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Welcome to Dubai!

We hope you enjoy your stay here and explore the city's vibrant cultural scene.

The following recommendations were compiled by Art Dubai's contributors, artists and staff members.

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DUBAI: OVERVIEW



GEOGRAPHY

Dubai is located on the Arabian Gulf, in the northeast of the United Arab Emirates (UAE). Dubai is the second largest emirate, sharing borders with Abu Dhabi in the south, Sharjah in the northeast, and the Sultanate of Oman in the southeast.

GOVERNANCE

Since 1833, the Al Maktoum family has ruled Dubai. Under their leadership, Dubai has prospered and is now the business and tourism hub in the region. His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum is the Vice-President, and Prime Minister of the UAE, Ruler of Dubai. On February 1st, 2008, His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum was proclaimed Crown Prince of Dubai.

RELIGION

Dubai is a cosmopolitan city where all visitors are welcome. Islam is a way of life in the United Arab Emirates. Visitors should adopt a certain level of cultural and religious sensitivity for the duration of their stay. A more modest code of behavior is required. Consuming alcohol (unless in permitted and licensed areas like hotels), public disturbances and violation to the Shari'a Law are subject to law impositions.

LANGUAGE

Visitors who speak English will have no trouble in making their way around the city. English is widely-spoken in Dubai. Restaurant menus, road signs, and other information are usually presented in both English and Arabic.

Many tour operators and travel professionals also offer services to French, Russian and German-speaking visitors.

CLIMATE

February to April are Dubai's "spring" months where soon after temperatures begin their steady climb towards the hot summer. Average maximum temperatures between February and April rise to around 27°C during the day and 17°C at night.

TIME AND WORKING HOURS

The UAE is 4 hours ahead of the UTC (Universal Coordinated Time, formerly GMT). Daylight-saving does not apply in the UAE. Offices and schools are closed on Friday (holy day) and Saturday. The working week in the UAE is from Sunday to Thursday. Government offices work between 6am and 2pm. Major shopping malls open from 10am to 10pm and most extend till 12 midnight during the weekend.

CURRENCY

The local currency is the Dirham, which is standardised at AED 3.67 to 1 US Dollar. Anything below 1 Dirham is known as fils. Dubai offers huge network of banks, currency exchanges and ATMs, making it easy to access money across the city. Most shops in shopping malls accept cash or credit cards and they may accept major foreign currencies too.

ID AND DOCUMENTATION

It is highly recommended for you to carry a valid ID while in Dubai. Most transactions and clearances require valid proof of identification.

SAFETY AND EMERGENCIES

Dubai is an extremely safe destination for visitors with a very low crime rate. However, like any metropolis, it is sensible to take reasonable precautions regarding personal safety and to be vigilant at all times. It is best to ensure that you have valid and comprehensive travel insurance when visiting the UAE.

Dubai Smart Government offers a government contact center called Ask Dubai. It operates 24/7 and responds to all English and Arabic enquiries related to eServices. Customers can either call the telephone number 600 560 000, or visit the Ask Dubai website for other options such as email or online chat.

Below are important numbers to call in case of emergencies:

Dubai Police	999
Ambulance	999
Fire Department	997
Tourist Security	901
Directory	181
Roadside Assistance	800 4 900
Dubai Tourism Call Centre	600 555 559



SERVICES

HOSPITALS

Standards of medical care in Dubai are generally excellent – the city has a range of public and private hospitals that meet world standards of health care.

Dubai Hospital

+971 (0)4 219 7000

dhweb@dohms.gov.ae

Mediclinic City Hospital

+971 (0)4 435 9999

cityhospital@mediclinic.ae

Rashid Hospital

+971 (0)4 219 2000

rashid@dha.gov.ae

For more listing of hospitals and medical centers, www.dha.gov.ae

PHARMACIES

Pharmacy outlets in Dubai provide complete medicinal range and are well-regulated. Some branches are open 24/7 and offers home delivery.

Life Pharmacy

+971 (0)4 344 1122

Aster Pharmacy

+971 (0)4 435 7450

Super Care Pharmacy

+971 (0)4 434 1687

HYGIENE

In Dubai, hygiene standards are strictly observed.

For complaints and feedbacks:

+971 (0)4 221 5555 or
complaints@dm.gov.ae

Tap water in Dubai is desalinated sea water and is not recommended to drink. Bottled water is economical and widely available.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Dubai's telecommunications industry is operated by two main organisations: Etisalat and Du. Both offer special mobile phone packages for visitors. To buy a sim card, visitors will need to present a valid form of ID. Visitors to Dubai may also use their existing mobile service providers with international roaming services. Wi-Fi service is available throughout Dubai and most shopping malls, hotels and airport terminals have accessible hotspots. You can avoid expensive bills on your international roaming service by buying a local sim card instead. These cards are easily available for sale in shopping malls and airports.

Etisalat

Cost of Sim: approximately AED 55

Top-up credit by dialing *120*recharge code#

Check balance by dialing *121*

www.etisalat.ae

Du

Cost of Sim: approximately AED35

Top-up credit by dialing *135*recharge code#

Check balance by dialing 155

www.du.ae

Know your number

If this is your number 055 XXX XXXX, then:

Calling from outside the UAE is
+97155XXXXXXXX

Calling from within UAE is
055XXXXXXXX

ELECTRICITY AND WATER

Voltage is at 220-240 and 50 cycles.

Most hotel rooms and homes use a three-pin that is also used in the United Kingdom. Nonetheless, it is recommended to bring an adaptor to avoid any potential delays with accessibility.

