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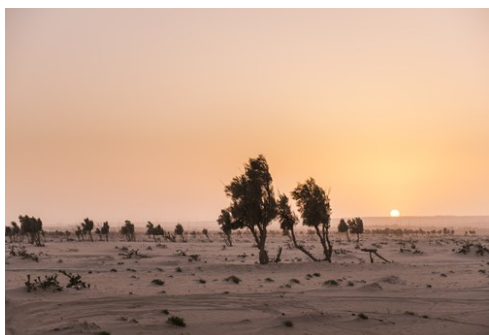


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What oil-rich, arid Kuwait might lack in glitz and glamour it makes up for in family-friendly entertainment and cultural haunts. The coastal Kuwait City and Salmiya are laden with museums, attractions and modern amusement parks guaranteed to keep visitors occupied for days on end. Shopping opportunities, from modern mega-malls and traditional souks, abound, as do sandy beaches and swimming venues.



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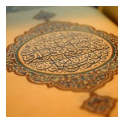
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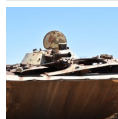
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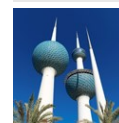
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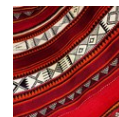
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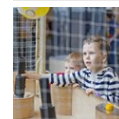
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## THE COUNTRY



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The seemingly endless Kuwaiti desert meets the Persian Gulf in the country's East, where the nation's capital and main visitor attractions are concentrated. Summers here are scorching hot, with temperatures reaching 50°C between June and August. Kuwait's coastal resorts and combed beaches provide a good means of escaping the heat, as do the country's sea clubs, pools, water parks and islands.

Out of Kuwait's more than 4 million total residents, over half are expatriates and foreign workers. Native Kuwaitis make up a mere third of all inhabitants. Despite the staggering ethnic diversity, the country tightly holds on to its historic roots and traditions, with the average citizen bound to observing the local code of conduct: public displays of affection are not allowed, alcohol is strictly prohibited, and no food or drink can be consumed in public throughout the holy month of Ramadan.

Kuwait's main travel destinations are the historic Kuwait City, along with the nearby Salmiya, where lots of hotels, restaurants and shops can be found. Further areas of interest include Rai (home to the legendary Avenues shopping centre), Shuwaikh (an industrial area with some attractions and shops), and Hawally.

## DO & SEE



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To learn more about Kuwaiti history and traditions, head to one of the many museums and cultural centres spread out throughout Kuwait City and its surrounding areas. The Scientific Center and dhow port are known attractions, as are the iconic Kuwait Towers offering panoramic views of the city and waters of the bay. Kuwait offers a surprising range of entertainment options for children: from the KidZania entertainment chain to a selection of amusement and water parks fit for visitors of all ages.

### Kuwait Towers



The Kuwait Towers are a defining national symbol, their distinctive blue-green sequined spheres rising prominently on the city's coastline. The main tower features a viewing sphere 120 metres above the ground, providing a 360-degree panorama of Kuwait City and the Persian Gulf. The complex also houses a revolving restaurant and a café. A visit offers both a striking architectural sight and an unparalleled perspective of the city, with the entry fee to the viewing deck waived for restaurant guests.

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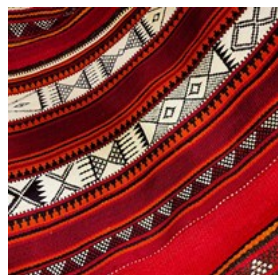
### Grand Mosque of Kuwait



The Grand Mosque of Kuwait is the nation's largest place of worship, a monumental structure capable of accommodating over 10,000 worshippers. Its striking design incorporates materials from around the world, including French stained glass, Italian marble and a central gold-plated dome. The mosque offers guided tours that provide insight into both its extravagant architecture, featuring the highest minaret in Kuwait, and Islamic culture. Visitors should note that appropriate attire, including provided abayas and headscarves for women, is required.

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Address: Mubarak Al Kabeer Street, Kuwait City

### Tareq Rajab Museum



The Tareq Rajab Museum houses a significant private collection of Islamic art, assembled over decades by its founders. Its diverse holdings, spanning over 30,000 items, include collections of historic jewellery, ceramics, manuscripts, costumes and metalwork. The exhibits provide a thorough overview of artistic development across the Islamic world, from pre-Islamic times to the modern era. As an institution born from a passion for preservation, it serves as a valuable and intimate resource for understanding the region's rich cultural heritage.

