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Dubai has transformed from a humble fishing village to one of the most cosmopolitan and innovative cities in the world today. Tracing its origins back to 3,000 BC, Dubai's inhabitants made their livelihood from fishing, pearl diving, boat building and sea trading, before the discovery of oil in the late 1960s. In 1971, Dubai joined its neighbours to form the United Arab Emirates, safeguarding the area's prosperity.


Events

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Rugby 7s
Excitement and entertainment dominate the weekend during the Emirates Airline Festival of Sport.
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Dubai Shopping Festival
The annual Dubai Shopping Festival (DSF) is always filled with fantastic events and offers.
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Emirates Airline Festival ...
The Emirates Airline Festival of Literature is an annual event that usually runs from November to December.
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Dubai World Cup
The Dubai World Cup is one of the world's highest-budget horse races with a prize fund of over \$100 million.
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Dubai Fitness Challenge
All it takes is 30 minutes to stay fit. The annual Dubai Fitness Challenge encourages residents to get active and healthy.


Top 5

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Burj Khalifa
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The View at The Palm
Enjoy incomparable views of one of Dubai's most talked about landmarks at The View from The Palm.
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Sky Views Dubai
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Dubai Harbour
Admire the city's sparkling coastline from Dubai Harbour, a seafront district that is the heart of the city's maritime sector.
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Museum of the Future
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TOP ATTRACTIONS



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Dubai is a city that must be seen to be believed. Record-breaking architecture stands alongside traditional quarters, while man-made islands jut out of the coastline. Check out the top places to tick off your sightseeing list when you're in town.

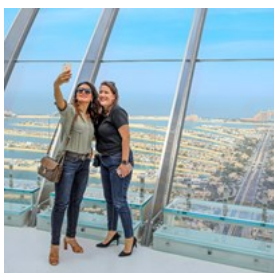
Burj Khalifa



Soaring 828 metres above Dubai and currently the world's tallest building, the Burj Khalifa represents a union of art, engineering and heritage. It's home to ample office space, private residences, the 160-room Armani Hotel and "At the Top" observation decks on the 124th and 148th floors. There are also more than 1,000 specially commissioned works of art throughout the building.

Photo: DET/Dubai Tourism
Internet: www.burjkhalifa.ae

The View at The Palm



Enjoy incomparable views of one of Dubai's most talked about landmarks at The View at The Palm. Located 240 metres high, the observation deck

presents the stunning 360-degree panorama of Palm Jumeirah alongside the sparkling waters of the Arabian Gulf and the Dubai skyline in the distance. The View at The Palm is located on level 52 of The Palm Tower, which also houses a café, a creative exhibition, interactive aquarium-themed tunnels and a gift shop. To further elevate your sky-high sightseeing experience, step up to The Next Level — at 250 metres above ground, the private, barrier-free space is the island's highest vantage point.

Photo: DET/Dubai Tourism
Internet: www.theviewpalm.ae

Sky Views Dubai



If you're a fan of heights, then head 219.5 metres above ground with Sky Views Dubai. Visitors will be swept off their feet as they take in endless vistas of the city skyline and a bird's eye view of Downtown Dubai. Perched atop the Address Sky View hotel, this architectural marvel has three distinct offerings, providing unforgettable sightseeing escapades: the Observatory, the Glass Slide and the thrill-inducing Edge Walk.

Photo: Sky Views Dubai/Dubai Tourism
Address: Address Sky View Hotel, Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashed Boulevard, Downtown Dubai
Internet: www.skyviewsdubai.com

Dubai Harbour



Admire the city's sparkling coastline from Dubai Harbour, a seafront district in Dubai Marina that boasts the most advanced cruise terminal and the largest marina in the region.

With the ability to berth up to 700 luxury yachts and boats, the Dubai Harbour also features a 120,000-square-metre cruise facility with two terminals on a 910-metre long quay. The world-class maritime destination is already open for the public to explore, though new hotels, cafes, retail outlets and restaurants in the area will be opening in phases.

Photo: Dubai Harbour/Dubai Tourism
Phone: +971 4 208 9222
Internet: www.dubaiharbour.com

Museum of the Future



One of the city's most famous landmarks, this "living museum" explores how society could evolve in the coming decades, combining elements of traditional exhibition, immersive theatre and themed attractions. Look beyond the present and towards the future's limitless possibilities across space travel, climate change, ecology, health, wellness and spirituality. Discover the world's greatest ideas, prototypes and inventions, and attend special workshops and talks that explore high-tech solutions.

Photo: DET/Dubai Tourism
Opening hours: Daily 9:30am-9pm
Phone: +971 800 2071
Internet: museumofthefuture.ae/en

Deep Dive Dubai



The latest addition to the city's thriving sports and adventure activities scene, Deep Dive Dubai is the place to be for all aqua enthusiasts. The recreational centre's 60.02-metre-deep pool is

certified by Guinness World Records as the world's deepest swimming pool for diving. Aside from its remarkable depth, the pool features other unrivalled underwater additions, such as a 'sunken city', alongside year-round freediving and scuba diving courses and guided experiences.

Photo: Deep Dive Dubai/Dubai Tourism
Address: NAS Sports Complex Dubai
Phone: +971 4 5019444
Internet: deepdivedubai.com
Email: info@deepdivedubai.com

Mohammed Bin Rashid Library



Built along the historic Dubai Creek, the Mohammed Bin Rashid Library is an inspiring landmark. The library, which is designed in the shape of a traditional Islamic lectern, is the largest in the region and representative of its collective cultural and academic wisdom. Explore nine themed libraries inside that house over a million print and digital titles.

Photo: Mohammed Bin Rashid Library/Dubai Tourism
Address: Al Jaddaf, Dubai
Opening hours: Mon-Thu & Sat 9am-9pm, Fri 2pm-9pm, Sun closed
Internet: www.mbrl.ae

Dubai Mall



Discover one of the world's most visited destinations, The Dubai Mall. Located at the foot of Burj Khalifa, this shopping metropolis features more than 1,200 retail outlets, restaurants (some with views of the Dubai Fountain), an indoor aquarium, spas and even an

ice rink. Fashionistas won't want to miss the fashion extension or the iconic Level Shoes, while kids will flock straight to Reel Cinemas, or Kidzania.

Photo: DET/Dubai Tourism
Internet: thedubaimall.com

Madame Tussauds Dubai



Want to pose with the stars on the red carpet? Madame Tussauds lets you do just that. Visit the famous waxwork museum, known for

crafting lifelike replicas of high-profile figures and celebrities. Located at Bluewaters Dubai, it is the only Madame Tussauds in the region, allowing fans of all ages to explore seven themed rooms as they look for their favourite famous faces. You'll get to mingle with international stars and meet regional heavy-hitters too, including singer Balqees Fathi and Bollywood actor Shah Rukh Khan.

Photo: DET/Dubai Tourism
Address: Bluewaters Mall, Bluewaters Island, Dubai
Phone: +971 4 873 3042
Internet: www.madametussauds.com/dubai

Dubai Historical District



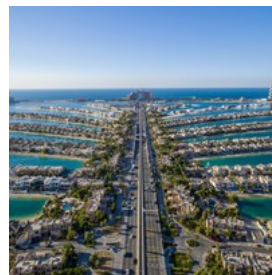
Discover old Dubai in Al Fahidi Historical Neighbourhood, where winding stone alleys and charismatic windtower architecture reflect life

before skyscrapers. Follow the alleyways to hidden tea houses, art galleries and cultural installations that uncover Dubai's past. Afterwards, head toward the bustling abra station and take a ride across the creek. There

you will find gold, spice, perfume and textile souks where you can bargain over excellent handicrafts and goods.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism
Public Transport: Al Fahidi Metro Station
Internet: www.visitdubai.com/en/places-to-visit/al-fahidi-historical-neighbourhood

Palm Jumeirah

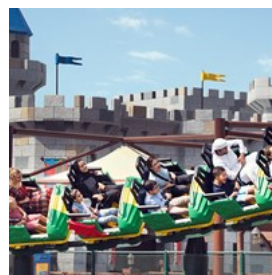


Gracing the city's postcards, the iconic Palm Jumeirah is an astounding feat of mankind in the form of a series of artificial

archipelagos in the emerald waters of the Arabian Gulf. From above, it takes the form of a stylised palm tree. At ground level, it has some of the city's most popular beach clubs, celebrity chef restaurants and luxury hotels such as Atlantis, The Palm. The newest attractions here include The Pointe, a waterfront hub for dining and shopping experiences, and Palm West Beach. Head to The View at Palm Jumeirah, where a 240-metre-high observation deck presents the most impressive views.

Photo: DET/Dubai Tourism
Internet: www.nakheel.com/en/our-communities/palm-jumeirah

Dubai Parks & Resorts



With three theme parks, a waterpark and two hotels, Dubai Parks & Resorts offers a thrilling experience like no other. Over 100 incredible

indoor and outdoor attractions form Motiongate Dubai, Legoland Dubai and Legoland Water Park — this wonderland will keep young hearts

enthralled. At the heart of it all is Riverland Dubai, which presents fun dining and retail options, and nearby is Polynesian-themed Lapital resort and the first Legoland hotel in the region.

Photo: Dubai Parks and Resorts/Dubai Economy and Tourism
Internet: www.dubaiparksandresorts.com

Madinat Jumeirah



For an experience that marries tradition and luxury, head to Madinat Jumeirah. Literally translated as 'City of Jumeirah', this complex is inspired by an ancient citadel complete with wind towers and water canals. It encloses luxury hotels, private enclaves built in the traditional style, the world-class Talise Spa, Souk Madinat, Madinat Theatre, and more than 40 restaurants and lounges. For a memorable meal, dine at Folly by Nick & Scott which overlooks the sea from wind towers. You can also explore the meandering waterways on a traditional wooden abra to better appreciate the serene setting and inspired architecture.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism
Internet: www.jumeirah.com/en/collection/madinat-jumeirah

The Dubai Fountain

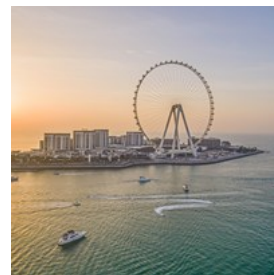


Witness water dance at the iconic Dubai Fountain, located at the base of the Burj Khalifa. One of the largest fountains in the world, the sound and light show shoots 83,000 litres of water as high as 150 metres in the air. Each brightly illuminated jet sways in time to music, producing what has become one of Dubai's most popular shows. Situated outside The Dubai Mall,

make time to shop between evening water shows, which begin every 30 minutes. The show is free. However, to get the best view you can get on one of the boats cruising the fountain water, or book a spot on the footbridge.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism
Opening hours: Daily 6pm–11pm (every 30 minutes)
Internet:
www.burjkhalifa.ae/en/downtown-dubai/the-dubai-fountain

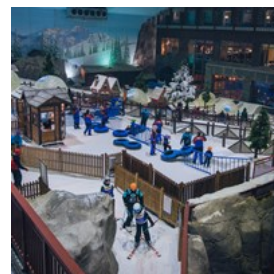
Bluewaters Island



Enjoy the sunshine at Bluewaters, an island destination that's making waves for its blend of shopping, dining and entertainment attractions. Highlights include the lifestyle district of The Wharf, pristine Cove Beach club with luxe cabanas and Ain Dubai — the tallest and largest observation wheel. It's also home to the Banyan Tree hotel, that boasts a sparkling outdoor swimming pool, signature hospitality and incredible restaurants, including the Chinese and Pan-Asian Demon Duck, as well as the Japanese TakaHisa and Tocha.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism
Internet: www.bluewatersdubai.ae

Ski Dubai



For pure wow factor, visit the indoor ski slopes of Ski Dubai at Mall of the Emirates. The perfect antidote to a warm day, you can mix a spot of shopping with a skiing break. There are five runs of varying difficulty, along with a freestyle area for snowboarders and tobogganers. Families will love the snow caves and tube rides, while

Avalanche Café is ideal for sipping hot chocolate in minus four degrees or watching the daily march of the penguins.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Address: Mall of the Emirates, Sheikh Zayed Riad, Al Barsha, Dubai

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-1am, Sat & Sun 9am-1am

Phone: +971 4 409 4000

Internet: www.skidxb.com

City Walk



Stroll through City Walk — Dubai's trendy open-air shopping district. This chic urban space features an excellent range of boutiques, entertainment

centres and restaurants, with some shopfronts inspired by the streets of London. Enjoy entertainment zones like The Green Planet and Roxy Cinemas, or kick back in the La Ville Hotel's garden terrace. With a striking skyline view that includes the Burj Khalifa, City Walk is a perfect location for a day or night out.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Opening hours: Shops: daily 10am-midnight. Restaurant &

Cafes: daily 10am-1am

Internet: www.citywalk.ae

Etihad Museum



Discover the contemporary history of the United Arab Emirates at the Etihad Museum located in Jumeirah 1.