INSURANCE

Visitors to the UAE are responsible for their own insurance coverage. Make sure you are fully covered for medical treatment. Although pharmacies provide medicines quite conveniently, treatment, hospitalisation and evacuation can add up to a large bill. Only emergency treatment is free so make sure you are covered for unexpected losses or expenses such as cancelled flights, lost luggage, lost passport, stolen cash or credit cards.

TRAVEL



PASSPORT AND VISAS

Passports are required to be valid for at least 6 months after arrival.

Requirements for obtaining a visit visa to Dubai vary depending on the applicant's nationality. GCC citizens (Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, and Saudi Arabia) do not require a visa to enter the UAE and citizens of the below countries can get a visa upon arrival:

Andorra	Greece	Norway
Australia	Hong Kong	Poland
Austria	Hungary	Portugal
Belgium	Iceland	Romania
Brunei	Ireland	Russia
Bulgaria	Italy	San Marino
Canada	Japan	Singapore
Croatia	Latvia	Slovakia
China	Liechtenstein	Slovenia
Cyprus	Lithuania	South Korea
Czech Republic	Luxembourg	Spain
Denmark	Malaysia	Sweden
Estonia	Malta	Switzerland
Finland	Monaco	UK
France	Netherlands	USA
Germany	New Zealand	Vatican City

www.dubaiairports.ae

Nationalities not listed above can get a 30-day tourist visa sponsored by a local entity, such as a hotel or tour operators.

(**Note:** That this should be obtained before entry into Dubai.) Visa processing will take 7-10 working days and subject to Dubai Immigration approval.

It is important to remember that visa laws can change frequently, and therefore it is always advisable that you check with the UAE Embassy in your home country before you travel. For more details on visa types and involved costs, you can reach the General Directorate of Residency and Foreigners Affairs at 8005111 (UAE) or +971 (0)4 313 9999 (INT).

(**Note:** That some visitors may also have to complete an eye/ retina scan when they go through immigration in Dubai.)

SECURITY AND CUSTOMS

It is an obligation for everyone to prepare essential information needed for mandatory security checks to avoid delays, especially for those who must pass through customs inspection. If you are unsure about items you are carrying, please declare your goods upon arrival.

Personal Allowances

- Gifts not exceeding AED3000
- Cash above AED100,000 must be declared
- Maximum of 400 cigarettes, 50 cigars, or 500 grams of tobacco
- Maximum of 4 liters of alcohol or 48 cans of beer
- Maximum of three-month supply of medication for personal use.
Please include an original prescription from a registered medical practitioner.
- All medications should be in original packaging, and not expired.
No psychotropic medicines are allowed without prior approval from the Ministry of Health.

Items Banned in the UAE

- All narcotic drugs
- Gambling tools and machines
- Ivory and rhinoceros horns
- Trammel (fishing net with three layers)
- Forged or duplicated currency
- Any printed material that contradicts Islamic teachings and/or decency, or that deliberately implies immorality or turmoil
- Cooked and homemade food
- Radios, self-defence equipment, sharp edged knives and swords.
- Pets and skins of endangered animals
- Fireworks and explosives
- Trees, plants, and soil

www.dubaiairports.ae

Please contact Dubai Customs for additional details on entry requirements.

Dubai Customs

+971 (0)4 417 7777

800 800 80 (24/7)

client.relations@dubaicustoms.ae

www.dubaicustoms.gov.ae

AIRPORT

Dubai International Airport has emerged to become one of the busiest airports for international travelers. It has 3 airport terminals and is home to Emirates Airlines. Emirates shares the space with FlyDubai and 125+ international airlines, serving 239+ destinations worldwide.

To accommodate the growing demand, a second airport, Dubai World Central— Al Maktoum International Airport, was created.

The Dubai International Airport is accessed by the Airport Road (D89) which leads directly into Dubai's city-center, a 10-minute drive. A taxi stand outside the arrivals hall is open 24 hours a day, and limousine service is available as well. Bus stations are located opposite all terminals.

These buses commute to all parts of Dubai area, and depart every 10 minutes between 06:00 - 22:00.

Your selected hotel/accommodation can arrange for airport pick-up and drop-off, prices vary and you will need to book prior to your arrival. However, Dubai Airports have excellent taxi services and big hotel chains and landmarks are well-known to drivers.

Dubai Airports Call Center

+971 (0)4 224 5555

Dubai Airport—Immigration Concerns

+971 (0)4 313 9999 / 8005111

amer@dhrd.ae

Emergency and Medical

+971 (0)4 216 1999 – Terminal 1 and 2

+971 (0)4 504 5007 – Terminal 3

+971 (0)4 504 5000 – Dubai World Terminal

Luggage

Luggage allowance is subject to different airlines policies. In general, 30kg of checked luggage is allowed for business class passengers, the domestic economy-class flight has a maximum of 23kg per person. Please ensure that your luggage does not exceed this. Carry-on baggage is limited to 7kg per person.

Lost and Found

If your checked luggage did not arrive, is misplaced, damaged, or delayed, please report it immediately to a DNATA or Emirates baggage desks located in Arrivals. However, for personal lost items in the airport or onboard your aircraft, call the 24-hours dedicated lost property line on +971 (0)4 224 5555

ACCOMMODATION

Jumeirah is the official hotel partner for Art Dubai—visit the Art Dubai website for further details:

www.artdubai.ae/travel-and-hotels

The city also offers a very good range of four, three, two and one-star hotels, as well as hotel apartments and youth hostels.

