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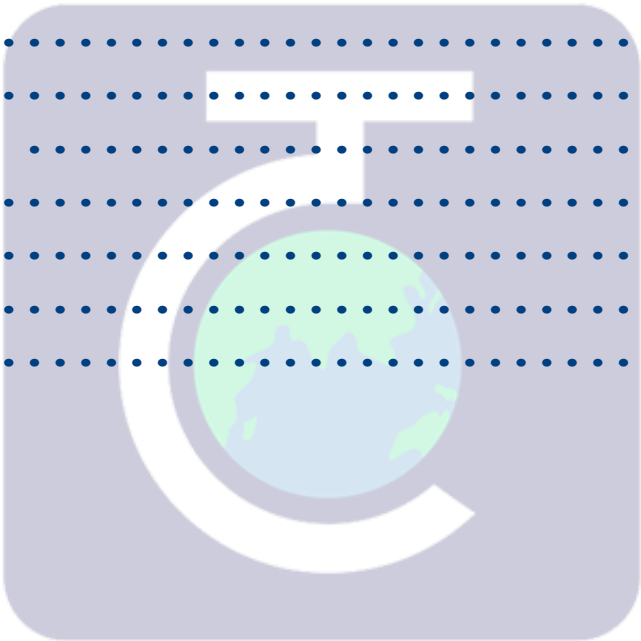
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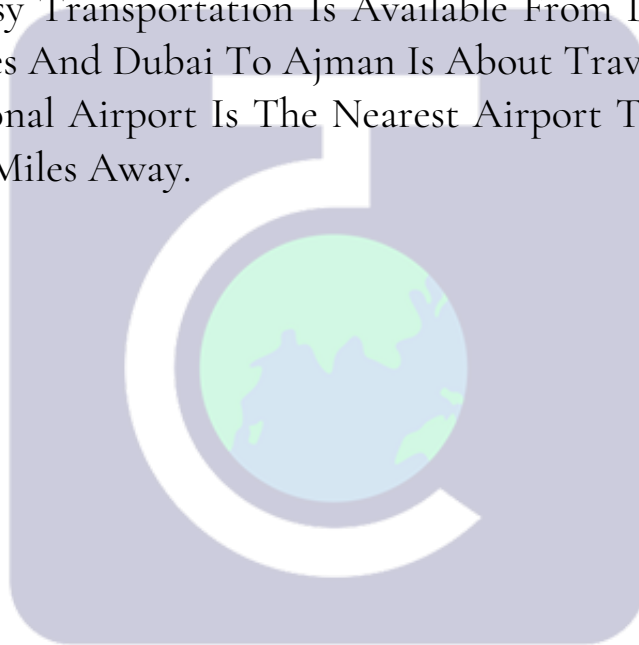
Dubai is located on the coast of Persian Gulf on United Arab Emirate and it has an elevation of only 16m from the sea level since it is located in the coastal area and it lies directly in the Arabian Desert. It occupies an area of about 4,110 km<sup>2</sup>. It has Abu Dhabi on the north border and Sharjah in the southern side, Hajar Mountain is present on the western side of Dubai. It does not possess any water bodies such as rivers or oasis and Dubai being a dry city, it has many Deserts. It serves as the pathway between Europe, Asia, and African countries.



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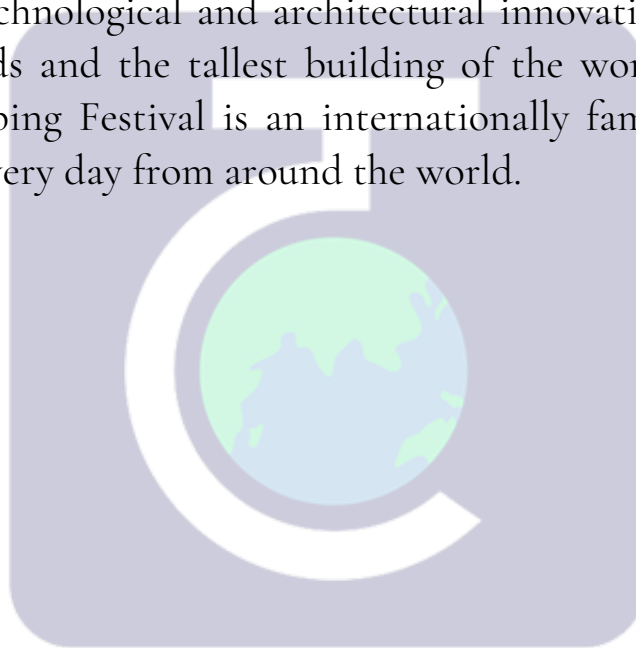
### 2. Neighbouring cities/countries

Abu Dhabi Is Located 160 Kilometers From Dubai Which Is The Second Largest City In The United Arab Emirates, It Is On An Island Less Than 250 Meters And Connected To The Mainland By The Mustafa Bridge And Maqta Bridge. Nearby Cities Are Ras Al-Khaimah, Sharjah, Abu Dhabi, And Ajman. Ras Al-Khaimah Is Located At A Distance Of 94 Km And Sharjah Is Distanced At A Location Of 20 Km From Dubai. Easy Transportation Is Available From Dubai To Abu Dhabi Distanced At 76 Miles And Dubai To Ajman Is About Traveling 30 Km. Premier Inn Dubai International Airport Is The Nearest Airport To Dubai Places At A Distance Of Just 0.5 Miles Away.



### 3. Significance

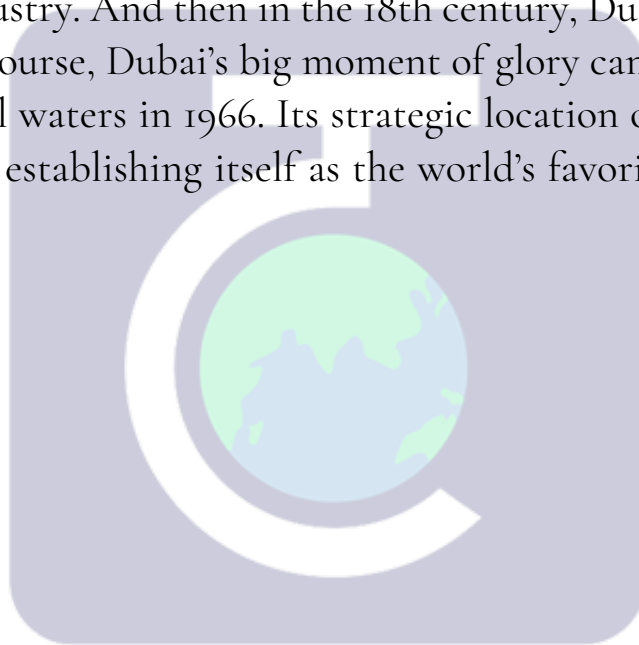
Dubai is the most populous, most affluent, and most visited city of UAE. It is a global city and the hub of business in the Middle East. Passenger and cargo transport is also concentrated in Dubai. While in the past it was oil revenue that dictated the economy of the emirate, today it is business, tourism, aviation, real estate, and financial services that have made Dubai a global power. It is well ahead in terms of technological and architectural innovations as evident in the artificial Palm Islands and the tallest building of the world Burj Khalifa. The annual Dubao Shopping Festival is an internationally famous event attracting millions of visitors every day from around the world.



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### 4. History

Perched on the southeast coast of the Persian Gulf, the emirate of Dubai is most-populated city in the United Arab Emirates. Although now, it is ranked amongst the hottest tourist destinations worldwide, archeological experts and historians have expressed that Dubai's existence dates back many centuries, remnants of which have been spotted in modern-day Dubai. The city first became known for its thriving pearl industry. And then in the 18th century, Dubai was established as a fishing village. Of course, Dubai's big moment of glory came after the discovery of oil in its territorial waters in 1966. Its strategic location on the world map has also helped Dubai in establishing itself as the world's favorite spot for trade and business.



## 5. Cultural identity

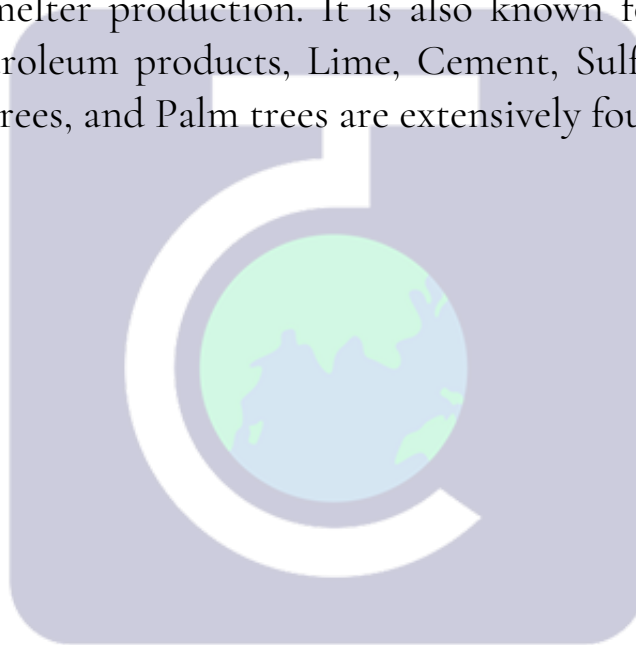
As far as culture of Dubai is concerned, it is actually a blend of the religion of Islam and the Arab culture. There is well-spread influence of both in the city's architecture, cuisine, apparel and lifestyle. In terms of population, Dubai is home to a large and growing populace of expats – especially from the Indian subcontinent. Thanks to the city's touristic mindset, the standards of living in Dubai are quite high. Over a period of time, especially during the last two decades, the culture and lifestyle of Dubai has become more opulent, lavish and luxurious.





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The city is endowed with large deposits of Aluminum, Cement, Fertilizers, Natural gas, Crude oil. Industries like Petroleum and Petrochemicals, Commercial ship repair, Construction materials, Boat building, Handicrafts and that of Textiles are found. It is amongst the largest producer of crude oil in the world. It is amongst the top suppliers off aluminum and accounts for 3.4% of world's aluminum smelter production. It is also known for the production of refined Gypsum, Petroleum products, Lime, Cement, Sulfur and that of Steel. Acacias, Eucalyptus trees, and Palm trees are extensively found.