The Etihad Museum

offers a series of interactive pavilions that explore the country's past through photos, films and more. Visitors can discover what life was like before the UAE's founding fathers signed the treaty that unified the seven emirates, and learn

more about the extraordinary economic development since.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Phone: +971 800 33222

Internet: etihadmuseum.dubaiculture.gov.ae/en

Jumeirah Mosque



One of the most beautiful landmarks in Dubai, Jumeirah Mosque was built entirely from white stone in the mediaeval Fatimid tradition, with

towering twin minarets framing a large central dome. Combine a visit to the mosque with the nearby Etihad Museum for a cultural experience of Dubai. Note that non-Muslim guests can visit on all days except Friday and women will be asked to wear a scarf when visiting.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Address: Jumeirah Mosque, Jumeirah Beach Road, Jumeirah 1, Dubai

Phone: +971 4 353 6666

Internet: www.jumeirahmosque.ae

The Lost Chambers Aquarium



Consistent with its sunken Atlantis theme, the underwater world of Palm Jumeirah island's luxury hotel is an endless maze of things to

discover, corners inhabited by fascinating marine creatures such as sharks, octopi, piranhas, and even a couple of albino alligators. It's a rather small aquarium, but definitely worth a visit.

Photo: Atlantis/Dubai Economy and Tourism

Address: Atlantis, The Palm

Phone: +971 4 426 1040

Internet: www.atlantis.com/dubai/atlantis-aquaventure/lost-chambers-aquarium

Burj Al Arab



Often voted the world's most luxurious hotel, the Burj Al Arab is one of the region's most famous tourist landmarks. Built on a triangular man-made island, the billowing sail-like structure rises 321m above the sea. The hotel sets a new standard for hospitality superlatives, including the famous helipad that has hosted numerous celebrity stunts. For the first time since its launch, the Burj Al Arab has opened its doors to visitors for an immersive 90-minute tour. The exclusive experience lets you explore the landmark's gilded suites and ultra-luxurious interiors while uncovering its history and wealth of untold stories. Available daily from 9:30am, the tour is curated for a butler-guided group of 12 visitors and commences every 15 minutes.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Internet:

www.jumeirah.com/en/stay/dubai/burj-al-arab-jumeirah

Dubai Water Canal



One of the world's greatest urban transformations, the Dubai Water Canal is a 3.2-kilometre-long waterway which extends from the Creek in Old Dubai through Business Bay, before finding its way to the Arabian Gulf. It effectively turns a significant part of the emirate into an island. Board a water taxi to Marasi Drive, home to a sparkling marina, water homes and cool dining venues such as Bella at Grand Millennium Hotel and BASTA! at The St. Regis

Downtown.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Internet:

www.visitdubai.com/en/places-to-visit/dubai-water-canal

Dubai Aquarium & Underwater Zoo



The 10 million-litre tank at the Dubai Aquarium is one of the largest in the world, containing more than 33,000 aquatic animals and the largest collection of sand tiger sharks anywhere. Rising to the third floor of The Dubai Mall, the aquarium is home to 140 species of sea life and has several ways to experience underwater life, starting with a stroll through a 48m walk-through tunnel. Enjoy a spectacular panoramic view while watching sand tiger sharks and stingrays glide above you. You can also take a glass-bottom boat tour, get wet in a snorkelling cage and even go swimming with the sharks.

Photo: Dubai Aquarium & Underwater Zoo/Dubai Economy and Tourism

Address: Dubai Mall, Downtown Dubai

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-11pm, Sat & Sun 10am-midnight

Internet: www.thedubaiaquarium.com

Dubai Creek



Dubai may be famous for the glitz and glamour of its sky-high towers, but the real heart of the city is, and always will be, the creek. The saltwater estuary is the original site where the Bani Yas tribe settled, and its waters were vital for what used to be Dubai's main forms of economy: pearl diving and fishing.

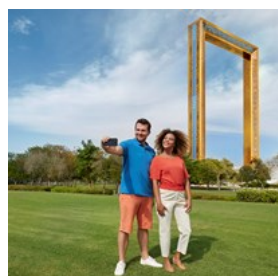
The area is home to the Dubai Museum and Shindagha Museum, the waterside heritage retail area Al Seef, as well as the labyrinthine alleyways of the gold, spice and textile souks. While at the Creek, a ride across the water on a traditional abra is a must.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Internet:

www.visitdubai.com/en/articles/one-day-at-dubai-creek

Dubai Frame



Dubai Frame is one of the most exciting additions to the city's skyline and represents a remarkable feat of engineering.

Situated in Zabeel Park,

directly between old and new Dubai, the towering structure offers sweeping panoramic views of the city from the height of 150 metres. One of its most amazing features is the state-of-the-art clear glass bridge that connects the parallel vertical towers to create the shape of a picture frame — a top pick for selfies.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Address: Zabeel Park, Dubai

Internet: www.dubaiframe.ae/en

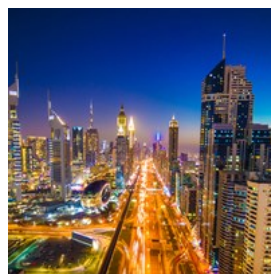
DUBAI'S NEIGHBOURHOODS



DET/Dubai Tourism

Wondering where to find the best restaurants, family-friendly activities or hottest art galleries? Here's a handy guide to the Dubai's hottest neighbourhoods, packed with plenty to suit all travellers. Add these easy-to-explore districts to your Dubai holiday itinerary and experience the city like a local.

Downtown Dubai & Sheikh Zayed Road



Heading into the heart of the city, it's hard to miss Downtown Dubai's key bragging rights and world-famous icons: the Dubai Mall (the most visited retail and lifestyle destination in the world), Burj Khalifa (the tallest building) and Gevora Hotel (the tallest hotel) along Sheikh Zayed Road. Record-breakers aside, visitors will find fine dining restaurants at Dubai International Financial Centre and a score of family-friendly activities including the Dubai Fountain, Dubai Aquarium and Underwater Zoo, and Souk Al Bahar. The world-class Dubai Opera and its packed line-up of live performances is also found on Downtown's palm-lined Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Boulevard, along with Burj Park, a favourite host of the district's hottest festivals and pop-up events.

Photo: DET/Dubai Tourism

Internet: www.visitdubai.com/en/explore-dubai/dubai-neighbourhoods/downtown-dubai

Old Dubai



The city's original centre, collectively known as Old Dubai, encompasses all the neighbourhoods that hug either side of Dubai Creek. Deira is now best

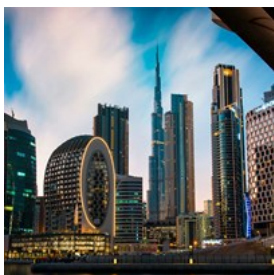
known for its gold and spice souks, and fresh food markets beside abra boat wharves. Just a short abra ride to the south side of the creek is Bur Dubai, which hosts some of the city's best unsung ethnic restaurants, with untold numbers of authentic Arabic, Indian and Lebanese menus waiting to be discovered. Al Seef, part of Old Dubai's revitalisation work, highlights the district's important historical relevancy as the city's cultural hub.

Photo: DET/Dubai Tourism

Internet:

www.visitdubai.com/en/articles/discover-dubais-old-town

Business Bay & Dubai Canal



The bustling locale of Business Bay can be found beside Sheikh Zayed Road and the city's popular waterside attraction, Dubai Water

Canal — a 3.2-kilometre-long waterway that winds its way from the historic waters of the Creek in Old Dubai through Business Bay and into the Arabian Gulf.

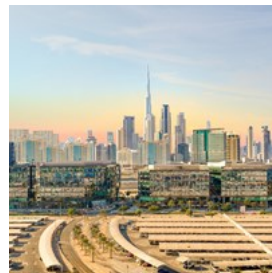
Business Bay is home to five-star hotels and sleek office and residential towers, including The Opus by Zaha Hadid. It's also a foodie hotspot, thanks to the likes of Basko, BASTA!, and Long

Teng, complementing top lounges including The Eloquent Elephant and Treehouse Dubai. Dubai's one of a kind theatrical masterpiece, La Perle by Franco Dragone, is also staged at the nearby Habtoor City.

Photo: Getty Image/Dubai Tourism

Internet: www.visitdubai.com/en/explore-dubai/dubai-neighbourhoods/business-bay

Dubai Design District



A hub for creative minds, the Dubai Design District (d3) is a place for designers and artists to showcase their work.

Dotted along the district are over 30 public art and design installations, including the iconic red 'My Dubai' logo. Spend an afternoon discovering the best of d3, which features lifestyle boutiques, fashion ateliers, art galleries, unique restaurant concepts and regular pop-up community events centred around arts and culture.

Photo: DET/Dubai Tourism

Internet: dubaidesigndistrict.com

Palm Jumeirah



Perhaps the city's most recognisable district, Palm Jumeirah tops the lists of most visitors' to-do lists. One of the world's largest man-made

islands is home to another inimitable feature — the seashell-pink arches and turrets of Atlantis, The Palm hotel, visible to travellers driving up the island's main road.

High-end hotels are a drawcard, with international hotels such as Anantara, Fairmont,

W, FIVE and Waldorf Astoria. Even if you've chosen not to stay on The Palm, the iconic district is worth a visit for the fine dining restaurants, luxurious spas, beautiful beach clubs and unfettered views of the Gulf's waters. New hotspots to visit include The View at The Palm for sky-high vistas, Nakheel Mall for chic shopping and Palm West Beach for laidback lounging on the sands.

Photo: DET/Dubai Tourism

Internet:

www.nakheel.com/en/our-communities/palm-jumeirah

Al Quoz



At first glance, the industrial area of Al Quoz seems like an unlikely tourist destination, with rows of warehouses and factories. However,

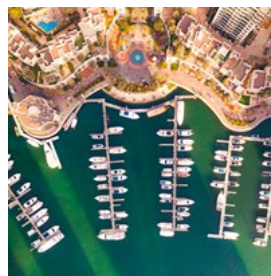
beneath the surface, Al Quoz has flourished into one of Dubai's most vibrant art and cultural hubs, with some warehouses reborn into art galleries, boutique photography studios and performance spaces.

Homegrown artisanal chocolate makers, sustainable gift stores, trampoline parks, and coffee roasters have all popped up recently in refurbished spaces. At the heart of this creative neighbourhood is Alserkal Avenue, where a series of purpose-built warehouses are home to some of Dubai's top contemporary art galleries, while community vibes abound at the Courtyard, where some of the city's entrepreneurs have set up shop.

Photo: DET/Dubai Tourism

Internet: www.visitdubai.com/en/explore-dubai/dubai-neighbourhoods/al-quoz

Dubai Marina



Dubai Marina is a waterfront city, the emerald-green waters framed by some of the tallest — not to mention some of the most

architecturally impressive — residential towers in the world. Foodies flock to Dubai Marina for sky-high dining with sparkling water views, while families can entertain the little ones at shaded play areas, with organised street festivals and pop-up stalls held throughout the year.

Head to the Dubai Marina Mall that sits front and centre of the impressive district. The Marina's gourmet project, Pier 7, is a destination for foodies: the tower rising from the middle of the pedestrian walk hosts seven very different, but equally delicious restaurants on each level.

