# **Tourist Hometown Assignment**

**Home**

Welcome to Dubai, a city where innovation meets tradition, and luxury blends seamlessly with culture. Located in the heart of the Middle East, Dubai is a dynamic global hub known for its iconic skyline, world-class shopping, stunning beaches, and unparalleled hospitality.

Dubai is a vibrant city and one of the seven emirates in the United Arab Emirates. It is the second largest emirate and the wealthiest city among the others. Dubai is a modern city that’s also known for its rich culture and luxury lifestyle. As you go around the city, you will see a lot of stunning skyscrapers, high-rise hotels and apartments, high-end shopping malls, luxury cars, glamorous nightlife and a vibrant cultural scene, naming the city as the crown jewel of the United Arab Emirates.

From once a small fishing village in the Arabian Gulf, Dubai is a now popular holiday destination for everyone and a second home to a lot of other nationalities.

**Geography**

Dubai is located on the Persian Gulf coast of the United Arab Emirates sharing borders with Abu Dhabi in the south, Sharjah in the northeast, and the Sultanate of Oman in the southeast.

Dubai's landscape mainly consists of fine, white sandy deserts and a flat coastline. Because of that the [climate](https://en.climate-data.org/asia/united-arab-emirates/dubai/dubai-705/) of Dubai is considered hot. Most of the year, Dubai's weather is sunny, and summers are extremely hot, humid and dry.

**People**

Dubai is a cultural melting pot with a diverse population of over 200 nationalities. Only 10% of the population are local Emiratis, and the rest are expatriates from all over the world who are mostly Asians coming from India, Pakistan, China, Philippines, Bangladesh, Kazakhstan, and other nationalities from Arab countries as well such as Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Kuwait, Afghanistan and a lot more. Although it’s a second home to many other nationalities, people in Dubai are very respective of the Muslim culture. People in Dubai don’t take part in public displays of affection like hugging, holding hands, or kissing as they consider it indecent. Aside from respecting the Muslim culture, people in Dubai are also responsible and strictly follows the rules of the UAE government. People are also keen on saying bad things about the government, especially through social media. Going against this law will lead you to receiving a fine or worse is that you will be deported back to your home country.

Emirati people are warm and generous. They normally invite their guests for coffee or tea and serve them with their traditional snacks to create a welcoming environment. The local Emiratis do their best to help preserve their history and culture. With the growing population of expatriates, it also contributes to Dubai’s rich and modern culture which makes it a unique environment.

**Economy**

# Dubai in general is a good place to either work or live, depending on your personal preferences, lifestyle and needs. Dubai has a thriving economy. The city started as an oil-dependent city and has now successfully expanded into other sectors such as tourism, real estate, finance and trade. Tourism plays a big part in attracting millions of visitors each year to Dubai. According to an article published on May 6, 2024, by Dubai Economy and Tourism, they stated that Dubai maintains tourism growth momentum with 5.18 million international overnight visitors in the first quarter of 2024.

On the other hand, the real estate market in Dubai is also booming, attracting tourists not only to visit but to also own a property in Dubai. In addition, Dubai is also focusing on technology and innovation engaging international investors to put up their businesses that will also boost the economy.

**Attractions**

Dubai is an attractive destination for its stunning architecture, as well as its luxurious shopping experiences in malls and traditional souqs or markets. The city offers a diverse culinary scene, vibrant entertainment options like theme parks, and rich cultural experiences in museums and heritage districts, outdoor adventures in the desert and beautiful man-made beaches. As they normally say, Dubai is a city of superlatives. Dubai has iconic landmarks like the Burj Khalifa which is known as the tallest building in the world, The Dubai Mall (largest shopping mall in the world, located right next to Burj Khalifa), Dubai Frame (an observatory and museum that holds the record for a giant picture frame with stunning views of the city), Deep Dive Dubai (world’s deepest swimming pool), Dubai Desert Safari, Dubai Miracle Garden (world’s largest flower garden),Gold Souq (world’s largest gold indoor market), Palm Jumeirah beach (an artificial island in the shape of a palm tree), Burj Al Arab (the only 7-star hotel in the world) and there’s a lot more. Dubai also has outdoor adventures such as desert safaris with dune bashing and camel riding.

**Reference**

Here is a link about tourism in Dubai:

https://www.dubaidet.gov.ae/en/newsroom/press-releases/tourism-growth-q1-2024

Geography:

https://mediaoffice.ae/general-information/geographic-location-climate