
Caps	65
Goals	44
Club	Al Jazira Club
Jersey Number	7
Position	Forward



YUYA OSAKO

Country	Japan
DOB	17 May 1990
Caps	37
Goals	10
Club	Werder Bremen
Jersey Number	15
Position	Forward

TO WATCH



SUNIL CHHETRI

Country	India
DOB	3 Aug 1984
Caps	101
Goals	64
Club	JSW Bengaluru FC
Jersey Number	11
Position	Striker



AARON MOOY

Country	Australia
DOB	4 Feb 1991
Caps	59
Goals	9
Club	Hertha BSC
Jersey Number	7
Position	Forward Winger

RISING



ALIREZA JAHANBAKSH

Country	IR Iran
DOB	11 Aug 1993
Caps	41
Goals	4
Club	Brighton & Hove Albion F.C.
Jersey Number	18
Position	Attacking Midfielder

OMAR KHRIBIN

Country	Syria
DOB	15 Jan 1994
Caps	36
Goals	16
Club	Al-Hilal FC
Jersey Number	7
Position	Forward

STARS



JO HEYON-WOO

Country	Korea Republic
DOB	25 Sep 1991
Caps	9
Club	Daegu FC
Jersey Number	23
Position	Goalkeeper

CHANATIP SONGKRASIN

Country	Thailand
DOB	5 Oct 1993
Caps	45
Goals	5
Club	Consadole Sapporo
Jersey Number	18
Position	Attacking Midfielder



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Host Country and Stadium Information

United Arab Emirates

The United Arab Emirates offers the ideal mix of scenic splendor and cosmopolitan sophistication. State-of-the-art architecture, world-class entertainment venues and breath-taking cultural monuments now rise amidst the palm trees and natural attractions of the varied desert terrain, leaving visitors with plenty to see and do.

The country boasts a population of over 9 million residents, while its exemplary policies of cultural openness and tolerance make it home to more than 200 nationalities with English spoken as the second official language, after Arabic.

Founded in 1971 with the unification of Abu Dhabi (the capital of the UAE), Dubai, Sharjah, Ajman, Fujairah, Ras al Khaimah and Umm Al Quwain, the rapid development of the UAE has seen it become both a global tourist destination and a regional economic hub for commerce and industry.



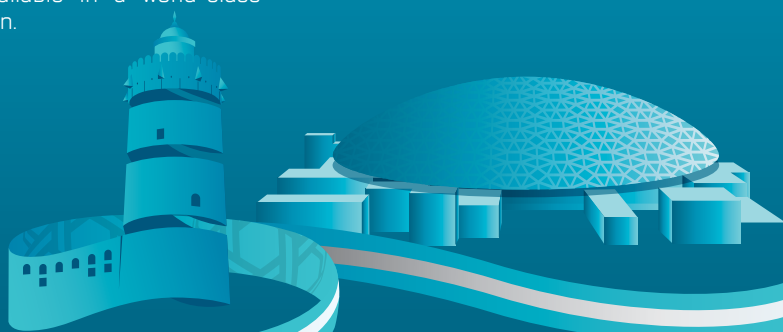
Abu Dhabi

Abu Dhabi stands ready to welcome the world



Located on the warm waters of the Arabian Gulf, the UAE's elegant capital city is renowned for stunning monuments like the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque, Emirates Palace and breath-taking attractions that include the Louvre Abu Dhabi as well as the white sandy beaches of Saadiyat Island. Safe, clean and easy-to-get-around—the capital retains many of the comforts of a quieter city, but with the cosmopolitan dining, shopping and entertainment options only available in a world-class tourist destination.

Yet don't mistake Abu Dhabi for a typical sleepy resort town. A year-round calendar of events ensures that visitors have plenty to do and see, from concerts and festivals to full-blown international happenings like the FIFA Club World Cup and the Formula One Etihad Airways Abu Dhabi Grand Prix. Abu Dhabi is no stranger to staging big events and its enthusiastic community of locals and expats lend a vivid multicultural flair to everything happening in the capital.

