

HOLIDAY hacker

2025



TURN 13  PUBLIC HOLIDAYS TO
31 DAYS OFF

Dear fellow traveler,

I'm so glad we connected over our shared love of travel and adventure.

Beyond our windows lies a world of experiences, curiosities, and knowledge that only travel can offer. Travel isn't just about visiting new places; it's about discovering yourself, broadening your horizons, and creating lasting memories.

This planner is designed to inspire you to explore the world,

Are you ready to embark on a journey of a lifetime?

By strategically planning your trips, you can maximize your vacation days and experience more of what the world has to offer. It aims to make your journey a little smoother in terms of planning and in few destinations.

Though this isn't an exhaustive guide, it's a great starting point to inspire your holiday planning.

Your feedback and suggestions are invaluable to us. Together, we can refine this planner to create an even more comprehensive and helpful resource for budget travelers for coming years. With this planner as your guide, may your journey be filled with wonder, joy, and unforgettable experiences. Start planning today and keep travelling!

With Best Wishes,

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2025 Public Holidays in UAE



Public Holiday	Arabic Calendar	Gregorian calendar
New Year Holidays		1st Jan 2025
Eid Al Fitr –Shawwal 1-3	Shawwal 1-3	March 31 to April 2
Arafath Day	DulHajj 9	5th June
Eid AL Adha	DulHijjah 10	6th June
Eid AL Adha	DulHijjah 11	7th June
Eid AL Adha	DulHijjah 12	8th June
Islamic New Year	–Muharram 1	26th June
4th Sept – Prophet Birthday	Rabi ul Awal 12	4th September
Commemoration Day		1st December
National Day		2nd December
National Day		3rd December

#Recommended to follow the Arabic Calendar for Islamic Festivals/Important Days

Disclaimer

- It is assumed that Weekends are **Saturday** and **Sunday**
- Its is assumed that you have flexibility and options to take off.
- The places suggested easy to reach, direct flights from UAE and popular destination of UAE residents within affordable budget.
- Visa information might change and you are requested to verify the requirements at the time of travel, the visa information more valid for passport ranking above 50.
- UAE Government has announced the 2025 Holidays in Arabic Dates, the mentioned Gregorian calendar may have small variation depending upon the moon sight, also the Govt has mentioned they might extend the leave either before or after weekends incase the holidays are fall under weekends.
- While the suggested itineraries provide a general framework, it's recommended to be flexible and adjust your plans as needed. Unexpected events or personal preferences may require modifications.

January

2X4-Day Trip (MH, KA)

27 Take Leave

Holiday In Karnataka

4 days Eid Al Fitr Trip

4 Days Islamic New Year Trip

January

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Best Destination



Bangkok
The City of Angels



Maldives
A Tropical Paradise

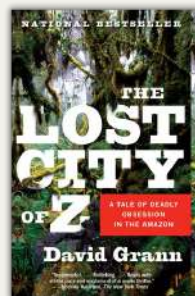
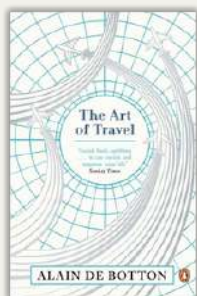


Amsterdam
A Charming City of Canals



Prague
A City of Gothic Splendor

Literary Journeys



March & April

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APRIL

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Best Destination



Zanzibar
A Tropical Paradise



Almaty
Kazakhstan A Cultural Tapestry

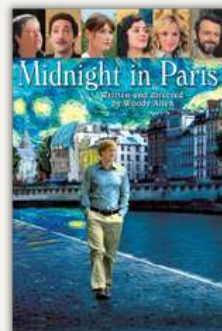
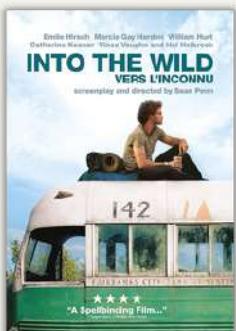


Sri Lanka
The Pearl of the Indian Ocean



Prague & Budapest
A City of Gothic Splendor

Films That Will Inspire Your Next Trip



June

2X4-Day Trip (MH, KA)