ACCESS AND TRANSPORTATION

Visitors can benefit from a range of services and a local infrastructure that help make any trip to Dubai smooth and hassle-free. Traffic signs are well marked and written in both English and Arabic. Speed limits range from 60 to 80kmph (37-50 mph) on city roads, and from 100 to 120kmph (62-75 mph) on highways. Seat belts are mandatory. Children aged 9 and under are not allowed to sit in the front seat.

Paid parking is available in most areas of Dubai. Parking meters generally operate Saturday to Thursday from 08:00 - 13:00 and again from 16:00 - 21:00 (with free parking during other hours); Fridays and public holidays are usually free all day. Valet parking is offered at most hotels, where many restaurants and bars are located. Malls typically offer free covered parking.

Driving

Driving is an economical way to travel in Dubai. If you are visiting from abroad and plan to rent a car, keep in mind that an international driver's license or a temporary Dubai license is required. Some car-rental companies are able to help arrange international or temporary Dubai licenses for visitors. Driving in the UAE is on the right-hand side of the road.

Car Rental Companies

Hertz

+971 (0)4 206 0206

www.hertz.ae

Sixt

+971 (0)4 384 7301

www.sixt.ae

Budget

+971 (0)4 884 0022

www.budget-uae.com

Avis

+971 (0)4 330 7272

www.avis.ae

Dollar

+971 (0)4 336 5065

www.dollaruae.com

Basic Driving Rules

- There are numerous speed cameras on the roads and motorways.
- Fines in the UAE are heavy.
- Tail-gating, speeding, racing, lane jumping and using mobile phones while driving are against the law.
- It is mandatory to wear seatbelts while driving including passengers.
- Not all international licenses are valid; please check first before getting behind the wheel.
- The UAE has a zero-tolerance policy on drinking alcohol and driving.

Taxis

Dubai taxis are safe, clearly-marked and relatively inexpensive. They are the most common form of transportation for those without cars. It is generally easy to flag one off the street, or you can request a car by calling the below numbers. There is also a fleet of taxis available with pink roofs that are driven by women and available for women passengers only. Flag down rate is AED 5 and the minimum fair is AED 12.

For Taxi Bookings

Dubai Taxi (Red Roof)

+971 (0)4 208 0808

Al Arabia Taxi (Green Roof)

+971 (0)4 285 5566

City Taxi (White Roof)

+971 (0)4 333 1110

Cars Taxi (Blue Roof)

+971 (0)4 269 3344

Metro Taxi (Orange Roof)

+971 (0)4 267 3222

National Taxi (Yellow Roof)

+971 (0)4 339 9000

Buses

Over 70 bus routes service destinations across Dubai. The main bus stations are near the Gold Souk in Deira and on Al Ghubaiba Road in Bur Dubai. Buses are air-conditioned and inexpensive, with the fares depending on distance travelled. To board a bus, you must buy a Nol card at the bus station before boarding. Buses generally operate from 5am until midnight. Cash is not accepted on Dubai buses, so ensure filling your Nol card with credit prior to boarding.

Other rules to consider: each passenger needs to purchase and keep their own Nol card; Eating on board the buses is strictly forbidden; the front of the bus is reserved for women and children.

For more information regarding routes, schedules, and pricing, visit www.rta.ae or call their contact center on 800 9090.

Metro

Dubai Metro is a driverless, fully automated rail network consisting of the Red and Green Line. The Green Line has 20 stations and the Red Line has 29 (Rashidiya to Jebel Ali). The metro offers a cheaper and convenient way to explore Dubai. Passengers will need to buy Nol tickets at any of the station stops. Fares are dependent on distance and duration of travel.

Travelers are not permitted to eat, drink, or sleep on the metro. Each train offers a section for women and children only. Cash is not accepted as a form of payment onboard the metro. Children below the age of 5 are allowed free of travel. Each passenger needs to purchase and keep their own Nol card.

Metro Timings

Saturday—Wednesday 05:30 – 00:00

Thursday 05:30 – 01:00

Friday 10:00 – 01:00

For more information, please visit:

www.dubaimetro.eu

Water Taxi

Local water taxis are called abras and are both a convenient and traditional way of crossing the Dubai Creek. There are a total of four abra stations on both sides of the Creek in Deira and Bur Dubai. The boats operate from 5am to midnight and cost just one dirham. Some of the boats also travel up and down the Dubai Creek for about AED 25 per person. This water taxis are also an excellent way to explore old Dubai and the spice markets. You can find more information by contacting RTA customer service on 800 9090.

Mobile Apps

Dubai is very accessible and if you are looking for ultimate flexibility, try rental apps like Uber and Careem.

Tram

The Dubai Tram system was designed to be an integral part of the Dubai transport network, linking the Dubai Metro and the Palm Monorail and running along Al Sufouh Road and Jumeirah Beach Road from Mall of the Emirates at one end to the Dubai Marina. You can find more information by contacting 800 9090.

Monorail

A new monorail travels from the base of the Palm Jumeirah to the Atlantis hotel on the island's crescent. It is open from 08:00 - 22:00 and costs AED 15 one-way and AED 25 return.

TRAVELING WITH CHILDREN

Dubai offers plenty of entertainment for youngsters with handful of waterparks, theme parks and attractions or wildlife and sports. More information is available with your hotel concierge and local tour companies.