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### 7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)

#### 7.1. Paid

##### 7.1.1. Burj Khalifa

Named in honor of the ruler Abu Dhabi and President of UAE, Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, this mega structure took 6 long years to build and was finally inaugurated in 2010. Designed by Adrian Smith, Burj Khalifa stands as the tallest structure in the world at a height of 830 meters. This mammoth skyscraper features an observation deck on the 148th floor which is the second highest observation deck in the world, along with an amazing fountain and a park which are definitely worth a visit.

Address : 1 Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Blvd - Dubai - United Arab Emirates

Location : 25.196864599999999, 55.274349400000006

Contact : +971 4 366 1655

Website : <http://www.burjkhalifa.ae>

Nearest Public Transport : The Dubai Mall Bus Station

Entry Fee : Non-prime hours: Adult (12 years+) General Admission – AED 125 At the Top, AED 350 At the Top Sky Child (4-12 years) General Admission – AED 95 At the Top, AED 350 At the Top Sky Prime Hours: Adult (12 years+) General Admission – AED 200 At the Top, AED 500 At the Top Sky Child (4-12 years) General Admission – AED 160 At the Top, AED 500 At the Top Sky Adult (12 years+) Immediate Entry Admission – AED 300 At the Top Child (4-12 years) Immediate Entry Admission – AED 300 At the Top Infant (below 4 years) Immediate Entry Admission - Free

Open & Close Timing : Daily 08:30hrs–22:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 30 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

##### 7.1.2. HintHunt

Get ready to enhance your team-building and detective skills by visiting one of the most galvanizing escape games in the world. It requires you to flee from a locked room within an hour along with your teammates by solving a crime scene. This game has become a rage among thrill-seekers and those who enjoy

challenges.

Address : Times Square Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, shop F13, Sheikh Zayed Road - Dubai - United Arab Emirates

Location : 25.1394373, 55.21987910000007

Contact : +971 4 321 2242

Website : <http://hinhunt.ae/>

Nearest Public Transport : Quoz, Gargash 2 bus Station

Entry Fee : 135 AED per person

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 10:00hrs–21:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.3. Wild Wadi Waterpark

Owned by Jumeirah International, the Wild Wadi Waterpark is a buzzing park with 17 breath-taking rides, 3 restaurant serving lip-smacking dishes and 2 gifts shops. The park also features a heated wave pool with 2 artificial surfing machines which are a key attraction here magnetizing many surf enthusiasts to this place.

Address : Jumeirah Road, Next To Jumeirah Beach Hotel -United Arab Emirates

Location : 25.1387015, 55.18852149999998

Contact : +971 4 348 4444

Website : <http://www.jumeirah.com/en/hotels-resorts/dubai/wild-wadi/>

Nearest Public Transport : Wild Wadi 1 Bus Station

Entry Fee : General Admission for people below 1.1 m height - AED 295 General Admission for people above 1.1 m height – AED 250 Children (2 and under) - Free

Open & Close Timing : Saturday to Thursday: 10:00hrs-19:00hrs Friday: 10:00hrs-22:00hrs

Time Required : 6

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

### 7.1.4. Dubai Aquarium & Underwater Zoo

Situated inside the famous Dubai Mall, The Dubai Aquarium & Underwater Zoo is one of the popular destinations in Dubai. It comprises of 3 major attractions:

the Aquarium Tank, Aquarium Tunnel and Underwater Zoo. Being one of the largest suspended aquariums in the world, visitors can also opt to choose from a range of thrilling activities like crocodile feeding, shark-diving and ray-feeding. Home to more than 140 species of aquatic animals and over 300 rays and sharks, this aquarium is worth your every penny and you are sure to be spellbound by the overall experience.

Address : Ground & Level 2, The Dubai Mall - Dubai - United Arab Emirates

Location : 25.1963489, 55.27808040000002

Contact : +971 4 448 5200

Website : <http://www.thedubaiaquarium.com>

Nearest Public Transport : Burj Khalifa, The Palace Hotel Bus Station

Entry Fee : Researcher Experience AED 100 Explorer Experience AED 120 Otter Encounter AED 200 Ray Encounter AED 200 Kong Croc Encounter AED 200 VIP Line Buster Package AED 250

Open & Close Timing : Sunday to Wednesday: 10:00hrs-23:00hrs Thursday to Saturday: 10:00hrs-00:00hrs

Time Required : 3

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.5. Dubai Museum

Opened in 1971, Dubai Museum at the Al Fahidi Fort is the oldest existing museum in Dubai. Built by the ruler of Dubai, this museum displays local antiquities and also artefacts from Asia and Africa. The museum also plays a number of videos that talk about the life in the Emirates before the emergence of oil. Visit this local history museum to know more about the city's dramatic past.

Address : Al Fahidi Street, Ali Bin Abi Thalib Street, Bur Dubai - Dubai - United Arab Emirates

Location : 25.2632325, 55.297218799999996

Contact : +971 4 353 1862

Website : <http://www.dubaiculture.gov.ae/en/Live-Our-Heritage/Pages/Dubai-Museum-and-Al-Fahidi-Fort.aspx>

Nearest Public Transport : Faheidi, Roundabout 1 Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: AED 3 Children (under the age of 6): AED 1

Open & Close Timing : Saturday to Thursday: 08:30hrs-20:30hrs Friday:

14:30hrs-20:30hrs Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday  
08:30hrs-20:30hrs Friday 14:30hrs – 20:30hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.6. Dubai Moving Image Museum

Inaugurated by Sheikh Majid bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the Dubai Moving Image Museum boasts of a collection of more than 300 antique items relating to the progress of visual entertainment and cinema. Some of the permanent exhibits here include the Akram Mikna collection in collaboration with Pierre Patau. Many items on display include praxinoscope, Mutoscope and Zoetrope which are animation devices used during yesteryears.

Address : MCN Hive, 1st Floor, TECOM - Dubai - United Arab Emirates

Location : 25.097297, 55.178850000000001

Contact : +971 4 421 6679

Website : <http://dubaimovingimagemuseum.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Al Barsha Heights, Ramee Guestline Hotel Apartment Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults (18+): AED 50 Children (below 18): AED 25 Students (with ID): AED 25

Open & Close Timing : Saturday to Thursday: 11:00hrs-18:00hrs Friday: Closed

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.7. Dubai Miracle Garden

Expanding over 72,000 square meters of land, The Dubai Miracle Garden is located in the Dubailand district and houses a kaleidoscopic collection of around 45 million flowers. This colorful garden is also the dwelling place of 15,000 butterflies of around 26 species making it the world's largest indoor butterfly garden.

Address : Al Barsha South 3, Barsha, Dubailand Area - Dubai - United Arab Emirates

Location : 25.059968599999999, 55.244965200000024

Contact : +971 4 422 8902

Website : <http://www.dubaimiraclelegarden.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Miracle Garden 1 Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adult - AED 30 Children (below 3 years) – Free Disabled - Free

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs–21:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.8. The Lost Chambers Aquarium

Situated in the Atlantis Hotel, the Lost Chamber Aquarium is designed to resemble the Lost City of Atlantis. With 10 large chambers, this aquarium displays some of the most amazing and beautiful underwater creatures. One of the most exciting features of this aquarium is the touch tank where you can actually pick some of the marine animals.

Address : Atlantis the Palm, Dubai - United Arab Emirates

Location : 25.1316868, 55.118166799999926

Contact : +971 4 426 1040

Website : <https://www.atlantisthepalm.com/marine-water-park/lost-chambers-aquarium>

Nearest Public Transport : Palm Atlantis Monorail Station

Entry Fee : Adult (12+): AED 100 Children (3-11 years): AED 70 Children (0-2 years): Free

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 10:00hrs-22:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.9. Creek Park

Situated on the edge of Dubai Creek, this creek-side park is a perfect getaway to relax during your visit to Dubai. Featuring beautiful lawns, botanical gardens and a children's play area along with a mini golf course, go-kart track and a number of playgrounds, this park is the ideal place to take a walk in the evening with your loved ones. This place is also a home to the famous Dubai Dolphinarium where

exciting dolphin programs and events take place.

Address : Umm Hurair 2 - Dubai - United Arab Emirates

Location : 25.2352701, 55.32774990000007

Contact : +971 4 336 7633

Nearest Public Transport : Creek Park Main Gate Bus Station

Entry Fee : Park Entry: AED 5 per person Cable Car Adult: AED 25 Cable Car Children (under 15): AED 15

Open & Close Timing : Sunday to Wednesday: 08:00hrs-22:00hrs Thursday to Saturday: 08:00hrs-23:00hrs

Time Required : 2.5

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.10. Dubai Zoo

Built with the consent of the late ruler of Dubai in 1967, Dubai Zoo is the oldest zoo in the Arabian Peninsula and was constructed by Otto J. Bulart. After the management was taken over by the Dubai Municipality, the zoo went through a redesigning and renovation process in 1986. Being the first zoo in the middle east to breed the rare chimpanzee and Gordon's wildcat, this zoo also houses around 200 animal species like foxes, sheep, porcupines and few birds species like the golden eagle and ostriches.

Address : Jumeirah 1 (near the Jumeirah Shopping Center and Mercato Center) Jumeirah Street, Dubai -UAE

Location : 25.2223528, 55.2565687

Contact : +971 4 349 6444

Nearest Public Transport : Dubai Zoo 1 Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adult – AED 2 Children (under 2 years) – Free People with special needs - Free

Open & Close Timing : Wednesday to Monday: 10:00hrs-18:00hrs Tuesday: Closed

Time Required : 3

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes



### 7.1.11. Dubai Dolphinarium

Expanding over 5,000 square meters, The Dubai Dolphinarium is a complete family entertainment venue with a seating capacity of around 1,250 spectators. Located in the Creek Park, this one of a kind Dolphinarium is owned and managed by the Dubai Municipality and is the homeland of 5 black sea bottlenose dolphins and 4 northern fur seals. Visit this Dolphinarium with children to let them experience the mesmerizing beauty of the sea creatures that dwell here.