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Address: Block 12, Street 5, Building 22, Jabriya, Kuwait  
Phone: +965 2531 7358  
Internet: [trmkt.org/trm](http://trmkt.org/trm)

### Scientific Center



The Scientific Center of Kuwait is a family-friendly entertainment complex that houses the Kuwait Aquarium (with see-through glass tanks), an IMAX cinema, children's learning centre and a dhow harbour, where the historic Fateh Al Khayr dhow is on display.

Photo: [Pani Garmyder/shutterstock](#)  
Address: The Scientific Center of Kuwait (TSCK), Al Blajat Street, Kuwait  
Phone: +965 1848 888  
Internet: [tsck.org.kw](http://tsck.org.kw)

### Failaka Island



Failaka Island is a local entertainment hub for summertime activities like fishing, swimming and water sports. The Failaka Heritage Village offers accommodation in traditional-style housing, horse and camel rides, water sports facilities, access to beaches and much more. The Museum Palace of Sheikh Abdullah Al Salim Al Sabah is one of the village's many highlights.

Photo: [zelvan/shutterstock](#)  
Address: Failaka Island, Kuwait  
Internet: [en.unesco.org/silkroad/silk-road-themes/underwater-heritage/failaka-island](http://en.unesco.org/silkroad/silk-road-themes/underwater-heritage/failaka-island)

### Sadu House



The Sadu House is a cultural centre that showcases the Bedouin art of weaving, along with a few other elements of the Bedouin lifestyle and culture. The museum offers unique insight into the process of weaving and houses a gift shop with unique, hand-made items.

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Address: 15 Arabian Gulf Street, Kuwait City

Phone: +965 2243 2395

Internet: [alsadu.org.kw](http://alsadu.org.kw)

### KidZania



KidZania is a unique venue where children enjoy a mix of education and entertainment by trying on "adult" roles and jobs inside a tiny mock-city constructed for them. Kids even receive "paychecks" in KidZania's artificial currency, which gives them a chance to learn about handling money early on.

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Address: The Avenues, Kuwait

Phone: +965 2228 3180

Internet: [kuwait.kidzania.com/en-kw](http://kuwait.kidzania.com/en-kw)

### Al Shaheed Park



Al Shaheed Park is Kuwait's largest and most significant urban green space, a meticulously landscaped oasis in the heart of the capital. More than just a park, it functions as a comprehensive cultural complex with two museums, outdoor theatres and artistic installations woven

throughout its gardens and walkways. The atmosphere is one of serene order, with immaculate paths for walking and jogging, vibrant botanical displays, and elegant fountains. As evening falls, the park transforms into a beautifully lit destination, offering a peaceful and inspiring escape from the urban environment.

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Internet: [www.instagram.com/alshaheedpark](http://www.instagram.com/alshaheedpark)

### Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Cultural Centre (JACC)



The Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Cultural Centre is a monumental venue, functioning as a multidisciplinary hub for the performing arts. Its striking architecture, inspired by Islamic geometric patterns, houses multiple state-of-the-art theatres, concert halls and libraries. More than just an opera house, it is a public space designed to host a diverse range of events, from film and theatre to workshops, aiming to educate and inspire. Set within spacious parkland, it stands as a modern testament to Kuwait's national cultural ambition.

Photo: Torsten Pursche/shutterstock

Address: Arabian Gulf Street, Kuwait City

Internet: [www.jacc-kw.com](http://www.jacc-kw.com)

### Liberation Tower

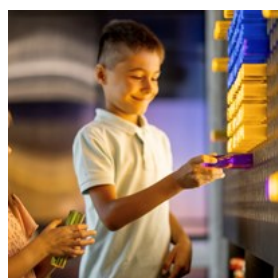


The Liberation Tower is a defining feature of the Kuwait City skyline and a powerful symbol of the nation's resurgence, completed in 1993 after the Gulf War. Standing at 372 metres, it is the country's second-tallest structure. Its distinctive design features a prominent 'saucer' near the

summit. The tower primarily functions as a telecommunications hub and government office complex, and has not been accessible to the public for tours in recent years. Nonetheless, its striking silhouette remains an iconic landmark, best appreciated from the surrounding city.

