



RESTAURANTS - OUTDOOR

Ibn AlBahr

Part of the brand new Club Vista Mare precinct, Ibn AlBahr is a Lebanese-style eatery that spills out into the Palm Jumeirah strip, with diners seated right next to the water for a direct view of the Palm's surrounding fronds and the glittering Dubai shoreline. Run by a former fisherman, Ibn AlBahr specializes in fresh catches, which the owner himself still hits the water every morning to reel in. Grilled, fried or battered, enjoy your fish the local way with a side of leben (made from fermented milk), mixed dips and Arabic bread.

<https://www.ibnalbahr.me/>

Gaucha

It turns out that char-grilled steak from the Argentinian steakhouse taste even better when enjoyed on Gaucha's stylish terrace. Overlooking Dubai's financial center, the elevated deck boasts the trademark cowhide seating flanked by view-framing trees to facilitate a breeze. www.gauchorestaurants.com/restaurants/dubai/

Legends

Perfect for lazy winter days, the Dubai Creek Golf Club's signature restaurant is as popular with families as it is with post-game golfers. With all-day dining on the wide, wrap-around terrace, and themed menus at night, it's an easy choice for those wanting to be close to the bustling waterway. The VIP floating table sits directly over the water of the adjoining reflection pool, with the sunken couch seating giving guests plenty of space to stretch out in. www.dubaigolf.com/dubai-creek-golf-yacht-club/indulge/legends.aspx

Fish Beach Taverna

New to Le Meridien Mina Seyahi's already must-visit stable of restaurants, Fish has already cemented itself as the hot-spot for the season, thanks in no small part to its outdoor shore side dining area. By day, diners can snack on flash-fried squid, slow-cooked octopus and other Aegean delicacies, and at night, fairy-lights illuminate the vibrant white-wash and azure décor. Be sure to get there before nightfall, as the restaurant's positioning gives you an unobstructed view of the Arabian Gulf's famous sunset.

www.fish-dubai.com/

Mercury Lounge

Perched atop the Four Seasons Jumeirah Beach, the aptly-named Mercury Lounge gives guests an opportunity to dine beneath the stars. Relunched for the winter with a new Mediterranean menu and vibe, dinner is served until 11:30pm, when the lounge is turned over to the resident DJ's beats. Book ahead to reserve one of the five majlis areas, the traditional cushioned private dining spaces, for extra intimacy. <http://mercurydubai.com/>

Ruya

A chic new addition to Grosvenor House, Ruya has quickly founded a reputation for excellent modern Turkish cuisine, with its glamorous take on the traditional pride kitchen attracting the city's glossiest socialites. But it's the just-opened terrace that shines, with the intimate seating and lantern lighting combined with an elevated view of the Dubai Marina making it ideal for a romantic date night. www.ruyadubai.com/

Jetty Lounge

Located right by the waterfront near the in-house jetty (from where a regular ferry runs to sister hotel One & Only The Palm Dubai), this lounge is beach chic at its best. Relaxed sofa seating and chill-out tunes set the mood for the international menu of light bites and beverages. Pull up a chair in one of the private cabanas at the water's edge, and nibble on Middle Eastern mezze, Mexican tortilla chips, Asian teriyaki, or European quiches, while watching the sun go down. <https://www.oneandonlyresorts.com/one-and-only-royal-mirage-dubai/.../jetty-lounge>

Shimmers

Measured solely by location, Shimmers gets top marks. Add to that a hearty menu of Greek cuisine, and you've landed a winner. Sitting in the heart of Madinat Jumeirah's exclusive private beach, this relaxed eatery offers views of the azure sea, white beach and the spectacular Burj Al Arab. Try their "Real" Greek Salad with Kalamata olives and feta cheese or savor slow-cooked lamb infused with oregano. <https://www.jumeirah.com/en/hotels.../dubai/madinat-jumeirah/restaurants.../shimmers/>

Barasti

Welcome to the world famous **Barasti** Beach **Bar** - the best beach **bar** in **Dubai**!