27 Take Leave

Holiday In Karnataka

4 days Eid Al Fitr Trip

4 Days Islamic New Year Trip

JUNE

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Best Destination



Maldives
Sun, Sea, and Serenity



Srilanka
The Pearl of the Indian Ocean



Bangkok
The City of Angels



Santorini
A Volcanic Wonderland

A World of Festivals



Rio Carnival, Brazil



Oktoberfest, Germany



Holi, India



Chinese New Year

September

4-Day Trip (MH, KA)

15 Take Leave

Holiday In Karnataka

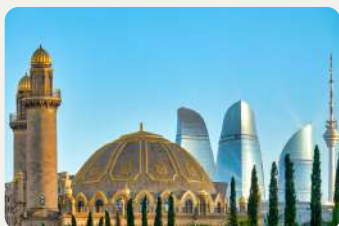
4-Day Trip

26 Republic Day

September

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Best Destination



Azarbaijan
Land of Fire and Ice



Istanbul
Where East Meets West



Salaha
Green Paradise in the Desert



Uzbekistan
A journey through time.

Beyond Borders

Middle East

Dress modestly and avoid public displays of affection,

Asia

Remove your shoes before entering a home or a religious site.

Africa

It's often considered polite to greet people with a handshake or a bow.

Latin America

Physical touch is common, such as hugs and kisses on the cheek.

Europe

Punctuality is highly valued, especially in Northern European countries.

November & December

November

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December

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Best Destination



Srilanka
The Pearl of the Indian Ocean



Gorgia
Nature's Paradise



Khasab
Green Paradise in the Desert



Azerbaijan
Land of Fire and Ice

Beyond the Guidebook

Sudan has more ancient pyramids than Egypt.

India's trains transport roughly 23 million passengers each day.

Over 50% of travelers decided to visit a destination after seeing its images and/or videos.

The Midway Islands in the United States are the last place on Earth to see the sunset each day.

Libya has the highest percentage of deserts: 99%.

About 27% of the Netherlands is below sea level.

Azerbaijan

A nighttime photograph of the Baku skyline. The Flame Towers are illuminated in red and orange, standing out against the dark blue sky. The Baku TV Tower is visible on the left. The city lights and the Caspian Sea are in the foreground.

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Uzbekistan

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Maldives

Sun, Sea, and Serenity

The Maldives, a tropical paradise in the Indian Ocean, is renowned for its stunning white-sand beaches, crystal-clear turquoise waters, and vibrant coral reefs. With its luxurious overwater villas, world-class diving and snorkelling opportunities, and serene island escapes, the Maldives offers a unique and unforgettable experience for travellers seeking relaxation, adventure, and luxury.

Visa



Most nationalities can obtain a 30-day free visa on arrival or free visa.

Ideal Stay



3-4 days are perfect to cover the major attraction of Maldives.



Must See Places and Attractions:

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Transportation



Bus, Taxi, Se Planes, ferries, Speed Boats, Maldivian & Dhoni

Accommodation



- **Local Island Guesthouses:** Budget-friendly options on local islands, can range from **\$50 to \$100** per night.
- Comfortable accommodations with private balconies or decks. Prices can range from **\$100-\$500**
- Luxurious accommodations with stunning ocean views, private pools, and world-class amenities.

Best Time To Visit



The best time to visit the Maldives is from November to April, when the weather is sunny, dry, and perfect for water activities. However, the Maldives offers a unique experience year-round. During the wet season (May to October), you can enjoy lower prices and fewer crowds, though you may encounter occasional rain showers.

Expense



4:15 Hours from UAE



Must Have Apps

PickMe.



The Maldives is 1 hour ahead of the UAE (GMT+5)



Language Spoken

Dhivehi

English

Power Plug



Emergency Number



Srilanka

The Pearl of the Indian Ocean

Sri Lanka- a teardrop-shaped island nation, offers a diverse range of experiences for travelers, from ancient cities and lush tea plantations to pristine beaches and vibrant wildlife. Whether you're seeking cultural exploration, adventure, or relaxation, Sri Lanka has it all.

Visa



Most nationalities need to obtain a Sri Lanka Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA) online before departure. You can complete the ETA application on the official website: www.eta.gov.lk

Ideal Stay



3-4 days are perfect for short visit and A 7-12 day trip is ideal to explore Sri Lanka's diverse attractions.