Photo: Sawang Songmue/shutterstock  
Address: Abdulla Al Salem Street, Kuwait City  
Internet: liberationtower.com/product/towervisit-2/?lang=en

### Sheikh Abdullah Al Salem Cultural Centre



The Sheikh Abdullah Al Salem Cultural Centre stands as one of the world's largest museum complexes, a sprawling institution dedicated to

science, history and the arts. It houses six distinct museums under one vast roof: the Natural History Museum, Science Museum, Space Museum, Arabic Islamic Science Museum and a Fine Arts Centre. The six museums are housed in a series of interconnected buildings, surrounded by extensive gardens, plazas and public squares. With over 22 galleries and 3,000 interactive exhibits, it offers an immersive, educational experience designed to engage all ages.

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Address: Baghdad Street, Salmiya, Kuwait  
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### Al Hashemi Marine Museum



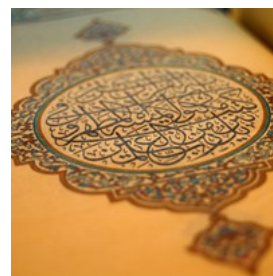
The Al Hashemi Marine Museum is a unique tribute to Kuwait's seafaring heritage, centred around the monumental

Al-Hashemi-II. Recognised by the Guinness

World Records as the largest wooden dhow ever built, this colossal, land-based ship is the museum's primary exhibit. While the vessel itself now serves as a banquet hall, its sheer scale offers a powerful impression of traditional shipbuilding. The surrounding museum complex displays intricate dhow models and maritime artefacts, creating a compelling destination for understanding the nation's deep-rooted connection to the sea.

Photo: maitrecortex/shutterstock  
Address: Radisson Blu Hotel Kuwait, Al Bida Al Tawoun Street, Kuwait  
Internet:  
atthemuseum.org/museums/al-hashemi-marine-museum

### Tareq Rajab Museum of Islamic Calligraphy



The Tareq Rajab Museum of Islamic Calligraphy is a highly specialised institution dedicated entirely to the art of Arabic script. Housed in a

private villa just blocks away from the Tareq Rajab Museum, it showcases a vast and diverse collection that spans centuries, from a rare 7th-century Hijazi folio to works by master calligraphers. The exhibits demonstrate the application of calligraphy across various mediums, including manuscripts, ceramics, metalwork, and textiles. More than a historical archive, the museum presents calligraphy as a living, evolving art form, offering a profound and intimate exploration of one of the Islamic world's most revered artistic traditions.

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Address: Block 12, Street 1, Building 2 Jabriya, Kuwait  
Internet: trmkt.org/trmcal

### Al-Qurain Martyrs Museum



The Al-Qurain Martyrs Museum is a profoundly moving and sobering historical site, preserving the original house that was the scene of a brutal, day-long battle during the 1991 Iraqi occupation. The building itself is the primary exhibit, left in a semi-destroyed state with visible bullet holes and structural damage. It commemorates the resistance fighters of the Al-Messilah Group who chose to fight rather than surrender. A guided tour is highly recommended to fully understand the narratives of sacrifice and resilience, making it an essential visit for those seeking to comprehend a pivotal moment in modern Kuwaiti history.

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Address: House 61, Street 3, Block 4, Qurain, Kuwait

### The Amricani Cultural Centre – House of Islamic Antiquities



The Amricani Cultural Centre - House of Islamic Antiquities is a significant cultural institution housed within a historic former American Mission

Hospital. The complex itself, with its graceful, rehabilitated buildings, is a landmark. It serves as the headquarters for the Dar al-Athar al-Islamiyyah organisation, showcasing selections from the prestigious Al-Sabah Collection, a private assembly of over 20,000 Islamic art objects. The centre functions as a vibrant cultural hub, combining exhibition spaces with a conservation lab, library and theatre, making it a cornerstone for both preserving and presenting Islamic artistic heritage.

Photo: Muzuralli/shutterstock

Internet: darmuseum.org

### DINING



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Restaurant culture in Kuwait is booming, much due to the complete lack of nightlife establishments and the ban on alcohol. Going out for meals is common, and Kuwait City in particular boasts quite a few lively eateries. Often, restaurants are concentrated along a single road in one of the city's main neighbourhoods.

Kuwaiti cuisine can be best described as a fusion of Middle Eastern, Indian, and Mediterranean influences. One traditional local dish is 'machboos' — a rice-based dish with meat (often chicken or mutton). Fish and seafood dishes are also very popular.

### Mais Alghanim



Mais Alghanim is a long-established restaurant renowned for serving authentic Lebanese and Kuwaiti cuisine since 1953. The menu features perfectly executed crowdpleasers like hummus and falafel, consistently praised for their quality. The atmosphere is comfortable, often with sea-facing seating, and includes

family-friendly amenities like a children's playground.