Address : Riyadh Street, Inside the Creek Park Gate 1, Umm Hurair 2 - Dubai - United Arab Emirates

Location : 25.2343062, 55.32669729999998

Contact : +971 4 336 9773

Website : <http://www.dubaidolphinarium.ae/en/>

Nearest Public Transport : Creek Park Main Gate Bus Station

Entry Fee : Regular: Adults- AED 100 Children- AED 50 VIP: Adults- AED 120 Children- AED 80

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Saturday: 10:00hrs-19:30hrs Sunday: Closed

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.12. Dubai Parks and Resorts (Bollywood Park)

If you are a Bollywood fanatic, make sure you visit the Bollywood Park at The Dubai Parks & Resorts. The park takes you into the kaleidoscopic world of Bollywood with 5 different zones consisting of rides and attractions of the biggest blockbusters of Hindi cinema. Be it Gabbar Singh from the movie 'Sholay' or the Superheroes of Bollywood; Krrish or RaOne, get enthralled in the rides as you encounter the vistas of the famous Bollywood films. Note: The entry fees are flexible. It is advisable to check their website before visiting the theme park.

Address : Sheik Zayed Rd, Opp Palm Jebel Ali - Dubai - United Arab Emirates

Location : 24.919106, 55.00763970000003

Contact : +971 800 2629464

Website : <https://www.bollywoodparksdubai.com/en>

Nearest Public Transport : Jabel Ali Bus Station (Not Recommended)

Entry Fee : Multi-Park: 1-day pass AED 195 Bollywood Park: 1-day pass AED 85



Open & Close Timing : Saturday to Wednesday: 03:00hrs-22:00hrs Thursday and Friday: 03:00hrs-23:00hrs

Time Required : 10

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

### 7.1.13. Safa Park

Escape from the bustling and busy streets of Dubai into a place of absolute tranquility and peace at the Safa Park located just a stone's throw away from Downtown Dubai. This huge park is a popular hangout spot where you can also take a stroll in the evening with your partner. Children love to visit this park because of its vibrant atmosphere and a number of activity areas that are available inside the Safa Park.

Address : Sheikh Zayed Rd - Dubai - United Arab Emirates

Location : 25.1852058, 55.246637999999996

Contact : +971 800 900

Nearest Public Transport : Hadiqa Street 2 Bus Station

Entry Fee : AED 3 per person NOTE: Entry is free for kids and people with special needs.

Open & Close Timing : Sunday to Wednesday: 08:00hrs-22:00hrs Thursday to Saturday: 08:00hrs-23:00hrs Ramadan- Daily: 11:00hrs-23:00hrs

Time Required : 3

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.14. Dubai Parks and Resorts (Legoland)

Get ready to witness an adrenaline rush like never before at the Legoland inside The Dubai Parks and Resorts. Legoland is divided into 2 parks; the Legoland theme park offers non-stop fun with over 40-theme rides that are sure to get your heart pumping and 6 theme lands that will leave you awestruck with an unforgettable experience. The Legoland Water Park consists of over 20 spunky water slides and a wave pool that will surely take your excitement to higher levels. Spend an entire day to experience the fun of a lifetime while you are in Dubai. Note: The entry fees are flexible. It is advisable to check their website before visiting the theme park.

Address : Sheik Zayed Rd, Opp Palm Jebel Ali - Dubai - United Arab Emirates

Location : 24.9188232, 55.009630499999996

Contact : +971 800 2629464

Website : <https://www.legoland.com/dubai/>

Nearest Public Transport : Jabel Ali Bus Station (Not Recommended)

Entry Fee : Legoland Theme Park + Waterpark: 1-day pass- AED 195 Legoland

Theme Park: 1-day pass- AED 145 Legoland Water Park: 1-day pass- AED 145

Open & Close Timing : Theme Park: Daily- 13:00hrs-20:00hrs Water Park: Daily- 10:00hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required : 10

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

### 7.1.15. Dubai Parks and Resorts (Motion Gate)

Surreally blending entertainment and leisure, Motion Gate is one of the 3 theme parks inside The Dubai Parks & Resorts. Consisting of a number of attractions like the Smurfs Village, Columbia Pictures, Smurfs Village, Studio Central and DreamWorks, this Hollywood-inspired theme park is sure to bring out your inner child. Note: The entry fees are flexible. It is advisable to check their website before visiting the theme park.

Address : Dubai Park & Resorts, Sheikh Zayed Road , Near Palm Jebel Ali  Jebel Ali - Dubai - United Arab Emirates

Location : 24.9204056, 55.0044950999999986

Contact : +971 800 2629464

Website : <https://www.motiongatedubai.com/EN>

Nearest Public Transport : Jabel Ali Bus Station (Not Recommended)

Entry Fee : Multi-Park: 1-day pass- AED 195 Motion Gate: 1-day ass- AED 145

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 16:00hrs-00:00hrs

Time Required : 10

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

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### 7.2. Free

#### 7.2.1. Burj Al Arab Jumeirah

Standing at a height of 321 meters, Burj Al Arab Jumeirah is the fourth tallest hotel in the world. This hotel features a private bridge which connects the hotel to the mainland. Led by the famous architect Tom Wright, this mega skyscraper is an architectural highlight of the city. Needless to say, this luxury hotel charges exorbitant rates for its services, but its glistened with some of the finest suites, restaurants and activities.

Address : Jumeirah - Dubai - United Arab Emirates

Location : 25.1412914, 55.18533709999997

Contact : +971 4 301 7777

Website : <https://www.jumeirah.com/en/hotels-resorts/dubai/burj-al-arab/>

Nearest Public Transport : Wild Wadi 1 Bus Station

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

#### 7.2.2. Al Mamzar Beach Park

With 5 sandy sweeps spreading over a large area, the Al Mamzar Beach Park is a beautiful beach park which offers its visitors with a range of activities such as water sports, jogging, jet skiing and swimming. This place is a major crowd-puller among beachgoers and people in search of some time rejuvenating in the middle of the ocean waves. Housing over 1,600 palm trees, 300 coconut trees and 6,000 varieties of plants, this place is a heavenly retreat for nature enthusiasts and vacationers.

Address : Al Mamzar - Dubai - United Arab Emirates

Location : 25.3251781, 55.35169429999996

Contact : +971 4 296 6201

Nearest Public Transport : Mamzar, Beach Park Terminus Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Sunday to Wednesday: 08:00hrs-22:00hrs Thursday to Saturday: 08:00hrs-23:00hrs Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Sunday 09:00hrs-21:00hrs; Thursday, Friday, and Saturday 09:00hrs-22:00hrs

Time Required : 3

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.3. Emirates Towers

Located in the heart of Dubai, Jumeirah Emirates Tower along with the Emirates Office Tower makes the Emirates Tower Complex. Constructed in 2000, Jumeirah Emirates Tower is a 56-storey hotel, consisting of over 40 suites and is the third tallest hotel in the world. Emirates Office Tower is used for commercial purposes.

Address : Sheikh Zayed Rd - Dubai - United Arab Emirates

Location : 25.217603, 55.28281070000003

Website : <http://www.jumeirah.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Emirates Tower 1 Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily: Open 24 hours

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.4. Palm Jumeirah

Palm Jumeirah is the largest man-made island in the world housing a number of attractions and hotels, making it one of the most popular destinations of Dubai. This artificial group of islands is indeed a marvel whose construction took over 13 years. Many movies have been shot at this archipelago, however, the ideal time to visit this wonder is during New Year's Eve to witness the sheer beauty of the island when it is illuminated with fireworks and lights.

Address : Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Location : 25.1124317, 55.13897799999995

Nearest Public Transport : Palm Jumeirah 1 light rail station

Open & Close Timing : Daily: Open 24 hours

Time Required : 3

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.5. Al Fahidi Historical

Located on the banks of the Dubai Creek, Al Fahidi Historical is a very lively neighborhood established in the latter half of the 19th century by pearl and textile traders from Batak and Iran. The streets of this exciting neighborhood are filled with cafés, boutique hotels, art galleries and restored merchant houses

resonating with delight and wonder.

Address : Al Hamriya, Bur Dubai - Dubai - United Arab Emirates

Location : 25.2643559, 55.29988109999999

Contact : +971 4 515 5000

Website: <http://www.dubaiculture.gov.ae/ar/Live-Our-Heritage/Pages/Al-Fahidi-Historical-Neighbourhood.aspx>

Nearest Public Transport : Bastakia 1 Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 09:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.6. The Dubai Fountain

Situated on the man-made lake of Burj Khalifa, The Dubai Fountain is the largest fountain system in the world. Designed by WET Design, this engineering marvel is a treat to watch and will leave you spellbound with its sheer beauty. The fountain's animated performance of Arabic and World music is a prime attraction here, making it a scintillating crowd-puller.

Address : Fashion Parking - Dubai Mall - Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Blvd - Dubai - United Arab Emirates

Location : 25.1958597, 55.276467299999992

Contact : +971 800 382246255

Nearest Public Transport : Burj Khalifa, The Palace Hotel Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 19:00hrs-01:00hrs

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.7. Jumeirah Mosque

Often regarded as one of the most beautiful mosques in UAE because of the atavistic Fatimid-styled architecture, Jumeirah Mosque is largely made of white stone and can accommodate close to 1,200 worshippers. Open to the non-Muslims 6 days a week, the ideal time to visit the mosque is during dusk as it is elegantly lit up further accentuating the beauty of the mosque. Note: It is compulsory for women to wear a scarf while visiting this mosque.

Address : Jumeirah Beach Road, Jumeria 1 - Dubai - United Arab Emirates

Location : 25.2338441, 55.26548120000007

Contact : +971 4 353 6666

Website : <http://www.cultures.ae/index.php/ouractivities/jumeirah-mosque-visit>

Nearest Public Transport : Jumeira, Grand Mosque bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Sunday to Thursday: 09:00hrs-17:00hrs Friday: Closed  
Saturday: 09:00hrs-13:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.8. Dubai Marina

Stretching over an area of 2 miles near The Palm Jumeirah, Dubai Marina is a present-day canal city swamped with restaurants of different cuisines, boutiques and a plethora of shopping malls so that you can fill in your bags with souvenirs and the best of what the retail world has to offer. This huge man-made marina is one of the prime residential districts of the town attracting numerous millionaires and investors to this place.

