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From a modest fishing village to a global metropolis, Dubai is a city built on ambition. Here, futuristic towers rise from the desert, luxury and tradition coexist, and innovation never stops. Explore lively souks, glide over dunes, or dine with views of the world's tallest building; every corner reveals a new story in this ever-evolving city.

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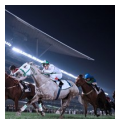
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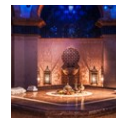
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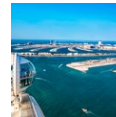
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DUBAI'S NEIGHBOURHOODS



DET/Dubai Tourism

Wondering where to find the best restaurants, family-friendly activities, or hottest art galleries? Here's a handy guide to 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.

Old Dubai



Old Dubai refers to the historic areas lining both sides of Dubai Creek. On the Deira side, you'll find bustling gold and spice souks, as well as fresh food markets near the abra docks. Just a short ride across the creek brings you to Bur Dubai, home to some of the city's best under-the-radar eateries, serving authentic Arabic, Indian, and Lebanese dishes. Al Seef, part of the area's revitalisation, blends restored heritage buildings with modern cafés and shops, highlighting Old Dubai's role as the city's cultural heart.

Photo: DET/Dubai Tourism

Internet:

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

Downtown Dubai & Sheikh Zayed Road



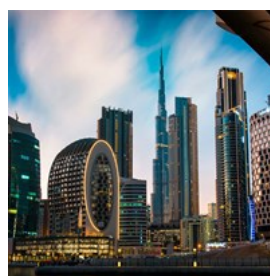
Downtown Dubai is the city's beating heart, where world-famous icons sit alongside lively streets and green spaces. Here you'll find the Burj Khalifa towering above the Dubai Mall, the Dubai Fountain, and Souk Al Bahar just across the water. Along Sheikh Zayed Road, the skyline is packed with record-breaking towers, including the city's tallest hotel.

The area isn't just about landmarks — there's plenty to do for families and culture lovers too. Dubai Opera hosts a busy line-up of shows, Burj Park is a hub for festivals and pop-ups, and Dubai Aquarium & Underwater Zoo offers a closer look at marine life. Fine dining options, stylish cafés, and palm-lined boulevards make Downtown Dubai a great spot to wander, shop, and soak up the city's energy.

Photo: DET/Dubai Tourism

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

Business Bay & Dubai Canal



Business Bay sits alongside Sheikh Zayed Road and the Dubai Water Canal, a 3.2-kilometre waterway that links Old Dubai to the Arabian Gulf. The area is packed with modern office and residential towers, sleek hotels, and waterfront promenades.

It's also a hotspot for dining and nightlife, with plenty of restaurants, lounges, and cafés lining the canals. Culture and entertainment have a place here too — the nearby theatre hosts

spectacular live performances, while the canal itself offers scenic walks, boat tours, and a glimpse of Dubai's ever-evolving skyline.

Photo: Getty Image/Dubai Tourism

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

Jumeirah & Jumeirah Beach



Jumeirah is Dubai's classic coastal district, known for its long stretches of sandy beaches and relaxed vibe compared with the high-rises inland. The area is dotted with cafés, boutique hotels, and local shops. The beach itself is popular for swimming, sunbathing, and watersports, while the nearby streets reveal a quieter side of the city with tree-lined avenues, villas, and small parks.

Photo: Roman Logov/Unsplash

Dubai Historical District



Step into old Dubai at Al Fahidi Historical Neighbourhood, where narrow alleys and wind-tower architecture give a glimpse of life before skyscrapers. Wander through the lanes to discover hidden cafés, art galleries, and cultural spots that bring the city's past to life.

From there, it's just a short walk to the abra station for a ride across Dubai Creek. On the other side, Deira awaits with its gold, spice, perfume, and textile souks, a lively place to explore, haggle, and soak up the sights, sounds, and smells of traditional Dubai.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Internet: www.visitdubai.com/en/places-to-visit/al-fahidi-historical-neighbourhood

Palm Jumeirah



Gracing Dubai's postcards, Palm Jumeirah is a striking feat of engineering: a series of artificial islands in the emerald waters of the Arabian Gulf, shaped like a stylised palm tree. At ground level, the island is home to popular beach clubs, luxury hotels, and a variety of dining options. Palm West Beach is a good spot for a stroll or a sun-soaked afternoon. For the best views, head to The View at Palm Jumeirah, a 240-metre-high observation deck offering sweeping panoramas of the island and the city beyond.

Photo: DET/Dubai Tourism

Al Quoz



Al Quoz might look industrial at first, with its rows of warehouses and factories, but it's quietly become one of Dubai's most creative districts. Many warehouses have been transformed into art galleries, photography studios, and performance spaces.

You'll also find artisanal cafés, sustainable shops, boutique studios, and family-friendly activities tucked into refurbished spaces. At the heart of the neighbourhood is Alserkal Avenue, a cluster of purpose-built galleries and cultural venues, while community hubs like the Courtyard showcase local entrepreneurs and creative projects.

Photo: DET/Dubai Tourism

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

Dubai Design District



Dubai Design District, or d3, is the city's creative playground. The area is dotted with more than 30 public art and design installations, including the striking red 'My Dubai' logo. Wander the streets to explore lifestyle boutiques, fashion studios, art galleries, and cafés, and keep an eye out for regular pop-up events focused on arts, design, and culture.

Photo: DET/Dubai Tourism

Internet: <https://dubaidesigndistrict.com>

Dubai Marina



Dubai Marina is a waterfront district where emerald-green waters meet some of the tallest and most striking residential towers in the city. Stroll along the promenade to enjoy cafés, restaurants, and shaded play areas for families, or catch one of the regular street festivals and pop-up events that keep the area lively throughout the year.

The district also has shopping options front and centre, and a cluster of dining spots in a multi-level tower overlooking the water offers plenty of variety.

Photo: DET/Dubai Tourism

Internet:

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

Jumeirah Lakes Towers



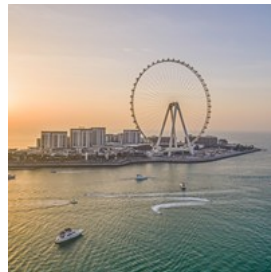
Quiet and unassuming, Jumeirah Lakes Towers is built around four lakes, with one later transformed into a large green park. From dawn to dusk, the waterfront boardwalks and footbridges are filled with joggers, cyclists, dog-walkers, and families enjoying the outdoors. Lakeside cafés, boutiques, and wellness spots line the paths, making it a pleasant area to stroll.

In recent years, JLT has grown into one of Dubai's go-to dining districts, with a wide range of international cuisines reflecting the neighbourhood's mix of nationalities.

Photo: Getty images/Dubai Tourism

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

Bluewaters Island



Bluewaters sits just off Jumeirah Beach Residence, easily accessible via a pedestrian bridge. The island mixes shopping, dining, and entertainment in one compact spot. The main attraction is Ain Dubai, the world's tallest observation wheel. Around it, you'll find a lively waterfront district with restaurants, cafés, and shops, plus a few family-friendly attractions like Madame Tussauds and arcades. It's a nice place to stroll, grab a bite, or spend a few hours enjoying the views over Dubai Marina and the Arabian Gulf.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Address: Bluewaters Island

Internet: <https://bluewatersdubai.ae/en>

City Walk



City Walk is a stylish open-air district where shopping, dining, and entertainment come together in one walkable space. Stroll along tree-lined avenues with fountains, browse international boutiques, or stop at one of the many cafés and restaurants, all with a clear view of the Burj Khalifa in the background.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism
Address: Al Safa St - Al Wasl - Dubai
Opening hours: Daily 10am-11pm
Phone: +971 4 590 5090
Internet: www.citywalk.ae/en

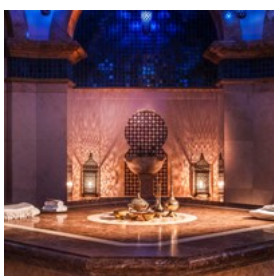
DO & SEE



Dubai Economy and Tourism

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.

Hammams



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

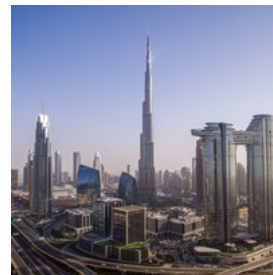
body is expertly massaged and exfoliated using black soap and natural scrubs for unbelievably soft and smooth results. Try the Turkish hammam at One&Only Spa in the One&Only Royal Mirage, or the Moroccan hammam at The SPA at Palazzo Versace.

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

Internet:

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

Burj Khalifa



Soaring 828 metres above Dubai, the Burj Khalifa is currently the world's tallest building. It's a mix of art, engineering, and

heritage, with office space, private residences, and a luxury hotel inside. Visitors head to the observation decks on the 124th and 148th floors for sweeping city views, and you'll also find over a thousand specially commissioned artworks scattered throughout the tower. Even from the ground, the sheer scale and design of the building make it impossible to ignore.

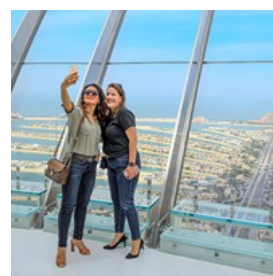
Photo: DET/Dubai Tourism

Address: 1 Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Blvd - Downtown Dubai - Dubai

Phone: +971 4 888 8888

Internet: www.burjkhalifa.ae

The View Palm Jumeirah



Enjoy panoramic views of one of Dubai's most famous landmarks from this glass-framed observation deck. Sitting 240 metres above the island, The View offers a full 360-degree panorama of Palm Jumeirah, the Arabian Gulf,

and the Dubai skyline. The space includes a café, exhibitions, interactive aquarium-themed tunnels, and a gift shop. For an even higher perspective, step up to The Next Level, 250 metres above ground, for the island's highest vantage point and unobstructed views.

Photo: DET/Dubai Tourism

Address: The Palm Tower - Palm Jumeirah Road - 52nd Floor - Dubai

Opening hours: Daily 9am-7:30pm

Phone: +971 800 8438439

Internet: www.theviewpalm.ae

Sky Views Observatory



Sky Views Observatory takes sightseeing to new heights, literally. Perched more than 200 metres above Downtown Dubai, it offers striking views of the Burj Khalifa and the city skyline. Beyond the main viewing deck, visitors can try the Glass Slide, a transparent chute that curves along the tower's exterior, or step out on the Edge Walk, a hands-free stroll along the building's ledge for a true adrenaline rush.

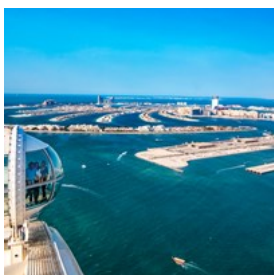
Photo: Sky Views Dubai/Dubai Tourism

Address: Emaar Square Area - Downtown Dubai - Dubai

Opening hours: Daily 10am-10pm

Internet: www.skyviewsdubai.com

Ain Dubai



Ain Dubai, the world's largest and tallest observation wheel, stands at a towering 250 metres on Bluewaters Island, offering a 38-minute rotation in air-conditioned cabins, with 360-degree views of Dubai's skyline, including landmarks like the Burj Khalifa, Palm Jumeirah,

and the Arabian Gulf.