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Address: Gulf Road, across from Kuwait Towers, Sharq, Kuwait City  
Phone: +965 2225 1155  
Internet: [www.maisalghanim.com](http://www.maisalghanim.com)

### Freij Sweileh



Immensely popular with locals, this authentic restaurant is well-known for the generous meal portions served. Expect Middle Eastern cuisine with a large emphasis on local Kuwaiti dishes. Patrons' favourites are majboos, grilled meats and soups (served with bread).

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Address: Salem Al Mubarak Street, Salmiya, Kuwait  
Internet: [www.freejswalieh.com](http://www.freejswalieh.com)

### Slider Station



Innovative in its interior, cuisine and general concept, the Slider Station's design is inspired by a 1940s American gas station. They serve mouthwatering sliders (small sandwiches), along with tapas, grills, flat breads and desserts made in-house.

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Address: Arabian Gulf Street, Kuwait City  
Phone: +965 2246 5047  
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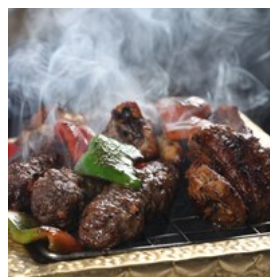
### Al Boom Steak & Seafood



Al Boom Steak & Seafood is a standout with its unbeatable location inside a large dhow (local fishing boat). Starters are abundant and an absolute must-try, main dishes being primarily meats and seafood. The restaurant has maintained its spotless reputation in the region for over 35 years.

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Address: Radisson Blu Hotel Kuwait, Al Bida'a Road, Kuwait  
Phone: +965 2567 3430  
Internet: [www.instagram.com/alboom\\_kuwait](http://www.instagram.com/alboom_kuwait)

### Babel



Babel is a luxurious Lebanese restaurant with sculptural sandstone walls, high ceilings and spectacular panoramic windows overlooking the bay. Book a table here for an evening of refined dining on traditional Lebanese fare with a modern twist. Reservations are best made long in advance.

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Address: Arabian Gulf Street, Kuwait  
Phone: +965 2208 1111  
Internet: [www.babelkwt.com/en/storelocator/arabian-gulf-street](http://www.babelkwt.com/en/storelocator/arabian-gulf-street)

### Midar



Midar offers a refined and nostalgic take on traditional Kuwaiti seafood, drawing inspiration from the nation's golden era in the mid-20th century. The restaurant's design

thoughtfully blends modern sophistication with coastal heritage, featuring details like fish-scale patterns and vintage brass accents. The menu focuses on fresh, locally sourced fish and elevated classics such as crab curry and shrimp mumawash. This combination of authentic flavours, warm, attentive service, and a carefully curated atmosphere creates a dining experience that is both a culinary journey and a tribute to Kuwaiti maritime culture.

Photo: Hashem Issam Alshanableh/shutterstock

Address: The Avenues Mall, Ghazali Street, Rai, Kuwait City  
Internet: [www.midar-me.com](http://www.midar-me.com)

### White Robata at JACC



White Robata offers a theatrical fine-dining experience, specialising in Japanese robata-yaki grilling within a vibrant interior inspired by 1980s

robot anime. Signature dishes that define its inventive menu include the six-hour braised short rib finished on the grill, the spicy tuna wonton taco, and the flank steak frites nigiri. Due to its immense popularity and limited seating, securing a table is notoriously difficult, making it essential to book well in advance to experience this unique culinary destination.

Photo: Photo by Karen C/shutterstock

Address: Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmed Cultural Centre, Arabian Gulf Street, Kuwait City  
Internet: [www.whiterobata.com](http://www.whiterobata.com)

### Principale Ristorante Di Nino



Principale Ristorante Di Nino presents an elevated Italian dining experience with a prime focus on authentic, high-quality ingredients. The

chef-driven menu features homemade pastas, imported Italian cheeses, and produce from local partner Kenya Farms. Dishes like the cacio e pepe and truffle pizza are frequently highlighted for their classic yet precise execution. The elegant, atmospheric setting is enhanced by scenic waterfront views, particularly from the outdoor terrace.