Must See Places and Attractions: - 4 days visit

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Transportation



Train , Bus, Tuk Tuk and private Taxi

Accommodation



Sri Lanka offers a diverse range of accommodations to suit every budget: budget-friendly guesthouses and hotels under \$25 , mid-range 3-star hotels under \$75 , and luxury hotels and resorts.

Best Time To Visit



The best time to visit Sri Lanka is during the dry season (December-April) for ideal weather and fewer crowds. However, the shoulder seasons (April-May and September-October) offer pleasant conditions and lower prices

Expense



4.30 Hours
Hours from UAE



Sri Lanka is 30 minutes
ahead of the UAE (GMT+5)



Power Plug



Must Have Apps

PickMe



Language Spoken

Sinhala

Tamil

English

Emergency Number





Istanbul

Where East Meets West

Istanbul, offers a unique blend of history, culture, and stunning architecture. With iconic landmarks like the Hagia Sophia and Blue Mosque, vibrant bazaars, and delicious cuisine, it's a city that will enchant and inspire

Visa



Most nationalities require a visa to enter Turkey. However holders of US, UK, and Schengen visa can apply for an instant e-visa during its validity <https://www.evisa.gov.tr/tour/>

Ideal Stay



An ideal stay in Istanbul would be around 3-5 days. This allows you to explore the city's main attractions at a leisurely pace. If you have plan to visit other cities of Turkey plan accordingly.



Must See Places and Attractions:



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Transportation



Metro, Tram, Bus, Ferry (use Istanbulkart) Taxi (Uber) Private Taxi

Accommodation



Istanbul offers accommodation options for every budget, from budget hostels and hotels (around \$30- \$60) to mid-range hotels (\$60-\$150) and luxury hotels with Bosphorus views (\$300+).

Best Time To Visit



The best time to visit Istanbul is during spring (April-May) and autumn (September-October) for pleasant weather and fewer crowds. Eid holidays can be a wonderful experience as city filled with Festive atmosphere.

Expense



4:45 Hours from UAE



Istanbul is 1 hour ahead of the UAE GMT+3



Power Plug



Must Have Apps



Language Spoken

Turkish

English

Emergency Number





A Tale of Two Cities

Immerse yourself in rich history, stunning architecture, and vibrant cultures. From the fairy-tale spires of Prague Castle to the elegant Danube River in Budapest, these cities offer unforgettable experiences for every traveler.

Visa



Most nationalities require a Schengen visa for both cities. Check visa requirements for your specific country.

Ideal Stay



3-5 days allows exploration at a comfortable pace.



Must See Places and Attractions: - 4 days visit

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Budapest

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Transportation



Metro, Tram, Taxi for short distance . opt for trains for longer journeys between cities.

Accommodation



Both cities offer a diverse range of accommodation options, from budget-friendly hostels and hotels (starting from €15) to mid-range 3-star hotels (€75+) and luxurious options

Best Time To Visit



Spring (April-May) and Autumn (September-October) offer pleasant weather and fewer crowds. December to March is cold season and snow in mountain areas

Consider getting a Budapest Card if you plan to visit multiple attractions and use public transportation. The card offers free entry to several museums and attractions, discounts on others, and unlimited travel on public transport.

Expense



6:30 Hours
Hours from UAE



Prague is 2 hours ahead of
the UAE (GMT+1)



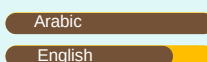
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Amsterdam

City of Canals

A Charming Cityscape: Immerse yourself in the vibrant energy of Amsterdam, a city known for its iconic canals, rich history, and artistic spirit. Explore breathtaking museums, charming cafés, and unique architecture.

Visa



Most nationalities require a Schengen visa for both cities. Check visa requirements for your specific country.

Ideal Stay



3-4 days provide a good taste of Amsterdam, while a week allows for exploring the city and surrounding areas.



Must See Places and Attractions:

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Transportation



Walking & Cycling , Tram and Taxi

Accommodation



Amsterdam offers a range of accommodations to suit various budgets: budget-friendly hostels and hotels (from €20), mid-range 3-star hotels (€70-150), and luxurious options (€150+)

Best Time To Visit



Spring (March-May) and autumn (September-November) offer pleasant weather with fewer crowds. Summer can be busy and crowded.