Photo: DET/Dubai Tourism

Address: Bluewaters Island - Dubai

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 2pm-9pm, Sat & Sun 11am-9pm

Phone: +971 800 2629464

Internet: www.aindubai.com/en/

Madame Tussauds Dubai



Want to pose with the stars on the red carpet? Madame Tussauds Dubai lets you do just that. Located on Bluewaters Island, it's the only Madame Tussauds in the region. Visitors can explore seven themed zones, including A-List, Fashion, Film, Leaders, Bollywood and Tollywood, and Sport. The museum features over 60 lifelike wax figures of international and regional celebrities, such as Shah Rukh Khan and Balqees Fathi.

Photo: DET/Dubai Tourism

Address: Bluewaters Mall - Bluewaters Island - Dubai

Opening hours: Daily 11:30am-8:30pm

Phone: +971 4 873 3042

Internet: www.madametussauds.com/dubai

Dubai Marina Walk



Dubai Marina Walk is a vibrant, palm-tree-lined promenade that winds along the waterfront, offering a mix of shopping, dining, and leisure activities. During the day, it's lively with joggers, families, and café-goers; by night, city lights reflect off the water, giving the marina a romantic glow. Yachts drift by, skyscrapers loom overhead, and there's always something to see or do here — whether it's a coffee break, a leisurely stroll, or just watching the world go by.

Photo: Tomas Marek/Shutterstock
Address: Dubai Marina Walk, Dubai

The Dubai Fountain



Witness the Dubai Fountain in action at Burj Lake, right by the Burj Khalifa. The show combines water, light, and music in a carefully choreographed display, and it's one of the most iconic experiences in the city. The surrounding area is also worth a stroll, with views of the lake, the fountain, and the Burj Khalifa towering above.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism
Address: Burj Khalifa
Opening hours: Daily 6pm-11pm (every 30 minutes)
Internet: www.burjkhalifa.ae/experiences/experiences-nearby/#dubai-fountain

Dubai Frame



Dubai Frame is a striking addition to the city's skyline and a clever piece of engineering. Located in Zabeel Park, it sits between old and new Dubai, giving visitors a unique perspective on both sides of the city. At 150 metres high, the observation decks offer panoramic views, and the glass-floored bridge connecting the two towers makes for a thrilling experience — and a perfect spot for selfies.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism
Address: Zabeel Park Jogging Track - Za'abeel - Al Kifaf - Dubai
Opening hours: Daily 9am-9pm
Phone: +971 800 900
Internet: www.dubaiframe.ae

Bur Dubai Abra Dock



A ride on a traditional wooden abra from Bur Dubai Abra Dock is one of the most atmospheric ways to cross the creek. The short hop takes you to the Deira side, where the narrow lanes buzz with spice stalls, sweet shops, textiles, and the famous gold souk — a lively contrast to the quieter Al Fahidi neighbourhood just across the water.

Photo: DET
Internet: www.visitdubai.com/en/places-to-visit/abra-creek-crossing

The Lost Chambers Aquarium



Part of Atlantis, The Palm, this aquarium carries through the resort's sunken Atlantis theme with maze-like passages and atmospheric tanks. Inside, you'll spot everything from sharks and rays to jellyfish and seahorses, all set against a dramatic backdrop of ruins and sculptures. It's not the biggest aquarium in Dubai, but its design makes it one of the most memorable.

Photo: Atlantis/Dubai Economy and Tourism
Address: Atlantis, The Palm - Crescent Road - The Palm Jumeirah - Dubai
Phone: +971 4 426 2666
Internet: www.aquaventureworld.com/lost-chambers-aquarium

Jumeirah Burj Al Arab



Often voted the world's most luxurious hotel, the Burj Al Arab rises 321 metres above the Arabian Gulf, its sail-shaped silhouette perched on a private island just offshore. Beyond its grand design, it's famous for its helipad—scene of jaw-dropping stunts from tennis matches to F1 doughnuts. For the first time, the hotel has opened up with a butler-guided, immersive tour, giving visitors a rare peek inside its gilded interiors and behind-the-scenes tales of its extravagant history.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism
Address: Umm Suqeim 3 - Dubai

Dubai Aquarium & Underwater Zoo



Set inside The Dubai Mall, the Dubai Aquarium is one of the largest in the world, with a 10-million-litre tank that houses more than 140 species of marine life, including the planet's biggest collection of sand tiger sharks. A stroll through the 48-metre walk-through tunnel gives you a front-row seat as sharks and rays glide overhead, while the underwater zoo upstairs introduces visitors to everything from otters to penguins.

Photo: Dubai Aquarium & Underwater Zoo/Dubai Economy and Tourism
Address: Dubai Mall, Downtown Dubai
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-10:15pm, Sat & Sun 10am-11:15pm
Internet: www.thedubaiaquarium.com

Dubai Creek



Dubai may be famous for the glitz and glamour of its sky-high towers, but the heart of the city is the creek. This saltwater estuary was where the Bani Yas tribe first settled, and its waters supported the city's early economy through pearl diving and fishing.

Today, the area blends history with culture: you'll find museums, heritage retail spaces, and the winding alleyways of the gold, spice, and textile souks. A ride on a traditional abra across the water is a must, offering a simple yet memorable way to see the creek from the water.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

ARTS & CULTURE



Dubai Economy and Tourism

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.

Museum of the Future



One of Dubai's most renowned landmarks, the Museum of the Future is a 'living museum' that explores how society could evolve in the coming decades. Combining traditional exhibitions with immersive theatre and themed attractions, it offers a glimpse into the future across space travel, climate change, ecology, health, wellness, and spirituality. Inside, you can discover prototypes, inventions, and visionary ideas, and take part in workshops and talks that showcase high-tech solutions shaping tomorrow.

Photo: DET/Dubai Tourism

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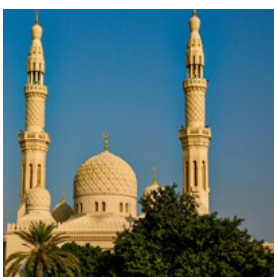
Opening hours: Daily 9am-9pm

Phone: +971 800 2071

Internet: <https://museumofthefuture.ae/en>

Email: info@museumofthefuture.ae

Jumeirah Mosque



Jumeirah Mosque is an iconic landmark in Dubai, renowned for its stunning architecture and cultural significance. Constructed in 1979, the mosque showcases a blend of traditional Islamic designs, featuring two towering minarets and a large central dome. It stands as one of the few mosques in Dubai open to non-Muslim visitors, offering guided tours that provide insights into Islamic culture and the mosque's architectural beauty.

Photo: Bo Zhang/Unsplash

Address: Jumeirah Beach Road - Jumeirah 1 - Dubai

Phone: +971 4 353 6666

Internet: www.jumeirahmosque.ae

Etihad Museum



Set in Jumeirah 1, the Etihad Museum traces the story of the United Arab Emirates' formation and rapid rise. Through interactive pavilions, photos, films, and personal accounts, it highlights what life was like before unification and how the nation's founding fathers shaped its path. The museum sits on the site where the UAE's founding treaty was signed in 1971, making it as symbolic as it is informative.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Address: 1 Jumeira St - Al Mina - Jumeirah 1 - Dubai

Opening hours: Daily 10am-8pm

Phone: +971 800 33222

Internet: <https://etihadmuseum.dubaiculture.gov.ae/ar/Pages/default.aspx>

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 Rd - Dubai

Phone: +971 4 437 0001

Internet: www.laperle.com/en

Infinity des Lumières



Infinity des Lumières is the Gulf's largest immersive digital art centre, turning iconic and contemporary artworks into a fully sensory

experience. Using 130 projectors, over 50 speakers, and thousands of HD moving images, the gallery surrounds you with dynamic, living art. Exhibitions often feature artists like Gaudí, Kandinsky, and Klee, alongside unique experiences such as 'Dubai Data'.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Address: Dubai Mall - Level 2 Financial Ctr St - opposite

Galerie Lafayette - Downtown Dubai - Dubai

Opening hours: Daily 9am-5pm

Internet: www.instagram.com/infinitylumieres

Dubai Opera



Dubai Opera, shaped like a futuristic dhow, is at the heart of Downtown Dubai and a hub for the city's contemporary cultural scene. The

2,000-seat venue hosts opera, ballet, theatre, and concerts, featuring both international stars and local talent.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

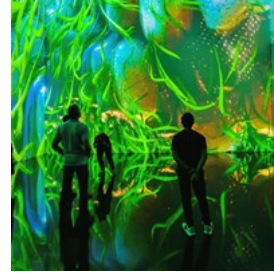
Address: Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Blvd - Downtown

Dubai - Dubai

Phone: +971 4 440 8888

Internet: www.dubaiopera.com/en-US/home

TODA - Theatre of Digital Art



The Theatre of Digital Art at Madinat Jumeirah turns classical art into a modern, immersive experience. Using multimedia, VR, and

large-scale digital installations, it combines music, visual effects, and surround sound to bring the artwork to life. Spread across 1,800 square metres, the venue offers rotating exhibitions, so there's always something new to see and experience.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Address: Souk - Madinat Jumeirah - Al Sufouh 1 - Dubai

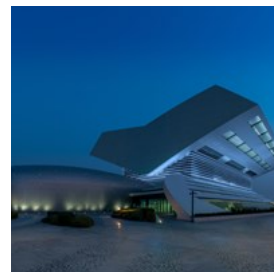
Opening hours: Daily 10am-11pm

Phone: +971 4 277 4044

Internet: www.toda.ae

Email: info@toda.ae

Mohammed Bin Rashid Library



Built along the historic Dubai Creek, the Mohammed Bin Rashid Library is an inspiring landmark. Designed in the shape of a traditional

Islamic lectern, it stands as the largest library in the region, symbolising a beacon of knowledge and culture. Inside, you'll find nine themed libraries housing over 1.5 million printed and digital books, along with millions of audio-visual materials. The library also hosts exhibitions, cultural events, and offers spaces for reading and study. It's a must-visit for those seeking inspiration and a deeper connection to the Arab world's literary heritage.

Photo: Dubai Tourism

Address: Al Jaddaf - Dubai

Opening hours: Mon, Tue-Thu & Sat 9am-9pm, Fri & Sun closed

Phone: +971 800 627523
Internet: www.mbrl.ae

The Majlis Gallery



Housed in a beautifully restored wind-tower building in the Al Fahidi Historical Neighbourhood, The Majlis Gallery has been a cornerstone of Dubai's art scene since opening in 1989. It showcases a mix of traditional and contemporary works, from ceramics and glassware to paintings and sculpture, with regular exhibitions by regional and international artists.