Photo: DET/Dubai Tourism

Internet:

www.visitdubai.com/en/articles/a-guide-to-dubai-marina

Jumeirah Lakes Towers



Quiet and unassuming JLT (Jumeirah Lakes Towers) is a residential district built around four lakes — one of which was later filled in to create a

55,000-square-metre grass-lawn park. From dawn to well after dusk, young families, cyclists, joggers and dog-walkers populate the well-connected circuit of boardwalks and footbridges lining the waterfront, dotted with lakeside cafes, beauty salons and retail haunts. Of late, JLT has morphed into one of Dubai's top dining destinations, with a global array of culinary treasures tucked within the district's many skyscrapers. This is thanks in part to the

neighbourhood's own eclectic mix of nationalities, each bringing a taste of their homeland to Dubai. Try the cheesy manakish at Bait Maryam, perfect pho at Vietnamese Foodies, Greek souvlaki at Mythos, and the best steak frites this side of Dubai at Couqley.

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Internet: www.visitdubai.com/en/explore-dubai/dubai-neighbourhoods/jumeirah-lakes-towers

BEACHES & POOLS



DET/Dubai Tourism

Dubai is one of the few places to enjoy a beach vacation within a thriving city. Experience a holiday Dubai-style, combining high-energy city action with the beauty of the Arabian Gulf. With a vibrant atmosphere and beachside shopping scene, luxury resorts and watersports, Dubai offers the best of the city and the sea. Kite Beach, La Mer and The Beach next to JBR are popular seaside spots where you can take in the waves after a leisurely stroll or jog along the water. Alternatively, Dubai's hotels offer amazing pool experiences, including infinity pools, jacuzzis, water play areas for kids, and much more.

JBR Beach

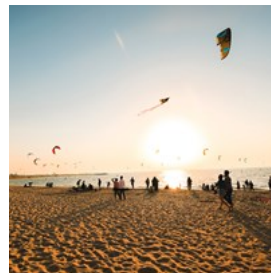


Get a taste of an idyllic beachside lifestyle and make your way down to JBR Beach — a relaxed district with restaurants, hotels, lounges and a range of family-friendly entertainment. The waters are fairly calm here, with nearby hotels offering a variety of watersports such as parasailing, wakeboarding and banana boating that anyone can sign up for. It is by far one of the most fun, family friendly beaches in Dubai, and the skyscrapers provide a spectacular backdrop to your activities, all just a quick stroll from the cafe culture of The Walk at JBR and Bluewaters Island, which can be reached via a pedestrian bridge.

Photo: DET/Dubai Tourism

Internet: www.thebeach.ae/en

Kite Beach



Discover beach life Dubai-style at Kite Beach in Umm Suqeim. You can swim, surf or even paddleboard in the gentle blue waters with a view of the iconic Burj Al Arab. There's also plenty to keep the kids entertained, including a rope climbing centre, Wire World, and a skateboard park. For a quick bite, there are plenty of cool cafes selling tasty beachside meals, including the famous food hotspot Salt.

Photo: DET/Dubai Tourism

Internet: www.kitebeach.ae

Beach Clubs



Spend a relaxing day at one of Dubai's luxurious beach clubs. With sun, sea, sand and sumptuous dining by day, and live music and an energetic

atmosphere by night, Dubai's beach clubs have earned an international reputation among celebrities and travellers alike. Don't miss the opportunity to lounge in true Dubai fashion at Bla Bla at JBR, Nikki Beach or DRIFT at One&Only Royal Mirage. For a family-friendly option, try Riva Beach or Jumeirah Al Naseem's Summersalt.

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Internet:

www.visitdubai.com/en/articles/best-beach-clubs-in-dubai

Beachside Dining



Imagine this: the sound of crashing waves, the scent of the beach and a delectable feast on your table. Dubai offers the best selection of

beachside dining, from fresh seafood at Fish Beach Taverna or international cuisine at Jetty Lounge, to a quick, quirky bite at Al Ijaza Cafeteria. For a guaranteed good time with live music or a DJ, visit one of Dubai's famous coastal hangouts, Barasti. Or, for a fine dining experience on the water, try Jumeirah Beach Hotel's Nuska Beach.

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Internet:

www.visitdubai.com/en/articles/beach-restaurants-in-dubai

Watersports



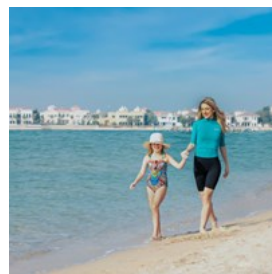
With more than 50 kilometres of coastline, Dubai is the perfect place to experience a range of watersports. When it comes to marine thrills,

Dubai has it all: diving, sailing, jet-skiing, surfing and much more. To make the most of our clear skies and temperate days, you can opt for a leisurely sunset sail, a high-speed tour on a jet-ski or something a little more daring like flyboarding or, the latest thrill, seabreacher rides. Stop by Sky & Sea Adventures, Nemo Watersports or Surf House, or leap into the deepest swimming pool in the world at Deep Dive Dubai.

Photo: DET/Dubai Tourism

Internet: www.visitdubai.com/en/articles/dubai-watersports

Family Beach Clubs



Dive into Dubai's many beach clubs catering to families, with paddling pools, play equipment, kids activity clubs and more. Riva Beach Club,

Fairmont The Palm and Sofitel Dubai The Palm Resort & Spa all offer spectacular sea views from Palm Jumeirah. Jumeirah Beach Hotel features beautiful sunsets and is conveniently located in the city, while JA The Resort offers a serene location with plenty of activities.

Photo: DET/Dubai Tourism

Internet: www.visitdubai.com/en/articles/dubais-best-family-beach-clubs

Beachside Cafes



Grab something to eat with the sand between your toes. At Kite Beach, taste all-natural fare at Circle Café, healthy food at LaOla or unbeatable sliders at homegrown Salt. The Surf Café offers a more trendy setting and quick access to Surf House Dubai. Bu Qtair is an unpretentious little seafood shack that serves fresh caught seafood and a mix of other ethnic dishes while Al Ijaza Cafeteria offers no-frills, cheap, quick bites.

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Internet:

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La Mer

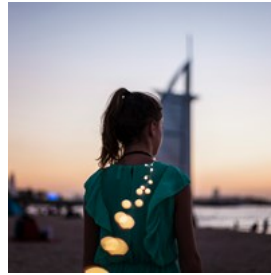


Dubai's popular beachfront address, La Mer, is a fine addition to the city's urban beach cred. This inspirational destination has transformed the suburban Jumeirah 1 neighbourhood, featuring wide open spaces with palm tree-lined boulevards, graffiti murals and laid back beachside charm. Surrounded by almost 2.5km of relaxing sandy beaches and located near some of the city's modern landmarks, including Etihad Museum and the Dubai Water Canal, La Mer is sure to become your new favourite address to eat, play and unwind.

Photo: DET/Dubai Tourism

Internet: www.visitdubai.com/en/articles/la-mer-dubais-newest-beachfront

Sunset Beach



Sunset Beach is one of the quieter spots along the coast, perfect for catching some sun, morning jogs and strolls, as well as romantic moments at sunset. This public beach, also known as Umm Suqeim beach, is a great choice for tranquil and quiet activities like surfing and fishing.

Photo: Adam Le Sommer/unsplash.com

Address: Al Sagi Street, Sunset Beach, Umm Suqeim, Dubai

Internet: www.visitdubai.com/en/places-to-visit/sunset-beach

More Info: Close to the Jumeirah Beach Hotel

Palm West Beach

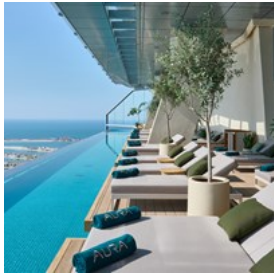


Sun and sea worshippers looking for new attractions in Dubai will find plenty to do on the shores of Palm Jumeirah at Palm West Beach. With all-day beachside entertainment, fabulous eateries, and the best Dubai skyline views on the 1.6-kilometre-long promenade, be prepared to have a fun time with your friends and family — as well as your pets! Get your daily dose of exercise along the walking and running trail, indulge in lazy breakfasts, or build sandcastles against the backdrop of picture-perfect sunsets.

Photo: DET/Dubai Tourism

Internet: www.westbeach.ae

AURA Skypool



Prepare to bask under open skies like never before at AURA Skypool, the world's first and highest 360-degree infinity pool. The elegant pool-and-lounge destination is perched on the 50th floor of The Palm Tower, with an 'oasis in the sky' feel thanks to its nature-inspired decor and uninterrupted city views. Bring your friends along to enjoy an unforgettable swim and Pan-Asian plates from the refreshing menu.

Photo: AURA Skypool/Dubai Tourism

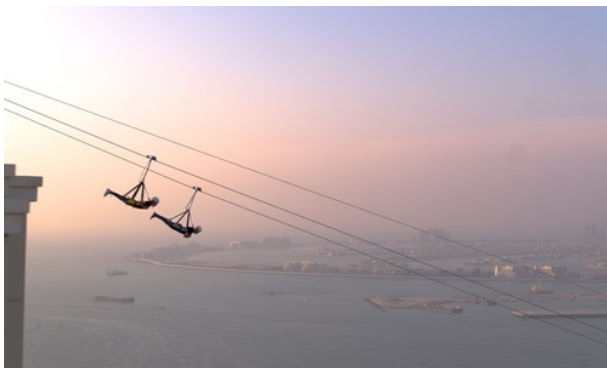
Address: Entry from St Regis Hotel, The Palm Tower, 50th floor, Palm Jumeirah, Dubai

Phone: +971 4 566 2121

Internet: www.auraskypool.com

Email: reservations@auraskypool.com

ADVENTURE

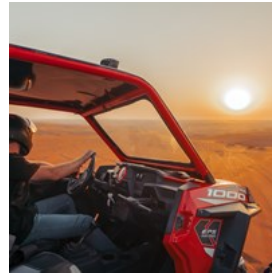


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With year-round sun and a dramatic combination of both the desert and beach, Dubai is the perfect setting to be swept away by high-adrenaline activities. Rocket across the Arabian Gulf in a speedboat or roar along the circuit in a race car, skydive over Palm Jumeirah, ski around the World Islands, paddleboard along the coast or swim with dolphins and sharks, explore the depths of the open waters, or go diving in the deepest pool in the world. You can

even leave the city and try dune driving in the desert or soar above the sand in a hot air balloon. Fasten your seatbelt, harness or helmet — it's going to be an exciting ride.

Buggy Safaris



Head off-road with top tour operators like Dune Buggy Dubai to discover the thrills of the desert. You can find activities to suit whatever level of adventure you crave. The Morning Dune Buggy Safari features an early bird hour-long ride in your own open buggy. If you're looking for more, try the Evening Desert Safari. Here, you'll go dune driving in a brand new Land Rover. After the drive, you'll sit down for live entertainment consisting of a traditional dance show. Food, beverages and henna painting enhance the experience with sand boarding and camel riding available to keep the excitement going until late at night.

Photo: Ian Harpe/Dubai Tourism

Internet: desertbuggyrental.com/dune-buggys-activities

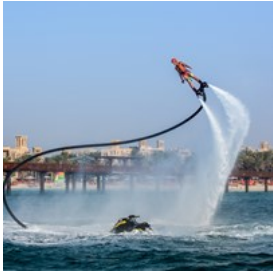
Extreme Fun



The city offers plenty of alternative thrills. Freefall from 4,000 metres through the skies of Dubai and take in views of the iconic Palm Jumeirah or Arabian desert with Skydive Dubai. For more extreme fun combined with unique perspectives, book the XLine — the world's longest urban zipline that's in the heart of Dubai Marina. The brave can also try the fastest human slingshot in the region at Kite Beach, where you'll be propelled at speeds of up to 100 km/h.

Photo: Ski Dive/Dubai Tourism

Flyboarding



Thrill-seekers can get their kicks at sea at Jumeirah Beach, where Dubai's latest toys are getting hearts racing.

Flyboarding, also known as water jet-packing, sees adventure lovers fitted into a small board and strapped to a specially-made backpack that sucks up seawater, before spitting it back out, propelling the rider into the air. If you have never tried it before, no worries. Even beginners will be able to manoeuvre themselves around the marina — just be prepared to make a splash crash-landing the first few attempts.

Photo: DET/Dubai Tourism

Internet:

www.visitdubai.com/en/places-to-visit/flyboarding-dubai

Jet-Ski



Have fun on the water and at the same time take in some of Dubai's famous landmarks with a jet-ski session. With its pristine coastline and

azure blue waters, it's the perfect place to master new moves. Most watersports tour operators offer a range of options, accompanied by a qualified instructor.