Babysitting

All Jumeirah hotels provide baby-sitting services which need to be booked 48 hours before arrival. For more information and rates, contact +971 (0)4 366 8888

Onsite at the Fair

At the fair, children need to be accompanied at all times by an adult. There are multiple activities and events for young visitors at Art Dubai, more information can be found at:

www.artdubai.ae/children-teens-2017/

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ETIQUETTE

Courtesy and hospitality are important virtues in the Gulf, and visitors will enjoy the friendliness and warm welcome of locals and residents. When greeting a member of the opposite sex who is a Muslim, it is important not to offer to shake hands unless they extend their hand first—some men and women may prefer not to shake hands with the opposite sex. Moreover, any public displays of affection should be minimal.

DRESS CODE

While dress codes are fairly liberal, swim wear should only be worn on beaches or at swimming pools. When visiting shopping malls and other attractions, visitors should wear clothing that is not too tight or revealing. Certain attractions, such as mosques or religious sites, have stricter dress codes, requiring both men and women to cover up bare shoulders, arms and legs and women to wear headscarves.

The dress code for Art Dubai openings and formal dinners would be smart casual. It is recommended for the attire to be comfortable and not too revealing.

DRINKING

Despite being governed by Islamic laws, alcohol is available to visitors in licensed bars and selected hotels. Duty Free shops will allow you to carry four liters of alcohol upon your arrival. Drinking in public places is not permitted and being drunk and disorderly in public can result in penalties. Drinking and driving is strictly prohibited and Dubai Police has a zero tolerance approach. The legal drinking age is 21 years and must be proven with an official form of identification. There is a very strict policy in the UAE when it comes to recreational drugs which are prohibited.

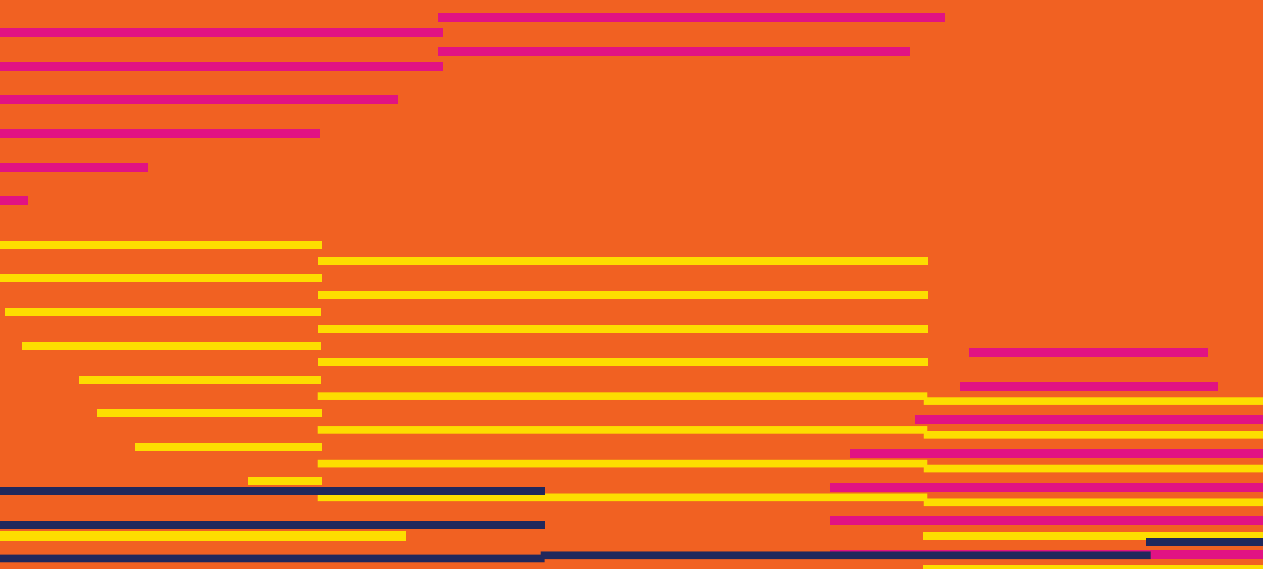
PHOTOGRAPHY

It is highly discouraged to take pictures of government or military organisations. If you want to take pictures of people make sure you ask first, especially if the photos are of women.

TIPPING

Although not compulsory, giving tips is a common practice in Dubai – in restaurants, hotels and cafés. Most people add 10% to their final bill total.

ENTERTAINMENT



The continued development of Dubai as a unique destination and a sophisticated contemporary business hub has made the city a popular tourist destination. Dubai cityscape has become a capital of culture, history and festivals, year-round.

MUSEUMS AND CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

Dubai Museum

The Dubai Museum features old cultural artifacts and showcases the city's history. It is located within the beautifully restored Al Fahidi Fort in Dubai's historic creek-side neighborhood.

Opening hours:

Saturday to Thursday 08:30 – 20:30

Friday 14:00 – 20:30

+971 (0)4 353 1862

www.dubaiculture.gov.ae

The Majlis Gallery

The Majlis Gallery is a converted traditional Arabic house, complete with wind towers. Small, whitewashed rooms lead off the central courtyard and host a variety of exhibitions by contemporary artists.

Opening hours:

Saturday to Thursday 10:00 – 18:00

+971 (0)4 353 6233

www.themajlisgallery.com

Etihad Museum

Discover the contemporary history of the United Arab Emirates at Dubai's latest cultural offering. Visitors can discover the UAE's rich heritage about life before the country's founding fathers signed the treaty that unified the seven emirates and the extraordinary economic development.