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Address: Bneid Al Qar, Seafront, Kuwait City  
Internet: [principaledinino.com](http://principaledinino.com)

### CAFES



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Kuwait City's café culture offers a blend of traditional charm and modern sensibilities. The scene ranges from simple local teahouses to elegant establishments serving international fare and specialty coffee, with many offering shisha as well. For a quick treat, small bakeries dotted throughout the city provide a tempting array of both local and international pastries.

### Gia Cafe



Gia Cafe serves healthy, delicious Mediterranean food that is a feast for the eyes just as much as it is for the taste buds. A wide selection of dishes is available for breakfast, and hearty dishes are served all through the day for lunch and dinner.

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Address: Khalid Zaid Al-Khalid Complex, Street 3, Lane 6, Salmiya

Phone: +965 9442 1442

Internet: [www.giakwt.com](http://www.giakwt.com)

### Lenotre Cafe



The upscale, refined Lenotre Cafe is an elegant venue with exquisite decor, which is a very popular place for breakfast, served buffet-style. There are a few locations around the city, all featuring an adjacent chocolate boutique with artisan sweets on sale.

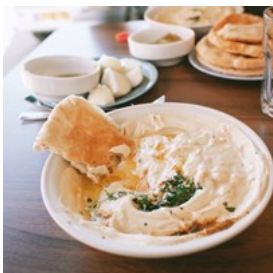
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Address: Marina Mall, Salem Al Mubarak Street, Salmiya

Phone: +965 2224 4855

Internet: [www.instagram.com/lenotrefekw](http://www.instagram.com/lenotrefekw)

### Cafe Bazza



Cafe Bazza serves a variety of dishes, a fusion of Mediterranean and Middle Eastern fares with an emphasis on local Kuwaiti foods. A few branches operate in the region, and food is served all throughout the day, including breakfast. In- and outdoor seating available.

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Address: Al Muhallab Mall, Bairout Street, Hawally

Phone: +965 1860 860

Internet: [www.cafebazza.com](http://www.cafebazza.com)

### Bait Ahmad



Beit Ahmad is an oriental wonderland located inside a traditional interior decor shop in Kuwait's central Souk Mubarakiya. Once in, expect to be treated to some authentic Arabic coffee or one of the many tea varieties on offer. Foods to go along include falafel, kebab, and a variety of desserts.

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Address: 25 Saud Bin Abdulaziz Street, Kuwait City

Phone: +965 2246 7373

Internet: [www.instagram.com/baitahmad](http://www.instagram.com/baitahmad)

### The Breakfast Club



The wildly popular The Breakfast Club entices with a plethora of breakfast meal options, ranging from savoury omelettes and eggs to syrup and sauce-smothered pancakes and delectable waffles.

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Address: KIPCO Tower, Al-Shuhada Street, Kuwait City

Phone: +965 2294 3212

Internet: [www.instagram.com/breakfastclubkw](http://www.instagram.com/breakfastclubkw)

### % Arabica Kuwait Roastery



The % Arabica Kuwait Roastery in Shuwaikh is a flagship location that functions as both a spacious café and a working roastery. Its defining feature is a vintage 1950s Probat roaster, the only one of its kind in the country, which allows customers to observe the coffee roasting process firsthand. While the minimalist aesthetic and signature drinks like the Spanish Latte remain central, this branch offers a unique, immersive experience into the brand's craft, set within an industrial-chic space that celebrates the entire journey from bean to cup.

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Address: Building 3, 4th Street, Shuwaikh Industrial, Kuwait

Internet: arabica.com/en/location/arabica-kuwait-roastery

### Richard's Coffee



Richard's Coffee is a roastery-led café that began as a pop-up before establishing itself as a key player in Kuwait's specialty coffee scene.

The brand now supplies its in-house roasted beans to over 27 shops across the region. The café itself maintains a warm, community-focused atmosphere, where patrons can enjoy a range of meticulously prepared brews, including V60 and rich filter coffees, alongside simple food offerings like bagels.

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Address: 5 Street, Shuwaikh Industrial, Kuwait City

Internet: www.instagram.com/richardscoffeeco

### 48 East Roastery



The 48 East Roastery is a local enterprise dedicated to elevating Kuwait's coffee culture through its meticulous approach to sourcing and roasting.