Photo: DET/Dubai Tourism

Internet:

www.visitdubai.com/en/places-to-visit/jet-skiing-in-dubai

Quad Biking



Direct your taxi driver to Dubai's most famous sand dune, Big Red (Al Badayer), where you can hop on a quad bike and navigate the sandy

landscape yourself. Available to hire by the half hour, the quad bikes are speedy with a helmet provided for safety. Follow the natural trail of the dunes, kicking sand in the face of your fellow riders as you hurtle and bounce over Dubai's most iconic patch of sand. Big Red is easy to spot along the Dubai-Hatta (E44) highway. Ask your driver to wait, or hire one for the day.

Photo: DET/Dubai Tourism

Internet: www.bigreddxb.com

Sandboarding



This is one for true adrenaline-seekers. Strap this snowboard-like contraption to your feet and glide down the dunes, just like you would

at the slopes of Ski Dubai. While it's possible to rent a sandboard at Big Red (Al Badayer), there are a number of tour companies that offer the full experience. It may look tricky, but you'll soon learn all the tips and tricks to make it down the dunes smoothly.

Photo: DET/Dubai Tourism

Internet:

www.visitdubai.com/en/places-to-visit/sandboarding-in-dubai

Camping



Take in the rugged landscape of Hatta, nestled in the rocky Hajar Mountains. Explore the centuries-old attractions or simply take in views of

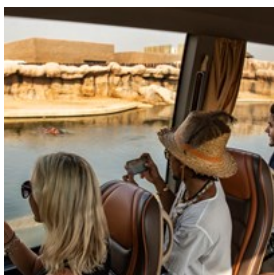
the striking scenes from your own camping tent. Hatta has been enjoying a renaissance of late thanks to an array of new hotspots including a dedicated adventure centre, luxe lodges and a trailer-park themed resort. For more overnight thrills, try glamping in the serene sands of the Arabian desert.

Leading operators including Platinum Heritage and Arabian Adventures offer their own unique take on glamping in Dubai, complete with astronomy sessions, private majlis areas and after-dark wildlife spotting.

Photo: DET/Dubai Tourism

Internet: www.visitdubai.com/en/articles/where-to-go-hiking-camping-in-dubai

Dubai Safari



Featuring the largest and most diverse number of wildlife species in the UAE, Al Warqa's Dubai Safari is home to 2,500 animals. Adventurers can encounter monkeys, lions, giraffes, crocodiles and a whole lot more as they explore the park's four themed sections: the Arabian, Asian, African and Safari Village. The eco-friendly park, which is primarily powered by solar energy, now aims to be one of the top 10 zoos in the world, thanks to its commitment to animal conservation, protection and education.

Photo: Dubai Safari/Dubai Tourism

Address: Al Warqa 5, Dubai

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Internet: www.dubaisafari.ae

Hot Air Balloon

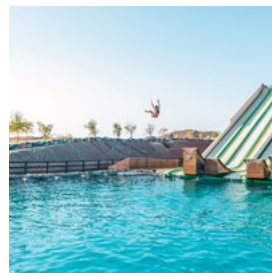


Step away from the city and float 1,200 metres above the desert dunes with a hot air balloon tour. The adventure usually starts at sunrise,

followed by an hour-long flight that's worth the early wake-up. Following whichever way the desert breeze blows, you'll get breathtaking views of the rolling red sands, rising sun, grazing gazelles, and majestic Hajar Mountains. With a variety of packages to choose from with Balloon Adventures Dubai and Hot Air Balloon Dubai, you can make it a romantic rendezvous, corporate celebration or an unforgettable family experience.

Photo: DET/Dubai Tourism

Hatta Wadi Hub



Hatta Wadi Hub is the new home of action and adventure. Visitors can try a range of exciting activities, including archery, wall climbing,

freefall jumps and adventure rope courses. Make time to go twin zip-lining with a friend, whizzing past the dramatic mountain scenery together. Then cool off at the Hatta Drop-in, the first water jump park in Asia, or be bowled over by zorbing — a fun sport that sees brave adventurers roll downhill inside a giant transparent orb. After a long day of exploring, pitch up a tent and sleep under the stars at the dedicated Hatta Campsite or, for a luxury twist, book a stay at the Hatta Damani Lodges and Hatta Sedr Trailers.

Photo: Ian Harper/Dubai Tourism

Phone: +971 4 852 2200

Internet: www.visithatta.com/en/play/adventures

Email: hotelreservations@visithatta.ae

THE DESERT



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Safaris, sunsets and stargazing.

When it comes to Dubai's majestic desert, visitors have many options to discover its beautiful landscape. Beyond the popular off-roading or desert safaris, there's much to do amid the dunes. Whether you're taking in some history with a traditional Bedouin meal, cycling through Al Qudra or watching for wildlife, don't miss the opportunity to experience the desert. Visit a resort or conservation reserve, or simply watch the sunset before some stargazing.

Desert Safaris



If there is one thing you cannot miss it's an Arabian Adventures desert safari. Take a back seat (unless, of course, you prefer to sit at the front of your 4x4), strap in and hold on tight as an experienced driver takes on the rolling dunes, teetering on the edge of seemingly sheer drops, before dipping down sandy slopes and back up again. There are a couple of stops for photos before you're safely whisked away to a

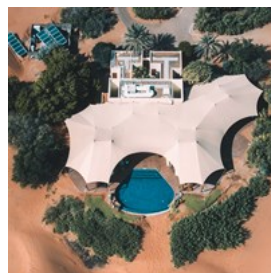
traditional-style Bedouin camp, where a sumptuous Arabic buffet awaits.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Internet:

www.visitdubai.com/en/places-to-visit/arabian-adventures

Desert Hotels

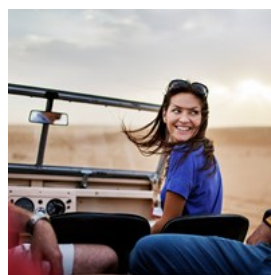


Some of Dubai's most luxurious hotels are located in the desert. Get a taste of old Arabia at Bab Al Shams Desert Resort & Spa, just half an hour from the city centre. Al Maha Desert Resort & Spa in the Dubai Desert Conservation Reserve takes glamping to another level, with luxury tented-style villas that feature private infinity pools. Desert stays offer activities like safaris through the dunes, archery, wildlife experiences and more.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Internet: www.visitdubai.com/en/articles/dubai-desert-hotels-and-resorts

Desert Activities



There are a few cities in the world that have both the desert and beach right on their doorstep. To Dubai's advantage, the azure coastline and sun-burnt dunes are only about an hour's drive apart, meaning you can surf in the morning and sand board in the afternoon. The most common desert activity is a safari, which often includes off-roading, camel rides and a taste of Emirati cuisine. Other activities include stargazing, falconry experiences, sandboarding and camping or glamping.

Photo: Dubai Tourism

Internet:

www.visitdubai.com/en/articles/dubais-desert-activities

Al Marmoom



Head out to the Al Marmoom Camel Race Track for a modern-day take on the traditional Emirati sport of camel racing. The excitement is

contagious and something you must see to believe as the camels race down the track towards the finish line. The season runs from October to April, with weekend races taking place early in the morning from 6:30am to 9am.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Address: Al Marmoom Camel Race Track Training, E66
Tahnoun Bin Mohammed Al Nahyan Road (Dubai - Al Ain Road)

Phone: +971 471 88888

Internet: www.dubaicrc.ae/racecourse

Email: info@dcrc.ae

Desert Dining



There are many ways to dine in the desert.

Heritage dinner safaris teach you how to cook a local dish, while desert safaris offer off-roading

followed by a barbecue meal at a desert camp. For comfy views of the desert, upscale resorts feature live cooking stations, wood-fired ovens and traditional majlis-style seating. Try luxurious Bedouin camping and spend the night with dinner, a hot breakfast and a drive to see the local wildlife at dawn.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Internet: www.visitdubai.com/en/articles/dubai-desert-dining

Desert Conservation



Covering 225 square kilometres, the Dubai Desert Conservation Reserve (DDCR) is one of the largest areas to be declared as a protected

nature reserve in the country. Guided wildlife tours are available, but all activities are carefully organised to ensure that local flora and fauna continue to thrive. The unfenced Al Marmoom Conservation Reserve, which spans 10 percent of the emirate's total area, is another exciting endeavour.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Address: Dubai-Al Ain Road, Dubai

Phone: +971 50 907 0193

Internet: www.ddcr.org

SHOPPING



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Between Dubai's grandiose malls including The Dubai Mall and Mall of the Emirates to traditional souks such as the Gold Souk and Perfume Souk, you're practically guaranteed to find a souvenir to treasure from your holiday to Dubai. Plus, with massive citywide shopping celebrations like Dubai Shopping Festival (DSF) and Dubai Summer Surprises (DSS), you could snag the deal of a lifetime during your visit to this global shopping destination.

Malls



From chic outdoor shopping precincts to super-sized city malls, there's no better place to indulge in retail therapy than Dubai. And it's not

just the shopping that attracts; there's also ice rinks, ski slopes, fabulous cinemas, spas and restaurant districts to keep you entertained. Take in the attractions of The Dubai Mall, Mall of the Emirates, City Walk, Nakheel Mall and The Beach opposite JBR as a starting point.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Internet: www.visitdubai.com/en/articles/the-best-shopping-malls-in-dubai

Souks



Lavish gold jewellery, hand-woven fabrics, oud fragrances and bargain knick-knacks — you'll find it all in our bustling souks, or Arabian

markets. While the emirate lives up to its reputation as a thriving modern city, the souks have been a crucial part of daily life and trade for centuries. For an immersive cultural experience, visit the gold, spice, perfume and textile souks in Dubai's historical neighbourhoods of Deira and Bur Dubai and, for a modern take, visit Souk Madinat Jumeirah or Souk Al Bahar.

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Internet: www.visitdubai.com/en/articles/ultimate-guide-to-dubai-souks

Beachside Shopping



If you're looking for stylish boutiques, al fresco dining or simply a leisurely promenade along the waterfront, head to The Walk at

Jumeirah Beach Residence (JBR). Along this buzzing boulevard, there are plenty of opportunities to satisfy your retail cravings with an array of fashion, home and handicraft shops and boutiques. For more laidback fun, head to La Mer in Jumeirah 1. This vibrant precinct reflects a marine theme, with plenty of bustling beachside attractions including a free-jumping inflatable playground for little ones and fun-fuelled water sports.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Luxury Shopping



There's no place like Dubai for shopping. From The Dubai Mall's Level Shoes store to the glorious Fashion Dome at the Mall of the Emirates,

Dubai offers a glamorous and indulgent retail experience. Excellent locations are matched with superb in-store service, immersive brand activations and beautiful store designs to create an unforgettable experience. For a more exclusive touch, the city's best malls also offer personal shopping and styling services, chauffeurs so you can save your energy for shopping, and even at-home delivery of all your purchases. Ready, set, shop.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Internet: www.visitdubai.com/en/articles/luxury-gift-shops-in-dubai

Boutiques



Go off the beaten track to one of Dubai's emerging boutique shopping districts such as d3 (Dubai Design District), which showcases an array

of quirky and contemporary products, or Al Quoz, which features cutting-edge galleries and contemporary Arabian interiors. There's also excellent boutique shopping at City Walk, BoxPark, JBR, La Mer and Jumeirah. Check out Urbanist, Comptoir 102, and keep an eye out for pop-up markets with local designers. There are also plenty of homegrown fashion labels including All Things Mochi, L'Afshar Studio, Taller Marmo and Bil Arabi to choose from.

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Internet: www.visitdubai.com/en/articles/most-fashionable-dubai-boutiques

Markets



From organic produce and local design markets like the Ripe Market at Police Academy Park to seasonal events like the Ramadan Night Markets,

Market OTB and Beach Canteen, Dubai loves a good market. Don't miss the chance to take home treasures from Dubai's oldest markets like the gold, spice, perfume and textile souks, or sample the best of modern Arabia at a seasonal pop-up.

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Internet: www.visitdubai.com/en/articles/a-guide-to-dubai-markets

Homegrown Labels



Take a walk in the edgier precincts including Dubai Design District (d3) and Alserkal Avenue for a look at Dubai's homegrown favourites.