Address : Dubai Marina, Dubai 32923, United Arab Emirates

Zipcode : 32923

Location : 25.0805422, 55.14034259999994

Nearest Public Transport : Jumeirah Beach Residence Light Rail 1 Station

Open & Close Timing : Saturday to Wednesday: 10:00hrs-22:00hrs Thursday:  
10:00hrs-00:00hrs Friday: 14:00hrs-23:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.9. Ras al Khor Wildlife Sanctuary

Situated at the end of Dubai creek, Ras al Khor Wildlife Sanctuary is the breeding place for millions of beautiful migratory birds. Expanding over 6 kilometers of land, this sanctuary shelters over 20,000 water birds across 67 species. The sanctuary is an ideal site to visit during winters, as the flamingoes migrate here in large numbers, giving you the chance to capture some beautiful photos and leave with an experience of a lifetime.

Address : IMG Worlds of Adventure - Dubai - United Arab Emirates

Location : 25.1912609, 55.3226439

Contact : +971 4 606 6822

Website : <https://www.facebook.com/wildlife.ae/>

Nearest Public Transport : Dubai Country Club Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Saturday to Thursday: 09:00hrs-16:00hrs Friday: Closed

Time Required : 3

Buy Ticket : No

### **7.2.10. Sheikh Mohammed Centre for Cultural Understanding**

Located near Al Fahidi Roundabout, Sheikh Mohammed Centre for Cultural Understanding is a not-for-profit organization which was established to detach the hurdles between people of different origins or nationalities. Founded in 1998, this cultural centre strives by the vision of 'Open Doors, Open Minds' and promotes the culture and tradition that exists in Dubai among the visitors of the city. You can also enjoy breakfast, lunch or dinner here consisting of authentic traditional dishes.

Address : Al Musalla Rd. - Dubai - United Arab Emirates

Location : 25.2641101, 55.300747399999998

Contact : +971 4 353 6666

Website : <http://www.cultures.ae/>

Nearest Public Transport : Bastakia 1 Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Sunday to Thursday: 09:00hrs-17:00hrs Saturday: 09:00hrs-13:00hrs Friday: Closed

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

### **7.2.11. Heritage House**

Established in 1890, Heritage House was initially a dwelling place of a minted merchant and is now transformed into a museum that depicts the traditional life of people in Dubai along with the values that are inculcated to face everyday life. The museum displays Dubai's heritage through dioramas, a number of household utensils, designs and videos. Visit this museum to widen your knowledge about the culture and history of this city.

Address : Al Khor Street, Al Ras Metro Station, Deira, Dubai, United Arab Emirates



Location : 25.2640033, 55.2995459

Contact : + 971-42260286

Website : <http://www.dubaiculture.gov.ae/en/Live-Our-Heritage/Pages/Heritage-House.aspx>

Nearest Public Transport : Al Ras Metro Station

Open & Close Timing : Saturday to Thursday: 08:00hrs-19:30hrs Friday: 16:30hrs-19:30hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.12. The Dubai Mall

With over a thousand stores, an enormous aquarium, an Olympic size ski-rink and a colossal option of food outlets, The Dubai Mall is the most luxurious of all and is home to a number of international brands. It is also hugely popular for the vivacious Dubai Fountains, which in itself are a major high point of the city. This mall is known to host annual shopping festivals, attracting shopaholics from all around the world.

Address : Financial Centre Road, Downtown Dubai - Dubai - United Arab Emirates

Location : 25.19764189999999, 55.2787100000000046

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.13. Mall of The Emirates

Mall of the Emirates is one of the premier shopping malls in Dubai. Housing over 550 stores of international brands of fashion, electronics, sports and home furnishing products, this mall is a heaven for shopaholics and will leave perplexed with the number of options that it offers. An all round entertainment for the entire family, the mall houses numerous theaters and a variety of activities like Ski Dubai, The Magic Planet and the Dubai Community Theater and Arts Centre.

Address : Mall of The Emirates, Sheikh Zayed Road, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Location : 25.11809, 55.20035029999997

Time Required : 0



Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.14. Ibn Battuta Mall

Zipcode : o

Location : 25.0445481, 55.120296499999995

Time Required : o

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.15. City Centre Deira

Zipcode : o

Location : 25.2519659, 55.3328027

Time Required : o

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.16. Lamcy Plaza

Zipcode : o

Location : 25.234418, 55.308442000000014

Time Required : o

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.17. Bur Dubai Souk

Bur Dubai Souk is a textile market famous for its collection of bright and colorful fabrics and textiles. The souk runs along the Dubai creek with a street that is filled with tailoring shops, sari shops and jewelry stores, making it an ultimate shopping destination if you are looking to buy fabrics and having it tailored.

Address : Bur Dubai Souk,Bur Dubai,Dubai,United Arab Emirates

Location : 25.2645457, 55.29436750000002

Time Required : o

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.18. Al Satwa

Zipcode : o

Location : 25.219369999999999, 55.272886999999997

Time Required : o

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.19. Al Karama

Al Karama is the most crowded shopping center in Dubai with shops that sell replica watches, high-end designer clothing, handicrafts and souvenirs from Dubai. Be aware that most of the clothes here are made in Asia and the sizes may vary.

Address : Al Karama, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Location : 25.2489204, 55.306055099999998

Time Required : o

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.20. Deira Gold Souk

Flooded with hundreds of shops selling almost anything and everything made from this shimmering metal can be found in the Deira Gold Souk. The souk is divided into 2 parts; an old an Old Souk scattered with gold shops and a New Souk in a 2-storey building. Don't forget to bargain as most shops sell the same items. Note: Most gold shops charge a fee for purchases made with a credit card.

Address : Deira Gold Souk, Deira, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Location : 25.2705319, 55.2984361

Time Required : o

Buy Ticket : No

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### 8. Key sites sports & adventure

Dubai is haven to extreme sports. There are so many adventure activities for everyone in Dubai. These sports include: skydiving, scuba diving, toboggan, shark diving, fly boarding, micro lighting and water slides.

- **Boat rides at Dubai Creek - Dubai - United Arab Emirates -**

Address : Dubai Creek, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Location : 25.2285264,55.2922625999999

Nearest Public Transport : Creek Metro Subway Station

Entry Fees : AED 1

Open / Close Time : Daily Route 1 – 05:00hrs-23:59hrs, Route 2 All hours

Time Required : 0.50

- **Ski Dubai - Mall of The Emirates - Al Barsha - Dubai - United Arab Emirates -**

Address : Ski Dubai, Mall of the Emirates | Shiekh Zayed Road, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Location : 25.117204,55.1983112

Contact No : + 971-044094000

Website : <https://www.theplaymania.com/skidubai>

Nearest Public Transport : The Mall Of The Emirates 2 2 Bus Station

Entry Fees : AED 120

Open / Close Time : Sunday-Thursday 10:00hrs-23:00hrs Friday 09:00hrs-22:00hrs Saturday 09:00hrs-23:00hrs

Time Required : 2.00

- **Karting at Dubai Autodrome -**

Address : Dubai Autodrome, Emirates Road, Motorcity, UAE

Location : 25.0501901,55.2397316999999

Contact No : +971 4 367 8700

Website : <http://www.dubaiautodrome.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Motor City, Spinneys Market 1 Bus Station

Entry Fees : AED 10 for registration, Karting AED 100 onwards

Open / Close Time : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2.00

- **Bungee Jumping -**

Address : Gravity Zone, Power Play Football Center, Meydan Road - Dubai - United Arab Emirates

Location : 25.179224,55.2524366999999

Contact No : +971-563647997

Website : <http://www.gravityzone.co/>

Nearest Public Transport : Safa, Intersection Bus Station

Entry Fees : Bungee Jumping AED 550

Open / Close Time : Daily 11:00hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required : 1.00

Wait Time : 15 minutes

- **Desert Safari Tours - Al Quoz - Dubai - United Arab Emirates -**

Address : Room#409 A, 4th floor, Al Firoshi Building, Salahuddin Road Al Quoz 1 - Dubai - United Arab Emirates

Location : 25.1514047,55.250782

Contact No : +971 50 266 1837

Website : <http://www.desertsafaritours.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Quoz, Emirates Post Office Bus Station

Entry Fees : Starting from AED 500

Open / Close Time : Daily 08:30hrs-22:30hrs  
Time Required : 8.00

- **Zip lining -**

Address : Warehouse # 5, Al Quoz 3, Near Europcar - Dubai - United Arab Emirates

Location : 25.1591943, 55.2376146

Contact No : +971 4 346 0003

Website : <http://xdubai.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Quoz, Cement Factory Bus station

Entry Fees : AED 600

Open / Close Time : Sunday-Thursday 9:00hrs-16:00hrs, Friday, Saturday closed

Time Required : 1.50

Wait Time : 30 minutes

- **Shark diving at The Dubai Aquarium -**

Address : Ground & Level 2, The Dubai Mall - Dubai - United Arab Emirates

Location : 25.0768437, 55.13110039999999

Contact No : +971 4 448 5200

Website : <http://www.thedubaiaquarium.com/en/Default.aspx>

Nearest Public Transport : The Dubai Mall Bus Station

Entry Fees : AED 100- AED 250

Open / Close Time : Monday-Sunday 10:00hrs-00:00hrs

Time Required : 3.00

- **Fly boarding -**

Address : Al Souq Harbour Jumeirah 2 - Dubai - United Arab Emirates

Location : 25.209532,55.24441799999999

Contact No : +971 55 157 8393

Website : <http://searide-dubai.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Rashid Al Hadees Mosque 2 Bus Station

Entry Fees : AED 300

Open / Close Time : Tuesday-Saturday 10:00hrs-17:00hrs, Sundays and Mondays Closed

Time Required : 1.50

- **Skydive Dubai - Dubai - United Arab Emirates -**

Address : Al Sufouh - Dubai - Dubai - United Arab Emirates

Location : 25.091427,55.13829599999999

Contact No : +971 4 377 8888

Website : <http://www.skydivedubai.ae/>

Nearest Public Transport : Jumeira Royal Meridian Bus Station

Entry Fees : AED 1999 onwards

Open / Close Time : Monday-Saturday 10:00hrs-18:00hrs, Sunday Closed

Please note that all times are subject to change without prior notice due to weather conditions.

