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DRIFT BEACH



More than a beach club, head to this Al Sufouh haunt for chic sundowners

With palm trees blowing in the wind, bronzed bodies by the pool and the sounds of a live saxophonist in the air, DRIFT Beach can feel more than a little Club Tropicana.

But this is Dubai. And this is DRIFT. So naturally the whole thing is a world away from lurid mixed drinks with paper umbrellas in them.

Perhaps the city's chicest beach destination, thanks to its low-key vibe and more laid-back crowd, this spot at the upmarket One&Only Royal Mirage in Al Sufouh is the place you come to relax, unwind and show off to visitors.

Beyond the pool and Riviera-inspired restaurant, make your way down to DRIFT's bar – too often overlooked for afternoon drinks and sundowners, and an absolute gem of a destination.

Right on the edge of the sand, the setup itself is stunning, and the venue is well-kept. Take in views across to Dubai Marina and over the Arabian Gulf while you enjoy a glass of the iconic French grape the venue has partnered with.

DRIFT's bar is very much a day-to-sunset destination, which is reflected by the opening hours – but that should only serve to heighten your sense of urgency in getting down here.

It also means that when you do head down, you'll be able to watch skydivers corkscrewing their way back down to Skydive Dubai's landing patch.

If your jam is more chilled Balearic beats than thumping Europop remixes, you'll be more than happy kicking back at this smooth spot.

→ One&Only Royal Mirage, Al Sufouh (04 315 2200).