The city boasts its own boutique chocolatiers, Mirzam, that crafts indulgent sweet treats from their factory in Al Quoz. Meanwhile The Lighthouse at d3 has a curated selection of travel accessories and lifestyle products. There are also plenty of homegrown fashion labels including All Things Mochi, L'Afshar Studio, Taller Marmo and Bil Arabi to name a few.

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Internet: www.visitdubai.com/en/articles/contemporary-arab-fashion-designers

DINING



Dubai Economy and Tourism

There's nothing the people of Dubai love more than to dress up and dine out. You can choose from a glittering array of celebrity restaurants and a huge variety of Middle Eastern food, plenty of them family-friendly and almost all in Instagram-worthy locations.

Emirati Cuisine



While modern flavours and techniques influence Emirati food, the cuisine still retains much of its traditional character. A medley of aromatic spices

such as cinnamon, saffron, turmeric and nutmeg take centre stage alongside dried fruits and fresh herbs like coriander, mint and thyme. Try traditional harees, mandi and karak tea at restaurants like Logma at The Dubai Mall and Al Fanar Restaurant & Cafe at Dubai Festival City.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Internet:

www.visitdubai.com/en/articles/emirati-food-in-dubai

Brunch



Join in on one of Dubai's favourite pastimes — the famous weekend brunch. There's a brunch to suit any mood, whether you're seeking a romantic vibe,

a fun meal with friends or simply fantastic cuisine, Dubai has you covered. Tried-and-true options include Saffron, Bubblicious and Zuma. If you're looking for something more offbeat, try an evening brunch at the Jazz@Pizza Express or STK in JBR.

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Internet: www.visitdubai.com/en/things-to-do/eat-and-drink/brunches-in-dubai

Cafes & Bakeries



Whether it's coffee you're after or a bakery bite, there's no shortage of cafes in Dubai. Park House (now Circle Café) and Surf Café offer

laid-back vibes near the beach, while Tom & Serg in Dubai's art district is one of a kind. For a caffeine fix in Dubai's financial district, visit Common Ground or try a simple latte at BLK Cab Coffee while shopping at City Walk. If you're passing by Galleria Mall Al Wasl, satisfy your sweet tooth at Home Bakery.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Fine Dining



With celebrity chefs, rooftop terraces, spectacular cuisine — foodies can taste delicious concepts in Dubai's amazing

fine-dining establishments. Try Peruvian cuisine at Coya, French favourites at LPM Restaurant, Italian classics at Cipriani or superb seafood at Pierchic. If you're looking for fine dining with Arabian flair, options offering both gourmet cuisine and a world-class atmosphere include Al Nafoorah, Ninive and Ewaan.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Internet:

www.visitdubai.com/en/articles/fine-dining-restaurants-dubai

Celebrity Chefs



Some of the world's most esteemed chefs set up restaurants in Dubai, adding to the city's ever-increasing portfolio of high-end dining. Sink

your teeth into Italy's finest fare at The Beach Bar & Grill by Mauro Colagreco or Torno Subito by Massimo Bottura, British bites at Gordon Ramsay's Bread Street Kitchen, Japanese signatures at Nobu in Atlantis, or Akira Back at W Dubai The Palm, or memorable French dishes at Pierre's TT by Pierre Gagnaire.

Photo: Atlantis Resorts

Internet:

www.visitdubai.com/en/articles/celebrity-chefs-dubai

Kid-Friendly Restaurants



It can be a challenge to get your children to eat what's on their plates. Fortunately, Dubai is filled with restaurants serving kid-friendly

meals, with menus featuring international specialties served with a side of entertainment. Even the fussiest of eaters will find something to enjoy in the city. Try a weekend brunch at The Westin Mina Seyahi, lunch at Carluccio's at malls across the city, or indulge in Belgian waffles at Maison Mathis at the Arabian Ranches Golf Club.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Internet: www.visitdubai.com/en/articles/fun-family-restaurants-in-dubai

Beachside Dining



Imagine this: the sound of crashing waves, the scent of the beach and a delectable feast on your table. We have the best selection of beachside

dining, from fresh seafood at Fish Beach Taverna or international cuisine at Jetty Lounge, to a quick, quirky bite at Al Ijaza Cafeteria and unbeatable sliders at homegrown Salt. For a guaranteed good time with live music or a DJ, visit the favourite local party spot, Barasti. Alternatively, for a gourmet experience by the water, head to Jumeirah Beach Hotel's Nuska Beach or Shimmers at Mina A' Salam.

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Outdoor Dining



From fresh catches and char-grilled steaks to Turkish pide, few places do outdoor dining more innovatively than Dubai. As a city constantly

bathed in sunlight, Dubai knows how to enjoy good weather, with the winter months ideal for al fresco meals. Try Carine or Nammos, while fine dining outdoors is at its prime at Pierchic at Jumeirah Al Qasr. Dubai is also known for rooftop options such as Mercury Rooftop, Level 43 Sky Lounge and the ZETA Seventy Seven with awe-inducing panoramic views.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Internet:

www.visitdubai.com/en/articles/dubais-outdoor-restaurants

Vegan & Healthy Eating



Healthy eating options are popping up all over Dubai. Locally grown organic food and superb locations are fuelling a vibrant health food

culture. From the beaches of Jumeirah to the historic winding alleys of Al Fahidi Historical Neighbourhood, Dubai has everything from cold-pressed juices to paleo salads. Our healthy eateries include innovative names from around the world like France's Wild & the Moon and homegrown gems like Comptoir 102, SEVA Experience and XVA Café.

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Street Food



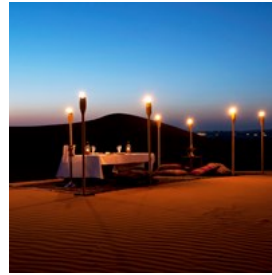
Explore a different side of Dubai with a walking food tour or simply forge your own path, making sure not to miss Ravi, Al Ustad Special Kebab and Al

Mallah. Sample Dubai's food truck culture with sliders from the iconic Salt truck on Kite Beach, or keep your options open at Last Exit themed parks. While in Dubai, don't miss the opportunity to dig into the flavours of the Levant and Gulf region with quick stops that are also easy on the wallet — Bait Al Mandi in Al Barsha is famed for its chicken and rice, while Zaroob is known for its mouth-watering manakish.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Internet: www.visitdubai.com/en/articles/top-10-street-food-spots-in-dubai

Experiential Dining



For anyone looking to get more from their meal, Dubai offers a host of novel dining options that have broken away from the norm. Experience

molecular gastronomy with Indian flavours at Trèsind Studio, sail into the sunset on a luxury yacht and enjoy aboard Bateaux Dubai, or dine in the desert at Al Maha Resort and Bab Al Shams. There's also the chance to dine at underwater-themed restaurants such as Ossiano at Atlantis, The Palm, and Al Mahara at Burj Al Arab.

Photo: Al Maha Resort/Dubai Economy and Tourism

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Business Restaurants



Dubai is a cosmopolitan city of diversity at the crossroads of Europe, Asia and Africa. For business travellers, the emirate combines

excellent infrastructure, world-class cuisine and a playground of leisure activities when you're off the clock. Some of the most fruitful business transactions happen over a meal. To seal the deal, try Atmosphere at the Burj Khalifa, Café Belge at the The Ritz-Carlton or Zuma at the Dubai International Financial Centre. Want to take the edge off? Head to the more relaxed settings of Clay at Bluewaters Island or Cargo at Dubai Marina's Pier 7.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Internet:

www.visitdubai.com/en/articles/impressive-business-lunches

Private Dining



If you're looking for a table for two, Dubai's most exclusive destinations will indulge any special celebration. Headed by some of

Dubai's finest chefs, these restaurants are elegant, ambient and incredibly lavish. Make a reservation at The Cellar at BOCA, Dining by Design pop-up locations at Anantara The Palm, or the chef's table at GAIA.

Photo: BOCA/Dubai Economy and Tourism

Internet:

www.visitdubai.com/en/articles/private-dining-rooms

PARKS & ENTERTAINMENT



Legoland/Dubai Parks and Resorts/Dubai Economy and Tourism

With big ambitions and the expertise to make even the wildest dreams a reality, Dubai is becoming the most exciting adventure playground in the world. Whether it's family fun or hair-raising thrills you're after, there are laughs in store for all.

IMG Worlds of Adventure



It's fun. It's fast. And sometimes 5D! State-of-the-art thrill-rides bring all your favourite characters to life at IMG Worlds of

Adventure. Enjoy multi-sensory adventures with characters from Cartoon Network and Marvel Comics heroes. Then there's the hair-raising Lost Valley with 70 animatronic, life-sized dinosaurs. With non-stop entertainment from live stage shows to movies, it's a full day of thrills for the whole family.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Address: City of Arabia, Sheikh Mohammad Bin Zayed Road

Phone: +971 4 403 8888

Internet: www.imgworlds.com

Legoland Dubai



Embark on adventurous rides and roller-coaster at Legoland Dubai. Build cars and race against friends and family with Lego cars, or role play at

Lego City, where becoming a fireman or getting a driving licence is exclusive to kids. Of course, discovering how the marvellous bricks are made in the factory is a must, followed by a detour to Miniland (where children will feel like giants). Don't want to leave? Stay at the region's first Legoland Hotel.

Photo: Legoland/Dubai Parks and Resorts/Dubai Economy and Tourism

Address: Dubai Parks & Resorts, Sheikh Mohammad Bin Zayed Road

Phone: +971 4 820 3123

Internet: www.legoland.com/dubai

Wild Wadi Waterpark



Located next to the Burj Al Arab, Wild Wadi Waterpark offers gravity-defying thrills and awesome spills. You can enjoy over 30 rides and attractions, including the Wipeout and Riptide Flowriders surfing experiences. At Tantrum Alley, you'll face tornados, while Jumeirah Sceirah has two 120-metre tandem slides where you can reach speeds of 80km/h. Toddlers will love the colourful slides, water guns, climbing frames, and huge dumping bucket.

Photo: Dubai Wild Wadi Waterpark/Dubai Economy and Tourism

Address: Opposite Burj Al Arab, Jumeirah Street, Umm Suqeim 3, Dubai

Opening hours: Daily 10am-6pm

Phone: +971 4 348 4444

Internet: www.jumeirah.com/en/wild-wadi

Motiongate Dubai



Motiongate Dubai sprinkles magic dust on epic Hollywood movies like Shrek, Ghostbusters, The Hunger Games and John Wick, to name a few.

Many blockbusters from acclaimed moviemakers: DreamWorks Animation, Sony Pictures Studios and Lionsgate, have been turned into spine-tingling attractions and record-breaking rides. Plus, visitors are treated to the wonders of behind-the-scenes filmmaking on real-life movie sets at Studio Central.

Photo: Motiongate Dubai/Dubai Parks and Resorts/Dubai Economy and Tourism

Address: Dubai Parks & Resorts, Sheikh Mohammad Bin Zayed Road

Phone: +971 4 820 0000

Internet: www.motiongatedubai.com/en

The Green Planet



The Green Planet is Dubai's very own tropical rainforest. Located at one of the city's most popular lifestyle districts, City Walk, it houses more than 3,000 species of plants, animals and birds. Aiming to educate guests about the important role of tropical forests, the biodome is an oasis to a world of exotic flora and fauna, including responsibly-sourced sloths, snakes, spiders and a vast array of birds. This is a one-of-a-kind experience for all ages.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Address: City Walk, Al Wasl, Dubai

Phone: +971 800 7699

Internet: thegreenplanetdubai.com

Global Village



Each year from October to April, entertainment hub Global Village welcomes visitors. Many come for the thrilling funfair rides, some for the food, some for the nightly cultural entertainment, and some for the authentic shopping. Here you'll find around 70 countries showcasing their local products – honey from Yemen, exquisite carpets from Iran and Afghanistan, Argan oil from Morocco, engraved necklaces from Spain and dried fruit from Thailand.

Photo: Global Village/Dubai Economy and Tourism

Address: Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed Road

Internet: www.globalvillage.ae/en

Email: info@globalvillage.ae

Dubai Miracle Garden



Get lost in a one-of-a-kind world of wonderment at Dubai Miracle Garden.