Time Required : 3.00

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## 9. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

Dubai has many different sports that include cricket, rugby, horse racing, football, basketball, golf and tennis. Some major stadiums include;

- **Dubai International Stadium - Dubai - United Arab Emirates:**

Address : Shikh Mohammed bin Zayed Road, Dubai Sports City - Dubai  
- United Arab Emirates

Location : 25.0466259,55.21892690000004

Contact No : +971 4 425 1111

Website : <http://www.dsc.ae/>

- **The Sevens - United Arab Emirates:**

Address : Al Ain Road, E66 -  - United Arab Emirates

Location : 24.9947022,55.46516180000003

Contact No : +971 4 809 6605

Website : <http://www.thesevens.ae/>

## 10. Spas and relaxation

- **Serenity Spa and Wellness Centre Deira Dubai:**

Address : G floor, Flora Creek Deluxe Hotel Apartments Port Saeed Road, Deira, Near Deira City Centre - Dubai - United Arab Emirates

Location : 25.253157,55.32797400000004

Contact No : +971 4 230 9797

Website : <http://www.serenityspadubai.com/>

- **Kung Fu Relaxation Centre - Dubai - United Arab Emirates:**

Address : Street # 23B - Dubai - United Arab Emirates

Location : 25.1134928,55.193966000000046

Contact No : +971 4 323 7288

- **Lavana Spa Al Barsha - Al Barsha - Dubai - United Arab Emirates:**

Address : Grand Excelsior Hotel Al Barsha (Rooftop), Al Barsha 1 - Dubai - United Arab Emirates

Location : 25.1117344,55.20331620000002

Contact No : +971 56 394 0229

Website : <http://www.lavanaspadubai.com/>



## 11. Events calendar

### Month

### Events

**Dubai Shopping Festival @  
Everywhere in Dubai (26th to  
28th)**

In 2017, Dubai will be hosting the 22nd edition Dubai shopping festival (DSF). DSF is the largest shopping extravaganza in the Middle East. People get un-debatable deals on goods and services

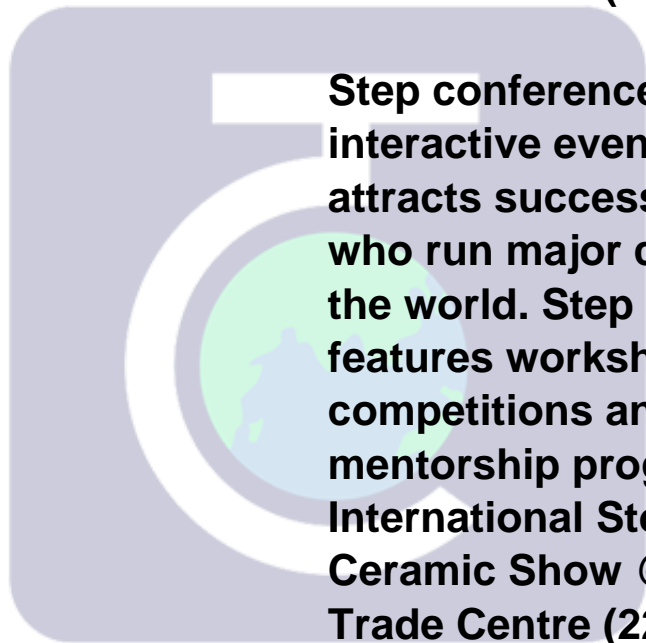
**Dubai Desert Classic @ Majlis  
Golf course (30th Jan to 5th Feb)**

Dubai classic attracts some of most well-known golfers in the world. It is a very competitive tournament that is usually held every year. Since it was first started in 1989, Dubai desert classic has had 21 winners. With only three golfers (Tiger woods, Rory McIlroy and Stephen Gallacher) having won it twice.

**Dubai Duty Free Tennis  
Championships @ Dubai Duty  
Free Tennis Stadium (19th Feb to  
4th)**

**Sara Errani (WTA) and Stan**

**Wawrinka (ATP) are this year's Dubai Duty Free tennis champions, but are they able to defend their titles come 2017? Do not miss this epic journey of highly competitive tennis as the pro tennis player plays hard. Step Conference @ Dubai World Trade Centre (4th)**



**Step conference is the largest interactive event in MENA. It attracts successful speakers who run major corporations in the world. Step conference features workshops, competitions and one on one mentorship program. International Stone Marble And Ceramic Show @ Dubai World Trade Centre (22nd to 25th)**

**This is an interior design show that is held annually in Dubai. It highlights pros and cons of interior design. It also showcases emerging trends in interior design. The Ripe summer Market @ Time square Center (all month)**

**Ripe summer market features organic fresh farm produce. There is also a section for kids**

where they can have fun and games. The market is only opened on Saturday 09:00 hrs to 15:00 hrs.

**Modhesh World @ dubai trading centre (all month)**

This event features fun activities for the entire family that include events such as mini bowling, shooting gallery, fly jump, climbing wall and mirror maze.

**Dubai Music Week @ The Dubai world Trade centre (DWTC) (23rd to 24th)**

It is one of the best musical events in the middle east. The four day event features music performances from artists all over the world. Rock, Pop Latin and Urban music are the most common genre of Music performed.

**WETEX @ Dubai World Trade Center (4t)**

People from environment, water and energy field showcase the latest technologies and promote services and products of the same.

**Boyzlife @ Dubai International Marine Club (10th)**

**Live entertainment show of Keith Duffy and Brian McFadden which are from the Boyzone and Westlife bands come together to perform some of their most amazing tracks.**

**Emirates Airline Dubai Rugby Sevens @ Sevens Stadium (1st to 3rd)**

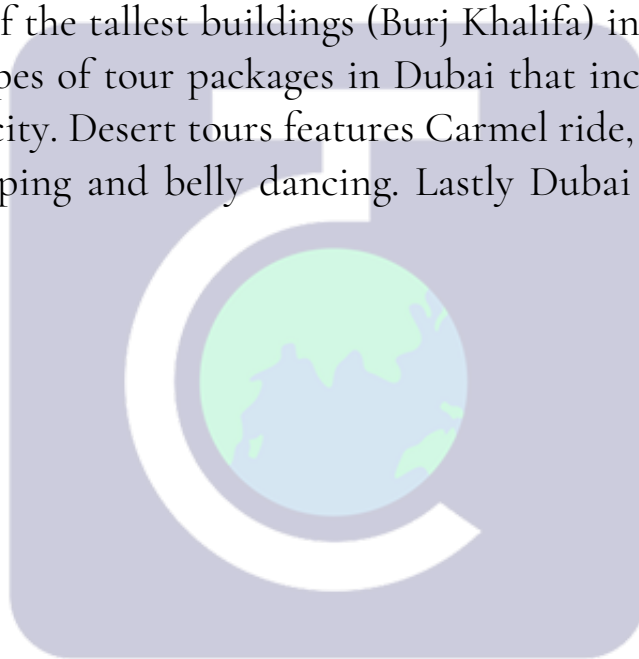


**The HSBC rugby sevens circuit will pitch tent in Dubai. Top circuit teams will be aiming to win the main cup. Dubai promises a weekend of fun.**

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### 12. Key local guides and tours

Dubai is home to top-notch tourists attractions. It's utterly impossible to fully experience what Dubai has to offer in short span of time. There are so many Dubai tours that suite everyone. From Deluxe tours that are available for the rich to pocket friendly tours for those on a budget. Dubai is home to innovations with world-class artificial islands being created i.e. palm and the world islands. Dubai is also home to one of the tallest buildings (Burj Khalifa) in the world. There are so many different types of tour packages in Dubai that include Dubai city tour: takes you round the city. Desert tours features Carmel ride, self-drive, barbecues, hot air balloon, camping and belly dancing. Lastly Dubai Sea tours (palm and world islands visit).



### 13. Transportation hubs

Dubai International Airport is the main International airport in Dubai. It is the third busiest International airport in the world, handling over 78 million passengers annually. The airport is located 4.6 km (2.9 miles) from the city center in Al Garhoud. The airport is operated by Dubai airports Company. Fly Dubai and Emirates airlines use this airport as their base of operations. There are different modes of transportation from the airport to city center. Government owned taxi (Dubai taxi agency) takes 5 minutes from the airport to the town center at a rate of 62.44 AED to 73.46 AED. Uber taxi also takes 5 minutes at a cost of around 22.04 AED – 55.10 AED. The bus service (line one ski bus) takes 19 minutes at a cost of 22.04 AED. Metro train service takes 21 minutes at a cost of 3.67 AED or 7.35 AED. The other international airport in Dubai is Al Maktoum international airport (24.897786, 55.143103). The airport is located 37 km (23 miles) southwest of Dubai city center. The airport was opened in 2010. From the airport to city center takes one and half hours using the metro train service at a cost of 132.23 AED – 176.31 AED. The drive from the airport takes at least 42 min. Dubai taxi agencies charge between 220.39 AED to 275.49 AED and Uber charge 146.93 AED to 238 AED. The bus services charge 191 AED to 220 AED and the journey takes almost 2 hours.