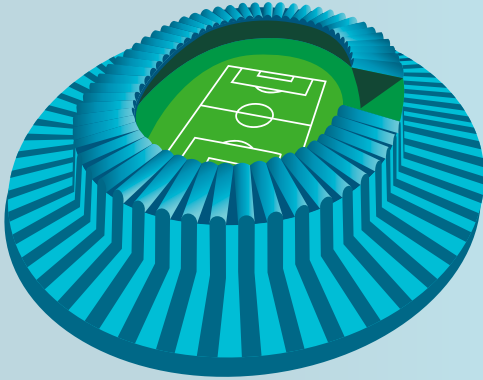


Zayed Sports City Stadium

The stadium bearing the name of Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan was completed in 1980 by the late President of the UAE and serves as the country's largest sporting

venue, with a capacity of 45,000. Standing within view of the city's signature Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque, Zayed Sports City Stadium is an appropriate home for the country's biggest matches and its most anticipated sporting events.

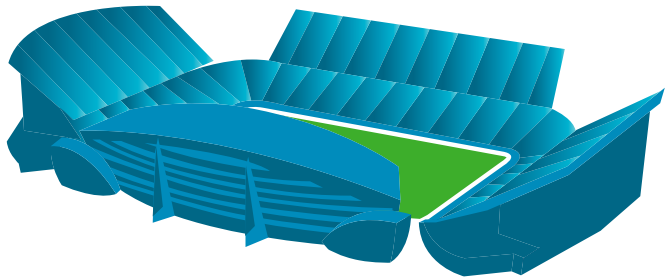
Shortly after its opening, the stadium hosted its first international competition, the Asian Youth Cup in 1981. Since then, Zayed Sports City stadium has played host to all the most important FIFA events—including the Asian Youth Championship (1985), Asian Football Cup Qualification Matches (1988), AFC Asian Cup (1996), FIFA Club World Cup (2009, 2010, 2017), and the FIFA U17 World Cup – fueling the passion of domestic football fever. The stadium will host 8 matches including the opening, semi-final and final.



Mohammed Bin Zayed Stadium

Opened in 1980 as Al Jazira Stadium, the current Mohammed Bin Zayed Stadium underwent significant renovation from 2006 to 2009, nearly tripling its prior seating capacity and taking its name from the current Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces.

The 37,500-seat venue serves as home field for the 2016–2017 Arabian Gulf League Champion, Al Jazira FC, one of the oldest clubs in the country, formed from the merger of two rival Abu Dhabi teams. Since then it has been the site of numerous significant historical matches, including the 2009 and 2010 FIFA Club World Cup and the FIFA U-17 World Cup 2013 and is scheduled to host 7 matches, including a semi-final, during the AFC Asian Cup UAE 2019.

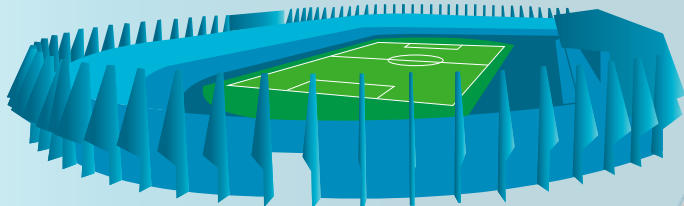


Al Nahyan Stadium

Located in the heart of downtown Abu Dhabi, the ground is home to the four-time champions of the UAE Pro League, Al Wahda FC. The stadium was built in 1995 and will reach a capacity of 15,000 for the AFC Asian Cup UAE 2019.

Japanese fans will find a special connection with the stadium which was opened in 1995 by Crown Prince Naruhito of Japan, alongside current UAE President Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

Al Nahyan Stadium will host 5 matches during the AFC Asian Cup UAE 2019.





Al Ain



The historic birthplace of Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan, the late president and founder of the UAE, Al Ain is also the birthplace of football in the UAE and home to Al Ain FC.