Expense



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UAE



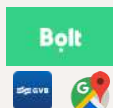
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(GMT+1)



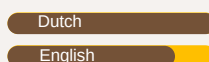
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Salalah (Oman)

Green Paradise in the Desert

Salalah, a hidden gem in Oman, offers a unique blend of natural beauty, rich history, and cultural experiences. Its lush green landscapes, pristine beaches, and ancient archaeological sites make it a captivating destination for travellers seeking tranquillity and adventure.

Visa



Visa Free for GCC residents and most of nationalities. Evisa available on <https://evisa.rop.gov.om/>

Ideal Stay



An ideal stay in Salalah would be around 3-5 days. This allows you to explore the main attractions at a leisurely pace and enjoy the serene atmosphere.



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Transportation



Taxi & Rent A Car

Accommodation



Salalah offers budget-friendly hotels and guesthouses for around \$30-\$100 per night, mid-range hotels for \$100-\$250 per night, and luxury resorts.

Best Time To Visit



The Khareef season (monsoon season) from June to September is the best time to visit Salalah. The region transforms into a lush green paradise with cascading waterfalls and fragrant frankincense trees.

Expense



2 Hours Hours
from UAE



Same time of UAE



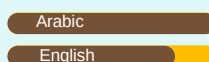
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Language Spoken



Emergency Number



Khasab (Oman)

(Road Trip from UAE through Rasal Khaima-Oman boarder)

Khasab, often referred to as the Norway of Arabia, offers stunning fjords, pristine beaches, and a unique blend of Omani and Nordic culture, making it a captivating destination for nature lovers and adventure seekers. it's a paradise for driving enthusiasts, with winding mountain roads offering breathtaking views and coastal routes leading to pristine beaches.

Visa



Visa Free for GCC residents and most of nationalities. Evisa available on <https://evisa.rop.gov.om/>

Ideal Stay



An ideal stay in Khasab would be around 1-3 days. This allows you to explore the main attractions at a leisurely pace and enjoy the scenic beauty of the region.



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Transportation



Walking, Private Taxi, Rent a Car

Accommodation



Khasab offers a range of accommodation options, from budget-friendly hotels (\$30-\$100) to mid-range hotels (\$30-\$200) and luxury resorts. There are many free camping and BBQ spots with necessary facilities.

Best Time To Visit



The best time to visit Khasab is between November and March. During these months, the weather is pleasant, with mild temperatures and clear skies, ideal for outdoor activities and sightseeing

Expense



2:30 Hours from UAE



Same time of UAE



Power Plug



Must Have Apps



Language Spoken

Arabic

English

Emergency Number





Almaty Kazakhstan

A Cultural Tapestry

Almaty, a captivating city nestled amidst the Tian Shan Mountains, offers a unique blend of Soviet-era architecture, modern skyscrapers, and stunning natural beauty.

Visa



Visa free for most of nationalities, Evisa available on <https://www.vmp.gov.kz/>

Ideal Stay



A 3-5 day stay is ideal to explore Almaty's main attractions. For those planning to visit other cities like Astana or Turkistan, a longer trip is recommended.



Must See Places and Attractions: - 4 days visit

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Transportation



Walk, Metro, Bus, Taxi (Uber/Yandex)

Accommodation



Almaty offers a range of accommodation options, from budget-friendly hostels (around \$10) to mid-range hotels (\$20-\$40) and luxury hotels.

Best Time To Visit



The best time to visit Almaty is during the shoulder seasons, April-May and September-October, for pleasant weather. For winter enthusiasts, December-January offers opportunities for snowing, skiing and other winter activities in nearby resorts

Expense



4:20 Hours
Hours from UAE



3 hour ahead of UAE
GMT+7



Power Plug



Must Have Apps



Language Spoken

Kazakh

Russian

English

Emergency Number





Georgia

Nature's Paradise

Georgia, a captivating blend of European and Asian cultures, offers a unique travel experience. From the historic charm of Tbilisi to the stunning Black Sea coast of Batumi, Georgia invites you to explore its rich history, breathtaking landscapes, and warm hospitality

Visa



Most nationalities require a visa to enter Georgia. However, citizens of many countries & GCC residents can get a visa free entry or apply for an e-visa online <https://www.evisa.gov.ge/GeoVisa/>

Ideal Stay



A 3-5 day trip is ideal for exploring Georgia's major cities, such as Tbilisi and Batumi. Consider spending 2 days in Tbilisi and a day trip to Gudauri



Must See Places and Attractions:

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Transportation



Shared Taxi, Bus, Private Taxi (Uber/Yandex)

Accommodation



Georgia offers a diverse range of accommodation options, from budget-friendly hostels and hotels (around \$15-\$30) to mid-range hotels (\$36-\$73) and luxury hotels.

