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**Welcome to Dubai!**

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

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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**

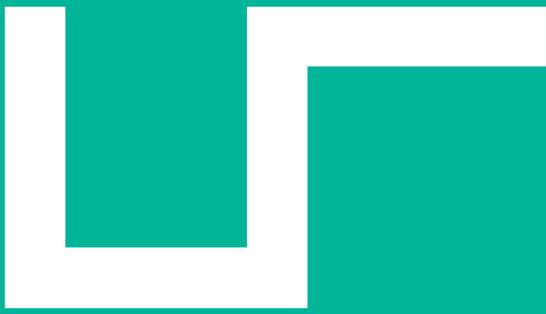
Dubai is an extremely safe destination for visitors with a very low crime rate. However, like any metropolis, it is sensible to take reasonable precautions regarding personal safety and to be vigilant at all times. It is best to ensure that you have valid and comprehensive travel insurance when visiting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

## **IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS IN DUBAI**

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:**

<b>Dubai Police</b>	999
<b>Ambulance</b>	999
<b>Fire Department</b>	997
<b>Tourist Security</b>	901
<b>Phone Directory</b>	181
<b>Roadside Assistance</b>	800 5111
<b>Visa and Foreign Affairs</b>	800 4900
<b>Dubai Consumer Protection</b>	600 545 555



# 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 5000

*dhwebs@dha.gov.ae*

### **Mediclinic City Hospital**

+971 (0)4 435 9999

*cityhospital@mediclinic.ae*

### **Rashid Hospital**

+971 (0)4 219 2000

*wasselotak@dha.gov.ae*

### **American Hospital**

+971 (0)4 336 7777

*erarpr@ahdubai.com*

For more listing of hospitals and medical centers, [www.dha.gov.ae](http://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*

## 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](http://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](http://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**

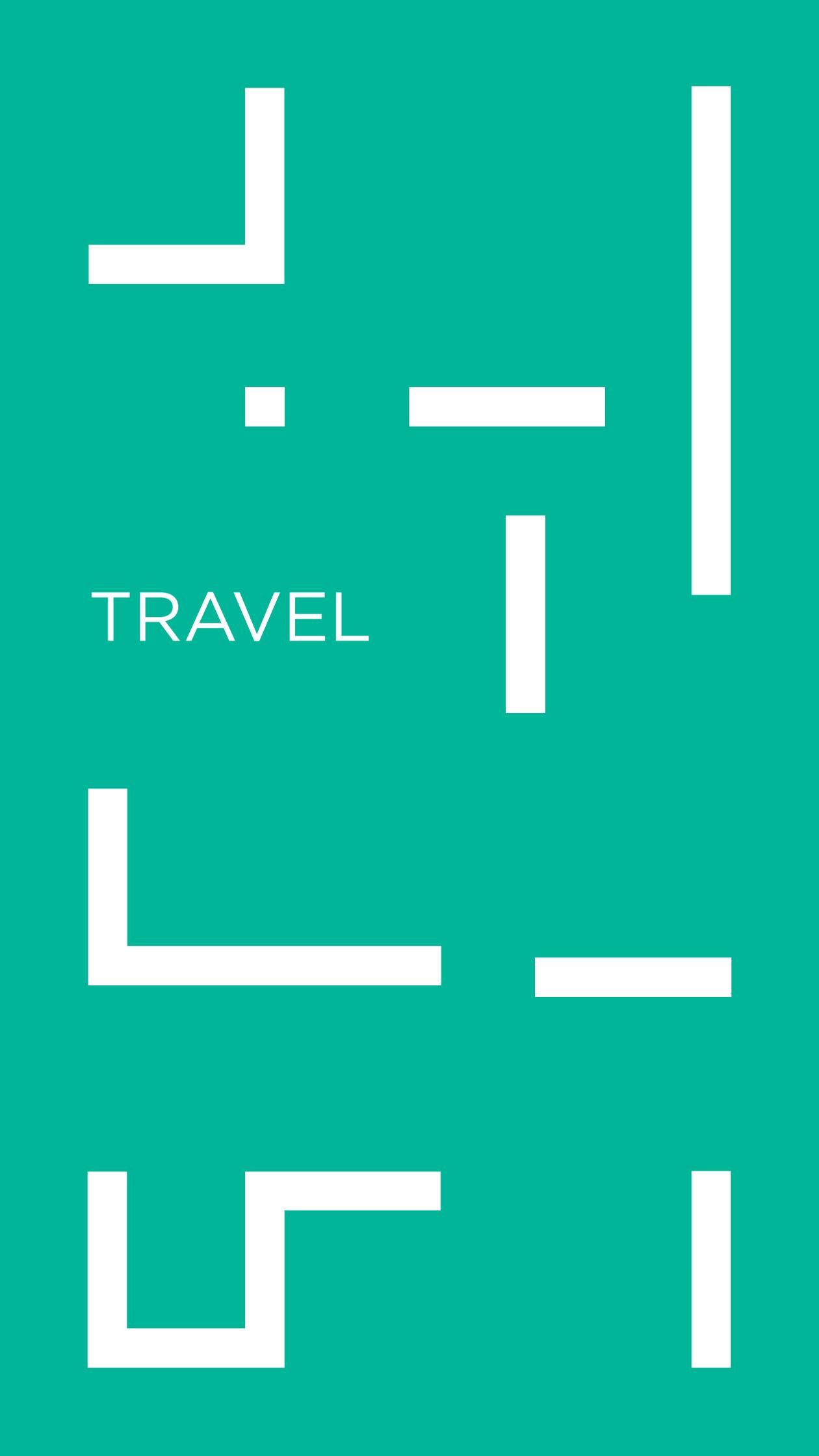
Voltage is at 220-240 and 50 cycles.