This beach club and restaurant at Le Meridien Mina Seyahi is a Dubai institution. The sprawling multi-layered open-air venue has a relaxed, friendly vibe, with everything from large screens showing sports to beach loungers and pool tables, to live music and DJ tunes on offer. The fish and chips here are legendary, but there are pies and curries, pizza and gourmet sandwiches as well. A barbecue brunch is available most weekends, and Barasti also hosts numerous events and concerts.

www.barastibeach.com

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Cook Hall

Reminiscent of a Brooklyn snooker hall, albeit a shiny new one, Cook Hall brings a touch of industrial grunge to Al Habtoor City. American diner favorites dominate the menu, with the chef's black truffle grilled cheese sandwich taking place of honor alongside tangy buffalo wings and crispy duck tacos. www.cookhalldubai.com/

Il Capo

With a massive wood-fire oven taking pride of place, it's clear Il Capo takes Italian food seriously, from its house-made pasta, rustic presentation, and a willingness to go heavy on the Parmigiano-Reggiano. The latest restaurant to launch at The Westin, it sports excellent views over the Dubai Water Canal, with an intimate atmosphere that's ideal for a romantic date night. www.ilcapodubai.com/

J&G Steakhouse

Styled after a North American hunting lodge, the J&G Steakhouse is full of high-backed leather couches, heavy drapes, and sizeable steaks, specially bred for J&G and fast-tracked to Dubai from 13 herd-specific cattle farms. Select your favorite cut and age from the raw bar display, before it's cooked to your liking and served with gourmet American sides such as truffled macaroni and cheese. www.jgsteakhousedubai.com/

Brasserie Quartier

Offering provincial French fare, Brasserie Quartier's elegant dining room has been an instant hit with Dubai's chic socialites clamoring for Fine de Claire oysters, lobster bisque, and apple tarte tartin. The Versailles Decadence Friday Brunch would impress even Marie-Antoinette herself, with platters of fresh seafood, tender grills, and a dessert room filled with cakes, puddings and tarts. www.bqdubai.com/

Level Seven

Spanish, Italian and Grecian dishes sit side-by-side in this Mediterranean eatery. Focusing on market-fresh ingredients and authentic recipes, Level Seven offers tapas, a crudo bar, rotisserie, and an a la carte menu for both lunch and dinner, as well as an international breakfast menu. www.levelsevendubai.com/

Namu

Namu's dueling chefs fight for your favor, with both Japanese and Korean dishes on the menu. Edgier than your average sushi joint, this futuristic restaurant makes you feel like you're knocking back eel sashimi inside a spaceship, thanks to the dramatic décor and red and purple mood lighting. www.namudubai.com/

The Rose and Crown Dubai

Claiming its place as Al Habtoor City's token British eatery, this roomy venue has been embraced as a meeting place for locals looking to unwind. The Rose and Crown takes after the British gastro-pub trend, offering a curated but tasty menu of the UK's best-known classic plates. <http://roseandcrowndubai.com/>

Zoco

The Atrium features seven restaurants over five levels, and Zoco was the first, launching its Mexican-Peruvian menu to local acclaim. The industrial-meets-fiesta dining hall can cater for a crowd, with its extravagant El Brunch Friday brunch swiftly becoming a firm favorite with those looking to celebrate. <http://zocodubai.com/>

Blind Dragon

This intriguing Hollywood-born concept combines the red velvet-lined décor of a Chinese den with a Western prohibition-era speak-easy, topped off with a dash of Japanese-style karaoke. Ideal for groups of friends, Blind Dragon's intimate setting lets wannabe singers let loose, while the rest of us enjoy a selection of gourmet dim-sum and Asian specialties. <http://blinddragondubai.com/>

Al Dawaar

Revolving hotel restaurant offering stunning views and an international buffet in elegant setting.

Al Dawaar, Dubai's only revolving restaurant & lounge is now open with a fresh new colonial decor. Enjoy stunning views of the city's skyline, Burj Khalifa, creek and the sea along with a live kitchen dining experience. Unwind in a relaxing **lounge** with handcrafted cocktails. <https://dubai.regency.hyatt.com/en/hotel/dining/AlDawaar.html>

Nathan Outlaw At AL Mahara

Nathan Outlaw brings his luxuriously laid-back approach to seafood to Dubai.

The restaurant is not underwater and neither is the 'submarine' that takes you there real, but nonetheless, it is an extraordinary and unique experience dining within the vast aquarium that sets the scene for Nathan Outlaw Al Mahara. The Michelin-starred British chef's dishes emphasize the power of simplicity while the flavors of the finest ingredients speak for themselves. <https://www.jumeirah.com/en/hotels-resorts/dubai/burj-al-arab/...at...al.../al-mahara/>

EauZone

The atmosphere at Eauzone is casual during the day, reflecting the slow pace of the One&Only Royal Mirage and the lazy sea beyond. After sunset, however, this venue smartens up into a slick, refined restaurant. The design is beautifully positioned around the pool, giving the impression that it is floating on the translucent water. A winding walkway over the pool shows the way into the restaurant where there is a casual bar and a glamorous, striped poolside marquee deck.