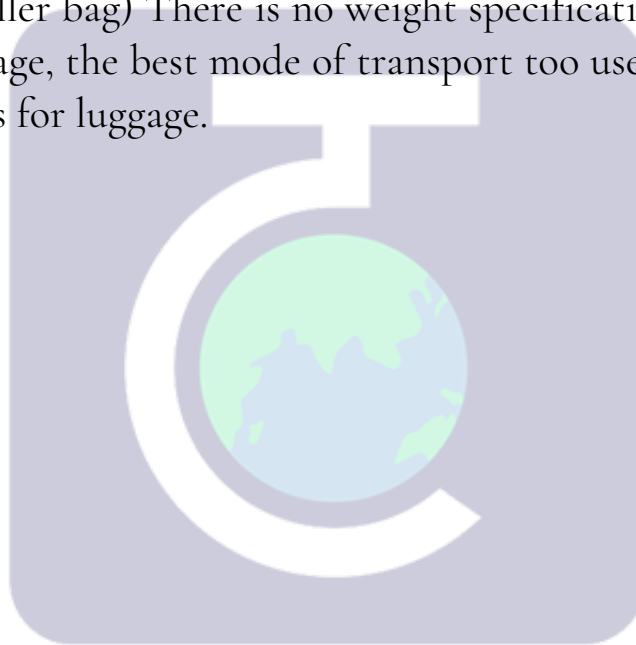
## 14. Transportation cost

There are several modes of public transportation in Dubai which include bus service, water bus, Dubai tram and Dubai metro. Dubai public transportation is divided into seven modes. Travelers are charged depending on zones they cross. Children below the age of 5 years are not charged. Senior citizens and Students are charged at discount rates (only for Dubai citizens). Passengers pay using NOL cards. There are different NOL cards available:

- Red tickets: - suitable for tourist. Has validity period of 90 days. Rechargeable for up to 10 trips or 5 passes.
- Silver NOL cards: Suitable for tourist and citizens. Has validity period of 5 years. Can be rechargeable. Good for standard class travelers.
- Gold NOL Cards: - used in Gold standard carriages. Has validity period of 5 years. Can be rechargeable. Good for both foreigners and citizens.
- Blue NOL Cards: - used by citizens only. Has a validity period of 5 years. Can be rechargeable. Has discounted rates for students and senior citizens. Fares are charged at the end of the trip. Day passes are available depending on the different cards. One day pass is only available in Red ticket. Day pass is approximately 40 AED. 7, 30 and 90 day passes are available in Silver Gold and Blue NOL cards. Blue card also has 365 day pass. Refer to [www.dubai.me/dubai-metro-tickets/](http://www.dubai.me/dubai-metro-tickets/)

**Index****15. Baggage allowance**

Dubai metro train service allows a maximum of two bags of varying specifications. The passenger carrying the two bags should be in a position to carry or pull the two bags without help. There are no porters in the metro service and airport trolleys are not allowed in the metro stations. The dimension of the bags should not exceed: ( W 81 x H 58 x D 30 cm, for the larger bag, W 55 x H 38 x D 20 cm, for the smaller bag) There is no weight specification for the baggage. If one has a lot of baggage, the best mode of transport too use is Taxi. The taxis do not charge extra rates for luggage.





**Index****16. Must try food and local savouries**

The following local food delicacies are an important part of Dubai's food identity and culture. They are widespread, and so it is difficult to only pinpoint just a single locale, so much so that you can find them in most eateries and joints where local food is served.



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## 17. Restaurant & Nightlife

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### Food -

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- **Zaroob - Dubai - United Arab Emirates:**

Address : Shop # 1, Ground Floor, Jumeirah Tower Building along Sheikh Zayed Road, DIFC - Dubai - United Arab Emirates

Location : 25.1069128,55.147575200

Contact No : +971 4 327 6262

Website : <http://www.zaroob.com/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 08:00hrs-17:00hrs

- **Qarya Al Shandagha Restaurant - Al Khawaneej Road - Dubai - United Arab Emirates:**

Address : Al Khawaneej Rd - Dubai - United Arab Emirates

Location : 25.237016,55.421288000

Contact No : +971 56 750 1911

Open / Close Time : Daily 10:00hrs-23:00hrs

- **Aroos Damascus Restaurant ????? ????? - Deira - Dubai - United Arab Emirates:**

Address : 5 12A Street -  - United Arab Emirates

Location : 25.2677732,55.320895699

- **COYA Dubai - Jumeirah - Dubai - United Arab Emirates:**

Address : Restaurant Village Four Seasons Resort Jumeirah Beach Road,  
Jumeirah 2 - Dubai - United Arab Emirates

Location : 25.202106,55.240201000

Contact No : +971 4 316 9600

Website : <http://www.coyarestaurant.com/landing>

Open / Close Time : Monday-Wednesday 12:30hrs-01:30hrs; Thursday-Saturday 12:30hrs-02:00hrs; Sunday 12:00hrs-01:30hrs

- **At.Mosphere Burj Khalifa - Downtown Dubai - Dubai - United Arab Emirates:**

Address : 122nd Floor, Burj Khalifa, Downtown Dubai - Dubai - United Arab Emirates

Location : 25.1957237,55.273461399

Contact No : +971 4 888 3828

Website : <http://atmosphereburjkhalifa.com/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 12:00hrs-15:00hrs; 18:00hrs-23:00hrs

- **Ossiano - The Palm Jumeirah - Dubai - United Arab Emirates:**

Address : Atlantis, The Palm Jumeira, Near Crescent Rd - Dubai - United Arab Emirates

Location : 25.1311949,55.117555600

Contact No : +971 4 426 2626

Website : <http://www.atlantisthepalm.com>

Open / Close Time : Daily 19:00hrs-23:30hrs

- **360° - Dubai - United Arab Emirates:**

Address : Jumeirah Beach Hotel, near Jumerah Rd, end of the Marina Walkway - Dubai - United Arab Emirates

Location : 25.1456952,55.188623699

Contact No : +971 4 406 8741

Website : <https://www.jumeirah.com/en/hotels-resorts/dubai/jumeirah-beach-hotel/restaurants/360/>

Open / Close Time : Sunday-Wednesday 17:00hrs-02:00hrs; Thursday 17:00hrs-03:00hrs; Friday 16:00hrs-03:00hrs

- **Nasimi Beach - The Palm Jumeirah - Dubai - United Arab Emirates:**

Address : Atlantis, The Palm - Ground Level, West Beach, Atlantis The Palm, Palm Jumeirah - Dubai - United Arab Emirates

Location : 25.1283261,55.116530600

Contact No : +971 4 426 2626

Website : <http://www.atlantisthepalm.com>

Open / Close Time : Daily 12:00hrs-15:00hrs; 18:00hrs-23:30hrs

**Index****18. Average meal cost**

In an inexpensive restaurant a normal meal is available at 30.00 AED. A three-course meal at a mid-range restaurant for two people is available at 150.00 AED. A combo meal at McDonald's is available at 25.00 AED. You can have a fresh cappuccino at 16.34 AED. 11.2 oz small bottle of water is available at 1.17 AED. A mid-range bottle of Wine is available at 70.00 AED.



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### 19. Shopping

Dubai is one of the most cosmopolitan cities of the world. Owing to its high-voltage tourism industry, Dubai witnesses a large influx of travelers throughout the year. Shopping in Dubai is a paradise-like experience. In fact, the city is branded itself as the shopping heartland of the Middle East. Dubai offers many and still-growing options for the hordes of visitors that come to the emirate. Dubai's malls, souks and gold markets are its shopping highlights. Malls such as the Dubai Mall – the largest in the Gulf – Mall of the Emirates , Ibn-e-Battuta Mall, The City Center , Lamcy Plaza , are some of its a-list malls to enjoy some luxurious shopping of clothes and accessories. There are also bazaars and traditional souks (in Deira, Bur Dubai , Satwa , and Karama which visitors can visitors if they like open-air shopping experiences to buy accessories, grocery items and a variety in clothing brands.



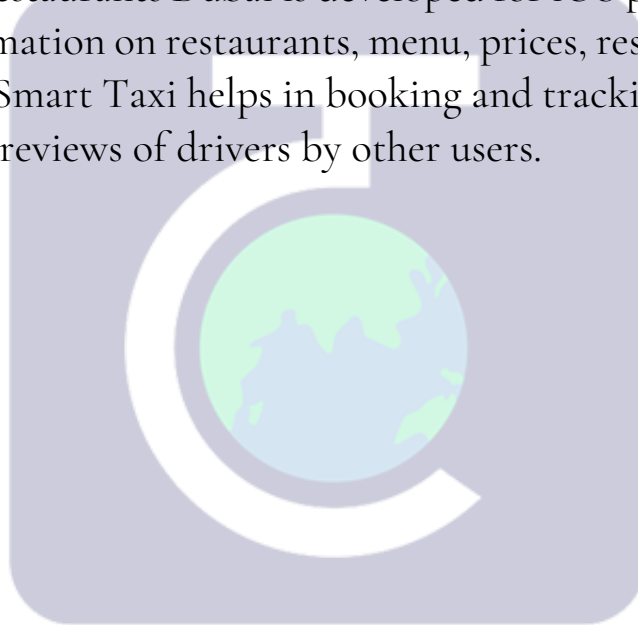
## 20. Tourist benefits

In Dubai, goods and services are not taxed. Due to the lack of Value added Tax (VAT) as such, refund of VAT on the export of goods from the United Arab Emirates (UAE) is not done. Goods sold in the main land should be the same price as those sold in the airports because there is no tax. However, since goods sold in the main land have an average duty of 5%, they are a bit expensive compared to those sold in the ports. Tax free policy has enabled Dubai to become the premier shopping hub for tourists all over the world.



## 21. Essential local apps

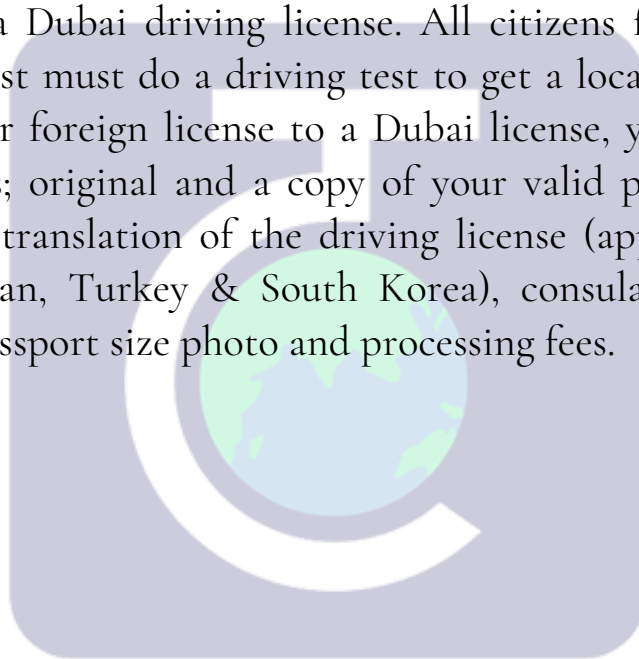
There is a lot to see and do in Dubai. It will be useful to have some travel apps to help you choose the best experience that suits your taste and budget. RTA Dubai is available on iOS and android and helps in finding the nearest bus or metro station, book taxi service, and calculates fares for different modes of transport. Dubai Metro is an offline app that provides comprehensive information about the metro system. Best Restaurants Dubai is developed for iOS platform and provides comprehensive information on restaurants, menu, prices, reservation, and reviews by other users. RTA Smart Taxi helps in booking and tracking taxis in Dubai and also to rate and view reviews of drivers by other users.