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.

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

## **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.

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TRAVEL

## PASSPORT AND VISAS

Passports are required to be valid for at least 6 months before your travel to the UAE.

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

<https://government.ae/en/information-and-services/visa-and-emirates-id/do-you-need-an-entry-permit-or-a-visa-to-enter-the-uae>

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 800 5111 (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](http://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](mailto:client.relations@dubaicustoms.ae)

[www.dubaicustoms.gov.ae](http://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 / 800 5111

*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](http://www.artdubai.ae/travel-and-hotels)

The city also offers a very good range of four and three 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](http://www.hertz.ae)

### Sixt

+971 (0)4 384 7301

[www.sixt.ae](http://www.sixt.ae)

### Budget

+971 (0)4 884 0022

[www.budget-uae.com](http://www.budget-uae.com)

### Avis

+971 (0)4 330 7272

[www.avis.ae](http://www.avis.ae)

### Dollar

+971 (0)4 336 5065

[www.dollaruae.com](http://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

## **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](http://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**

Red Line:

Saturday-Wednesday 05:00 - 00:00

Thursday 05:00 - 01:00

Green Line:

Saturday - Wednesday 05:30 - 00:00

Thursday 05:30 - 01:00

Red Line and Green Line  
Friday - 10:00 - 01:00

For more information, please visit:  
[www.dubaimetro.eu](http://www.dubaimetro.eu)

## **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 09:00 - 22:00 and costs AED 20 one-way and AED 25 return.

## **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.

## **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:

<http://www.artdubai.ae/children-teens/>



# 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.

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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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.cultures.ae)

## **Louvre Abu Dhabi**

Louvre Abu Dhabi is a universal museum on a mission to create human connections through art, dating from prehistory to the present. This is first Louvre museum to open outside Paris. This iconic museum is the new cultural gem in the UAE and has a rich collection of Arab and Islamic arts.

### **Opening hours:**

Saturday to Wednesday 10:00 - 20:00

Thursday to Friday 10:00 - 22:00

Monday - Closed

600 565 566

[www.louvreabudhabi.ae](http://www.louvreabudhabi.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**

Patron, Collector; Trustee, MoMA PS1/  
Creative Time; Dubai/New York

## **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](http://www.atlantisthepalm.com) for more offers.

## **La Mer**

La Mer is Dubai's newest beachfront district that offers the best of sun, sea, and outdoor fun. Wide-array of restaurant for gastronomic delights. Open daily from 10am until midnight, La Mer at Jumeirah 1 is easily reachable using public transport. The easiest way to get there is by taxi. Hail one from any roadside or book one by calling +971 (0)4 208 0808.

+971 (0)4 317 3999  
[www.lamerdubai.ae](http://www.lamerdubai.ae)

## **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.

## **Big Bus**

Enjoy panoramic views of Dubai's dramatic skyline, perfect sandy beaches and the world's tallest building. Hop off to explore historical souq, forts and palaces, and enjoy ultra-chic dining and ambient nightlife.

