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Question:

If you could live anywhere in the world, where would it be?

Dubai is one of the 7 countries that make up the United Arab Emirates (UAE). It was officially named as a country in June 09th, 1833 by Sheikh Maktoum Bin Butti Al-Maktoum. It is currently under the rule of Sheik Mohamad Bin Rashid Al-Maktoum. Dubai was once nothing but a land of fishing and small gold trades. But it's now known as, "*The Tax Free Heaven*" and "*The Land of Opportunities*" (Piers Morgan, 2013).

Once, Dubai was only a desert country almost 50 years back, but currently, it is the ultimate dream land and the world's largest trading country. What was once sand dunes and rock has now become the floor of luxurious mansions, villas, sky scrapers and a lot more, this is all because of the discovery of oil that helped Dubai become the developed city it is now. Being considered as the most expensive country in the world, Dubai has managed to market itself considering the fact that it is rich in oil and gold and has tones of traders and entrepreneurs. With dozens of mega-structures like The *Burj Khalifa*, The *Burj Al- Arab*, A collection of *300 Islands* that when seen from above, replicate the *Map of the World* and The manmade Islands in shapes of Palm Trees like the *Palm Jumeirah*, *Palm Jebel Ali* and *Palm Deira*, all prove the fact that Dubai is rich in technology, ideas, wealth and employment opportunities. In Dubai, *a dream of your position in society can be elevated overnight; vast riches are there for the taking.* (Piers Morgan, 2013)

There are a lot of residential houses to live in, over *700,000 houses* were made on the Islands and more than *650 sky scrapers* on land in order accommodate the thousands of people who go to Dubai each year. With temperature range of *30° – 50°C*, the hot climate has become one of the main factors for tourists to go to Dubai enjoy the perfect beaches of Dubai. Despite of the fact that it is ruled under Islamic Laws and Sheria, Dubai offers its guests the opportunity to have fun and enjoy parties, drinking and lot more as long as they don't break the laws of the country, which makes it the top of the list of all Islamic states in the world for tourists. Also, due to the fact that Dubai has no political instabilities since it's ruled by a family (*Al-Maktoum*), which has contributed a lot in making it the world's largest trading country. In addition to that, there are no cultural barriers or language barriers, which mean, you get to practice your own cultural beliefs and language and no one will ask you about it.

In conclusion, it's obvious that with facts explained above, Dubai is the perfect place to live in. So, if I had the opportunity to live anywhere in the world, I would live in Dubai. The following phrase says it all, "*Build it and they will come*" (Piers Morgan 2013)







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