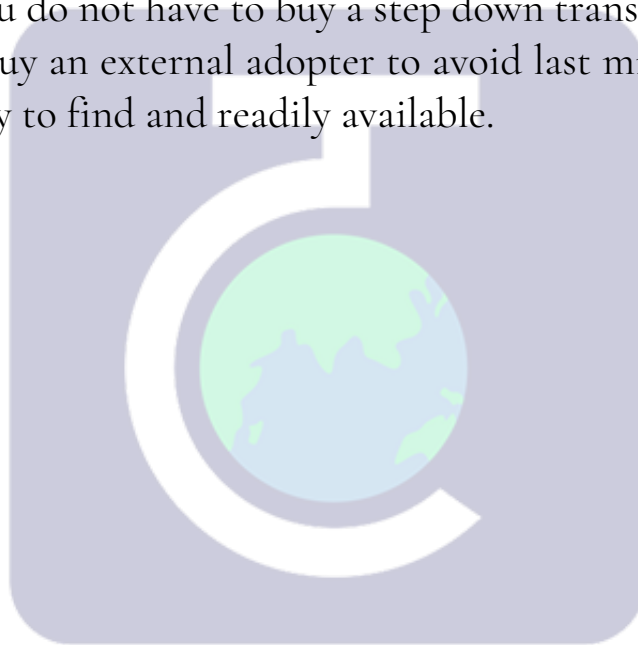
## 22. Driving

If you're from the countries Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Bahrain, Denmark, Finland, France, Greece, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Portugal, South Korea, Kuwait, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Switzerland, Oman, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom and United States of America, you do not have to take a driving test for you to get a Dubai driving license. All citizens from other countries excluded from this list must do a driving test to get a local driver's license. For you to exchange your foreign license to a Dubai license, you must provide the following documents; original and a copy of your valid passport, local license (original and copy), translation of the driving license (applies only to Greece, Poland, Cyprus, Japan, Turkey & South Korea), consulate letter (applies to Canada) only, one passport size photo and processing fees.



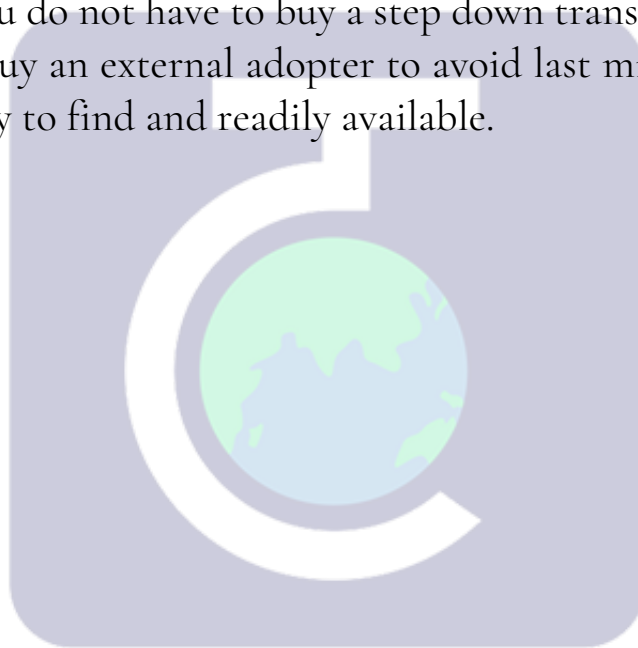
## 23. Travel essentials

Dubai has a standard voltage of 220 - 240 volts with a frequency of 50/60 Hz. Almost all the power sockets in this city are the Type G (British BS-1363) and the Type C (European CEE 7/16 Euro plug). Type G has three rectangular shaped prongs. Travel adapters are easy to find so you can either come with one or purchase it in Dubai. If your electrical appliances have either dual voltage or in dual built voltage, you do not have to buy a step down transformer. However it is always advisable to buy an external adopter to avoid last minute inconveniences. Plug adapters are easy to find and readily available.



## 24. Essential clothes

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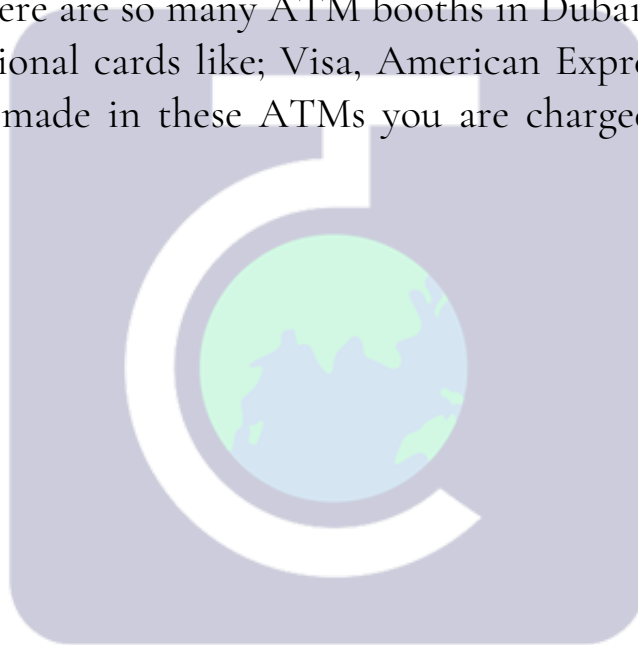
## 25. Local currency

Arab Emirate Dirham or simply Dirham is the local currency of Dubai. It is denoted as AED.  $1 \text{ USD} = 3.67 \text{ AED}$



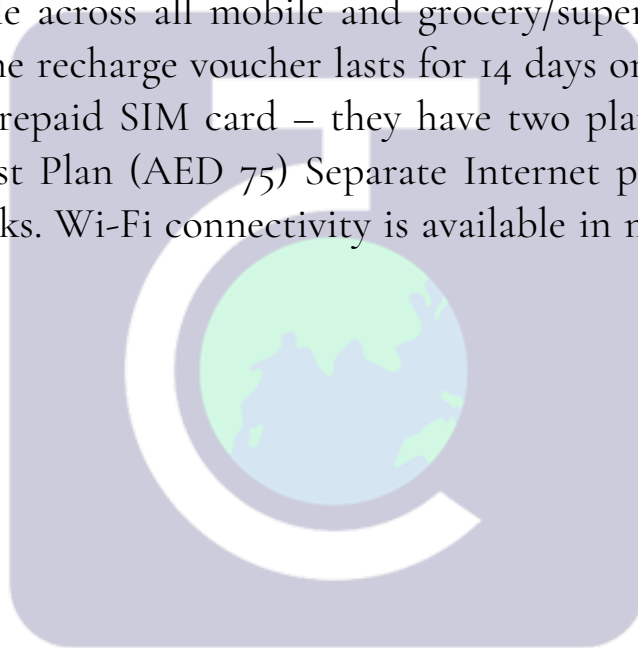
## 26. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges

Dubai uses United Arab Emirates Dirham currency. Money exchange shops are mostly found in airports hotels and shopping malls around Dubai. These shops do not charge any commission because most of them are operated by Muslims who do not charge commission (according to customs). The exchange shops normally open at 09:00hrs. and close at 21:00 hours every day apart from Fridays (Prayer day for Muslims). There are so many ATM booths in Dubai. These ATMs accept most of the International cards like; Visa, American Express and Master Card. For every withdraw made in these ATMs you are charged a fixed price of 20 AED.



## 27. Staying connected

The UAE has two telecom network providers – DU and Etisalat. In order to procure a SIM card, tourists would be required to show and submit copies of the passport and valid visa. Etisalat has the best 3G and 4G connectivity. Special daily, weekly and monthly packs are easily available. Etisalat users can get opt for a Visitor's Line which costs AED 100 and stays valid for 60 days. Recharge vouchers are available across all mobile and grocery/supermarket/hypermarket outlets. A visitor's line recharge voucher lasts for 14 days only. Alternatively you can also buy a Du Prepaid SIM card – they have two plans – Pay As You Go (AED 55) and Tourist Plan (AED 75) Separate Internet packs are available on both telecom networks. Wi-Fi connectivity is available in majority of the public places in Dubai.



## 28. Time Zone

Dubai follows Gulf Time Zone with UTC + 04:00 hours.



**Index****29. Languages**

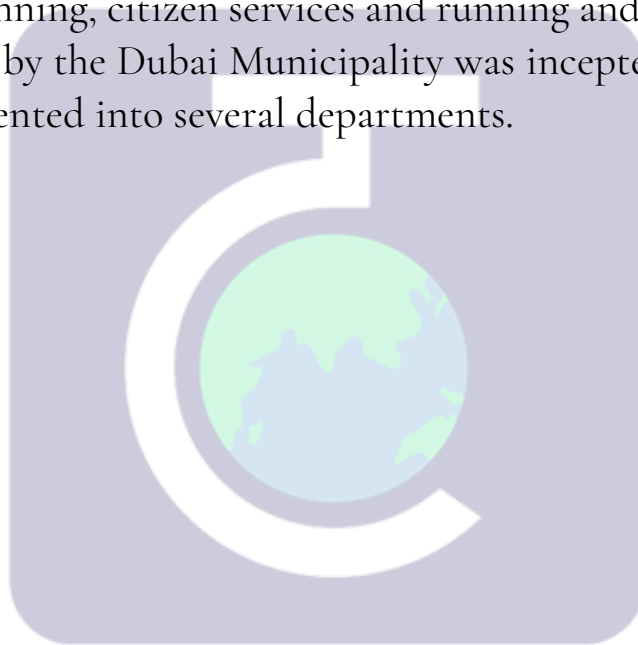
Arabic is the main language and an official language here. Hindi, Tamil, Malayalam, Persian, Urdu and Bengali follows it.