Photo: Denis Kuvaev/Shutterstock

Address: 67 Al Fahidi Street - Al Fahidi - Dubai
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun closed
Phone: +971 4 353 6233
Internet: www.themajlisgallery.com

BEACHES & POOLS



DET/Dubai Tourism

Dubai is one of the few places where you can enjoy a beach holiday without leaving the city. Here, high-energy urban life meets the sparkling waters of the Arabian Gulf. Vibrant seaside spots like Kite Beach, La Mer, and The Beach at JBR let you take in the waves after a stroll or jog along the shore, while luxury resorts offer incredible pool experiences. From beachside

cafés to watersports and relaxing sunbathing, Dubai delivers the perfect mix of city and sea.

JBR Beach

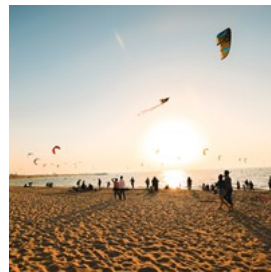


JBR Beach is a lively urban stretch where soft sand meets calm waters, perfect for a day by the sea. The beach is lined with cafés and restaurants, and there's plenty to keep active visitors busy, from banana boat rides and an outdoor gym to a volleyball court. Skyscrapers tower behind the shore, giving the area a uniquely Dubai vibe, and a short stroll brings you to The Walk or across the pedestrian bridge to Bluewaters Island.

Photo: DET/Dubai Tourism

Internet: www.thebeach.ae/en

Kite Beach



Discover Dubai's laid-back beach scene at Kite Beach in Umm Suqeim, a favourite for water sports enthusiasts and families alike. Swim, surf, or paddleboard in calm blue waters with the Burj Al Arab as your backdrop, or stay on shore and explore the jogging track, skate park, and kids' play areas. Food trucks and casual cafés line the beach, with local favourite Salt serving up its cult-status sliders just steps from the sand.

Photo: DET/Dubai Tourism

Internet: <https://kitebeach.ae/#0>

La Mer

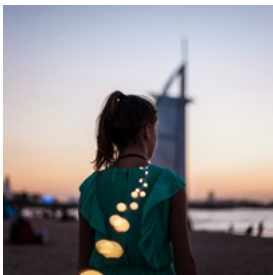


La Mer brings a touch of urban cool to Jumeirah 1, with its palm-lined boardwalks, colourful street art, and 2.5km of golden sand. Spend the day relaxing by the water, browsing stylish boutiques, or sampling the eclectic mix of restaurants and cafés that line the promenade.

Photo: DET/Dubai Tourism

Address: 45 2A St - Jumeirah - Jumeirah 1 - Dubai

Sunset Beach (Umm Suqeim Beach)



True to its name, Sunset Beach is one of Dubai's best spots to watch the sun dip below the horizon, with the iconic Burj Al Arab in the backdrop. It's also one of the city's top surfing spots when the waves are right, as well as a favourite for morning jogs, evening strolls, or simply relaxing on the sand.

Photo: Adam Le Sommer/Unsplash

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



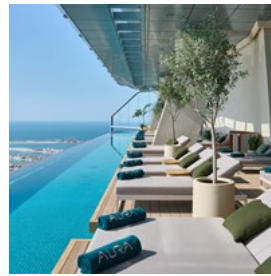
Palm West Beach brings together beachside leisure and city energy along a 1.6km stretch of sand. The promenade is lined with restaurants and casual hangouts, where you can linger over breakfast, stop for a coffee between swims, or watch the skyline glow at sunset. There's space for morning runs and paddleboarding sessions,

as well as spots to just sit back and take in the view of Dubai Marina and JBR across the water.

Photo: DET/Dubai Tourism

Internet: www.westbeach.ae

AURA Skypool



Perched on the 50th floor of The Palm Tower, AURA Skypool offers a 360-degree panorama of Dubai from its infinity pool. Nature-inspired décor and open-air design create an elevated oasis, while the poolside menu of Pan-Asian dishes complements the skyline views.

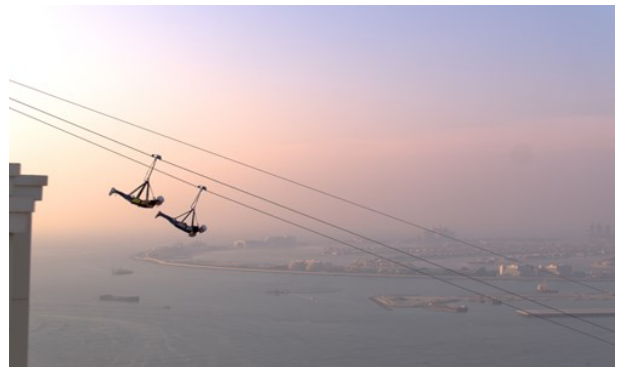
Photo: AURA Skypool/Dubai Tourism

Address: Palm Jumeirah, The Palm Tower - 50th Floor - The Palm Jumeirah - Dubai

Phone: +971 4 566 2121

Internet: <https://auraskypool.com>

ADVENTURE

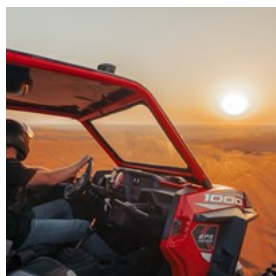


X Dubai/Dubai Tourism

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



Swap city streets for sand dunes on an off-road buggy safari. Morning tours are perfect for an hour of pure dune-bashing in your own

buggy, while evening safaris turn into a full desert experience with sandboarding, camel rides, dinner under the stars, and live entertainment.

Photo: Ian Harpe/Dubai Tourism

Internet: <https://royalarabiansafaris.com>

Extreme Fun



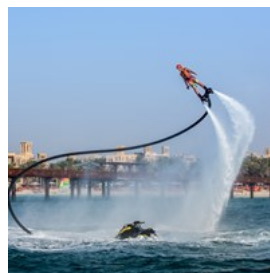
Dubai has no shortage of adrenaline-pumping thrills. Take the leap with Skydive Dubai and free-fall from 4,000 metres, with unbeatable

views of Palm Jumeirah or the desert below. For a different kind of rush, try the XLine, the world's longest urban zipline, soaring across Dubai Marina at speeds up to 80 km/h. If you're looking for something different, the XDubai Slingshot at Kite Beach launches you 120 metres into the air at speeds of up to 100 km/h, with guided safety briefings and a total experience of around 15 minutes.

Photo: Ski Dive/Dubai Tourism

Internet: www.skydivedubai.ae

Flyboarding



For a high-flying water adventure, why not try flyboarding at Jumeirah Beach? Riders are strapped to a board connected to a

water-propelled backpack that shoots them into the air. Beginners can quickly get the hang of it, though a few splashy landings are almost guaranteed at first.

Photo: DET/Dubai Tourism

Internet:

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

Jet-Ski



Race across Dubai's turquoise waters and get a unique view of the city's skyline on a jet-ski adventure. Most operators offer guided

rides with a qualified instructor, so you can safely cruise past iconic landmarks like the Burj Al Arab or circle Palm Jumeirah. Whether you're a first-timer or looking to show off some tricks, it's an exhilarating way to experience the city from the water.

Photo: DET/Dubai Tourism

Internet:

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

Sandboarding



For thrill-seekers, sandboarding is a must. Strap a board to your feet and glide down the dunes. It looks tricky at first, but instructors

quickly teach the techniques to help you ride

down the dunes smoothly.

Photo: DET/Dubai Tourism

Internet:

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

Deep Dive Dubai



Take the plunge at Deep Dive Dubai, home to the world's deepest swimming pool at 60 metres and holding over 14 million litres of fresh

water. This record-breaking attraction features a fully sunken city, complete with submerged streets, cars, motorbikes, and even a pool table, waiting to be explored. Whether you're a certified diver or trying it for the first time, you can book guided scuba dives, freediving sessions, or even snorkelling experiences. Located in Nad Al Sheba, it's one for thrill-seekers and underwater adventurers alike.

Photo: Deep Dive Dubai/Dubai Tourism

Address: NAS Sports Complex - Nad Al Sheba - Dubai

Opening hours: Daily 9am-6pm

Phone: +971 4 501 9444

Internet: www.deepdivedubai.com

Email: info@deepdivedubai.com

Camping



Head to Hatta in the Hajar Mountains to explore rugged landscapes and take in the views from your own tent. The area has seen a

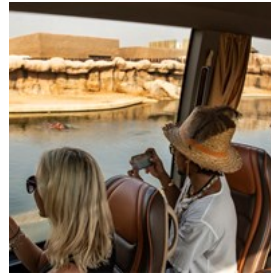
rise in adventure-focused spots, including lodges, trailer-park style resorts, and dedicated outdoor activity centres. For desert nights, glamping offers a more comfortable way to experience the dunes, with options for stargazing, private majlis areas, and after-dark wildlife spotting.

Photo: DET/Dubai Tourism

Internet: <https://uae.platinum-heritage.com>

More Info: www.arabian-adventures.com/ae/english

Dubai Safari Park



Dubai Safari Park in Al Warqa is home to more than 2,500 animals from around the world, which makes it the UAE's most diverse wildlife

destination. Visitors can explore four themed areas (Arabian, Asian, African, and Safari Village), where you'll encounter everything from giraffes and lions to crocodiles and monkeys.

The park places a strong focus on sustainability, running primarily on solar energy, and is committed to conservation and education, with the aim of becoming one of the world's top zoos.

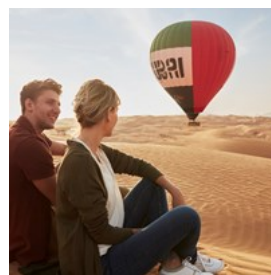
Photo: Dubai Safari/Dubai Tourism

Address: Al Warqa 5 - Dubai

Phone: +971 800 900

Internet: <https://dubaisafari.ae>

Hot Air Balloon



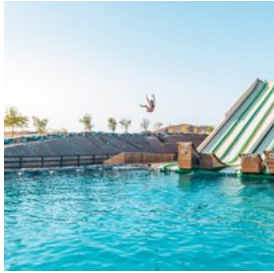
Leave the city behind and rise 1,200 metres above the desert at sunrise on an unforgettable hot air balloon ride. As the sun lights up the rolling red

dunes, you'll drift wherever the breeze takes you, spotting gazelles, camels, and even the distant Hajar Mountains. Flights typically last about an hour, and operators like Hero Balloon Flights Dubai and Hot Air Balloon Dubai offer packages for couples, groups, and families.

Photo: DET/Dubai Tourism

Internet: <https://hotairballoonuae.com>

Hatta Wadi Hub



Hatta Wadi Hub is Dubai's destination for adventure in the Hajar Mountains. Try your hand at archery, wall climbing, freefall jumps, or the rope courses, and don't miss the twin zipline for a scenic rush with a friend. Cool off at Hatta Drop-In, Asia's first water jump park, or roll downhill in a giant orb with zorbing. After a day of activities, pitch a tent at the Hatta Campsite or upgrade to a stay at Hatta Damani Lodges or Hatta Sedr Trailers for a more comfortable night under the stars.