Located in Al Barsha South, the park is home to the region's biggest

flower garden with more than 45 million blooming flowers across 72,000 square metres, all showcased in a variety of immense sculptures and designs. Feast your eyes on blooming pyramids, stars, igloos, and hearts. Marvel at the record-breaking wall of flowers, or take a stroll under a ceiling of colourful umbrellas. Bursting with vibrant displays, the park feels more like an immersive art exhibit than a tourist attraction. You'll leave knowing you've truly witnessed a miracle: a mega garden in the middle of a desert.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Address: Street 3, Al Barsha, Al Barsha South, Dubai

Phone: +971 4 422 8902

Internet: www.dubaimiraclegarden.com

Legoland Water Park



Most of the rides and slides at Legoland Water Park allow tweens to race each other or go in groups. The Duplo Splash Safari caters to toddlers

while a few single slides provide thrills for the braver big kids. Children can also exercise their brains with 'Build-A-Boat', where they can construct any kind of boat imaginable and test it against the current to see how well it fares, and even customise rafts with big, soft Lego bricks before sailing down the lazy river.

Photo: Legoland Water Park/Dubai Parks and Resorts/Dubai Economy and Tourism

Address: Dubai Parks & Resorts, Sheikh Mohammad Bin Zayed Road

Internet:

www.legoland.com/dubai/explore/legoland-water-park

Aquaventure Waterpark



Aquaventure Waterpark is one of the biggest and best waterparks in the world. There's plenty to experience — try the Leap of Faith, a

27.5-metre plunge that slides through the shark tank, or hold on tight at Odyssey of Terror, the world's tallest water slide. If you're not looking for high-speed action, amble along the Lazy River that stretches for more than a mile through the park, while kids enjoy the maze of tunnels, slides and climbing frames in the Splasher's play area.

Photo: Atlantis The Palm/Dubai Economy and Tourism

Address: Atlantis The Palm, Crescent Road, Dubai

Phone: +971 4 426 0000

Internet: www.aquaventureworld.com

ARTS & CULTURE



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With Dubai Opera, the arts district Al Quoz and the discovery of relics from the Iron Age, Dubai is fast evolving into a cultural hotspot. The city's highlights range from the ancient past to stark modernity, and there is no better time to see its evolution than now.

Museums



Learn about Dubai's origins, traditions and culture at one of the city's many museums. Take the time to explore the Coins Museum in Al Fahidi

Historical Neighbourhood, which showcases precious coins from different historical eras. Don't miss other museums, like Saruq Al-Hadid, which unlocks the mysteries of the Iron Age, Etihad Museum that tells the story of the UAE's formation, and Al Shindagha Museum that brings Dubai's seafaring past to life.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Internet: www.visitdubai.com/en/articles/museums-in-dubai

Art Galleries



Discover the region's contemporary art scene in Dubai, where galleries in locations like DIFC, Alserkal Avenue and d3 (Dubai Design District)

are leading the charge with a year round calendar of cutting edge exhibitions. In March, Dubai celebrates art, with the much-awaited art exhibition Art Dubai and World Art Dubai attracting leading creatives, gallery owners and experts.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Internet:

www.visitdubai.com/en/articles/art-in-dubai-creative-hubs

Historical Neighbourhood



Escape the city's skyscrapers and travel back in time with a trip to Al Fahidi Historical Neighbourhood. This atmospheric area is one

of the oldest heritage sites in the city, with a neighbourhood that dates back to the early 1900s. A tour of the area offers a beguiling glimpse into the Dubai of a bygone era including traditional wind towers, bustling courtyards and a maze of winding alleyways. This neighbourhood is home to art galleries, restaurants and charming souvenir shops.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Internet:

www.visitdubai.com/en/articles/discover-dubais-old-town

La Perle



This world-class venue stages the city's first ever resident show, masterminded by creative director Franco Dragone. La Perle is a show that

combines the spirit of Dubai with an iconic 860-square-metre 'aqua-stage'. Using 2.7 million litres of water for each performance, the custom-built theatre was constructed around the show's concept. Inspired by the vibrancy of this city, the show has it all — cascading waterfalls, fast-paced acrobatics, a 25-metre high dive and fantastical characters.

Photo: La Perle/Dubai Economy and Tourism

Address: Al Habtoor City, 260 Sheikh Zayed Road, Dubai

Phone: +971 4 437 0001

Internet: www.laperle.com

Mosques



Visit the stunning Jumeirah Mosque, one of just a couple of mosques in Dubai that welcome non-Muslim guests. Make the most of your visit by joining a tour hosted by the Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Centre for Cultural Understanding and learn about the Emirati culture in a relaxed, casual and open atmosphere. When lit up at dusk, the mosque's intricate artistry and true beauty are highlighted. Note that women are asked to dress modestly and wear a scarf when visiting.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Address: Jumeirah Mosque, Jumeirah Beach Road, Jumeirah 1, Dubai

Phone: +971 4 353 6666

Internet: www.jumeirahmosque.ae

Infinity des Lumières



Step into the biggest immersive digital art centre in the GCC, Infinity des Lumières, which brings iconic and contemporary art to life through 130 projectors, 58 speakers and an incredible 3,000 HD digital moving images. The immersive experience will transport visitors into a world where they can enjoy living, dynamic art. Exhibitions related to Gaudi, Kandinsky, Klee, and a groundbreaking data painting experience 'Dubai Data', will run simultaneously through the digital art gallery and captivate your senses.

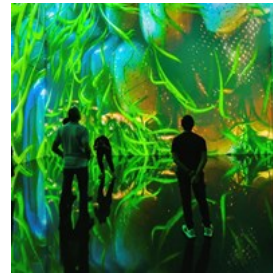
Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Address: Dubai Mall, Level 2, Financial Center Road, Dubai

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 10am-10pm, Fri-Sun 10am-11pm

Internet: www.infinityart.ae

Theatre of Digital Art



The Theatre of Digital Art at Madinat Jumeirah gives famous artwork a modern twist with advanced technology and immersive storytelling. It

combines three formats of digital art including multimedia exhibitions, contemporary immersive installations and art in virtual reality. Spread over 1,800 square metres, the venue displays digital shows of classical art, accompanied by music, visual effects and surround sound. Exhibitions change regularly, adding fresh perspectives with every visit.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Address: Souk Madinat Jumeirah, Dubai

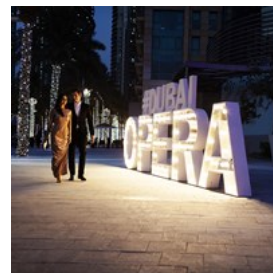
Opening hours: Daily 10am-11pm

Phone: +971 4 575 4739

Internet: www.toda.ae

Email: info@toda.ae

Dubai Opera



Experience the region's contemporary cultural scene at Dubai Opera, one of the city's architectural masterpieces. Shaped like

a futuristic dhow, this institution hosts a stellar program of international names and local legends in opera, ballet, theatre and music. Designed by Danish architect Janus Rostock and located in the heart of Downtown Dubai, the 2,000-seat Dubai Opera is a world-class cultural facility.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Address: Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Boulevard,

Downtown Dubai

Phone: +971 4 440 8888

Internet: www.dubaiopera.com

SPORTS



Dubai Economy and Tourism

Dubai's world-class tennis courts, golf courses and sports clubs are here to help you achieve your personal best. Whether you're looking to tee off at an iconic golf course or challenge friends to a game of football, there's plenty to pursue. Plus, the fun carries on throughout the year with cool indoor facilities hosting all the action during the summer months.

Golf



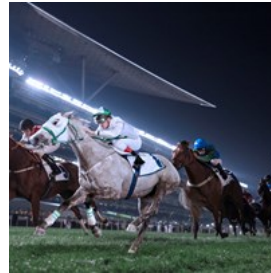
Home to some of the world's top 100 golf courses and host to three European Tour events, Dubai is firmly on the global golf radar. Choose

from top courses like Emirates Golf Club and Jumeirah Golf Estates — both selected for world rankings. Others include the Els Club, Dubai Creek Golf & Yacht Club, Dubai Hills Golf Club and The Address Montgomerie Dubai. A good piece of advice: opt for an afternoon weekday tee-off to beat the crowds, watch the sunset and finish at sundown in time for a relaxing evening.

Photo: Dubai Golf/Dubai Economy and Tourism

Internet: www.visitdubai.com/en/articles/golf-in-dubai

Horse & Camel Racing



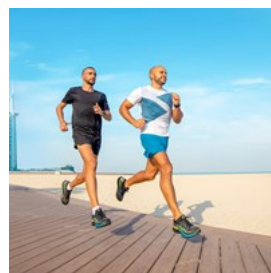
With horses and camels being such an integral part of Dubai's history, it's no surprise that they're equally a part of its present. Every year,

Dubai World Cup draws the equestrian elite of the world and Dubai's sophisticated society to the Meydan racecourse to back their favourite stallion. Likewise, popular camel races take place along the sandy tracks of Al Marmoom and Jebel Ali with thundering camels reaching speeds of up to 40 km/h.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Internet: www.visitdubai.com/en/whats-on/dubai-events-calendar/dubai-world-cup

Running



Dubai loves a good run, and there are many locations to take in beautiful city views while jogging. Breeze past the ever-evolving cityscape of

Dubai Marina or the leafy green Safa Park, while for a seascape and skyline view, try the track parallel to Jumeirah Beach Road, which stretches for 14 kilometres past Kite Beach, Burj Al Arab and Dubai Canal. Alternatively, sprint along Palm Jumeirah's Boardwalk, with views of Dubai's Downtown and Marina skylines.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Internet: www.visitdubai.com/en/articles/dubai-running-guide

Cycling



Dubai's cyclists know that jumping on a bike is the best way to get to know this ever-changing city. With great weather from November right through

to May, cyclists are drawn to the varied terrains, state-of-the-art cycling tracks and international events. Check out paths like the desert track in Al Qudra or the converted camel path in Nad Al Sheba. Looking for a more exhilarating ride? Hop on a mountain bike in Dubai's hilly town of Hatta or Mushrif National Park for an alternative adventure.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Internet:

www.visitdubai.com/en/articles/a-guide-to-cycling-in-dubai

Motorsports & Offroading



Dubai is the ultimate driving destination. There is a huge variety of off-roading terrain to conquer, from vast desert landscapes to thrilling

mountain passes. Enjoy a 4WD safari ride or take control of the wheel in a dune buggy. For a circuit driving experience, visit Dubai Autodrome's fully integrated motorsports facility equipped with race and karting tracks. You can even live your dream car experience by renting some hot wheels and immersing yourself in Dubai's luxury car culture.

Photo: Dubai Autodrome/Dubai Economy and Tourism

Address: Dubai Autodrome, Motor City, Dubai

Phone: +971 4 367 8700

Internet: dubaiautodrome.ae

Tennis & Squash



Host to the Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships where the world's greatest players compete, and home to state-of-the-art academies

and clubs, Dubai is great for a friendly game. Whether you are a squash pro looking for a new challenge or looking to release your inner Federer, you can take your game up a level during your stay in Dubai. Many of the city's hotels have outstanding tennis and squash facilities to practise your backhand.

Photo: Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships

Address: Dubai Tennis Stadium, Garhoud, Dubai

Internet: www.visitdubai.com/en/articles/tennis-in-dubai

Cricket



Home to the International Cricket Council (ICC) and host to global tournaments such as the T20 World Cup and Indian Premier League,

Dubai is making its mark on the international cricket scene. Check Dubai Calendar to see what's coming up during your visit for the opportunity to see your favourite stars in action.

Photo: Getty/Dubai Economy and Tourism

Address: Dubai International Cricket Stadium, Prime Business Centre - Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed Road, Jumeirah Village, Dubai Sports City, Dubai

Football



Dubai's most popular sport, football, takes on many forms: from regional players with dreams of making it big, to avid fans looking for a place to watch the game. Need a venue to catch the latest match? Kick back at the Black Tap or Nezesaussi Grill, or kick it up a notch at Barasti or McGettigan's.