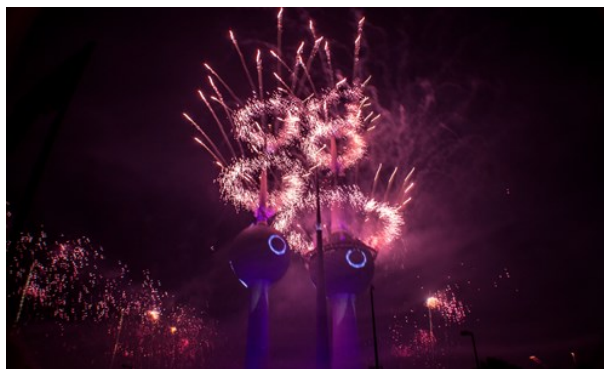
The Salmiya café serves as a showcase for its high-quality beans, offering expertly prepared brews like the precise V60 pour-over. The atmosphere is calm and sophisticated, catering to both quiet work and coffee appreciation. Beyond the cup, it functions as a hub for enthusiasts, offering a selection of beans and expert advice, solidifying its role as a serious destination within the local specialty coffee scene.

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Address: 123 Salem Al Mubarak Street, Salmiya, Kuwait

Internet: 48e.co

## NIGHTLIFE



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Alcohol is illegal in Kuwait, which means the country lacks nightlife establishments of the bar and club varieties. Instead, people "go out" shopping and dining, exploring the busy souks and high-tech shopping malls or international restaurants scattered throughout. Shisha smoking is common, with a number of cafes offering shisha services. Some large hotels host live music evenings open to guests and visitors.

## SHOPPING



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Kuwait is a tax haven, with no VAT or income taxes in place for citizens and expats. Combined with an abundance of shopping spots, ranging from traditional souks and markets to ultra-modern shopping centres, this makes for the perfect set up for a shopping experience of a lifetime. A number of malls, especially those in Kuwait City, feature incredible entertainment centres for visitors of all ages.

### The Avenues



The largest mall in Kuwait and one of the largest in the world, The Avenues will easily occupy shoppers for a full day or longer. More than 800 international brand boutiques, entertainment centres (children's KidZania and Magic Planet both located here), restaurants and cafes all await visitors under one roof.

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Address: Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan Road, Kuwait

Phone: +965 1888 868

Internet: [www.the-avenues.com/kuwait/en](http://www.the-avenues.com/kuwait/en)

### Souq Al-Mubarakiya



Souq Al-Mubarakiya is a sprawling historic market and the traditional commercial heart of Kuwait City. Its labyrinthine alleyways are a sensory experience, permeated with the scent of spices and filled with stalls selling everything from Persian carpets and gold jewellery to dates, perfumes, and traditional costumes. The market opens into a central courtyard where traditional cafes brew tea over coals and restaurants serve authentic Arab and Persian food. More than just a shopping destination, it is a living repository of Kuwaiti heritage, housing small museums and maintaining a bustling atmosphere that has endured for over two centuries.

Photo: wnhpic/shutterstock

Address: Mubarak Al-Kabeer Street, Kuwait City

Internet: [www.instagram.com/souq\\_almubarakiya](https://www.instagram.com/souq_almubarakiya)

### Marina Mall



Marina Mall impresses inside and out. Located next to a scenic bay and in the Marina Crescent area, it offers a wide selection of stores and boutiques along with a whole variety of cafes and restaurants dotting the Marina Crescent. Shoppers may also take in the skyline of Abu Dhabi visible from the mall's top floor.

Photo: Mila Supinskaya Glashchenko/shutterstock

Address: Salem Al Mubarak Street, Salmiya

Internet: [www.marinaworld.com.kw](http://www.marinaworld.com.kw)

### 360 Mall



The 360 Mall specialises in higher-end shopping, with a selection of shops and boutiques representing various international brands housed under its roof. The mall's entertainment centre includes a cinema complex and a bowling alley.

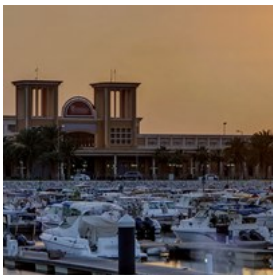
Photo: bassam mohamamd/unsplash

Address: Jassem Mohamed Al Kharafi Road, Block 7, Al Zahraa

Phone: +965 2530 9530

Internet: [www.instagram.com/mall360](https://www.instagram.com/mall360)

### Souq Sharq



Souq Sharq successfully blends its origins as a traditional marketplace with the amenities of a modern shopping centre. Located directly on the waterfront, its scenic promenade offers striking views of the sea and the Al-Jaber Bridge, making it a popular spot for an evening stroll, especially at sunset. The mall itself houses a wide variety of well-known high-street brands and includes a Sultan Centre supermarket.