Photo: Ian Harper/Dubai Tourism

Internet: www.hattawadiadventure.com

Ski Dubai



Step into a winter wonderland in the heart of the desert at Ski Dubai. The indoor slopes offer runs for all abilities, a freestyle area for snowboarders, and tobogganing for families. Kids will enjoy the snow caves and tube rides, while everyone can stop by the café to warm up with a hot drink or watch the daily penguin parade.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Address: Mall of the Emirates - Sheikh Zayed Rd - Al Barsha - Al Barsha 1 - Dubai

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

Phone: +971 4 409 4000

Internet: www.skidxb.com/en-ae/ski-dubai

Desert Safari



A Dubai classic, the desert safari takes you off-road into the rolling sand dunes in a 4x4. Along the way, you can spot wildlife, ride a camel, and experience a striking mix of traditional and modern desert life. Most tours include evening highlights like dance performances, a barbecue dinner, Arabic coffee, shisha, and henna painting.

Photo: phoelixDE/Shutterstock

THE DESERT



Dubai Economy and Tourism

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

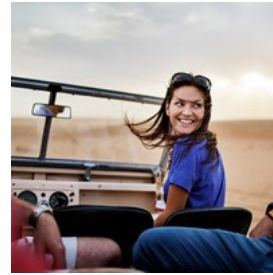


Some of Dubai's most luxurious hotels are located in the desert. Get a taste of old Arabia at Bab Al Shams Desert Resort & Spa, just half an hour from the city centre. Al Maha Desert Resort & Spa in the Dubai Desert Conservation Reserve takes glamping to another level with luxury tented-style villas featuring 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 the 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 sandboard 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.

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

Desert Dining



There are many ways to dine in the desert.

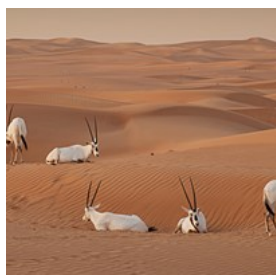
Heritage dinner safaris teach you how to cook a local dish, while desert safaris offer off-roading

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. Experience luxurious Bedouin camping and spend the night, including 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 designated 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

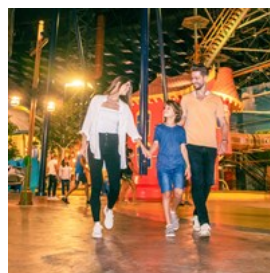
PARKS & ENTERTAINMENT



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



IMG Worlds of Adventure is packed with rides and attractions for all ages. You can meet Cartoon Network characters, join Marvel heroes on 5D

adventures, or explore the Lost Valley with 70 life-sized animatronic dinosaurs. There are live shows, movies, and plenty of entertainment, making it a full-day outing for families.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Address: City of Arabia - Sheikh Mohammad Bin Zayed Road

Phone: +971 4 403 8888

Internet: www.imgworlds.com

Wild Wadi Waterpark Jumeirah



Located beside the Burj Al Arab, Wild Wadi Waterpark features more than 30 rides and attractions. You can surf the Wipeout and Riptide

Flowriders, brave Tantrum Alley's tornado slides, or race down the Jumeirah Sceirah tandem slides, which drop 120 metres at speeds of up to 80 km/h. Kids have their own space with colourful slides, climbing frames, water guns, and a giant dumping bucket.

Photo: Dubai Wild Wadi Waterpark/Dubai Economy and Tourism

Address: Jumeira Street - opp. Burj Al Arab - Umm Suqeim - Umm Suqeim 3 - Dubai

Opening hours: Sun-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-10pm

Phone: +971 4 348 4444

Internet: <https://wildwadi.com/en>

The Green Planet



Located in City Walk, The Green Planet is a tropical biodome with more than 3,000 plants and animals. You can wander under hanging vines, spot

sloths, snakes, spiders, and a variety of birds, and watch how the ecosystem works up close. It's designed to be both fun and educational, making it a good stop for families or anyone curious about rainforest life.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Address: City Walk - Al Wasl - Dubai

Opening hours: Daily 10am-6pm

Phone: +971 800 2629464

Internet: www.thegreenplanetdubai.com/en

Global Village



Running from October to April, Global Village is part funfair, part food market, and part shopping trip around the world. Around 70

countries have pavilions selling everything from Yemeni honey and Moroccan argan oil to Afghan carpets, Spanish jewellery, and Thai dried fruit. There are fairground rides, live shows every evening, and plenty of food stalls to snack your way through.

Photo: Global Village/Dubai Economy and Tourism

Address: Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed Road

Phone: +971 4 362 4114

Internet: www.globalvillage.ae

Dubai Miracle Garden



In Al Barsha South, Dubai Miracle Garden covers 72,000 square metres and has more than 45 million flowers arranged into huge sculptures and

patterns. You can walk past flower-covered pyramids, hearts, and igloos, see the record-breaking wall of blooms, or stroll under a tunnel of hanging umbrellas. It's seasonal, usually open from November to April, so check before you go.

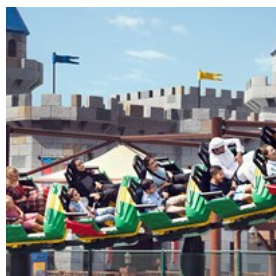
Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

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

Phone: +971 4 422 8902

Internet: www.dubaimiraclegarden.com

Dubai Parks and Resorts



Dubai Parks & Resorts is a one-stop destination for theme park fun, combining three parks and a waterpark with hotels on-site. Motiongate Dubai brings Hollywood movies to life with rides and shows, while Legoland Dubai and Legoland Water Park are perfect for younger visitors and families. At the centre is Riverland Dubai, a lively promenade with dining and shopping, and nearby resorts offer convenient places to stay if you want to turn a day trip into a mini-break.

Photo: Dubai Parks and Resorts/Dubai Economy and Tourism
Address: Sheikh Zayed Rd - Dubai
Opening hours: Daily 10am-10pm
Phone: +971 800 2629464
Internet: www.dubaiparksandresorts.com/en

Aquaventure World



Aquaventure is a massive water park (the world's largest of its kind) with slides and pools spread across the Atlantis resort. The big draw is the Leap of Faith, a near-vertical drop that shoots you through a shark-filled tank, and the Odyssey of Terror, the tallest waterslide in the world. There's also a mile-long Lazy River if you just want to float, and kids get their own area with tunnels, mini slides, and climbing frames.

Photo: Atlantis The Palm/Dubai Economy and Tourism
Address: Atlantis The Palm - Crescent Rd - The Palm Jumeirah - Dubai
Opening hours: Daily 10am-6:30pm
Phone: +971 4 426 2666
Internet: www.aquaventureworld.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

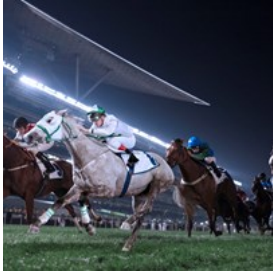


Dubai's golf scene is world-class, with courses that show up in top rankings and regularly host major tournaments like the Dubai Desert

Classic and the DP World Tour Championship. Clubs like Emirates Golf Club, Dubai Creek Golf & Yacht Club, Dubai Hills, and Jumeirah Golf Estates all offer excellent design and facilities. To escape the crowds and enjoy cooler air, try teeing off in the afternoon on a weekday, or stick to early mornings when heat and traffic are kinder.

Photo: Dubai Golf/Dubai Economy and Tourism
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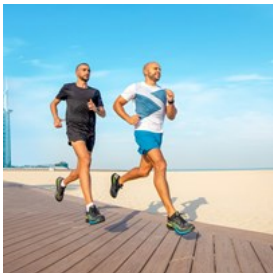
Horse & Camel Racing



Horses and camels have long been part of Dubai's heritage, and today they remain central to the city's sporting scene. The Dubai World Cup attracts the world's top thoroughbreds and international spectators to Meydan Racecourse each year, offering a spectacle of speed and elegance. Camel racing, meanwhile, is held at tracks such as Al Marmoom and Jebel Ali, where camels thunder along sandy stretches at speeds of up to 40 km/h.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

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 a playground for motorsport enthusiasts and off-road adventurers alike. The surrounding desert offers endless dunes to explore, whether on a guided 4WD safari or behind the wheel of a dune buggy. For adrenaline on the tarmac, Dubai Autodrome provides a fully integrated motorsports facility, with race circuits and karting tracks. Luxury car fans can also experience the city's high-octane lifestyle by renting supercars and driving through Dubai's iconic streets.

Photo: Dubai Autodrome/Dubai Economy and Tourism

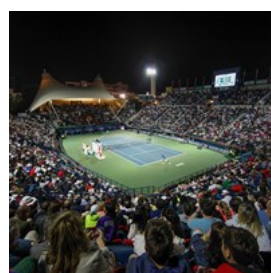
Address: Dubai Autodrome - Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed Rd - Motor City - Dubai

Opening hours: Daily 9am-5pm

Phone: +971 4 367 8700

Internet: <https://dubaiautodrome.ae>

Tennis & Squash



Dubai is a top destination for tennis and squash enthusiasts. The city hosts the prestigious Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships,

attracting the world's top players each year, and is home to world-class academies and sports clubs. Whether you're looking to test your skills on a squash court or practise your serve on a tennis court, Dubai offers excellent facilities, including many hotel-based courts, to enjoy a match or take lessons.

Photo: Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships/Dubai Economy and Tourism

Address: Dubai Tennis Stadium, Garhoud, Dubai

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

Cricket



Dubai has firmly established itself on the global cricket map as the home of the International Cricket Council (ICC) and a regular host of major tournaments, including the T20 World Cup and Indian Premier League matches. The city's world-class stadiums, such as Dubai International Stadium, attract top international teams and players year-round. Check the Dubai Calendar or the ICC's schedule to catch live matches during your visit.

Photo: Getty/Dubai Economy and Tourism

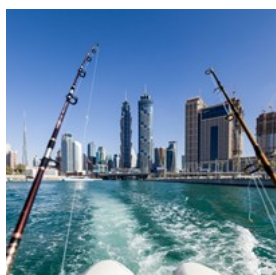
Address: Dubai International Cricket Stadium - Prime Business Centre - Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed Rd -

Jumeirah Village - Dubai Sports City - Dubai

Phone: +971 4 425 1111

Internet: www.instagram.com/dubaistadium

Fishing Tours



If you enjoy a relaxing day at sea, but would still like to engage in an activity, then an organised fishing trip might be the thing for you. One of the local companies offering these

sorts of activities is Go Fishing Tours - contact in advance to secure a spot on one of the tours.

Photo: Mehdi Photos/Shutterstock

Address: Dubai Marina, West Marina, Dubai

Internet: <https://gofishingdubaiuae.com>

Email: info@gofishingdubai.com

Football



Football is Dubai's most beloved sport, played everywhere from neighbourhood pitches to world-class stadiums. The city regularly hosts international clubs for exhibition matches and training camps, attracting global stars and passionate fans.

Photo: Getty/Dubai Economy and Tourism

Watersports



With more than 50 kilometres of pristine coastline, Dubai is a paradise for watersports enthusiasts.