**Index****30. Political Scenario**

Dubai's politics is governed by the ruling Al Maktoum family since 1833. The emirate exercises absolute monarchy, and there is no room for elections. At present, the ruler of Dubai is Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, and he also is the Vice President and Prime Minister of the United Arab Emirates. He also has membership of the Supreme Council of the Union (SCU). Tasks of Dubai overall supervision - city planning, citizen services and running and maintenance of local facilities - is handled by the Dubai Municipality was incepted in 1958. The Dubai Municipality is segmented into several departments.



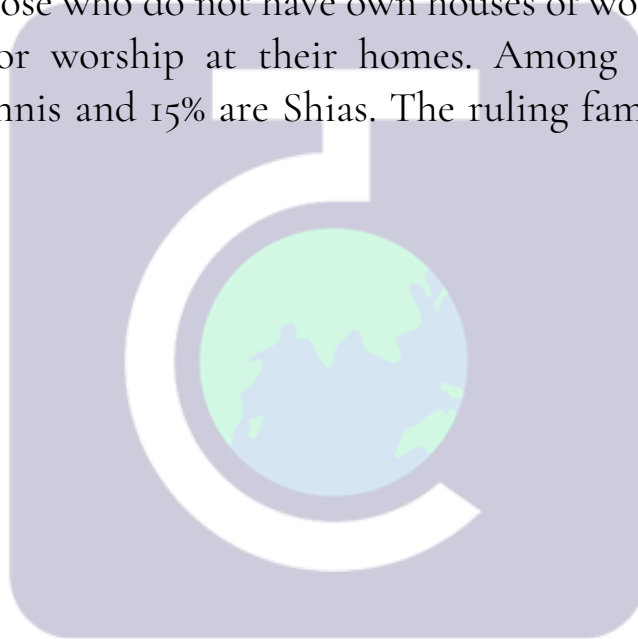
### 31. Economic Scenario

Dubai is poised itself as one of the fast-growing economies of the world. In the beginning oil and gas exports were the key pillars of the emirate's economy, however, now, the government of Dubai has gradually diversified the emirate's economy from being a trade and oil-centric economy into tourism and real-estate focused. The efforts have paid off richly and still continue to. As tourism brings in an influx of visitors, construction projects have soared up. In the last couple of years, investors are backing Dubai's progress and therefore cementing its economy's growth significantly.



## 32. Religious belief

Islam is the official state religion of the UAE. A large part of the mosques are run on government subsidies and the Imams are employed by the government. Dubai also has many other religious communities like Christians, Hindus, Sikhs, Baha'is, Jews, Buddhists, and people from many other religions. These are the non-nationals living in the UAE. Most of the non-Muslim groups have their own places of worship. Those who do not have own houses of worship can use those of the other religions or worship at their homes. Among the resident Emirati Muslims, 85% are Sunnis and 15% are Shias. The ruling families adhere to Sunni Islam.



### 33. Visa requirements

Tourist from some countries such as Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France and others have a grace period of 90 days to apply for a six month tourist visa. The visa cannot be renewed. The days will be counted from date of arrival to Dubai. Visitors from; Andorra, Australia, Brunei, Canada, Hong Kong, Ireland, Japan, Malaysia, Monaco, New Zealand, San Marino, Singapore, South Korea, United Kingdom, United States of America and Vatican City have a 10 day grace period to apply a 30 day tourist visa upon arrival. This visa can be extended for another 30 days. If you are not from the countries mentioned above you must have a visa before entering Dubai. The visa can applied on line ([www.emirates.com](http://www.emirates.com)). They should also have a valid passport of more than six months.



**Index****34. Essential vaccination**

It is recommended to be vaccinated for Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Rabies, Tetanus and Diphtheria, Typhoid, Measles and that of Routine vaccines.



## 35. Theft and Safety

Dubai is a safe place for tourists. However, care must be taken in bars and clubs. Do not accept drinks from strangers and do not leave your drinks unattended. Drive safely by wearing seat belts.



**Index****36. Embassy/Consulate**

As Dubai is a vast city, there are many foreign embassies and consulates in the city. Most of them are located at Jumeirah 2 Street, 79 Street, Bur Juman Business Tower, Al-Manara rd and Al Muteena Area. You can have more information at <http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-in/united-arab-emirates>.



## 37. Accessibility

While the UAE has made serious efforts to make the country disabled friendly, many public places and public transport systems are still inaccessible for people with disabilities.





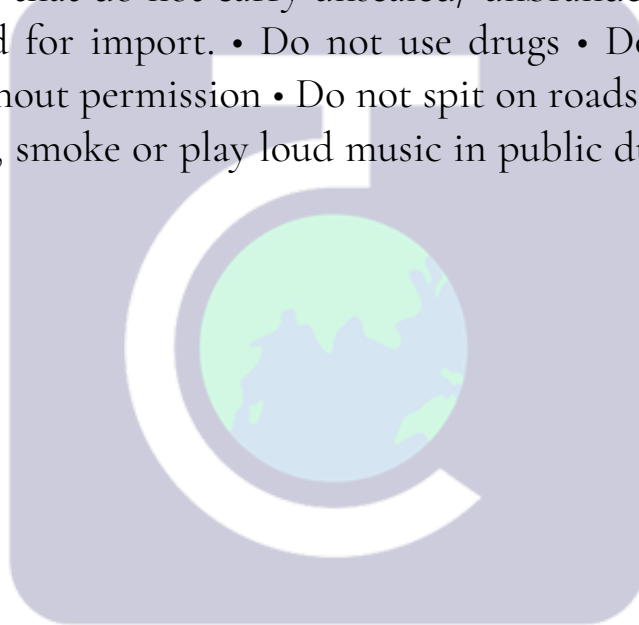
**Index****38. Emergencies**

In case of emergencies you can call 999 for Police, 997 for Fire and that of Ambulance, you can call at 999. You are provided with top-notch medical services and facilities even if you are a tourist. The hospital that provides the travel insurance is Emirates Hospital .



**Index****39. Do's and Don'ts**

Dubai has strict rules and regulations when it comes to public and social behavior and adherence to laws. Do's - • Smoke only in designated areas • Dress appropriately • It is advisable to carry a certified doctor's prescription along with the medicines to ensure hassle free import clearance. • Respect the religion and culture of the UAE people Don'ts - • Do not drink in public • Do not drink and drive • It is advisable that do not carry unsealed/ unbranded food articles as the same may be banned for import. • Do not use drugs • Do not take photos of women in public without permission • Do not spit on roads or public places • Do not eat, drink, dance, smoke or play loud music in public during the holy month of Ramadan



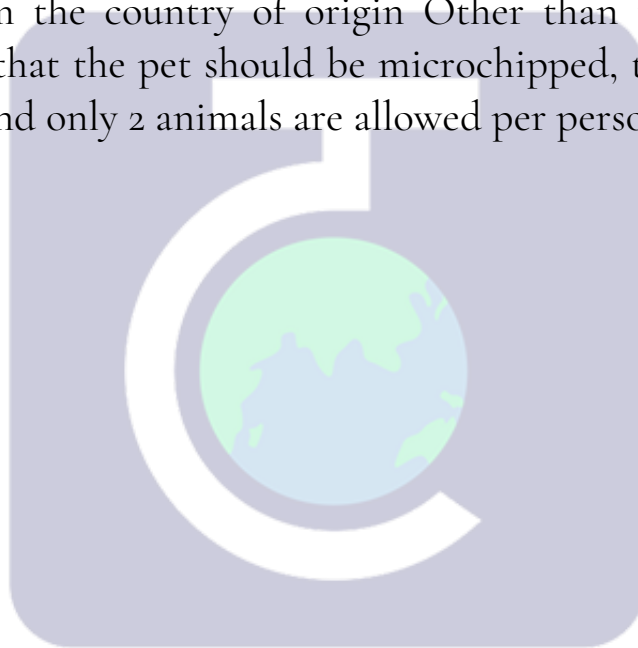
**Index****40.Tipping basics**

Tipping is longstanding and customary to show appreciation of good service. Tipping is common practise. Although the government of Dubai mandates adding a 10% service charge to all bills at hotels, restaurants and bars tips are expected and that is shared equally among staff. Sometimes the tips go directly to people who served guests who paid tips. It is advisable to add more dirhams. Parking valets and porters get 10 dirhams. Bag-packers in markets expect a few coins; cab drivers don't expect anything.



**Index****41.Pet info**

Pet travel to the UAE requires an Import Permit from the Ministry of Environment and Water of UAE. The following documents are required for entering a pet into the country: • Copy of veterinary certificate issued by the country of origin • Copy of vaccination book or pet passport • Copy of the owner's passport • Copy of analysis certificate issued by a licensed lab to examine rabies infection from the country of origin Other than these documents the import law requires that the pet should be microchipped, the pet should not be less than 4 months, and only 2 animals are allowed per person.



## Conclusion – Why to select this destination

*Why choose Dubai ? Dubai is the center of culture, architecture, tradition, modernity, trade, entertainment, shopping, food, fashion, and an amazing nightlife. Dubai welcomes all with an open heart. Though an Islamic state, Dubai does not discriminate anyone based on their beliefs and offers a place for everyone. While the traditions of the Islamic community are religiously followed, other cultures are also welcome to follow their traditions according to their faiths and customs. This is what makes Dubai truly a global city and favorite destination for tourists. The Burj Khalifa, the tallest building in the world, is the landmark of Dubai and is a wonder in innovation, architecture, and engineering. The artificial palm island is another masterpiece of imagination and creativity. The past and the present of Dubai can be experienced by touring through some of the iconic areas of the state. While Old Dubai with the first school in Dubai, Dubai Museum, Jumeirah Mosque, souqs or markets, and some old districts with traditional architectural specimens take the tourists to the Islamic heritage and legacy of the state, Modern Dubai stands in stark contrast with its opulence and new age structures like the Dubai Fountain, Burj al-Arab hotel, Dubai Marina, etc. Dubai offers a plethora of outdoor and indoor activities like desert safaris, dune bashing, water sports, fishing, artificial indoor skiing and snowboarding, yacht cruises, and many more exciting options. Shopping itself becomes an adventure for those who want to explore the innumerable souqs and shops that sell almost anything from around the world. The Dubai Shopping Festival attracts millions every year. Nightlife in Dubai is a celebration of life. It has everything to suit every age, taste and budget. Dance, music, drinks, and people make life look like a festival each night.*

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