The second largest city in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi has the beautiful, manicured feel of a cozy resort town with a rich cultural heritage, featuring a number of historical forts, heritage museums and archeological excavations. However, the city is anything but quiet when it comes to football support

and Al Ain locals fiercely claim football as part of their local birthright.

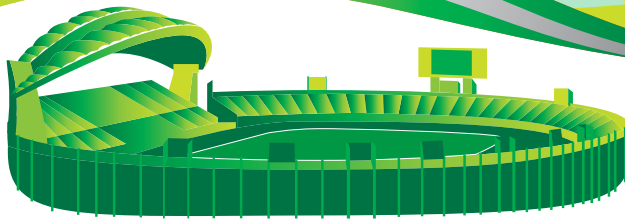
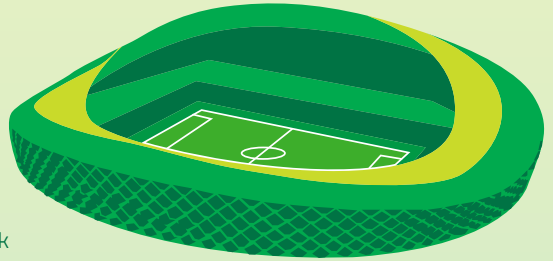
Visitors to “The Garden City” will marvel at the epic natural splendor of Al Ain’s red desert sands and the rocky majesty of Jebel Hafeet, the tallest peak in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi. Children will enjoy the wildlife and natural habitats of Al Ain Zoo or can spend a day splashing in the Wadi Adventure water park.



Hazza Bin Zayed Stadium

Recipient of the Stadium of the Year award in 2014, Hazza Bin Zayed Stadium is one of the most modern football facilities in the region and home ground to Al Ain FC. Its advanced parasol design allows afternoon matches to be played in the shade, while providing spectators pleasant relief. Using programmed patterns of LED lights, the building's trademark illuminated façade can smartly alter its color and appearance, signaling another Al Ain victory in purple or paying tribute to the colors of the UAE flag. The extended development around the stadium has now been expanded to include restaurants, retail shops, residences and a hotel, making it a full-service cutting-edge sports travel destination.

Hazza Bin Zayed Stadium will host 8 matches during the AFC Asian Cup UAE 2019, including a semi-final. The stadium holds a capacity of 24,000 seats and has become a proud new landmark in a city of tradition.



Khalifa Bin Zayed Stadium

Opened in 1971, Khalifa Bin Zayed Stadium was built near the same area where football was first played in Al Ain between locals, expats and British soldiers. Once the original home ground for Al Ain FC, the stadium now serves as their official training pitch and regularly plays host to international matches.

After renovation in 2002, the stadium holds a capacity of 12,000 and will host a total of 6 matches during the AFC Asian Cup UAE 2019.



Dubai



The UAE's largest city is a true melting pot of 3 million residents from all around the globe. Dubai has positioned itself as the world's 7th most visited city and a bucket-list destination for adventurers worldwide by doing everything big — playing home to the world's tallest building, the Burj Khalifa, and the mind-bogglingly expansive Dubai Mall.

However, the city's sparkling charm is not limited to just luxury beaches, waterfront dining and gala entertainment. Great efforts have been undertaken by its ruler, H.H. Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al

Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE, to preserve Dubai's rich heritage and natural beauty.

Accordingly, no trip to Dubai is truly complete until you have seen its beautiful mosques, visited the historical quarter in Al Bastakiya, shopped in the traditional gold, spice and fabric souqs, tasted its authentic international cuisine, or driven deep into its desert expanse to safari under the stars.

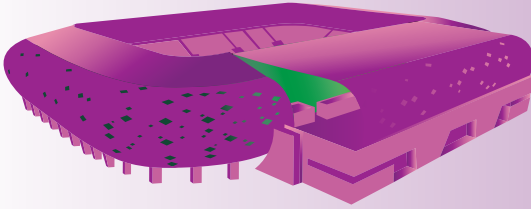
Much more than a scenic backdrop, Dubai invites visitors to indulge and experience the full spectrum of life's riches.