Thrill-seekers can jet ski, wakeboard, or try flyboarding for an unforgettable perspective of the skyline, while those after a slower pace can enjoy kayaking, paddleboarding, or a relaxed banana boat ride. Scenic boat charters are also popular, offering stunning views of landmarks like Burj Al Arab and Atlantis The Palm. The best time to enjoy Dubai's marine adventures is between October and May, when cooler temperatures make days on the water even more pleasant.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

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

Hiking around Hatta



Nestled in the Hajar Mountains near the Oman border, Hatta is Dubai's outdoor adventure hub. Its rugged terrain makes it ideal for hiking, with five officially mapped trails that range from easy to challenging. The routes wind through wadis and foothills, with popular paths leading to viewpoints overlooking the turquoise waters of Hatta Dam.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Internet:

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

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.

Al Mallah



Founded in 1979, Al Mallah started as a small juice joint and has grown into a downtown Dubai institution. With mostly outdoor seating, it's ideal

for people-watching while enjoying classic Arabic and Lebanese dishes like falafel, manoushi, and shawarma. The coffee is famously strong, staying true to local tradition, and the casual, bustling atmosphere gives a real taste of everyday Dubai life.

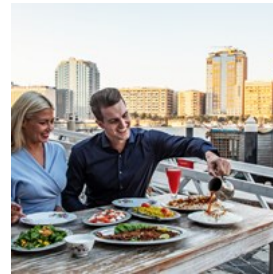
Photo: Samar Zahde/Shutterstock

Address: Al Diyafah Road - Al Hudaiba - Dubai

Phone: +971 4 398 4723

Internet: www.almallahuae.com

Emirati Cuisine



Traditional flavours are still at the heart of Emirati food, with spices like saffron, cinnamon, turmeric, and nutmeg paired with fresh herbs and dried fruits. Classic dishes include harees, mandi, and karak tea. For an approachable introduction, try Logma at The Dubai Mall or Al Fanar Restaurant & Café at Dubai Festival City Mall, where you can enjoy generous portions in a relaxed, local setting.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Brunch



Dubai brunches are a weekend tradition, and there's something for every mood. Whether you want a relaxed meal with friends, a romantic outing, or just good food, the city delivers. Popular spots include Saffron for a lively buffet experience, Bubblicious for all-you-can-eat seafood and sweets, and Zuma for modern Japanese dishes with a social vibe.

Photo: STK/Dubai Economy and Tourism

Fine Dining



Dubai boasts a plethora of fine-dining options, ranging from glitzy rooftops to intimate, white-tablecloth rooms. For Peruvian flavours, head to Coya. La Petite Maison does French Mediterranean classics, while Cipriani is the go-to for polished Italian. Pierchic is all about seafood with a view, set on its own pier. If you want something rooted in the region, Al Nafoorah, Ninive, and Ewaan serve refined takes on Middle Eastern dishes in elegant settings.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Celebrity Chefs



Dubai is full of big-name restaurants from some of the world's best-known chefs. You can try Italian seafood at The Beach Bar & Grill by Mauro

Colagreco, British comfort food at Gordon Ramsay's Bread Street Kitchen, or Japanese favourites at Nobu at Atlantis or Akira Back at W Dubai. For French cooking with style, head to Pierre's TT by Pierre Gagnaire.

Photo: Atlantis Resorts/Dubai Economy and Tourism

Beachside Dining

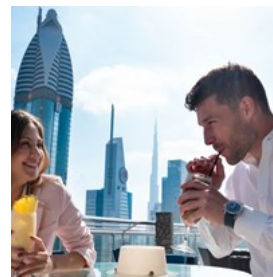


Dubai's beaches are lined with spots where you can eat with your feet in the sand. For fresh seafood, try Fish Beach Taverna, or enjoy international dishes at Jetty Lounge. For quick bites, Al Ijaza Cafeteria serves classic snacks, and Salt is the

place for their famous sliders. Barasti is the go-to for drinks with live music or a DJ. For something more refined, Nuska Beach at Jumeirah Beach Hotel or Shimmers at Mina A' Salam offer gourmet dining right by the water.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Outdoor Dining



Dubai makes the most of its sunshine, and outdoor dining is a big part of the city's food scene. Winter is ideal for al fresco meals, whether you're

after fresh seafood, char-grilled steaks, or Turkish pide. Carine is a great choice for a casual outdoor meal, while Pierchic at Jumeirah Al Qasr takes fine dining by the water to the next level. Rooftop options like Mercury, Level 43 Sky Lounge, and ZETA Seventy Seven offer drinks or dinner with sweeping city views.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Vegan & Healthy Eating



Healthy and plant-based options are everywhere in Dubai, from Jumeirah's beaches to the winding alleys of Al Fahidi. You'll find cold-pressed juices,

salads, and bowls packed with grains, veggies, and superfoods. Wild & the Moon brings international flair, while homegrown spots like Comptoir 102, SEVA Experience, and XVA Café offer fresh, local flavours in relaxed, stylish settings.

Photo: XVA Café/Dubai Economy and Tourism

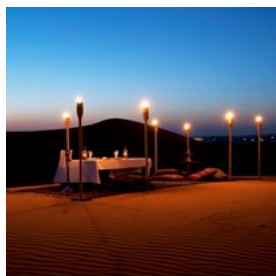
Street Food



Dubai's street food scene is a great way to explore the city on foot. Don't miss local favourites like Ravi, Al Ustad Special Kebab, and Al Mallah for quick meals. Food trucks are popular too, grab sliders from Salt at Kite Beach, or check out the themed Last Exit parks for snacks on the go. For flavours of the Levant and Gulf, Bait Al Mandi in Al Barsha does a standout chicken and rice, while Zaroob is the place for manakish.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

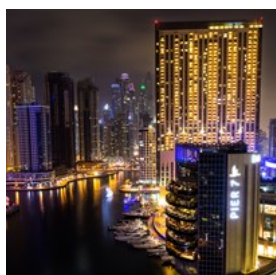
Experiential Dining



Dubai is full of dining experiences that go beyond the usual table and chair. Try molecular gastronomy with Indian flavours at Trèsind Studio, or take a sunset cruise on a luxury yacht with Bateaux Dubai. For a desert setting, Al Maha Resort and Bab Al Shams offer meals under the stars. If you want something more surreal, underwater-themed restaurants like Ossiano at Atlantis The Palm and Al Mahara at Burj Al Arab let you eat surrounded by marine life.

Photo: Al Maha Resort/Dubai Economy and Tourism

Business Restaurants

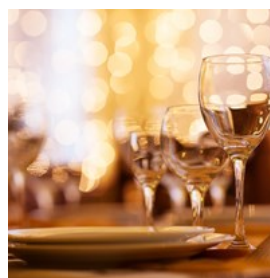


Dubai is a meeting point for Europe, Asia, and Africa, and the city's dining scene reflects that. For business meals with an impression, Atmosphere at Burj Khalifa, Café Belge at The

Ritz-Carlton, and Zuma at the DIFC are strong choices. If you want something a bit more relaxed for a casual chat or drinks after work, Clay at Bluewaters Island or Cargo at Pier 7 in Dubai Marina hit the right note.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Al Dawaar



On the rooftop of the Hyatt Regency, Al Dawaar is Dubai's only revolving restaurant, slowly turning to give you 360-degree views of the city, creek, and sea. The buffet is big and varied, with Middle Eastern dishes alongside Indian, Asian, and European options, plus a strong dessert spread. It's a good pick if you want dinner with a view and can't decide what to eat.

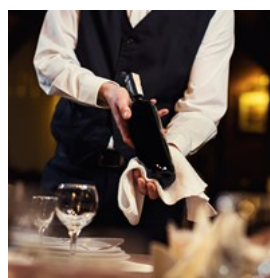
Photo: My Good Images/Shutterstock

Address: Al Khaleej Street - Deira - Dubai

Phone: +971 4 209 6912

Internet: www.hyattrestaurants.com/en/dubai/restaurant/al-dawaar-revolving-restaurant

Amal Restaurant



Inside the Armani Hotel at Burj Khalifa, Amal serves refined Indian dishes in a sleek setting designed by Armani. The menu puts a fresh spin on regional classics, and there's a strong tea and cocktail list to go with it. Book ahead if you want a table on the terrace, the views of Downtown Dubai and the Dubai Fountain are some of the best in the city.

Photo: BONDART PHOTOGRAPHY/Shutterstock

Address: Burj Khalifa - Downtown Dubai - Dubai

Opening hours: Daily 6:30pm-11:30pm

Phone: +971 4 888 3010
Internet: www.armanihotels.com/en

Aroos Damascus



A Dubai classic since 1980, Aroos Damascus is all about Syrian comfort food in generous portions. The menu is huge, with grilled lamb kebabs, charcoal chicken, kafta, falafel, creamy hummus, baba ghanoush, among others. Prices are reasonable, and you won't leave hungry.

Photo: Luisa Leal Photography/Shutterstock
Address: Green Palace Hotel - Ground Floor - Al Muraqqabat Road - Deira - Dubai
Opening hours: Daily 7am-4am
Phone: +971 600 500022
Internet: www.instagram.com/aroos.damascus

The Noodle House



At City Walk, The Noodle House serves quick, fresh Asian dishes at prices that won't hurt your budget. The menu covers plenty of ground, from roast duck wonton soup and Pad Thai to Cantonese roast duck and steamed sea bass. Portions are generous, service is fast, and it's an easy choice for a casual lunch or dinner.

Photo: Elena Eryomenko/Shutterstock
Address: Al Wasl - Dubai
Opening hours: Sun-Thu 10am-11pm, Fri & Sat 10am-midnight
Phone: +971 800 666353
Internet: <https://linktr.ee/TheNoodlehouse>

CAFÉS



Brooke Cagle/unsplash

In Dubai, locals savour Arabic coffee, lightly spiced with cardamom and served with fine grounds in the cup, while strong, aromatic teas are a staple of hospitality. Alongside these traditions, a thriving café culture has emerged, with hip, homegrown spots serving expertly brewed espresso, lattes, fresh juices, and all-day breakfasts.

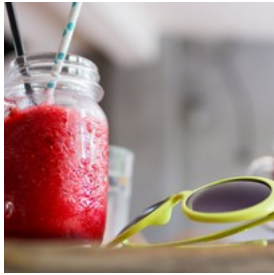
Arabian Tea House (Al Fahidi)



Tucked away in the historic Al Fahidi district, Arabian Tea House is a Dubai classic and a welcome escape from the heat. Its white-and-blue courtyard has a breezy, timeless charm that sets the scene for a relaxed meal. The menu features Emirati favourites, fresh salads, sandwiches, and homemade cakes, all best enjoyed with their signature teas or refreshing mint lemonade.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock
Address: Bastakiya Opposite Musalla Post Office - Al Fahidi Street - Bur Dubai
Opening hours: Daily 7am-11pm
Phone: +971 43 53 5071
Internet: <https://arabianteahouse.com>

Common Grounds - Kite Beach



Common Grounds has several locations across Dubai, with the Kite Beach one offering beautiful sea views to accompany your meal.