Best Time To Visit



The best time to visit Georgia is during the spring (April-May) and autumn (September-October) when the weather is pleasant and the crowds are smaller. December to March for Snow season

Expense



3 Hours from UAE



Same time as UAE



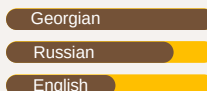
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Language Spoken



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Bangkok

The City of Angels

A Vibrant Metropolis: Dive into the captivating energy of Bangkok, a city bursting with ancient temples, bustling markets, and delicious street food. Experience a unique blend of history, culture, and modern sophistication.

Visa



Visa-Free Entry: Citizens of most countries, including most GCC residents, can enjoy visa-free entry.

Ideal Stay



3-5 Days: Provides a good taste of Bangkok's main attractions.



Must See Places and Attractions: 4 day visit

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Transportation



Skytrain and MRT, Taxi, Tuk-Tuk, River Boats

Accommodation



Bangkok offers a diverse range of accommodation options, from budget-friendly hostels and guesthouses (around \$9-\$15) to mid-range hotels (\$15-\$30) and luxurious hotels (\$30+).

Best Time To Visit



The best time to visit Bangkok is during the cool season (November-February) when the weather is pleasant with minimal rain. The hot season (March-May) can be very hot and humid but offers lower prices. The rainy season (June-October) brings occasional showers but lush greenery and vibrant festivals.

Expense



6:30 Hours
Hours from UAE



Bangkok is 4 hours ahead
of UAE GMT+7



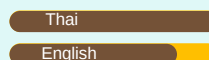
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Language Spoken



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Santorini

A Volcanic Wonderland

Santorini, a volcanic island in the Aegean Sea, is renowned for its stunning sunsets, whitewashed buildings, and blue-domed churches. It's a popular destination for honeymooners and those seeking picturesque spots.

Visa



Most nationalities require a Schengen visa to visit Greece.

Ideal Stay



3-4 days is ideal to explore the island's main attractions.



Must See Places and Attractions:

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Transportation



Ferries, Bus (limited) Taxi ,Rent a Car & Scooter

Accommodation



Santorini offers a wide range of accommodation options, from budget-friendly guesthouses and hotels (starting from €30) to mid-range hotels (€75-125) and luxurious resorts

Best Time To Visit



The best time to visit Santorini is during the shoulder seasons (April-May and September-October) when the weather is pleasant and there are fewer crowds.

Expense



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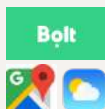
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Must Have Apps



Language Spoken

Greek

English

Emergency Number





Zanzibar

A Tropical Paradise

Zanzibar offers a unique blend of African and Arab cultures, making it a fascinating destination for history buffs. Its historic Stone Town is a labyrinth of narrow streets lined with ancient buildings, bustling markets, and vibrant local life. Zanzibar boasts pristine beaches, coral reefs teeming with marine life, and lush tropical forests.

Visa



Most nationalities can obtain a visa on arrival or Evisa <https://visa.immigration.go.tz/>

Ideal Stay



3-5 days is ideal for a relaxed beach vacation or a cultural exploration.



Must See Places and Attractions: 4 day visit

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Transportation



Local Bus, Taxi, Renting Scooter

Accommodation



Zanzibar offers a diverse range of accommodation options, from budget-friendly guesthouses and hotels (\$20-30) to mid-range hotels (\$50-100) and luxurious resorts (\$200+).

Best Time To Visit



The best time to visit Zanzibar is during the dry season, from June to October. During this period, the weather is warm, sunny, and dry, making it ideal for beach activities, water sports, and exploring the island.

Expense



05:30 Hours
Hours from UAE



1 hour ahead of UAE
GMT+3



Power Plug



Must Have Apps



Language Spoken

Swahili

English

Emergency Number





Zanzibar

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Must See Places and Attractions: 4 day visit

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Transportation

Local Bus, Taxi, Renting Scooter

Accommodation

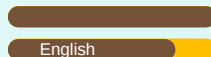
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Must Have Apps



Language Spoken

Power Plug



Emergency Number

Best Scenic Train Routes



Bernina Express, Switzerland

This UNESCO World Heritage site winds its way through the Swiss Alps to Italy, offering stunning views of glaciers, lakes, and historic towns.