+971 (0)4 340 7709

[www.bigbustours.com/en/dubai/dubai-bus-tours](http://www.bigbustours.com/en/dubai/dubai-bus-tours)

## **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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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

### **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

**J&G Steakhouse**

Award-winning steakhouse with classy-contemporary vibe  
St. Regis Dubai, Al Habtoor City  
+971 (0)4 345 5577

**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

**Luchador**

Mexican cantina with great seaviews  
Aloft Hotel, Palm Jumeira  
+971 (0)4 247 5550

**Marimoto Dubai**

Fusion of Japanese traditional dishes with  
Western ingredients  
Renaissance Downtown Hotel  
+971 (0)4 512 5577

**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

**Royal China**

Excellent Cantonese Dishes

Building 4, DIFC

+971 (0)4 354 5543

**Ruya**

Modern Turkish Cuisine

Grosvenor House, Dubai Marina

+971 (0)4 399 9123

**Scalini**

Traditional Trattoria menu

Four Seasons Resort, Jumeirah Beach Road

+971(0)4 349 0068

**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

### **3Fils**

Petite Asian fish restaurant  
Jumeirah Fishing Harbour 1  
+971 (0)56 273 0030

### **Arjee Bhajee**

British-style curry house  
Palm Jumeirah  
+971 (0)4 439 3548

### **Aubaine**

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

### **Ayubowan**

Authentic Sri Lankan dishes  
Lake Point Tower, Cluster N, JLT  
+971 (0)4 431 3099

### **BB Social Dining**

Bao Buns and Bowls  
Gate Village 8, DIFC  
+971 (0)4 407 4444

### **Baku Cafe**

Traditional Azerbaijan Cuisine  
City Walk  
+971 (0)4 299 9081

## **Bianca Mozzarella**

Italian bistro

Boxpark, Al Wasl Road

+971 (0)4 345 5300

## **Bu Qtair**

A Dubai institution serving fresh seafood

Umm Suquiem Fishing Harbour

+9714 (0)55 705 2130

## **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

## **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

## **Craft Café**

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

## **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

## **Lock, Stock & Barrel**

Monster nachos, curries, and flatbreads

The Walk, Jumeirah Beach Residences

+971 (0)4 520 0049

## **Logma**

Modern Emirati Cuisine

Boxpark, Al Wasl Road

800 56462

**Matto**

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

**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

**Ravi Restaurant**

Pakistani restaurant  
Satwa, Karama, Al Nahda, Al Qusais  
+971(0)4 331 5353

**SALT**

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

## **Shimmers**

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

## **Waka**

Fusion of Latin American flavors  
Oberoi Hotel, Dubai  
+971 (0)4 444 1455

## **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

### **Black Tap**

New York's favourite for crafty burger and freakshakes  
Rixos Premium Dubai  
+971 (0)4 422 9904

### **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**

Grapeskin Bar

Trendy neighborhood social hangout

+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

## **Le Petit Belge**

Belgian bar and restaurant

Pullman Jumeirah Lake Tower

+971 (0)4 242 7794

## **Loca**

A must-try Guacamole and Mexican cuisine

Dubai Marine Beach Resort

+971 (0)4 346 1111

## **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  
JA Ocean View Hotel, The Walk-Dubai  
+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**

#### **Bayt Al Wakeel**

Traditional Food with creek view  
+971 (0)4 353 0530

#### **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

Try and discover Dubai from our recommendations. From leisure walks to extreme adventures, there are so many activities to make your stay enjoyable.

### **Dubai Opera**

+971 (0)4 440 8888

[www.dubaiopera.com](http://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 and Shark Safari Experience**

+971 (0)4 426 1030

## **Wild Wadi Water Park**

Jumeirah Road, by Jumeirah Beach Hotel

+971 (0)4 348 4444

## **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

## **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](http://www.dubaiparksandresorts.com)

## WELL-BEING & RELAXATION

### **Armani/SPA**

Armani Hotel Dubai

+971 (0)4 888 3888

[www.dubai.armanihotels.com](http://www.dubai.armanihotels.com)

### **B/Attitude Spa**

Grosvenor House

+971 (0)4 402 2200

[www.battitudespa-dubai.com](http://www.battitudespa-dubai.com)

### **Caracalla Spa**

Le Royal Méridien Beach Resort, Al Sufuoh

+971 (0)4 399 5555

[www.caracallaspa.com](http://www.caracallaspa.com)

### **One&Only Private Spa**

One&Only The Palm

+971 (0)4 440 1040

[www.thepalm.oneandonlyresorts.com](http://www.thepalm.oneandonlyresorts.com)

### **Talise Ottoman Spa**

Jumeirah Zabeel Saray

+971 (0)4 453 0456

[www.jumeirah.com](http://www.jumeirah.com)

## **Talise Spa**

Madinat Jumeirah

+971 (0)4 366 6818

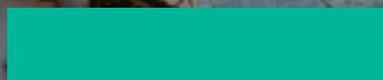
[www.jumeirah.com](http://www.jumeirah.com)

## **Yin Yang Massage and Spa**

The Beach Centre, Jumeirah Beach Road

+971 (0)4 344 4211

[www.yinyang.ae](http://www.yinyang.ae)



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