Opening hours:

Daily 10:00 - 20:00

+971 (0)4 515 5771

www.etihadmuseum.dubaiculture.ae

Al Fahidi Historical District

Previously known as Bastakiya, the district is originally built in the late 19th century. The old town was once home to the many merchants who visited the country, but is now reformed into a community of historical galleries and cafés.

Opening hours:

Saturday to Friday 08:30 – 20:30

+971 (0)4 393 7139

www.dubaiculture.gov.ae

Home of Sheikh Saeed

Overlooking the mouth of the creek at Shindagha, the Home of Sheikh Saeed is a listed national monument that showcases the history of the development of Dubai. Dating back to 1896, the building was once home to the local government, the nucleus for political and social organisations and the official residence of Sheikh Saeed Al Maktoum.

Opening hours:

Saturday to Thursday 08:30 – 21:30

Friday 15:00 – 21:30

+971 (0)4 393 7139

www.dubaiculture.gov.ae

The Sheikh Mohammed Centre for Cultural Understanding

Located in a traditional Wind Tower House in the heart of the historic Al Fahidi District in Bur Dubai, the centre strives to raise awareness and demystify the local culture, customs and religion of the United Arab Emirates.

Opening hours:

Sunday to Thursday 08:00 – 18:00

Saturday 09:00 – 13:00

+971 (0)4 353 6666

www.cultures.ae

SIGHTSEEING

‘At The Top’ in Burj Khalifa and the Dubai Fountain

Burj Khalifa, the tallest building in the world, provides unparalleled views of Dubai. A standard visit lasts approximately 60 minutes, allowing ample time for you to relax and enjoy the Dubai skyline at your leisure. Also, enjoy the Dubai Fountain’s entrancing performance of light, music and water, performing to iconic music every 30 minutes.

For details, call +971 (0)4 888 8124

Desert Tour and Safari

Discover Dubai and the UAE with SNTTA—Emir Tours exciting range of tours, safaris and activities including city tours, exploring desert oases, desert-driving, sand boarding or camel riding.

For inquiries and booking, contact
+971 (0)4 286 5758 or
+971 (0)56 606 8422

"The beach is the most underrated gem in Dubai. Many tourists come and forget that there is beach worth visiting! The government has recently recognized this treasure and has put a lot of effort in to making the beach more exciting in the last year. Kite Beach is our own little Santa Monica with surf shacks, taco stands and food trucks. The burgers at Salt are a must!"

Dana Farouki

Chair of the Abraaj Group Art Prize

Aquaventure Waterpark

Discover an underwater world at The Lost Chambers Aquarium or meet the incredible marine mammals at Dolphin Bay and Sea Lion Point.

Visit www.atlantisthepalm.com for more offers.

Sun and Sea

Year-round sunshine makes Dubai a top attraction for visitors who enjoy beaches, swimming pools and watersports. As a coastal city, Dubai has numerous beautiful beaches that visitors can enjoy. All hotels along the coastline have their own private beaches for the use of hotel guests. Dubai has open beaches and two beach parks, Al Mamzar and Jumeirah, which are open to the public for a minimal charge (AED 5 for individuals and AED 20-30 for vehicles).

City Tours

An organised tour can be a great way to know more about Dubai, especially if you are here for a limited time. Whatever your preferred activities, shopping and sight-seeing plans, you will find a package that would suit you.

Majority of the tours are required to be booked in advance. Your hotel concierge can assist you with recommendations and special deals.

Wonder Bus Tour

The first sea and land bus tour in the Middle East that offers fun-filled sightseeing tours in Dubai Creek and selected tourist spots. Alternatively, they also have special rate packages for bespoke tours.

For more details, call +971 (0)4 359 5656 or visit www.wonderbusdubai.net

SHOPPING

Dubai Mall

Home to Dubai Aquarium & Underwater Zoo, KidZania® an innovative children's 'edutainment' concept, SEGA Republic a 76,000 sq ft high adrenaline indoor theme park, an Olympic-sized Dubai Ice Rink and real fossils of a 155-million year old dinosaur.

800 382 246 255

www.thedubaimall.com

Mall of the Emirates

Home to the world-renowned Ski Dubai -the Middle East's first indoor ski resort and snow park- and the 500-seat capacity Dubai Community Theatre and Arts Centre (DUCTAC).

+971 (0)4 409 9000

www.malloftheemirates.com

The Outlet Village

An upscale indoor retail shopping destination, the Outlet Village has an iconic architectural design that is inspired by UNESCO World Heritage San Gimignano, Italy.

+971 (0) 4 317 3999

www.theoutletvillage.ae

Mercato Mall

Boasts a unique design inspired by the Italian Renaissance and around 100 shops, the mall is situated on Jumeirah Beach Road, between the Dubai Zoo and Town Centre Jumeirah.

+971 (0)4 344 4161

www.mercatoshoppingmall.com

Ibn Battuta Mall

Built around the historic travels of Ibn Battuta, who traveled across North Africa, Egypt, Persia, and China in a journey outstripping and preceding that of Marco Polo. Offers over 250 shops and an adjacent 5-star hotel.

+971 (0)4 362 1900

www.ibnbattutamall.com

City Walk

City Walk is an urban living concept and an ideal outdoor destination providing ultimate lifestyle experience with its select retail brands and upscale food offerings.

800 637 227

www.citywalk.ae

"The Ismaili Centre in Karama, Dubai which opened in 2008 is an architectural marvel. The building itself was designed by Egyptian architects Rami El-Dahan and Soheir Farid. Traditionally trained masons and craftsmen were flown in from Egypt and elsewhere. The building is inspired by a variety of traditional Islamic architecture styles."