Best Time: Summer (June-August) for the best weather and scenery.



Flam Railway, Norway

This steep railway journey takes you from the fjord side town of Flam to the mountain station of Myrdal, offering stunning views of waterfalls, valleys, and fjords.

Best Time: Summer (June-August) for the best weather and longer daylight hours.



Trans-Siberian Railway, Russia

This epic journey takes you across Russia, Mongolia, and China, offering a glimpse into diverse cultures and landscapes.

Best Time: Summer (June-August) for the most comfortable weather



Eastern & Oriental Express, Southeast Asia

This luxurious train journey takes you through Malaysia and Thailand, offering a glimpse into diverse cultures and landscapes.

Best Time: Dry season (November-February) for the best weather



Belgrade to Bar (Montenegro)

This scenic train journey winds through the Dinaric Alps, offering stunning views of mountains, forests, and rivers.

Best Time: Spring (April-May) or Autumn (September-October) for pleasant weather and fewer crowds.



Kalpa to Shimla (India)

This scenic train journey takes you through the Himalayas, offering breathtaking views of snow-capped peaks, valleys, and waterfalls.

Best Time: Spring (March-May) or Autumn (September-October) for clear skies and comfortable temperatures.

General Tips for Travelling

Visa and Documentation:

Ensure you have the necessary visas and travel documents. Remember, a visa doesn't guarantee entry, it's the discretion of the emigration officer. Be polite and answer questions of immigration officers about your travel plans and financial situation.

Stay Safe and Secure:

Keep your belongings safe by using locks, safes, and security pouches. Be aware of your surroundings and avoid walking alone at night in unfamiliar areas. Keep only bank/access cards that you need to use during travel, let the rest of the cards take rest at your home.

Plan Ahead:

Start planning your trip at least two months in advance to secure the best deals on flights and accommodations.

Stay Connected:

Invest in an eSIM for affordable international roaming till you get a best deal from the arriving streets/Airports. [Click here for purchase one](#)

Unofficial Ambassador

Remember, You are an ambassador of your country, your actions reflect on your nation. Be a courteous guest.

Currency Exchange:

Exchange only a minimal amount of currency from the Airport. You'll often get better rates at local exchanges on streets.

Choose Your Accommodation:

Consider staying in hostels, guesthouses, or Airbnb rentals or budget-friendly options.

Embrace Public Transportation:

Embrace Public Transportation: Utilize buses, trains, and metros to immerse yourself in local life and culture.

Keep Money:

Don't keep all your money at one place, keep some reserved amount in different bag /pouch

Learn Basic Phrases:

A few basic phrases in the local language can go a long way in building connections with locals.

Respect Local Customs:

Be aware of local customs and traditions to ensure a respectful and harmonious travel experience

Immerse Yourself:

Attend local festivals and events to experience the culture firsthand.

Explore Local Markets:

Shop at local markets for authentic souvenirs and fresh produce. Souvenirs can get at better price than airports.

Document Your Journey:

Take photos and keep a travel journal to capture your memories.

Travel Insurance:

Protect yourself with comprehensive travel insurance, including lost luggage coverage.[click here to get one](#)

Free Activities:

Take advantage of free activities like walking tours, museum visits, and beach days.

Travel Hacks:

Research travel hacks and tips from experienced travelers.

Embrace Serendipity:

Be open to unexpected experiences and difficulties.

Stay Hydrated:

Carry a reusable water bottle to stay hydrated and reduce plastic waste.

Leave No Trace:

Respect the environment and local customs. Pack out what you pack in, minimize waste, and avoid littering.