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Address: Arabian Gulf Street, Kuwait City

Phone: +965 182 2680

Internet: [www.instagram.com/souq\\_sharq](https://www.instagram.com/souq_sharq)

### The Gate Mall



Located in a lively area south of Kuwait City, the Gate Mall is a pleasant shopping centre with an abundance of stores. The mall houses stores by

well-known international and regional brands selling fashion-forward clothing, cosmetics, accessories, and more.

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Address: 104 Road, Block 5, Kuwait

Phone: +965 2205 6100

Internet: [thegatemall.com.kw](https://thegatemall.com.kw)

### Fresh Fish Market



The Fresh Fish Market in Sharq is the primary destination for seafood in Kuwait, a sprawling complex renowned for the sheer variety and volume of its daily catch. While it functions as a major commercial hub with numerous shops and restaurants, the main attraction remains the vast selection of fresh fish sold at competitive prices. The experience is practical and unfiltered; visitors can select their fish and have it cleaned on the spot. For those seeking the finest choice, an early morning visit is recommended to see the market at its busiest.

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Address: Souq Sharq, Arabian Gulf Street, Kuwait City

### Malabar Gold & Diamonds



Malabar Gold & Diamonds is a major international jewellery retailer with a strong presence in Kuwait, its most significant branch located in Fahaheel. As with all gold retailers in the country, it operates under strict government regulations; every piece is hallmarked for purity, and by law, all transactions must be conducted electronically, as cash payments for gold are prohibited. The brand is recognised for its

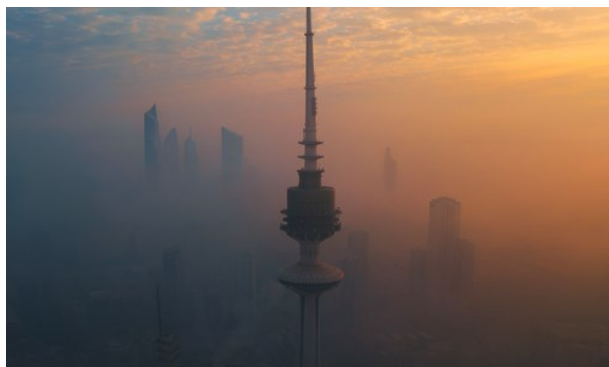
extensive collections and is frequently praised for its customer service, making it a trusted and popular destination for jewellery shopping.

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Address: NBK Building, Makkah Street, Fahaheel-10, Kuwait

Internet: [www.malabargoldanddiamonds.com/stores/kuwait](http://www.malabargoldanddiamonds.com/stores/kuwait)

## TOURIST INFORMATION



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### Travel Advice



Prior to visiting Kuwait, be sure to familiarise yourself with the social norms and legal regulations in place in the country. Modesty in

behaviour and clothing is generally advised, and women are discouraged from wearing tight-fitting and/or short garments anywhere in the country. Bikinis may be acceptable at hotel pools, but conservative swimwear is expected in public places.

Alcohol sale and consumption is illegal, and attempts to import alcoholic beverages, as well as drugs, pork products and pornographic material, may lead to fines and imprisonment. Public displays of affection of any kind, especially by same-sex couples, are not allowed and must be avoided. Cohabitation between unmarried

partners is also considered illegal.

Travellers must be especially careful when photographing local landmarks. Taking pictures of government buildings, including military and industrial complexes, is punishable by law. This applies especially to anything that concerns oil production.

During the month of Ramadan, no eating, drinking or smoking in public is allowed for anyone regardless of religious convictions. Fines and imprisonment may follow for violating any of the above mentioned restrictions.

There is an ongoing terrorism threat in Kuwait. Travellers must exercise precaution in public places.

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### Passport & Visa



Visitors to Kuwait typically need a visa unless they are from a visa-exempt country, or are eligible for a visa on arrival or eVisa.

Passports must be valid for at least 6 months. Most visitors can obtain a visa valid for 3 months upon arrival by air or apply for an eVisa prior to arrival. Gulf Cooperation Council citizens are exempt from visa requirements.

Those arriving by land or sea are required to obtain a visa in advance. Nationals of some countries may be entirely barred from entry (Israel), or have significant difficulty obtaining a visa.

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Internet: [visitkuwait.gov.kw/visa](http://visitkuwait.gov.kw/visa)

## Kuwait International Airport (KWI)



destinations worldwide.