Sultan Sooud Al Qassemi

UAE Columnist, Founder of Barjeel Art Foundation

SOUQS

A shopping experience you should not miss. In contrast to the sleek and shiny shopping malls, the colour and chaos of the souqs is what makes them appealing. Be sure to bargain in the souqs as it is expected.

Deira Gold Souq

Features genuine gold and diamond jewelry

Opening hours:

Daily 10:00 – 13:00 and 03:00 – 22:00

Sikkat Al Khail Street (near Palm Deira Metro Station)

Spice Souq

Features spices, groceries and household goods with a good view of the creek's dhows.

Opening hours:

Saturday to Thursday 09:00 – 22:00

Friday 16:00 – 22:00

Between Baniyas Road, Al Ras, and Al Abra Street

Bur Dubai Souq

Features textiles and fabrics.

Opening hours:

Daily 10:00 – 22:00

Between Bur Dubai Waterfront and Ali bin Abi Talib Street

Naif Souq

Features bargain-priced fabrics, henna products, jewelry and local dresses, including abayas and colorful kaftan-style dresses.

Opening hours:

Daily 08:30 - 23:30

Between Bur Dubai Waterfront and Ali bin Abi Talib Street

"One of my all time favourite places for a quiet, sea view dinner is Flooka lebanese fish restaurant. Perfect place for a busy art week for a casual dinner with friends."

Nadine Knotzer

Director, Carbon12 Gallery

RESTAURANTS

March is a busy season for restaurants in Dubai. Make sure to book in advance to avoid waiting time.

HIGH-END DINING

Armani / Ristorante

Italian cuisine Armani Hotel Dubai
+971 (0)4 888 3888

Asado

Argentinian Grill
The Palace, Downtown Dubai
+971 (0)4 888 3444

At.mosphere

Upscale fine dining restaurant
Burj Khalifa
+971 (0)4 888 3828

Catch

Gourmet seafood fusion cuisine
Fairmont Dubai
+971 (0)4 357 1755

Coya

Latin American cuisine
Four Seasons Resort at Jumeirah Beach
+971 (0)4 316 9600

Euzone

Modern Asian Cuisine

One & Only Royal Mirage, Al Sufouh

+971 (0)4 399 9999

Graze

Steak-lovers' ultimate sanctuary

La Ville Hotel & Suites, City Walk

+971 (0)4 403 3111

Hakkasan

World-Famous Chinese Cuisine

Jumeirah Emirates Towers

+971 (0)4 384 8484

Il Borro Tuscan Bistro

Traditional Tuscan Italian

Jumeirah Al Naseem

+971 (0)4 275 2555

Indego by Vineet

Indian cuisine

Grosvenor House, Dubai Marina

+971 (0)4 399 8888

Katsuya

Contemporary Japanese

Jumeirah Al Naseem, Madinat Jumeirah

+971 (0)4 419 0676

"I would recommend one of the best pastry shops in Dubai: Yamanote, a Japanese pastry appropriating French traditional recipes and turning them with a great twist. Beware of the calories only, even though they use quality ingredients, this ain't a trip for health conscious people!"

Kourosh Nouri

Director, Carbon12 gallery

Khaymat Al Bahat

Authentic Lebanese Cuisine
Al Qasr, Madinat Jumeirah
+971 (0)4 432 3232

La Cantine du Faubourg

Modern Paris on your plate
Emirates Towers Hotel
+971 (0)4 352 7105

La Parilla

Argentinian Restaurant
Jumeirah Beach Hotel
+971 (0)4 432 3232

La Petite Maison

Southern French and Italian cuisine Dubai
International Financial Center
+971 (0)4 439 0505

Nathan Outlaw at Al Mahara

Seafood with Michelin-Star Rating
Burj Al Arab
+971 (0)4 301 7600

Nobu

Traditional Japanese dishes with
Peruvian ingredients
Atlantis the Palm
+971 (0)4 426 0760

Nusr - Et Steakhouse

Turkish steakhouse

Four Seasons Resort at Jumeirah Beach

+971 (0)4 407 4100

Pai Thai

Thai restaurant

Dar Al Masyaf Hotel, Madinat Jumeirah

+971 (0)4 366 6740

Pier Chic

High-end Mediterranean seafood restaurant

Al Qasr, Madinat Jumeirah

+971 (0)4 366 6705

Rang Mahal by Atul Kochhar

New modern and innovative Indian dishes

JW Marriott Marquis

+971 (0)4 414 3000

Rockfish

Mediterranean Seafood

Jumeirah Al Naseem, Madinat Jumeirah

+971 (0)4 366 7640

Ruya

Modern Turkish Cuisine

Grosvenor House, Dubai Marina

+971 (0)4 399 9123

Zheng He's

Chinese dishes contemporized with neo-oriental flair

Mina A' Salam, Madinat Jumeirah

+971 (0)4 432 3232

Zuma

Chic Japanese restaurant

Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC)

+971 (0)4 425 5660

“There are just days when you wake up hungry, have a bit of time before the fair starts and you want to check out the local scene but really also want some good food and chai—grab a cab and head to Karama and check out Raju Omelet— absolutely fantastic—there is generally a line but it moves pretty fast and you can walk around Karama a bit after, or while you are waiting for your table. Totally worth the wait!”