General Check list

Pre-Trip Planning

- ☐ Climate and weather conditions
- ☐ Local laws and regulations
- ☐ Determine your overall budget
- ☐ Passport and visa requirements
- ☐ Health insurance and travel insurance
- ☐ Book flights, trains, buses, or rental cars
- ☐ Research public transportation options at your destination
- ☐ Arrange airport transfers
- ☐ Book hotels, hostels, or vacation rentals
- ☐ Research and book tours, activities, and attractions
- ☐ Prepare a list of must-visit places

Packing Essentials

- ☐ Clothing (appropriate for the climate)
- ☐ Toiletries
- ☐ Medications
- ☐ Travel pillow, mask, and earplugs
- ☐ Power adapters and converters
- ☐ Sunglasses, Sunscreen and insect repellent
- ☐ Reusable water bottles
- ☐ Inexpensive souvenir of your country
- ☐ Foreign currency, Travel locks
- ☐ Inspect repellent, Hand sanitizer, wipes, and moist cream
- ☐ Travel pillow, mask, and earplugs, Inspect repellent

After Your Trips

- ☐ Create a Travel Journal
- ☐ Create Mini Photo Album/Collage
- ☐ Share your experience in socials
- ☐ Stay in touch with special people you met

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Identify visa type and country (for tourism short-term tourist visa)

Step 02:

Step 2: Schedule Your Appointment

Step 03:

1 Gather Required Documents

Essential Documents:

Valid Passports: Your original passport must be valid for at least 6 months after your return trip.

Valid UAE Emirates ID: Your Emirates ID must be valid for at least 3 months after your return trip.

NOC Letter: Get a letter from your employer stating your position, salary, and date of joining.

Travel Insurance: Purchase Schengen-covered travel insurance. ([Click here for options](#)).

Bank Statements: Provide the last 6 months' bank statements with official bank stamps.

Detailed Itinerary: Create a day-by-day itinerary outlining your planned activities in the Schengen area.

Accommodation and Flight Bookings: Secure confirmed hotel bookings and return flight tickets for the entire trip duration.

Previous Passport: Include a previous passport if it contains a positive travel history to Schengen countries.

Spouse NOC: If your spouse is traveling on your finances, obtain an NOC letter from their sponsor/company.

Feeling Overwhelmed?

For expert assistance with the visa application process, [click here](#).

Step 04:

Submit Your Documents:

Visit the VFS Global center on your scheduled appointment date and submit your complete application package.

Step 04:

Biometric Capture (if applicable):

Once your documents are reviewed, the officer may collect your biometric information (fingerprints and photograph).

Step 05:

Track Your Application:

The processing time typically takes 2-5 weeks. You can track your application status online for updates.

Tips for a Successful Schengen Visa Application

Planning and Preparation

1. Timely Application:

Apply at least three months before your planned travel date to allow ample processing time.

2. Thorough Research: Understand the specific visa requirements of the country you're visiting.

3. Compelling Cover Letter: Write a clear and concise cover letter explaining the purpose of your trip, your itinerary, and your ties to your home country.

4. Accurate Documentation: Ensure all documents, such as your passport, visa application form, flight bookings, hotel reservations, and proof of funds, are accurate and up-to-date.

5. Flexible Travel Plans: Consider booking flexible flight tickets and accommodations to accommodate potential changes.

6. Sufficient Funds: Maintain a minimum balance of AED 10,000 in your bank account each month to demonstrate financial stability.

7. Avoid Suspicious Transactions: Refrain from depositing large sums of money into your account shortly before your application. If you have significant transactions, make a note of that transaction in the statement.

8. Strong Ties: Highlight your strong ties to the UAE, such as employment, property ownership, or family, to reassure the visa officer of your intent to return.

9. Visa Fees: Be aware of the visa fee, which is typically around 80 Euros, plus additional service charges.

10. Professional Presentation: Submit a well-organized and clean application.

11. Honesty and Transparency: Provide truthful and accurate information in your application.

12. Travel Insurance: Consider purchasing travel insurance to cover unexpected events. [Click Here](#)

What is a US Visa?

A US visa is an entry permit allowing you to travel to the United States for tourism, business, or other purposes. This guide focuses on tourist visas (B1/B2).