Al Maktoum Stadium

Named after Dubai's ruling family, Al Maktoum Stadium is home ground to Dubai's football team, Al Nasr SC. The stadium seats 15,000 and is the centerpiece of a major sports complex, located in the heart of old Dubai in Oud Metha.

Visitors will enjoy the rich cultural tapestry of the surrounding area that borders Dubai Creek.

Al Maktoum Stadium will host 6 matches during the AFC Asian Cup UAE 2019.



Rashid Stadium

The oldest sports stadium in Dubai, Rashid Stadium was built in 1948, seating 12,000. It is the current home of Dubai's oldest football team, Shabab Al-Ahli FC, located 10 minutes from Dubai International Airport in the district of Deira.

The ground hosted matches during the 2003 FIFA U-20 World Cup and 2013 FIFA U-17 World Cup.

Rashid Stadium will host 5 matches during the AFC Asian Cup UAE 2019.





Sharjah



The third largest city in the UAE is something of a hidden gem, even for many of the country's residents. However, a trip to Sharjah carries the promise of rich culture and unsurpassed natural beauty.

Sharjah is a city steeped in the beauty of Islamic culture where you will find exquisitely inspired mosques, 16 museums and traditional Arabic architecture all within a modern urban design.

The city is home to 1.7 million residents and one of the region's most important artist residency programs, aimed at preserving and cultivating local arts and supporting a new generation of talented artists. In 1998, Sharjah was named the "Arab Capital of Culture" by UNESCO.





Sharjah Stadium

With an improved capacity of 12,000, the home stadium for Sharjah FC will host group stage matches from 5 of the 6 tournament groups, drawing upon the diversity and enthusiasm of fans in the Emirate for the upcoming AFC Asian Cup.

The stadium will host 6 total matches during the AFC Asian Cup UAE 2019, including one knockout match.



FAQs

1) What is the AFC?

The Asian Football Confederation (AFC) is the governing body of Asian football and one of the six Confederations that make up FIFA.

2) What is the AFC Asian Cup?

The AFC Asian Cup is a prestigious international football competition that takes place every four years in an Asian country. The tournament winners are crowned the Asian Cup Champions and qualify for the FIFA Confederations Cup.

3) Who are the tournament organizers?

The Abu Dhabi Sports Council heads the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) that is responsible for delivering the competition and works in close cooperation with the Asian Football Confederation.

4) How many countries are participating? How many matches will be played?

There will be a total of 24 participating teams, including 3 countries making their tournament debuts (Kyrgyzstan, Philippines and Yemen). The competition will feature 51 matches over the course of 28 days.

5) Where can I purchase tickets online?

Please visit afcasiancup2019.com

6) Will tickets be available on match days at the venue?

Yes, subject to availability.

7) Are there package deals available for larger groups?

For group queries, contact: groups@asiancup19.ae

8) Can tickets be refunded or exchanged?

No ticket refunds, cancellations or exchanges will be allowed. By purchasing a ticket, a customer automatically accepts all terms and conditions.

9) Are there any age restrictions for the matches? Will children be required to purchase tickets?

Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult always. Children under the age of 2 who do not require a seat may enter the Venue without purchasing a ticket. Proof of age may be required prior to entry to the Venue.

10) Are food and drinks allowed inside the stadium?

No outside food or beverages will be allowed into the stadium; however, there will be various vendors inside the stadium.

11) Will the weather in the UAE be suitable for football?

During January, the average high is 24 degrees Celsius, although the temperature can drop from 10 to 15 degrees in the evenings.

12) When do the gates open?

Gates open 3 hours prior to kick-off. Various football-themed entertainment will also be active on match days at the Stadium Fan Zones, that will include games and live performances.

13) Can I buy a match ticket if I dont have a credit card?

Yes, you can buy tickets from any Virgin Megastores in the UAE.