Uzma Z. Rizvi

Associate Professor of Anthropology
and Urban Studies, Pratt Institute of
Art and Design

CASUAL DINING

Aubaine

Classic French Café Cuisine
City Walk II, Al Wasl Road
+971 (0)4 510 8391

Bianca Mozzarella

Italian bistro
Boxpark, Al Wasl Road
+971 (0)4 345 5300

Burger Joint New York

Best American burgers
City Walk
+971 (0)4 344 4459

Bussola

Italian restaurant and pizzeria
The Westin Dubai Marina Seyahi Resort
+971 (0)4 511 7373

Butcha Steakhouse & Grill

Turkish Steakhouse
City Walk
+971 (0)4 344 1311

Café Belge

Belgian cuisine
Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC)
+971 (0)4 372 2323

Chival

All-day dining for good food and view
La Ville Hotel & Suites, City Walk
+971 (0)54 309 5948

Craft Café

Unique combination of a coffee shop
and haberdashery
Dubai Design District
+971 (0)4 514 9032

Cocktail Kitchen

Modern European restaurant
Cluster P, Jumeirah Lake Towers (JLT)
+971 (0)56 828 0727

Cocoa Kitchen

Chocolate-lover's haven
City Walk
+971 (0)4 343 2506

Din Tai Fung

Taiwan's dumpling restaurant
Mall of the Emirates
+971 (0)4 265 1288

The Farm

Upmarket cafe
Al Barari Villas, Emirates Road
+971 (0)4 392 5660

Farzi Cafe

Unique Indian and Arabic culinary art

City Walk

+971 (0)4 394 2556

The Hamptons Café

A touch of coastal village flair

Umm Suqeim

+971 (0)4 331 5118

The Hide

A prime carnivore haven

Al Qasr, Madinat Jumeirah

+971 (0)4 432 3232

La Serre

Parisian-style cafe

Vida Downtown Dubai

+971 (0)4 428 6969

Loca

Award-winning Mexican restaurant and bar

Dubai Marine Beach Resort and Spa

+971 (0)4 449 4455

Logma

Modern Emirati Cuisine

Boxpark, Al Wasl Road

800 56462

Matto

Italian Comfort
The Oberoi, Dubai
+971 (0)4 444 1335

Meat Me There

Best hidden burgers
Al Souq Mall, Jumeirah Beach Road
+971 (0)4 338 7330

Mezza House Restaurant

Syrian, Palestinian, Jordanian and
Lebanese dishes
Al Manzil Hotel, Downtown Dubai
+971 (0)4 420 5444

Muchachas Mexican Cantina

Contemporary Mexican food
Holiday Inn Express Dubai - Safa Park
+971 (0)4 327 5878

Mythos Kouzina & Grill

Traditional Greek
Cluster P, Jumeirah Lake Towers
+971 (0)4 399 8166

SALT

Contemporary style burgers
Kite Beach
+971 (0)50 743 1319

Shimmers

Authentic Greek Cuisine
Jumeirah Mina A Salam
+971 (0)4 432 3232

Tashas

South African Cafe
Galleria Mall, Al Wasl Road
+971 (0)4 385 5500

Yamanote Atelier Restaurant

Authentic Japanese delicacies
DIFC & Wasl Square
+971 (0)4 388 1811

BEST FOR BRUNCH

Al Hambra

Spanish tapas & sangria

Al Qasr

+971 (0)4 366 6731

Arboretum

Award winning brunch

Al Sufouh

+971 (0)4 432 3232

Bubbalicious

Free flow bubbly

Westin Dubai Mina Seyahi

+971 (0)4 399 4141

Bushman's Restaurant and Bar

Australian cuisine

Anantara, the Palm Resort & Spa

+971 (0)4 567 8304

The Daily Family Brunch

Rove Hotel

+971 (0)4 561 9000

Urban Picnic at 3in1

Al Fresco Brunch

Vida Downtown

+971 (0) 4 428 6888

**"Nippon Bottle Company -
A hidden bar in the Dusit Thani
hotel on Sheikh Zayed Road
(great on weekends and hidden
behind the bookcase in the lobby
of the hotel). And ice cream
at the lobby of Le Meridien
Garhoud."**

Ahmad Makia

Editor of The State Magazine

BARS & LOUNGES

Bahri Bar

Terrace Bar

Jumeirah Mina A'Salam

+971 (0)4 432 3232

Blind Dragon

Celebrity karaoke favorite

Al Habtoor City

+971 (0)4 437 0033

Buddha Bar

Nightspot with top-floor panorama

Grosvenor House Dubai

+971 (0)4 317 6000

Cove Beach Dubai

Beach bar with stunning views of

Burj Al Arab

Jumeirah Beach Hotel

+971 (50) 454 6920

Ginter Bar

Watch the sunset over the Marina

InterContinental Dubai Marina

+971 (0)4 446 6656

Grapeskin Bar

Casual dining City Walk
+971 (0)4 403 3111

Iris

Ultimate rooftop experience
The Oberoi Hotel
+971 (0)56 951 1442

Jetty Lounge

Sophisticated beach bar
One & Only Royal Mirage
+971 (0)4 399 9999

Miss Lilly's

Jamaican cuisine
Sheraton Grand Hotel
+971 (0)4 354 4074

The Vault

Stylish lounge from the 72nd floor
JW Marriott Marquis
+971 (0)4 414 3000

Tribeca

Relaxed local neighborhood lounge bar
with an arty edge
Ocean View Hotel
+971 (0)50 345 6067

Weslodge Saloon

Wild West-themed bar
JW Marriot Marquis Tower
+971 (0)4 560 1700

“Bait Al Shay in Rashidiya, Dubai is one of the many tea shops dotted around the Emirates. Located in the midst of an older neighborhood in Dubai, and huddled within a group of community service stores, it is regularly frequented by a line of cars who honk and park to get their beloved karak chai no matter the time or weather conditions.”