Known for fresh salads, smoothies, wraps, all-day breakfasts, and expertly brewed Encounter coffee, it's a relaxed café perfect for a healthy bite or a casual catch-up.

Photo: mastermilmar/Shutterstock

Address: 59 Al Hadd Street - Jumeirah - Jumeirah 3 - Dubai

Opening hours: Daily 6am-10pm

Phone: +971 50 196 7165

Internet: <https://eatx.com/common-grounds>

Sultan's Lounge



Set in the grand lobby of Jumeirah Zabeel Saray on Palm Jumeirah, Sultan's Lounge is perfect for a slow afternoon. Settle into plush sofas and enjoy tea, coffee, cakes, and light bites in an opulent setting inspired by Ottoman elegance. Smart casual dress is recommended.

Photo: Alexandra Anschiz/Shutterstock

Address: Jumeirah Zabeel Saray Hotel - Crescent Road - The Palm Jumeirah - Dubai

Opening hours: Daily 8am-1am

Phone: +971 4 453 0444

Internet: www.jumeirah.com/en/stay/dubai/jumeirah-zabeel-saray/dining/zabeel-saray-sultans-lounge

Choix Patisserie and Restaurant



Choix, by three-Michelin-star chef Pierre Gagnaire, combines French-style elegance with a relaxed café vibe. Indulge in

buttery viennoiseries, delicate pastries, gourmet sandwiches, and Dammann Frères teas. The Parisian Afternoon Tea is a must-try (served daily from noon to 6 pm), and the terrace offers pleasant views over the creek and skyline.

Photo: redzen2/Shutterstock

Address: Lobby Level InterContinental Dubai Festival City - Dubai

Opening hours: Daily 7am-9pm

Phone: +971 4 701 1127

Internet: www.choixdubai.com

Tom&Serg.



Tom&Serg is an Australian-inspired café tucked into Al Quoz, and housed in a stylish, industrial warehouse space. Since its opening

in 2013, it has become a hotspot for specialty coffee, all-day breakfast, and fresh, globally inspired dishes, including vegan options.

Photo: franz12/Shutterstock

Address: Al Joud Centre - 15A Street - Sheikh Zayed Road - Dubai

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-5pm, Sat & Sun 8am-6pm

Phone: +971 56 474 6812

Internet: <https://eatx.com/tom-serg>

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



Dubai Economy and Tourism

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.

Jetty Lounge



Sitting right on the jetty, this beachside bar has indoor and outdoor seating with clear views of the Dubai skyline and the water. The interiors mix chic Arabian architecture with contemporary touches, while the outdoor terrace lets you sink your feet into the sand. Cocktails, wines, and light bites like mezzeh, quiches, and Asian-inspired platters keep things simple but satisfying. Chill-out lounge music sets a relaxed mood, making it a great spot for sunset drinks or pre- or post-dinner cocktails.

Photo: Here/Shutterstock

Address: One&Only Royal Mirage - King Salman Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud St - Dubai Marina - Dubai

Phone: +971 4 315 2414

Internet: www.oneandonlyresorts.com/royal-mirage/dining/the-jetty-lounge

Skyview Bar



Perched on the 27th floor of the Burj Al Arab, Skyview Bar offers expansive views through its wide glass walls, overlooking both the city and the sea. It's a sleek spot for cocktails, with plenty of natural light during the day and a different feel at night when the city glows below. Drinks are on the pricey side, but the views are worth it.

Photo: KieferPix/Shutterstock

Address: Burj Al Arab - 27th floor - Umm Suqeim 3 - Dubai

Opening hours: Daily 1pm-11:30pm

Phone: +971 800 323232

Internet: www.jumeirah.com/en/stay/dubai/burj-al-arab-jumeirah/dining/burj-al-arab-skyview-lounge

Library Bar



Inspired by a classic gentleman's lounge, Library Bar is one of JBR's most refined spots for a drink. Plush velvet sofas in jewel tones, dark wood paneling lined with eclectic artwork, and soft, golden lighting set a sophisticated yet inviting mood. The bar itself is a showpiece, with green marble and perfectly arranged bottles hinting at the craft behind every drink. The focus is on single malts, premium gins, and expertly crafted cocktails, with a menu of elevated bar bites to match.

Photo: Maksym Fesenko/Shutterstock

Address: The Ritz-Carlton, Dubai - Jumeirah Beach Residence - Dubai

Opening hours: Daily 5pm-1am

Phone: +971 4 316 6150

Internet: www.ritzcarlton.com/en/hotels/dxbz-the-ritz-carlton-dubai/dining

Barasti Beach



Right on the beach, Barasti is lively day and night, with indoor and outdoor seating, poolside tables, and a big stretch of sand. The menu is

simple: pizza, pasta, grilled meats, and shareable plates, plus a full range of beers, cocktails, and soft drinks. Live DJs and occasional sports screenings make it easy to grab a drink, hang out with friends, or take a break from sightseeing.

Photo: oneinchpunch/Shutterstock

Address: Le Meridien Mina Syahi Beach Resort & Marina - Dubai Marina - Dubai

Opening hours: Daily 9am-3am

Phone: +971 4 511 7373

Internet: www.destinationminaseyahi.com/dining/barasti

Iris Dubai



Iris sits on the rooftop of The Oberoi in Business Bay, with open-air seating and views across the city, including glimpses of Burj Khalifa. The menu has a

mix of fusion dishes, and evenings come alive with creative cocktails and live DJs.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock

Address: Meydan Grandstand - adjacent to the Ticket Sales Office - Nad Al Sheba 1 - Dubai

Opening hours: Sun-Wed 6pm-2am, Thu & Fri 6pm-3am, Sat 1pm-3am

Phone: +971 4 334 3355

Internet: <https://irisdubai.com>

Armani/Prive



Inside the Armani Hotel at Burj Khalifa, the club puts the dance floor front and centre, lit up with a massive LED display that moves with the music.

DJs spin house, hip-hop, and electronic tracks, and the crowd is mostly well-dressed Dubai regulars and hotel guests. There's a lounge if you need a breather, and a terrace to step outside and take in the city lights between sets.

Photo: Jacob Lund/Shutterstock

Address: Burj Khalifa - Lobby Level, Armani Hotel - Dubai

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 11pm-3am, Sun & Mon closed

Phone: +971 52 176 9420

Internet: www.instagram.com/armaniprivedxb

Blue Bar



Inside the Novotel World Trade Centre, Blue Bar is a low-key spot for Belgian beers, cocktails, and a decent wine selection, plus live blues and jazz on

weekends in a relaxed, easy-going ambience.

Photo: Ground Picture/Shutterstock

Address: Dubai World Trade Centre - Sheikh Zayed Rd - Trade Centre - Trade Centre 2 - Dubai

Opening hours: Sun-Thu noon-1am, Fri 2pm-2am, Sat 2pm-1am

Phone: +971 4 332 0000

Internet: www.novotel-dubai-world-trade-centre.com/restaurants-bars/blue-bar

Atmosphere Grill & Lounge



Situated on the 122nd floor of Burj Khalifa, Atmosphere offers panoramic views of Dubai and the Arabian Gulf. The venue is divided into two main areas: the Lounge and the Restaurant. The Lounge is ideal for casual visits, offering a selection of beverages and light bites, while the Restaurant provides an upscale dining experience with a menu featuring modern French cuisine. Reservations are a must.

Photo: sirtravelalot/Shutterstock

Address: Burj khalifa - 122nd Floor - Downtown Dubai - Dubai

Opening hours: Daily 7am-midnight

Phone: +971 4 888 3828

Internet: www.atmosphereburjkhalifa.com

Chillout Ice Lounge



Escape Dubai's heat by stepping into the Middle East's first ice lounge. Maintained at a chilly -6°C , the lounge is filled with ice sculptures, frosty seating, and glowing lights that give it a surreal, frozen-cave feel. Upon arrival, guests are provided with thermal gear, including hooded parkas, gloves, and socks, ensuring comfort during the visit. You can warm up with a hot chocolate, cappuccino, tea, or a soft mocktail while taking in the icy surroundings.

Photo: atu atu/Shutterstock

Address: Times Square Center - Ground Floor - Sheikh Zayed Rd - Dubai

Opening hours: Daily 10am-10pm

Phone: +971 4 341 8121

Internet: www.instagram.com/chillouticeloungedubai

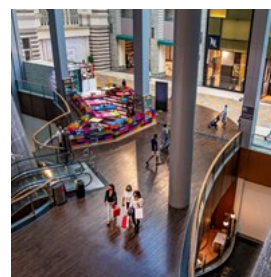
SHOPPING



Dubai Economy and Tourism

When it comes to shopping, Dubai is in a league of its own. From sprawling malls packed with global brands to bustling souks steeped in tradition, the city makes retail therapy an adventure. Whether you're hunting for designer fashion, one-of-a-kind jewellery, or the perfect keepsake, you're bound to leave with something special.

Malls



From chic outdoor precincts to super-sized retail giants, Dubai is made for serious shopping. Start with the big names like The Dubai

Mall and Mall of the Emirates for luxury, entertainment, and sheer spectacle. Then discover other favourites such as Palm Jumeirah Mall, Dubai Festival City Mall, Ibn Battuta Mall with its themed courts, and Dubai Hills Mall set in a leafy residential area. For a more relaxed vibe, The Beach opposite JBR and City Walk are perfect for combining shopping with a seaside stroll.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Souks



Dubai's souks are a true feast for the senses, where you'll find everything from gold jewellery and hand-woven fabrics to oud fragrances

and spices. For a classic experience, head to Gold Souk, Spice Souk, and Perfume Souk in Deira, or the Textile Souk in Bur Dubai, where traditional trading practices are still alive. Naif Souq nearby is worth a stroll for textiles, accessories, and everyday bargains. And for a more modern twist, explore Souk Madinat Jumeirah or Souk Al Bahar, which combine boutique shopping, cafés, and restaurants in a beautifully designed setting along the water.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Beachside Shopping

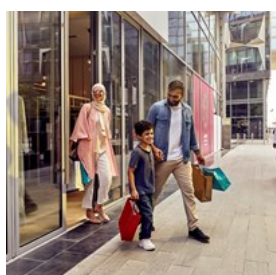


For a mix of boutiques, cafés, and a lively promenade, head to The Walk at JBR, where shops, restaurants, and pop-ups line the 1.7-km

waterfront. For more seaside fun, La Mer in Jumeirah 1 offers shops, dining, Laguna Waterpark, and Hawa Hawa inflatable playgrounds.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Boutiques



Go off the beaten track for something more personal — the Dubai Design District (d3) is still a top spot for creative boutiques,

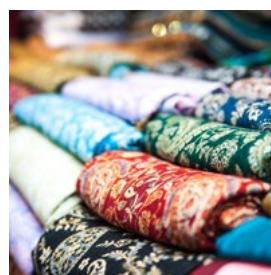
concept stores, and galleries featuring design,

art and fashion. Comptoir 102 in Old Jumeirah remains a favourite for curated fashion, homeware, and organic café vibes. Local labels like All Things Mochi (based in d3, known for sustainable, artisan-crafted pieces) continue to attract style-conscious shoppers.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

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

Meena Bazar Burdubai



Meena Bazaar in Bur Dubai is the place to go for South Asian fashion, handicrafts, and souvenirs. Stretching

between Al Fahidi Street and Khalid Bin Al Waleed Road, the colourful market is often called 'Bur Dubai's Little India' and has been bustling since the 1970s. Come here for fabrics, traditional garments, shoes, jewellery, spices, perfumes, and street snacks.