Photo: Getty/Dubai Economy and Tourism

Watersports



Diving, sailing, jet-skiing, surfing, paddle-boarding... When it comes to marine thrills Dubai has it all. With more than 50 kilometres of coastline, watersports abound in Dubai. Making the most of the clear skies and temperate days, you can opt for a leisurely dusk sail, a high-speed tour on a jet-ski or something a little more daring like flyboarding or wakeboarding. If you're keen to experience Dubai from the sea for sightseeing and watersports, simply charter a boat.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Internet: www.visitdubai.com/en/articles/dubai-watersports

Hiking around Hatta



Surrounded by the Hajar Mountains, Hatta is covered in undulating peaks and troughs, perfect for hiking and trekking along the winding wadis at the foothills of the mountains near Oman's border. A popular spot is behind the

much-visited Hatta Dam, offering stunning panoramic views. There are currently five official hiking routes mapped out, but advanced trekkers can venture into the rugged mountains for more challenges and some surprises.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Internet:

www.visitdubai.com/en/articles/ultimate-guide-to-hatta

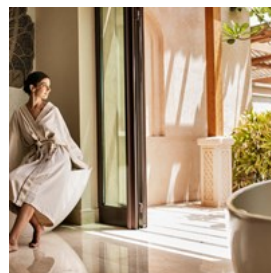
SPAS & RELAXATION



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There are literally hundreds of spas in all shapes and sizes, from five-star options like the Talise Ottoman Spa at Jumeirah Zabeel Saray to internationally-acclaimed centres and neighbourhood wellness spots. Common to all are great service and value.

Spas



Dubai is home to some spectacular spas, offering everything from full-body treatments using the most decadent oils and scrubs, to traditional hammams infused with the elements of Arabia. Spa experiences are part of the Dubai lifestyle, and visitors will find it very easy to join in. Enjoy a hammam at luxurious desert resort Bab Al Shams, or opt for an organic treatment from the Palace Downtown hotel. Couples can reserve a spot at Talise Ottoman Spa at Jumeirah Zabeel

Saray.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Internet:

www.visitdubai.com/en/articles/dubais-signature-spas

Beauty Salons



From gold leaf facials to amazing nail art, Dubai offers a world of beauty treatments. The city's cosmopolitan scene has inspired top international

stylists to set up shop, while local beauty experts are happy to share the art of Arabic beauty, in which hair, nails and skin services are all part of the weekly regime. Try Sisters Beauty Lounge, JetSet and SoH Art + Beauty, or Hommage Atelier and 1847 for men.

Photo: Getty/Dubai Economy and Tourism

Hammams



Rediscover your radiance with a traditional hammam experience. Using gentle heat to open up pores and encourage the release of toxins, your

body is expertly massaged and exfoliated using black soap and natural scrubs for unbelievably soft and smooth results. Try the Turkish hammam at One&Only Spa in the One&Only Royal Mirage, or the Moroccan hammam at The SPA at Palazzo Versace.

Photo: One&Only Royal Mirage Dubai/Dubai Economy and Tourism

Internet:

www.visitdubai.com/en/articles/best-hammams-and-spas

Arabian Beauty



From enriching oils to a rose water spritz and healing balms, Arabian women have been harnessing the power of natural potions and botanicals for centuries. The tradition of henna body painting to adorn your hands, fingers, and legs with ornate designs is a must-try experience. Let local beauty experts treat you to head-to-toe pampering and even give you an Arabic beauty makeover.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Yoga



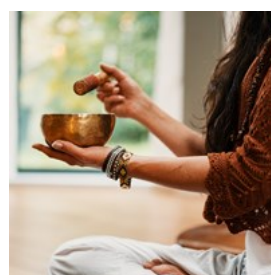
Join the city's meditative hum. As the region's leading yoga destination, Dubai has numerous yoga classes and clubs, led by instructors who radiate enlightenment. From world-class venues to peaceful beaches, you'll find plenty of sessions all around the city that cater to all ages, levels of fitness and beginners. Add yoga to your stay to keep your body supple and leave with a zen mindset.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Internet:

www.visitdubai.com/en/articles/top-spots-for-yoga-in-dubai

Mindfulness

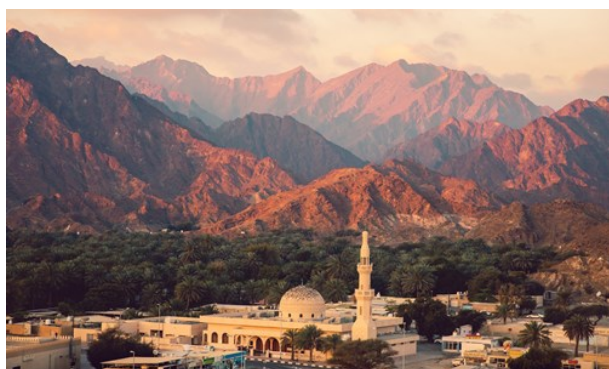


Take a break from the bustle of the city to unwind and channel inwards. Dubai plays host to some of the world's most talented thought leaders, inspirational speakers and meditation

experts. Join a holistic healing session at Illuminations centre in JLT, mindfulness workshops at The Lighthouse or take up meditation at the community haven of SEVA Experience, regarded as one of the city's top wellness centres.

Photo: Conscious Design/Unsplash

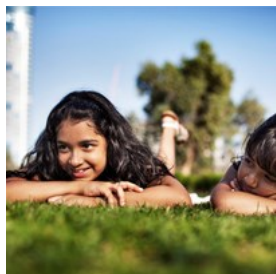
NATURE



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Take a break from the stunning Dubai skyline and explore the natural wonders that make the city come alive. There are enormous green spaces with picturesque lakes and lawns right in the heart of the emirate. Discover on your own, or take advantage of tour guides who specialise in the region's diverse flora and fauna.

Parks



Dubai has an abundance of picturesque parks with cosy spots to spend the day. Zabeel Park, which occupies more than 47 hectares, is equipped with entertaining and educational exhibits and the spectacular Dubai Frame. Safa Park, where people can relax under lush trees or jog along the track, now brings waterfront views thanks to the Dubai Water Canal. If you're up for a drive, make your way to Hatta Hill Park for a picnic

with mountain views.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Internet: www.visitdubai.com/en/articles/dubais-best-parks

Ecotourism



Thanks to responsible tourism practices, you can get up-close-and-personal with Dubai's local flora and fauna without putting the environment under stress. Head to the Dubai Desert Conservation Reserve to enjoy guided tours and unobstructed views of the majestic landscape and stay overnight at Al Maha Desert Resort, an award-winning and eco-friendly hotel located within the reserve. Closer to town, you can visit the Ras Al Khor Wildlife Sanctuary where the flamingos steal the show.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Internet: www.visitdubai.com/en/articles/dubai-presents-nature-itinerary

Animal Experiences



From marine experiences to winter wonderlands, Dubai offers many opportunities to meet wildlife. Dolphin Bay at Atlantis, The Palm is one of the most sophisticated dolphin habitats in the world. Say hello to more sea creatures at Dubai Aquarium & Underwater Zoo, or enjoy an afternoon with penguins at Ski Dubai. You can also watch local animals in their natural habitat at Ras Al Khor Wildlife Sanctuary, participate in the turtle rehabilitation project at Burj Al Arab or visit rainforest animals at The Green Planet in City Walk.

Photo: Jumeirah Group/Dubai Economy and Tourism
Internet:
www.visitdubai.com/en/articles/dubais-wildlife-encounters

Ras Al Khor Wildlife Sanctuary



Dubai is not just a desirable hotspot for millions of tourists each year — it's the destination of choice for tens of thousands of migrating birds. In the wetlands, just metres away from the busy city, you'll find the Ras Al Khor Wildlife Sanctuary. Translated as 'Cape of the Creek', Ras Al Khor sits at the mouth of Dubai's Creek and is among the few protected urban areas in the world. Don't miss the flamingos; they steal the show.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism
Internet: www.dm.gov.ae/discover-dubai/ras-al-khor

Desert Wildlife



The Dubai desert is rich with hundreds of species of wildlife, particularly in the dedicated conservation areas. Keep an eye out for desert dwellers including Arabian oryx, gazelle and hundreds of bird species when you venture outdoors. The oryx's white body and long straight horns make a regal statement against the sand. Keep your eyes peeled for Dubai's other native wildlife including desert foxes, geckos and lizards.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism
Internet:
www.visitdubai.com/en/articles/guide-to-desert-wildlife

Horse Riding



Arabian horses, exciting races and dreamy desert landscapes make Dubai perfect for equestrian pursuits. Watch one of the world's richest races at the Dubai World Cup, learn the intricacies of dressage at the Dubai Polo & Equestrian Club, or simply ride across the open desert with fellow enthusiasts from the Emirates Equestrian Centre. With these experiences, you're sure to leave with a deep sense of appreciation for these magnificent creatures.

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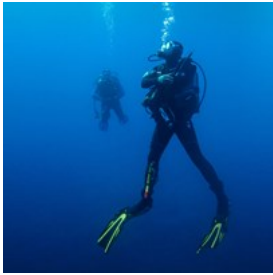
Birds



Birdwatching and falconry are Dubai's pastimes of old; the Al Qudra lakes are home to more than 170 types of bird species, including flamingos and swans. Don't miss the opportunity to experience Dubai's heritage of falconry, where these majestic birds soar through the sky and swoop down at tremendous speeds to catch game in what is one of the most exciting sports in the region. Visit Bab Al Shams and Al Maha resorts to admire the skill and speed of both falcon and falconer.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Marine Life



Whether you're spending a day at the beach, on the water, or under the sea with one of Dubai's dive centres, don't miss your chance to have an

underwater adventure in the Arabian Gulf. Off the coast of Dubai, you'll find a rich array of marine life, including dugongs, dolphins, turtles, sharks and 500 species of fish. In Dubai's warmer summer months, diving is a favourite pastime among locals.

Photo: Getty/Dubai Economy and Tourism

Internet: www.visitdubai.com/en/dubai-can/dubai-reef

WHAT'S ON



Dubai Economy and Tourism

Dubai has it all: from world-class performances and revered art exhibitions to award-winning fairs and concerts by global superstars.

Rugby 7s



Excitement and entertainment dominate the weekend during the Emirates Airline Dubai 7s. Every winter, watch regional and international

teams put their best foot forward during this sporting spectacle. Off the field, you'll find just as much action. Sample delicious cuisine and

enjoy family-friendly activities.

Photo: Dubai Rugby 7s/Dubai Economy and Tourism

Address: The Sevens Stadium, Al Ain Road, E66, Dubai

Internet: www.dubairugby7s.com

Dubai Shopping Festival



The annual Dubai Shopping Festival (DSF) is always filled with fantastic events and great offers: from one-of-a-kind outdoor markets and

street runways to breathtaking fireworks and immersive fashion experiences. Whether it's about having fun with your family or being the first to get your hands on the best fashion brands, DSF promises to impress. The next edition will run from 13 December 2024 to 19 January 2025.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Internet: www.mydsf.ae

Emirates Airline Festival of Literature



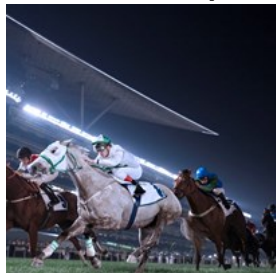
The Emirates Airline Festival of Literature is an annual event that usually takes place in February, with exciting activities based around

all things literature. In addition to readings, interviews and panel discussions, the festival features a line-up of international writers. There are also literary lunches with famous chefs and many opportunities to meet literature fans and like-minded people.

Photo: Emirates LitFest/Dubai Economy and Tourism

Internet: emirateslitfest.com

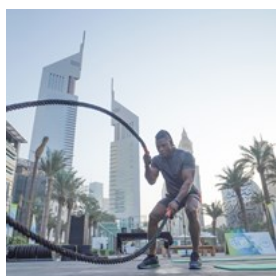
Dubai World Cup



The Dubai World Cup is one of the world's highest-budget horse races with around US\$30 million in total prize money. While it's all eyes on the world's best thoroughbreds on track, many glittering international and regional celebrities may be found in the exclusive premium lounges and private terraces. The event usually takes place at the end of March.

Photo: Andrew Watkins/Dubai Economy and Tourism
Address: Meydan Racecourse, Al Meydan Road, Nad Al Sheba, Dubai
Internet: www.dubairacingclub.com

Dubai Fitness Challenge



All it takes is 30 minutes to stay fit. The annual Dubai Fitness Challenge sees the entire city take part in 30 minutes of physical exercise for 30 days. With a full month of sports classes, citywide activations and family fun, it's the perfect opportunity to kick-start your fitness goals. The event usually takes place in October and November.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism
Internet: www.dubaifitnesschallenge.com

New Year's Eve



Every New Year's Eve, Dubai comes to life with plenty to do for tourists and residents alike. Whether you're looking to watch the sky light up with spectacular fireworks displays, enjoy a live

performance from world-class musicians, or spend the night camping out under the stars, there's something for everyone in Dubai. Stay tuned to the Dubai Calendar for the hottest parties, events and celebrations.