Moza Almatrooshi

Exhibition Coordinator at 1971

A.i.R Dubai 2016 artist

OLD DUBAI

Dubai is well-known for its modern architecture and skyscrapers. Alongside the rapid transformation, the city has managed to preserve its past.

A visit to “Old Dubai” offers a completely different Dubai experience. Uncover history, heritage and try great local cuisines.

AL BASTAKIYA

Al Fahidi Historical Neighbourhood

Al Hamriya, Bur Dubai

800 900

Bastakiya Nights Restaurant

Lebanese, Middle East cuisine

+971 (0)4 353 7772

Arabian Tea House Restaurant & Café

Courtyard house

+971 (0)4 353 5071

Coffee Museum

+971 (0)4 353 8777

XVA Gallery

+971 (0)4 353 5383

Dubai Museum

Al Fahidi St., Bur Dubai

+971 (0)4 353 1862

Gold Souk

Deira

Spice Souk

Deira

Old Souk/Textile Souk

Bur Dubai

DUBAI MALL / DOWNTOWN

Dubai Opera

+971 (0)4 440 8888

www.dubaiopera.com

Downtown Dubai

800 38224 6255

The Dubai Fountain

Shows every 30 minutes, daily 18:00 - 23:00

+971 (0)4 362 7500

At The Top, Burj Khalifa

+971 (0)4 888 8124

Souk Al Bahar

+971 (0)4 362 7011

Dubai Aquarium & Underwater Zoo

Dubai Mall, Second Floor

+971 (0)4 448 5200

ATLANTIS, THE PALM

Crescent Road, Dubai

+971 (0)4 426 2000

Aquaventure Waterpark

+971 (0)4 426 0000

The Lost Chambers Aquarium

+971 (0)4 426 1040

Dolphin Bay

+971 (0)4 426 1030

Shark Safari Experience

Sea Lion Discovery

Nasimi Beach for drinks/brunch

+971 (0)4 426 2626

Shopping

Restaurants

JUMEIRAH

Kite Beach

Kite surfing, soap football, beach tennis, beach volleyball and kayaking

Jumeirah 3

+971 (0)4 208 0808

Wild Wadi Water Park

Jumeirah Road, by Jumeirah Beach Hotel

+971 (0)4 348 4444

JUMEIRAH BEACH RESIDENCE (JBR)

The Walk

+971 (0) 4 390 0091

The Beach

+971 (0)4 317 3999

CITY WALK

Hub Zero

The region's first immersive entertainment hub, a fully interactive gaming experience.

800 637 227

The Green Planet

Fully immersive indoor vertical rainforest

+971 (0)4 317 3999

UAE

Sheikh Zayed Mosque

Third largest mosque in the world

Sheikh Rashid Bin Saeed, Abu Dhabi

+971 (0)2 419 1919

Skydive Dubai

Al Sufouh Road

+971 (0)4 377 8888

Dubai Desert Safari

Arabic coffee and tea on arrival, desert driving, dune bashing, sand boarding, camel riding, henna painting. Live entertainment with belly Tanoura, Irani and Egyptian dance shows, Arabic costumes, Shisha, international buffet with barbecue and vegetarian options and unlimited soft drinks and water.

SNTTA Emir Tours

+971 (0)56 606 8422

IMG WORLDS OF ADVENTURE

IMG Worlds of Adventure is the largest temperature controlled indoor themed entertainment destination in the world, covering an area in excess of 1.5 million square feet. With the capacity to welcome more than 20,000 guests a day, the destination features roller coasters, thrill rides, and other attractions based on popular Cartoon Network characters, iconic Marvel Super Heroes and animatronic dinosaurs. Other facilities include a variety of themed retail stores and dining venues, and a 12-screen Novo cinema complex.

Opening hours:

Sunday to Wednesday 11:00 - 22:00

Thursday to Saturday 11:00 - 23:00

Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed Road,
City of Arabia, Dubai Land
600 500 962

DUBAI PARKS AND RESORTS

Dubai Parks and Resort is the Middle East's largest integrated resort destination. It is home to three world-class theme parks including MotionGate Dubai, Bollywood Parks, Legoland Dubai, Legoland Waterpark, Riverland Dubai, and Lapita Hotel.

It is where East meets West to give you the best in hospitality, F&B, and entertainment.

Sheikh Zayed Road, opposite Palm Jebel Ali, Dubai

+971 (0)4 820 0000

www.dubaiparksandresorts.com

WELL-BEING & RELAXATION

Armani/SPA

Armani Hotel Dubai

+971 (0)4 888 3888

www.dubai.armanihotels.com

B/Attitude Spa

Grosvenor House

+971 (0)4 402 2200

www.battitudespa-dubai.com

Caracalla Spa

Le Royal Méridien Beach Resort, Al Sufuoh

+971 (0)4 399 5555

www.caracallaspa.com

One&Only Private Spa

One&Only The Palm

+971 (0)4 440 1040

www.thepalm.oneandonlyresorts.com

Talise Ottoman Spa

Jumeirah Zabeel Saray

+971 (0)4 453 0456

www.jumeirah.com

Talise Spa

Madinat Jumeirah

+971 (0)4 366 6818

www.jumeirah.com

Yin Yang Massage and Spa

The Beach Centre, Jumeirah Beach Road
+971 (0)4 344 4211

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