The Kuwait International Airport is the only passenger air hub in Kuwait, with several local and international carriers connecting the country to

Visitors who require a visa on arrival should obtain one before exiting into the baggage claim area. Get a ticket and wait in line till your turn is called.

The airport has its own taxi service, and regular cabs operating in the city are not allowed to pick up passengers for fear of hefty fines. Some hotels arrange shuttles for guests.

Reaching the city by public bus is possible, too. Route 501 connects the airport to the main bus station of Kuwait City and makes several stops along the way. The bus stops outside the arrivals area.

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Address: Ghazali Street, Kuwait

Phone: +965 2431 9829

Internet: [www.kuwaitairport.gov.kw/en](http://www.kuwaitairport.gov.kw/en)

## Best Time to Visit

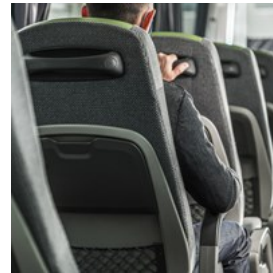


The summer months between April and September can get extremely hot and humid, especially so in August.

Try and plan your trip to Kuwait somewhere between September and May (ideally, September to October or March to May), when temperatures are comfortable and some refreshing rainfall is to be expected.

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## Public Transport



Kuwait City has a fairly extensive bus network covering the metropolitan area. The buses run at regular 10-minute intervals and stop at designated bus stops. Tickets are fairly inexpensive and may be bought on board. The main bus station is located next to the Liberation Tower.

Even though the public bus system was established primarily to fit the needs of residents rather than visitors, most Kuwaiti landmarks may be reached by walking 10 to 20 minutes from the bus stops. Consult the website for routes, or pick up a schedule from the main bus station.

Ferries circulate between Ras Al Ard marina in the district of Salmiya and Failaka Island. There are also sea routes connecting Kuwait to Iran and several other Gulf nations.

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## Taxi



Taxis are a convenient way to get around, with several varieties to choose from. It's common for taxis not to use meters, so it's recommended to agree on the fare before boarding. General pricing is usually based on the distance and area.

"Call taxis" are often found near hotels and are

usually white. As the name suggests, they can be ordered by phone, with fares typically announced by the taxi dispatcher during the call.

Another type of taxi, orange in colour, typically runs along specific routes and can be shared with others heading in the same direction. These taxis are allowed to pick up and drop off passengers along the way, which can make the journey longer, but fares are usually lower than those of call taxis.

The airport operates its own taxi service with fixed fares, usually indicated inside the vehicle.

Careem, a Dubai-based ride-hailing app, operates in Kuwait.

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### Post Office



There are a few post offices in and around Kuwait City, but most are difficult to locate because, ironically, they lack an exact address.

Like most government establishments, post offices open and close early.

Photo: Simona Sergi/unsplash

Address: Salmiya Post Office, Hamad Al-Mubarak Street, Salmiya

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 8am-1pm, Fri & Sat closed

Phone: +965 2574 5132

Internet: moc.gov.kw/en

### Pharmacy



Pharmacies are widely available. Hospitals often have 24-hour pharmacies on their premises.

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Address: Life Care Pharmacy, 131 Abdulla Al Fadalh Street, Salmiya

Internet: www.almutawaph.com.kw

### Telephone



Country code +965

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### Electricity



In Kuwait, the standard plug type is Type G, with three rectangular pins arranged in a triangular pattern, same as in the UK. Kuwait operates on a 240V supply voltage with a frequency of 50Hz.

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### Population

The country: 5 million

Kuwait City: 3.4 million

### Currency

1 Kuwaiti dinar (KD or KWD) = 1,000 fulūs

### Opening hours

The working week in Kuwait goes from Sunday to Thursday, which is when most businesses and government offices operate. Working hours usually start around 7am and finish around 2pm, with much shorter hours during Ramadan. Most shops are open from 9am to 1pm and 4:30pm to 9pm from Saturday through Thursday, with opening hours

between 3:30pm and 8:30pm on Fridays.

**Internet**

[visitkuwait.gov.kw](http://visitkuwait.gov.kw)

**Newspapers**

Kuwait Times: [kuwaittimes.com](http://kuwaittimes.com)

The Times Kuwait: [timeskuwait.com](http://timeskuwait.com)

Arab Times: [www.arabtimesonline.com](http://www.arabtimesonline.com)

**Emergency numbers**

Police, Ambulance & Fire Services: 112

**Tourist information**

Visitor Center & Administration and Management Building

Sheikh Jaber Causeway