<https://www.oneandonlyresorts.com/one-and-only-royal-mirage-dubai/.../eauzone>

NIGHTLIFE

Skyview Bar

It's reservations only in Dubai's original nightspot in the sky, located on the 27th floor of the iconic Burj Al Arab, where you will be sure to rub shoulders with Dubai's celebrity visitors.

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



Iris

Located in an enviable location atop the The Oberoi Dubai is Iris, a lounge with modern minimalist decor, a delectable seafood-focused menu, chilled-out music and views of the iconic Burj Khalifa. This is a see-and-be-seen kind of place, so expect a chic crowd.

<http://irisdubai.com/>

Uptown Bar

Probably one of Dubai's best kept secrets, this cozy venue's open terrace has a soaring view of the Burj Al Arab and a perch to take in the city's energy that few others can lay claim to. A varied beverage menu, tapas-style light bites, and daily theme nights mean there's usually something interesting going on within the elegant glass-walled interiors.

<https://www.jumeirah.com/en/hotels-resorts/dubai/jumeirah-beach.../uptown-bar/>

Mercury Lounge

Mercury Lounge is home to one of the most impressive views along the Jumeirah coast with the Downtown Dubai skyline on one side and the Arabian Gulf on the other. The sophisticated haunt is frequented by a trend-setting crowd in the mood for innovative drinks and DJ-spun tunes. <http://mercurydubai.com/>



40 Kong

Perched at the beginning of Dubai's arterial highway, this award-winning rooftop lounge boasts unrivalled views of New Dubai's "scaperscape." With creative beverage offerings, a chef-led contemporary menu and an uber-cool playlist, this is one of the hottest places to be, especially on weekends. <http://www.40kong.com/home/>



Level 43 Sky Lounge

Lounge by the pool during the day and drink up the amazing view by night at Level 43 Sky Lounge. Their menu of creative beverages and tasty nibbles makes it a go-to venue in town. Kick back, relax and watch the city from above. <http://www.level43lounge.com/>



The Rooftop Terrace & Sports Lounge

Arabian elegance exudes through this intimate outdoor venue, with majlis-style seating, atmospheric lanterns, and a delicious mezze menu. Located in one of Dubai's most luxurious beachfront hotels, revel in exquisite views of the water mixed with balmy waterside breezes.

<https://www.oneandonlyresorts.com/one-and-only-royal-mirage-dubai/.../the-rooftop>

Q43

Another sky-high lounge space, New York loft-style hipness meets glitzy opulence at Q43. Trendy yet laid back during the week, this is the ideal place for after-hours networking or post business meeting relaxation. While it's technically enclosed, the space offers spectacular views of Palm Jumeirah. But if you're after open-air poolside revival, head down to the terrace at The Dek on 8.

<https://www.q43dubai.com/>



White Dubai

Announced as Time Out Dubai's Club of the Year (two years in a row), [White Dubai](http://www.whitedubai.com) is the biggest and most exclusive nightclub in the city – located on the rooftop of the Meydan Racecourse Grand Stand. Tucked away from the city, the rooftop offers an incredible view of Dubai's skyline – if you're looking. Only open during the winter months (starting September 15th!) when the cold weather hits Dubai, this is a place you do not want to miss out on visiting. The crowd is a mix of tourists and residents but a place for all party goers to come together. Put on your best outfit because while the staff at the door doesn't charge, they do make sure that only the best-dressed enter. You can pop in without table reservations, but make sure to get there earlier than 12am as the place fills up fast regardless of its size. You can expect an incredible night any day of the week with live performances,

www.whitedubai.com/home

The Act

One of the few nightclubs where you can enjoy a dinner and a show. [The Act](http://www.theactdubai.com/)'s incredible setting of acrobatic performances, themed music nights, and even Friday brunches is an ultimate party stop. Located in the Shangri-La Hotel on Sheikh Zayed Road, it is a favorite amongst residents and old-school clubbers. Make sure to check out their schedule and book your table for the upcoming international acts and weekly performances!

www.theactdubai.com/

Cavalli Club

A clubbing classic in Dubai, [Cavalli Club](http://dubai.cavallclub.com/) has always been a go-to party destination for years – even before the club scene in Dubai picked up! The glamorous setting and low hanging chandeliers will remind you why this is one of Dubai's most exclusive and longest-running clubs. Live shows and DJ sets are a regular sight, but don't put it past them to have a dinner table in the middle of the club if requested!

<http://dubai.cavallclub.com/>