Photo: T.Vyc/Shutterstock

Address: 26 43c St - Al Fahidi - Dubai

Opening hours: Daily 10am-1pm / 4pm-10pm

Mirzam Chocolate Makers Factory & Store



Mirzam Chocolate Makers is a bean-to-bar chocolatier crafting award-winning chocolates inspired by the ancient Spice Route. Founded in

2016 by New Zealander Kathy Johnston, the factory and shop offer guided chocolate-making workshops, tastings, and a café serving specialty drinks and light bites. Their chocolate bars and gift boxes make for a perfect souvenir.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Address: Al Ghurair Warehouse complex - 4th St - Al Quoz 3 -

Dubai

Opening hours: Daily 8am-11pm

Phone: +971 4 333 5888

Internet: <https://mirzam.com>

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



The Emirates Airline Dubai 7s is a weekend of high-octane sport and lively entertainment.

Watch regional and international teams go

head-to-head on the pitch, while off the field, the festival atmosphere continues with family-friendly activities, live music, and a variety of food and drink offerings.

Photo: Dubai Rugby 7s/Dubai Economy and Tourism

Internet: <https://emiratesdubai7s.com>

Dubai Shopping Festival



The Dubai Shopping Festival (DSF) is a city-wide celebration of retail, fashion, and entertainment. From bustling outdoor markets

and street style runways to spectacular fireworks and immersive experiences, there's something for everyone. Families, fashionistas, and bargain hunters alike can enjoy exclusive deals, pop-up activations, and a lively festival atmosphere that turns the city into a shopper's paradise.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Internet: www.visitdubai.com/en/festivals-and-events/dsf

Emirates Airline Festival of Literature



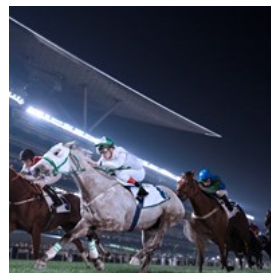
Dubai's premier celebration of the written word attracts authors, readers, and literature lovers from around the globe. The festival

features engaging talks, panel discussions, book signings, and interactive workshops, alongside opportunities to meet both emerging and internationally renowned writers.

Photo: Emirates LitFest/Dubai Economy and Tourism

Internet: <https://emirateslitfest.com>

Dubai World Cup



One of the world's most prestigious horse racing events, the Dubai World Cup attracts top thoroughbreds and elite jockeys from across the globe. The atmosphere is as spectacular as the

race itself, with luxurious hospitality suites, premium lounges, and terraces hosting an international crowd of celebrities and horse racing enthusiasts alike.

Photo: Andrew Watkins/Dubai Economy and Tourism

Internet: www.racingbreaks.com/dubai-world-cup

Dubai Fitness Challenge

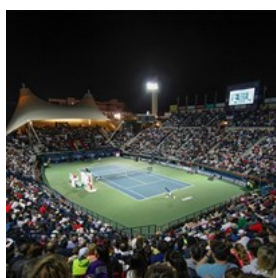


Dubai's annual fitness initiative encourages residents and visitors to commit to 30 minutes of physical activity each day for 30 consecutive days.

The challenge transforms the city into a vibrant hub of health and wellness, offering a diverse array of free events, fitness classes, and community activities. The event usually takes place in October and November.

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Internet: www.dubaifitnesschallenge.com/en

Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championship

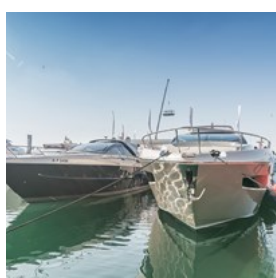


This event kicks off the international tennis calendar in Dubai each year. Top players from around the world compete in back-to-back

WTA and ATP weeks 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
Internet: <https://dubaidutyfreetennischampionships.com>

Dubai International Boat Show



With Dubai's beautiful coastline, world-class marinas, and a thriving yachting scene, it's no surprise that the city hosts one of the region's

leading marine events each year. The Dubai International Boat Show brings together an impressive line-up of luxury superyachts,

cutting-edge watercraft, and the latest innovations in marine technology at Dubai Harbour. Visitors can explore everything from state-of-the-art yachts to water sports gear, as well as enjoy live entertainment, dining experiences, and interactive displays that celebrate the city's deep connection to the sea.

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Address: Dubai Marina, Dubai
Internet: www.boatshowdubai.com

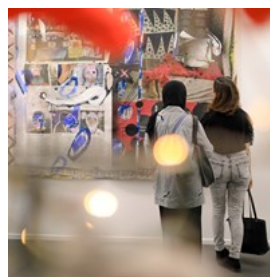
Dubai Desert Classic



Since its first edition back in 1989, the Hero Dubai Desert Classic has drawn some of the world's best golfers to Emirates Golf Club — names like Rory McIlroy, Tiger Woods, and Ernie Els have all lifted the Dallah Trophy. It remains one of the Middle East's premier golf tournaments, a Rolex Series event with prestige, large crowds, and often a festival-like atmosphere around the course.

Photo: Slynco-io/Dubai Economy and Tourism
Internet: <https://dubaidesertclassic.com/home>

Art Dubai



Art Dubai remains the Middle East's top platform for contemporary and modern art, bringing together galleries, collectors, and creatives from around the world. At its home in Madinat Jumeirah, it showcases work across multiple curated sections, plus installations, performances, artist talks, and workshops. The fair is a good way both to discover rising artists and to see how Dubai's art

scene is evolving, with strong representation from the Gulf, Africa, South Asia, and West Asia.

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

Sikka Art & Design Festival



Sikka Art & Design Festival is Dubai's chance to see creativity everywhere — in courtyards, alleyways, heritage homes, and public spaces in Al Shindagha. Artists from the UAE, GCC, and beyond bring installations, murals, interactive art, and performances. Workshops, panels, and live music are common, making the festival a full-on dive into arts, culture, and design.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism
Address: Al Shindagha Historic Neighbourhood

World Art Dubai



Thanks to World Art Dubai, buying art doesn't have to feel exclusive or intimidating. Each spring, hundreds of artists and galleries from around the world gather at Dubai World Trade Centre, showcasing one of the largest collections of affordable contemporary art under one roof. The range is as diverse as it gets, encompassing paintings, photography, sculptures, and street art, with prices to suit every budget.

Photo: World Art Dubai/Dubai Economy and Tourism
Internet: <https://worldartdubai.com>

Al Gaffal Long Distance Race



Since 1991, the Al Gaffal Long Distance Race has celebrated the UAE's maritime heritage, with traditional 60-ft dhows sailing more than 50 nautical miles from Sir Bu Nair Island to Dubai. It was founded to honour the practice of pearl diving and seafaring in Emirati history. The race remains a major cultural and sporting event, exclusively featuring Emirati competitors and attracting a large fleet each year.

Photo: Dubai International Marine Club/Dubai Economy and Tourism
Internet: www.visitdubai.com/en/articles/al-gaffal-dhow-race

Eid in Dubai



Eid comes twice a year, and the city really comes alive for both. Eid Al Fitr marks the end of Ramadan, while Eid Al Adha follows the Hajj pilgrimage and is considered the 'Greater Eid'. Expect family entertainment, traditional feasts, shopping offers, festive decorations, and extended hours at major malls and public places. Dubai often celebrates with fireworks, cultural shows, and plenty of chances to experience Emirati hospitality and generosity.

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.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

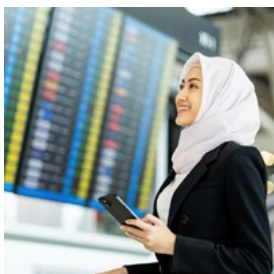
Internet: www.visitdubai.com/en/festivals-and-events/dss

TOURIST INFORMATION



Dubai Economy and Tourism

Al Maktoum International Airport (DWC)



Al Maktoum International Airport (DWC), also known as Dubai World Central, is located 37 kilometres southwest of Dubai city in the Jebel Ali district. As the centrepiece of the large-scale Dubai South development, this airport is poised for significant expansion. It will become the world's largest aviation hub, with plans to handle up to 260 million passengers annually and replace Dubai International Airport (DXB)

entirely by 2035.

The most practical way to reach the airport is by road via Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed Road (E311). For public transport, take the Dubai Metro Red Line to Ibn Battuta station and transfer to the F55 bus service, which completes the journey to the terminals.

Photo: GBJ Stock/shutterstock

Address: Emirates Road, Dubai South, Dubai

Phone: +971 4 224 5555

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Dubai International Airport (DXB)

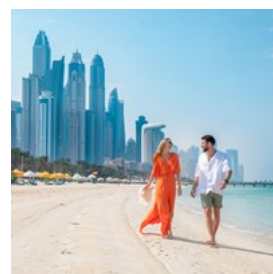


Dubai International (DXB) is located 4 kilometres southeast of Dubai. One of the world's busiest travel hubs, Dubai's primary airport boasts three sprawling terminals and two huge runways that operate around the clock, serving both passenger and cargo planes. Transportation from the airport is possible by taxi, bus, or metro.

Photo: Dubai International Airport/Dubai Economy and Tourism

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Climate



Dubai is warm most of the year. The cooler months, from October to April, see temperatures from around 20°C up to the mid-30s, making it ideal for outdoor activities. From May to September, it heats up, often reaching the high 30s to mid-40s, so indoor attractions, beaches with shaded areas, or early-morning and evening outings work best during this period. Luckily, Dubai offers plenty of attractions for all seasons.

Photo: Dubai Economy and Tourism

Dress code and customs



Dubai is cosmopolitan and generally tolerant of different styles, but it truly helps to follow a few guidelines when visiting the city. In older parts of Dubai and at religious sites, dressing more conservatively is appreciated. In mosques, women should cover their shoulders, arms, and legs, and wear a headscarf. Swimwear is fine at beaches, pools, and water parks, but not appropriate in business districts, malls, or on the streets.

Public displays of affection are limited. Holding hands is usually fine, but kissing and hugging in public are frowned upon.

Alcohol is available in licensed hotels, bars, and shops for those over 21, but public drunkenness, disorderly behaviour, or drunk driving is illegal. The use or possession of drugs is strictly prohibited.

