





#### **Essentials**

Area: 4,114 km2 (1,588 sq mi) Population: 3.1 million (2018)

**Currency:** UAE Dirham 1 Dirham = 0.272 USD

Languages: Arabic and English

Citizens from the UK, USA, Australia, New Zealand and most Western European and Far Eastern countries are entitled to a free, 30-day extendable visit visa on arrival. Others must obtain a visa through a local sponsor or hotel.

# DUBAI

The towering skyscrapers, unique adventures and attractions, sprawling malls, promising business opportunities, luxurious lifestyle—all combine to create a one-in-a-million destination for tourists, pioneers and adventurers alike. The architecture in Dubai is a reflection of its effort to achieve modernity, while keeping alive its rich and colourful traditions and history.









Ski Dubai

Located in the Mall of the Emirates, it provides a chill alternative to the sweltering heat outside at -4 degrees. In an amazing mountain-themed wintery setting, you can enjoy skiing, snowboarding, tobogganing and Snow Penguins!

#### **Dancing jets of water**





Combining state-of-the-art technology and a remarkable setting beside the world's tallest tower, The Dubai Fountain is a mesmerising spectacle as streams of water dance to the tunes of traditional Arabic music, Indian pop songs and even Michael Jackson.

#### Burj Khalifa





Look out at the vast expanse of the city from its observation decks, spread across levels 148 and 125 of Burj Khalifa and marvel at the view of sea and sand all around, stretching out as far as the eyes can see.

#### Dubai Museum





Housed in the Al Fahidi Fort from the 1700s, the museum showcases 4,000 year-old artifacts, old maps, musical instruments, and other cultural objects to exhibit different aspects of traditional Emirati life, old and new.





Dubai is considered as one of the safest cities on Earth as the crime rate here is as low as 0%.



Twenty per cent of the world's total cranes are engaged in Dubai's construction.



Dubai's Burj Khalifa is considered as the world's tallest man-made structure. The height is 2,717 ft and also edifices the highest mosque, highest restaurant, highest outdoor observation and highest nightclub.



Palm Jumeirah is the world's largest artificial island and is visible from space. It added 520 km of shoreline to the Dubai.





From the intricate jewellery in Gold Souk to the traditional fragrances of Perfume Souk, the aromas of Spice Souk and the delightful souvenirs of Souk Madinat, the souks of Dubai are an invigorating place to shop.

The Souks



to buy

#### The Dubai Mall

One of the biggest in the region, the Dubai Mall provides endless choices, from extremely high-end brands to local craftsmanship. During the bi-annual shopping festivals, such as the January-February Dubai Shopping Festival and the July-August Summer Surprises Festival, it draws a big number of customers.





#### **BoxPark**

Located in the heart of Dubai's
Al Wasl Road, BoxPark is an ultra
trendy shopping area built out of
disused shipping containers painted
in vibrant colours, inside which a
boutique is housed. Here you will find
contemporary fashion brands as well
as local designers.

#### The Outlet Village

Located on the outskirts of the city, this Italianthemed shopping complex is packed with more than 100 high-end brands, including Italy's finest (Ermenegildo Zegna, Roberto Cavalli) to America's best (Coach, Tommy Hilfiger) that too at discounted prices.

#### Satwa

Leave the glitz and the glamour of the malls for a more 'real' experience of small tailors and ramshackle stores overflowing with an explosion of fabrics in bright shades, unusual prints and tactile textures.









#### A helicopter ride



Soaring over the city enables you to get a perspective unlike any other. An aerial tour gives riders panoramic views of landmarks such as the manmade wonders of the World Islands and the Palm Jumeirah, as well as Burj Al Arab and Burj Khalifa.

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#### Skydiving



For thrill-seekers, a daring option is skydiving - hurtling through the wind towards incredible sights may not be the most serene way to take them in, but it's sure to get your heart pumping and be an experience of a lifetime.



#### **Dhow cruise**



Sample the gentle sailing across the naturally decorated creek over the smooth blue sea. It offers a wonderful view of the remarkable modern skyline of Dubai from the traditional Dhow (Arabian boat).



#### **Desert Safari**



For those who seek the exotic, a desert safari replete with Dune Bashing is the most incredible adventure activity in a Land Rover over the crest of a large dune, sand spraying in a wide arc behind you.



## **Eat Right**



## **Things to Eat**

#### **Emirati Food**

Harees is one of the most popular Emirati dishes and is frequently served at weddings in addition to religious holidays.

#### Lugaimat

This traditional Emirati dessert consists of small deep-fried dumplings, that are then soaked in a sweet, sticky date syrup known as dibbs.

#### At.mosphere

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Located on Level 122 of Burj Khalifa, the place offers an experience of a lifetime. Whether you choose to savour freshly prepared scones and pastries during High Tea at the lounge or prefer to indulge in the finest meat prepared on the renowned Josper oven at the restaurant, your time here is envisaged to offer the best in dining.

#### **Thiptara**



An alfresco dining eatery that overlooks the Dubai Fountain, the restaurant serves one of the best Thai food in the region. This fine dining licensed restaurant specialises in Bangkok style seafood and offers an uninterrupted view of the fountain to visitors sitting indoors as well through their floor to ceiling windows.

#### **ASADO**



Asado is a jewel that serves age-old Argentinean cuisine in a vibrant setting. It is one of Dubai's most sophisticated restaurant with splendid views of the Burj Khalifa. Apart from the great Argentinian food, the restaurant brings one of the best steaks & kebabs accompanied with the slow music.

#### **KOHANTEI**



Offering UAE's only Japanese fine dining 'Kaiseki' experience, the restaurant serves some of the most exquisite dishes, ingredients of which are freshly sourced from Japan. The place has a unique seating style as well called as Wahistu style. The traditional restaurant takes its guest on a culinary experience like no other.