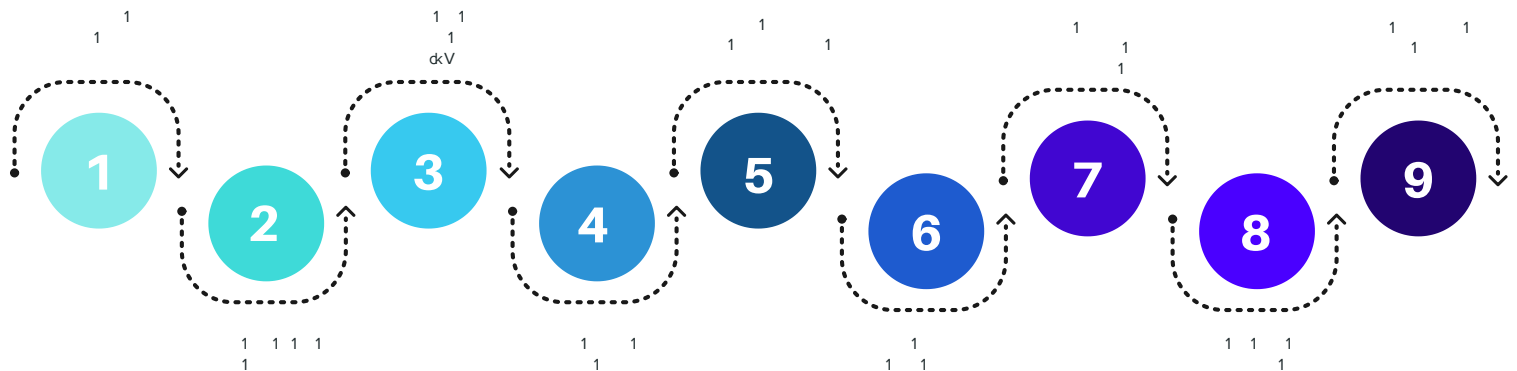
Why You Should Obtain a U.S. Visa

Having a US visa can significantly enhance your travel experiences by demonstrating a clean travel history, facilitating smoother border crossings, making it easier to obtain visas for other countries, and potentially granting you visa-free or visa-on-arrival access to numerous destinations worldwide

Securing a U.S. visa can be a challenging process for citizens of many developing countries, requiring significant time, effort, and patience. The application process involves rigorous documentation and interviews. However, the rewards of obtaining a U.S. visa far outweigh the challenges. It's not just a travel document; it's a gateway to numerous personal and professional opportunities.

A valid U.S. tourist visa often grants visa-free travel to many countries, including Mexico, Belize, Panama, Caribbean islands, South American nations, European countries, and select Asian destinations.

Steps To Apply US Visa



It's important to decide visa types, for tourism you can select a B1/B2 visa. Fill out the US visa application page link: <https://ceac.state.gov/genniv/>

Create a profile and pay \$185 visa fees: <https://ais.usvisa-info.com/en-ae/niv/information/fee>

Schedule an appointment (Dubai or Abu Dhabi) click here to know the waiting time for an appointment: <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/visa-information-resources/wait-times.html>

Prepare the documents

Passport valid for travel to the United States – Your passport must be valid for at least six months beyond your period of stay in the United States (unless exempt by [country-specific agreements](#)). Each individual who needs a visa must submit a separate Application, including any family members listed in your passport.

Nonimmigrant Visa Application, Form DS-160 confirmation page.

Application fee payment receipt, if you are required to pay before your interview.

Photo – You will upload your photo while completing the online Form DS-160. If the [photo upload fails](#), you must bring one printed photo in the format explained in the [Photograph Requirements](#).

Additional Documentation May Be Required

NOC letter from sponsor/company which includes position, salary and length of employment

- Travel itinerary
- Proof of fund/bank statement
- Attend visa interview
- Passport track

Steps To Apply US Visa

1. Book your appointment early, it often takes more than 6 months to get an appointment from UAE. However, you can give any embassy for a US visa interview, if you need urgent consider applying where the waiting period is less or send a mail to the embassy explaining your urgency.
1. Prepare all necessary documents, including your passport, DS-160 form, photos, proof of financial stability, travel itinerary, and any supporting documents.
2. Demonstrate strong ties to your home country, such as employment, property ownership, or family.
3. Be prepared to explain the purpose of your trip, your itinerary, and your plans to return to your home country.

Tips for Your Visa Interview

1. Be Confident and Honest: Answer questions truthfully and confidently.
2. Be Prepared for Common Questions: Anticipate questions about your travel plans, financial situation, and ties to your home country.
3. Positive Body Language: Maintain good eye contact, smile, and project a positive attitude.
4. Dress Appropriately: recommended to dress in formal attire to show respect for the process.
5. Be Concise and Clear: Answer questions directly and avoid rambling.
6. Stay Calm and Composed: Even if you feel nervous, try to remain calm and collected.
7. Be Respectful: Treat the consular officer with respect.