Photo: Jumeirah Group/Dubai Economy and Tourism
Internet:
www.visitdubai.com/en/articles/best-new-years-eve-parties

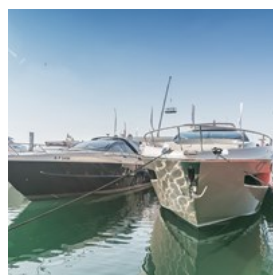
Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championship



The tennis season starts right here with the annual Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championship, which takes place at the end of February. Watch some of the biggest names in tennis thrash it out to win big at the Dubai Duty Free Tennis Stadium. See every spin, slice, and smash from the world's best in tennis, right here in the city.

Photo: Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships/Dubai Economy and Tourism
Address: Dubai Tennis Stadium, Garhoud, Dubai
Internet: www.dubaidutyfreetennischampionships.com

Dubai International Boat Show



With beautiful coastlines, world-class marinas, and jaw-dropping sailing vessels leisurely floating on the UAE's horizon, it's not surprising that Dubai's love for boating intensifies every year. The Dubai International Boat Show takes place once a year in February/March and is the destination of choice for boating enthusiasts, with an irresistible display of super yachts and luxury leisure craft.

Photo: Maksym Poriechkin/Dubai Economy and Tourism
Address: Dubai Marina, Dubai

Internet: www.boatshowdubai.com

Dubai Desert Classic



Since its first edition back in 1989, this tournament has seen some of the world's greatest golfers competing in Dubai, with winners including

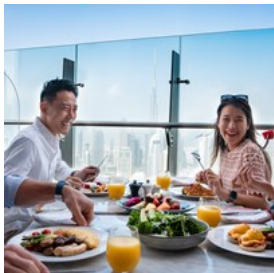
well-known names such as Ernie Els, Rory McIlroy, and Tiger Woods. Hosted at Emirates Golf Club, it is known as the Middle East Major and has now become one of the leading international golfing events.

Photo: Slynco/Dubai Economy and Tourism

Address: Emirates Golf Club, Al Thanyah 3, Dubai

Internet: dubaidesertclassic.com

Dubai Food Festival



Feast your way through the city's food scene during the annual Dubai Food Festival.

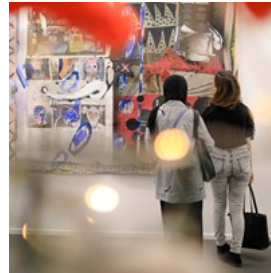
Celebrating all things gastronomy, this

delectable carnival highlights it all from delicious meals at fine dining restaurants to street food stops and hidden gems. Tuck into specially-curated dining experiences with limited-edition menus, guided food tours, cooking masterclasses by top chefs and unforgettable themed feasts.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Internet: www.dubaifoodfestival.com

Art Dubai



Art Dubai is the Middle East's leading international art fair, taking place every March in Dubai. Visitors have the opportunity to see

contemporary and modern art from around the world and attend the many workshops, lectures, and exhibitions on offer.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Internet: www.artdubai.ae

Sikka Art & Design Festival



The Sikka Art and Design Festival, an initiative by Dubai Culture, is an annual event that highlights local and regional talent. The

festival takes place in the Al Fahidi Historical Neighbourhood. Head there to see exhibitions, interactive installations, film screenings, workshops and live music. It's an exciting line-up crammed with entertainment and all things creative.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Address: Al Fahidi Historical Neighbourhood, Dubai

Internet: dubaiculture.gov.ae/en/about-us/special-projects/our-projects-events/sikka-arts-festival

World Art Dubai



Thanks to the World Art Dubai fair, buying art doesn't have to be an expensive, appointment-only affair. At World Art Dubai,

numerous artists come from around the world to exhibit, resulting in the largest variety of

artworks under one roof. The diversity caters to everyone, and so does the price tag.

Photo: World Art Dubai/Dubai Economy and Tourism
Address: Dubai World Trade Centre, Za'abeel Halls 1, 2, & 3, Dubai
Internet: www.worldartdubai.com

Al Gaffal Long Distance Race



Since starting in 1991, Al Gaffal Long Distance Race has gone on to become an event that celebrates the UAE's seafaring history. See skilled boatmen travel aboard majestic 60ft dhows from Sir Bu Na'air, an island located 65 kilometres off the coast of Abu Dhabi, all the way to Dubai. The event pays homage to the UAE's maritime and pearl-diving history with exclusively Emirati competitors carrying on their ancestor's heritage.

Photo: Dubai International Marine Club/Dubai Economy and Tourism
Internet: www.dimc.ae

Ramadan



While Muslims fast from dawn to dusk during the holy month, once the sun sets the city comes alive with a buzz of activity. Take advantage of delicious iftars and sumptuous suhoors or explore the late night activities that'll entertain the whole family. Book a hotel stay and shop Ramadan-inspired collections across the city's shopping destinations. One thing is for sure, there is always plenty of experiences to make it a Ramadan to remember in Dubai.

Ramadan in 2024: from 11 March to 9 April.
Ramadan in 2025: from 1 March to 29 March.
Ramadan in 2026: from 18 February to 19 March.
Ramadan in 2027: from 8 February to 8 March.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism
Internet: www.visitdubai.com/en/whats-on/ramadan-in-dubai

Eid in Dubai



Eid is a time of celebration in the Islamic faith and takes place twice a year. Eid Al Fitr — which means 'the festival of breaking the fast' — marks the end of Ramadan. Eid Al Adha, occurs later in the year following Hajj, which is the annual Islamic pilgrimage, and is considered the 'Greater Eid' of the two. Expect family entertainment, traditional feasts, shopping offers and a whole lot more.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism
Internet: www.visitdubai.com/en/whats-on/eid-in-dubai

Dubai Summer Surprises



As the bright summer sun lights up the city, Dubai turns the festivity up a notch by kicking off one of the year's major shopping and entertainment events. Dubai Summer Surprises is an annual festival that fills the hottest months of the year with incredible sales, live entertainment, amazing deals and fun for the whole family. Brace yourself for an exciting season of sunshine-filled fun.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism
Internet: www.mydss.ae

NIGHTLIFE



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Get ready for a night to remember in Dubai. The city boasts rooftop lounges with skyscraper views, iconic venues for a glamorous evening with friends and chic speakeasies that combine the best in food, music and entertainment.

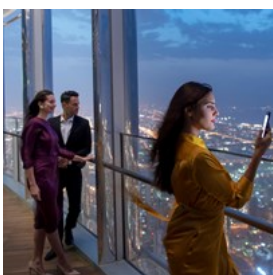
Shopping



Late-night shopping is part of Dubai culture, with most malls open late: during the week, malls close around 10 or 11pm while weekend hours stretch until midnight. Often, especially during peak shopping seasons like Dubai Shopping Festival in winter, Dubai Summer Surprises and Ramadan, Dubai's most popular malls have extended hours — some as late as 2am.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Lounges



Want a chilled-out atmosphere with a touch of 'big night out'? Make a reservation at one of Dubai's lounges. Whether you're looking for a rooftop view or a beachside breeze, a swanky

ambience or relaxed vibe, we've got you covered. Our favourites include beachside vibes at Jetty Lounge and panoramic views of the Burj Khalifa in all its glory from Treehouse. Other perfect spots include Vii Dubai at Conrad hotel, Sunken Garden at the Ritz-Carlton DIFC and Siddharta Lounge by Buddha Bar at Grosvenor House.

Photo: Emaar/Burj Khalifa/Dubai Economy and Tourism

Internet: www.visitdubai.com/en/articles/dubais-best-rooftop-lounges-with-unmissable-views

Live Music



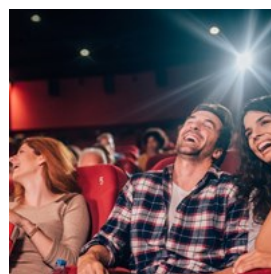
If you're looking to spice up your evening with live music, you have plenty of options. Tuck into Southern US Cajun cuisine with live entertainment at Nola Eatery & Social House. Another top spot known for its quality jazz is Q's Bar & Lounge at Palazzo Versace (the vision of music producer Quincy Jones) while Lock, Stock & Barrel in Barsha Heights hosts upbeat live music nights.

Photo: Getty/Dubai Economy and Tourism

Internet:

www.visitdubai.com/en/articles/local-live-music-in-dubai

Cinema



For a late-night experience for the whole family, have a movie night. Many of Dubai's top shopping destinations include amazing cinema experiences, like VIP packages, IMAX screenings, and even menus prepared by a celebrated chef such as the Guy Fieri menu at Reel Dine-In. During the winter months, outdoor cinemas and open-air screenings are also very

popular.

Photo: Getty Images/Dubai Economy and Tourism
Internet: www.visitdubai.com/en/articles/best-cinema-experiences-in-dubai

Dynamic Nightspots



Dubai's dynamic nightspots are second to none. From rooftop lounges with unmatched views, to venues for dancing and partying the night away, the city's got it all. For a romantic ambience with live music or an in-house DJ, try Nola or Jazz@Pizza Express. Take it into the early hours at the famous White, Armani/Prive, Iris or Billionaire Mansion. Whether it's low-key lounging or high-energy beats, Dubai is sure to show you a good time.

Photo: Billionaire Dubai/Dubai Economy and Tourism
Internet: www.visitdubai.com/en/articles/best-dubai-marina-restaurants

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Dubai International Airport (DXB)



Dubai International (DXB) is located four kilometres (2.5 miles) southeast of Dubai. One of the world's busiest travel hubs, Dubai's primary airport boasts three sprawling terminals and two huge runways that operate around the clock, serving both passenger and cargo planes. Transportation from the airport is possible by taxi, bus or metro.

Photo: Dubai International Airport/Dubai Economy and Tourism
Internet: www.dubaiairports.ae

Currency



The currency in Dubai is the Dirham (AED or Arab Emirate Dirham). One dirham is divided into 100 fils and has been pegged to the US dollar since the end of 1997.

US\$1 = AED3.6725

Photo: Getty Images/Arab Emirate Dirham)

Getting Around



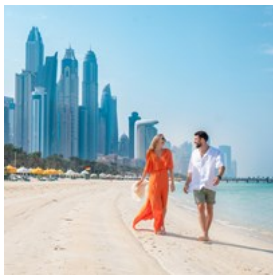
Upon arriving at Dubai International Airport, you're connected to every major neighbourhood in the city via the Dubai Metro. Most of the city's main attractions, including The Dubai Mall, Burj Khalifa and Dubai Marina can be reached directly via the metro or tram. Simply purchase a prepaid Nol card from any metro station, to use on the metro, tram and buses. The city's ubiquitous yellow and red topped taxis are

available streetside. For those with data services, a cab from Uber, or the local ride-hailing equivalent Careem, is just a tap away.

Photo: Getty/Dubai Economy and Tourism

Internet: www.visitdubai.com/en/plan-your-trip/getting-to-and-around-dubai

Climate



Dubai enjoys a warm climate year-round. The winter months from October through to April are the coolest, with temperatures ranging

from around 20 degrees centigrade to the mid-30s. During the months of May through September, the weather heats up significantly, with average temperatures ranging from high-30s to mid-40s. Luckily, Dubai offers plenty of attractions for all seasons.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Population

3.6 million

Currency

The currency in Dubai is the dirham (AED or Arab Emirate Dirham). One dirham is divided into 100 fils.

Opening hours

Thanks to split-shift staffing systems, some shops are open 24 hours a day, while most others stay open until 9pm or 10pm. On Fridays, many shops close from 11:30am–12:30pm for Muslim holy day prayers. Opening hours are revised during Ramadan.

Internet

www.visitdubai.com

Newspapers

The National: www.thenationalnews.com/uae

The Gulf Today: www.gulftoday.ae

The Gulf News: gulfnews.com

Khaleej Times: www.khaleejtimes.com

Emergency numbers

999 (Police & Ambulance)

997 (Fire)

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21B Street	A4	41 Street	B4	Al Shindagha Tunnel	B2 C2
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