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Ramadan

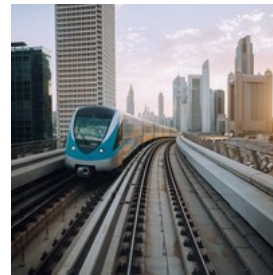


Ramadan is the holy month of fasting observed by Muslims, and in Dubai, it's a time of reflection, family, and tradition. During the day, you'll notice that the city is a little quieter. But when the sun sets, Dubai transforms: vibrant Iftar meals fill the streets, food markets buzz, and the night comes alive once again.

While in Dubai during Ramadan, it's polite to avoid eating, drinking, or smoking in public during daylight hours. Many restaurants and cafés are closed or operate with screened-off areas, so planning ahead is a good idea.

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Public Transport

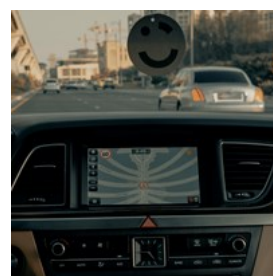


Dubai's public transport system is modern, extensive, and convenient for tourists. Operated by the Roads and Transport Authority (RTA), it includes the Dubai Metro (Red and Green Lines), buses, trams, water taxis, and taxis. The metro is especially useful for reaching major attractions like Dubai Mall, Burj Khalifa, and Dubai Marina, while buses and trams cover areas not served by rail.

In order to use public transport, travellers should get a Nol card, a rechargeable smart card accepted on all RTA transport modes, including metro, buses, trams, water taxis, and even parking. Fares are zone-based, and using a Nol card gives discounted rates compared to single-ride tickets. It can be topped up at metro stations, retail outlets, or online, making it easy to keep moving around the city.

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Taxi



Taxis in Dubai are both plentiful and metered, making them a convenient option for getting around the city. The standard taxis are cream-coloured vehicles with a coloured roof.

These taxis can be hailed directly from the street, booked via the official Dubai Taxi Corporation app, or through popular ride-hailing platforms like Uber, Careem, and Hala.

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Pharmacy



In Dubai, popular pharmacy chains include Aster Pharmacy, Life Pharmacy, Boots, and BinSina, all reliable for prescriptions, over-the-counter medicines, and travel essentials like sunscreen, insect repellent, and basic first-aid items. Many branches are open late or even 24/7, especially near malls, hospitals, and metro stations. Staff usually speak English and can advise on common health issues, but note that some prescription drugs may require a doctor's note.

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Post



Dubai's main postal provider is Emirates Post, which operates many branches across the city. The Dubai Central Post Office on Zabeel Road in Al Karama is the most convenient for travellers. It is open Monday to Friday from 8am to 8pm, and it handles local and international mail, courier services, money transfers, and other government-related services.

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Telephone



Country code: +971
Dubai area code: 4

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Electricity



Dubai operates on a standard voltage of 220–240 V with a frequency of 50 Hz. The most common plug types are Type G (three rectangular pins), Type D (three large round pins in a triangular pattern), and Type C (two round pins). Type G is the official standard, widely used in Dubai and the broader UAE.

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Population

4 million (2025)

Currency

Dirham (AED or Arab Emirate Dirham).

Internet

www.visitdubai.com

Newspapers

The National: www.thenationalnews.com/uae

The Gulf Today: www.gulftoday.ae

The Gulf News: <https://gulfnews.com>

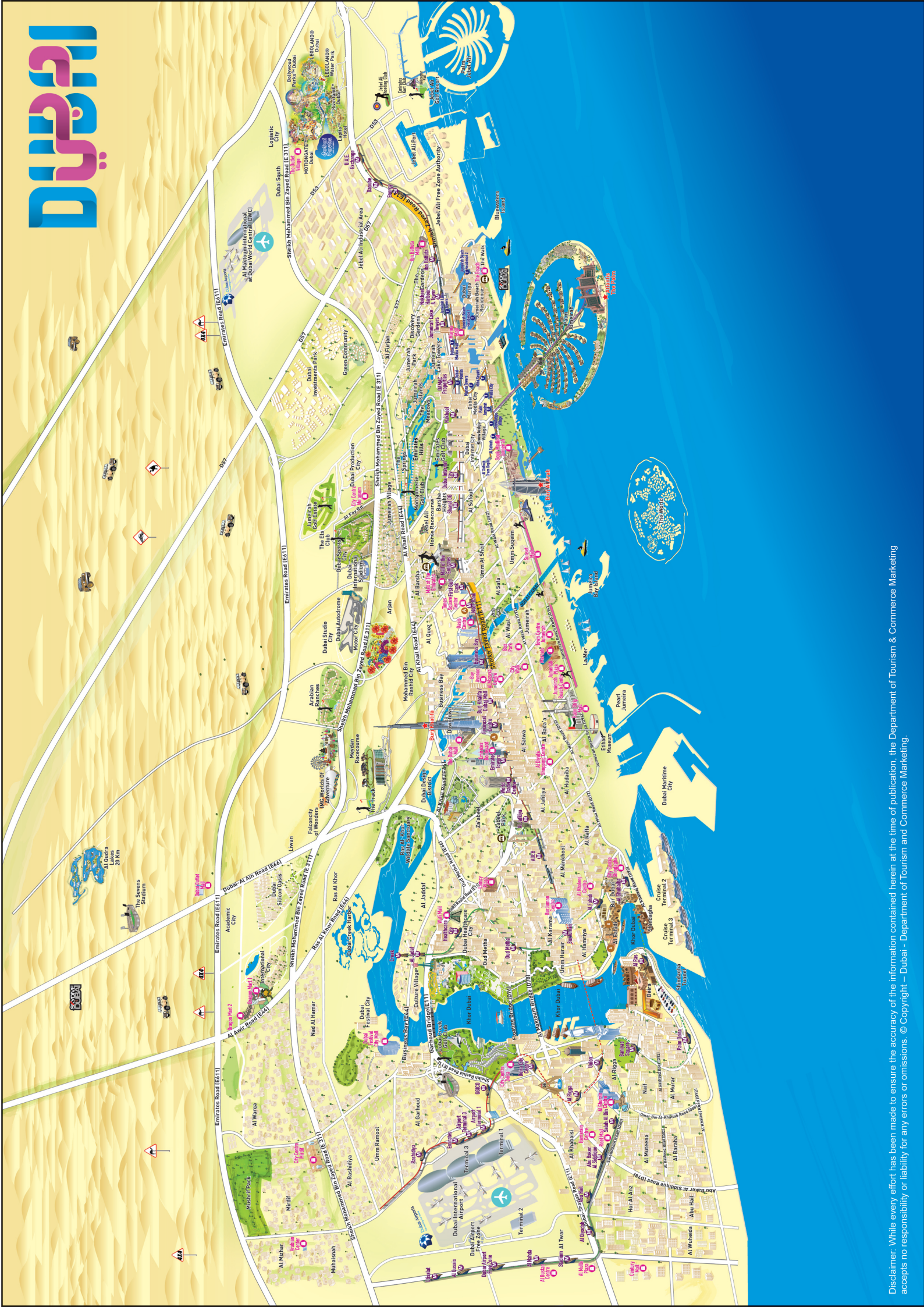
Khaleej Times: www.khaleejtimes.com

Emergency numbers

999 (Police & Ambulance)

997 (Fire)

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10 Sikka	C3 C4 D2	26C Sikka	D3	64 Sikka	B4
103 Road	D1	27 Street	D2	6A Street	D3
10A Sikka	D3	27A Sikka	A3 B2	6B Sikka	C3
10B Sikka	A3	27C Sikka	A3	7C Sikka	C3
11A Street	A3 B4 B2 C2	27E Sikka	B4	7D Sikka	A4
11B Street	D3 B3	28A Sikka	B3	8 Street	A3 C3 C4 D2 D4
11C Sikka	A4	28C Street	C2	8B Sikka	D3
11D Sikka	A4 B4	29A Sikka	A3	9 Street	C4
12A Sikka	C4 D2	29B Sikka	B3 B4	9A Sikka	C2
12B Sikka	B4 C4	2A Sikka	D2	9B Street	A4
13 Street	A4	2B Sikka	C2 D2	9C Street	D3
13A Street	B4 A3	2C Sikka	D3	Al Abra Street	B3
13B Sikka	D3	3 Street	B2 B3 C4	Al Ahmadiya Street	B2
13C Sikka	A3 B3	30 Street	A4	Al Burj Street	D3
14 Sikka	C4	31 Sikka	B2	Al Daghaya Street	C2 D2
14A Street	A3 A4 D3	32 Sikka	C2	Al Esbij Street	A3 A4
14B Sikka	C2	33 Sikka	B2 C2	Al Fahidi Street	B3 B4
15A Street	B2 B4	33C Sikka	B4	Al Falah Street	A2 A3
16 Street	C4 D2	34 Sikka	B3	Al Ghubaiba Road	A3
16A Street	A4 D2	34A Sikka	B4 D3	Al Hadd Street	B2 B3
17 Street	B4 D2 D4	34B Sikka	B4 C2	Al Hisn Street	B4
17A Sikka	D2 D3	35A Sikka	A3	Al Khaleej Road	C2 D2
17B Street	A4	36A Sikka	D3	Al Khor Street	B2
18 Street	A4 B2 C3 D2	37B Sikka	A3	Al Maktoum Hospital Road	D3
18A Street	C3 D3	37C Sikka	A3	Al Maktoum Road	D4
18D Sikka	C2	37D Street	A4 B4	Al Mina Road	A2
19 Street	A4	38 Sikka	C2	Al Nahdha Street	A3
1A Sikka	C2	38A Street	D3	Al Nakhal Road	D3
2 Sikka	C2 D2	38B Sikka	B3	Al Raffa Street	A3
20 Street	A3 C2 D2	3C Street	A4	Al Ras Road	B3
20B Street	A4	3D Sikka	A4 B4	Al Rolla Road	A4
21 Sikka	B2	4 Street	C2 D2	Al Sabkha Road	C2 D2
21A Sikka	A3	40A Sikka	B3	Al Seef Road	C4
21B Street	A4	41 Street	B4	Al Shindagha Tunnel	B2 C2
21C Sikka	D3	44A Sikka	B3	Al Soor Street	C2
21D Sikka	B4	45 Sikka	C2	Al Souk Al Kabeer Street	C3
22 Street	C3 D2	45A Sikka	A3	Al Suq Street	A3 B3
22C Street	A4	45B Sikka	A3	Ali Bin Abi Taleb Street	B3
23A Sikka	D3	4A Sikka	C2 C3 C4	Baniyas Road	B2 B3 C3 D4
24 Sikka	C2	4B Sikka	C2	Deira Street	D3
24B Street	A4	5 Sikka	B3 C3 C4 D2	Future Bridge	C1
25 Street	D3	50A Sikka	B3	Khalid Bin Al Waleed Road	A3 A4 B4
25A Sikka	B2	50B Street	B4	Mankhool Road	A4 B4
25B Sikka	C2	54B Sikka	B3	Naif Road	D2
25C Street	A3 B3	5E Sikka	A4 B4	Sikkat Al Khail Road	C2 D2
25D Sikka	B4	6 Street	B4 C3 C4 D2	Union Square	D4
25E Sikka	B4	62B Sikka	B4		