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WELCOME TO
DUBAI



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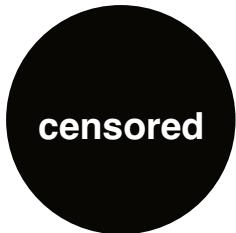
Ben's Corner

Should I visit Dubai?

Dubai offers a gentle introduction to the culture, traditions, and climate of the Middle East. If you've never been to that region of the world before, it's a great starting point to discover whether you might enjoy digging deeper on future visits. It's incredibly safe, clean, and easily navigable by English speakers, at the expense of a little sterility and artifice. I recommend it especially to people who lived in the United States (or one of its clients) during any of the Bush administrations and might still be carrying the outdated or patently false ideas about life in Muslim countries that

Should I move to Dubai?

If you're rich — absolutely. Grab a fancy condo and a golden visa and enjoy all the luxurious amenities you adore at a level of convenience you can't yet imagine (not to mention a staggeringly reasonable price point!) What a fun place to hang out when all your other northern hemisphere enclaves are too goddamn cold. If you're more on the ordinary side, but have some kind of special skill, and feel like the main obstacle to unlocking your true potential is the fact that way too many OTHER people wherever you live have that same skill, Dubai is also for you. It's a very small pond and they make it very straightforward for anyone with sparkly-sounding credentials to come and feel like a big fish.



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Ben has spent his formative years in the U.S.-led narrative of the Gulf War and is able to provide the unique perspective of someone who has unlearned the expansive lessons taught by American imperialism.

RICH TRANSPLANTS WITH UNIVERSALLY SIMILAR NICHE TASTES

izakaya,
Carhatt-wearing
vinyl DJs,
highballs,
bespoke
sound
systems



Exhibit A at
Honeycomb
Hi-Fi

A race to come first in every category:

**tallest building
in the world,
Burj Khalifa**

**longest
driverless metro
line, the Dubai
metro**

**largest gold ring
at Gold Souk**

**most expensive
hotel, Burj Al
Arab**

**deepest
swimming pool,
Deep Dive Dubai**

**largest dancing
fountain show**



**“If you
want to
visit
California
in your
birth year,
come to
Dubai.”**



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Transit options



Scooters everywhere.



Land Cruisers with roll cages.



We took lots of taxis, scooters, and too few trains. What was surprising was that desirable areas were walkable and filled with micromobility options.