Dubai Enticing¹ Expats²

It's no secret that Dubai is one of the current hotspots³ for those looking to make their fortunes or retire⁴ in the sun. In this edition BEM looks at how and why. **Steve Sibbald** reports.

ast your minds back⁵, if you will⁶, to the early 18th century. One would find a very different version of Dubai, a tiny fishing village⁷ with a population of around 800, with little expectation⁶ of the global phenomenon⁶ it would become. Following a series of epidemics, battles¹⁰, truces¹¹, treaties¹² and disasters, the city has since managed to establish itself as¹³ one of the world's most recognisable¹⁴ names, both in terms of¹⁵ work and hospitality¹⁶.

With a land mass¹⁷ of more than 4,000 km2 and an estimated population of over 3.3 million, it has continued to grow and develop in stature¹⁹, and each year an increasing number of people flock to¹⁹ its shores in the Persian Gulf²⁰ hoping to strike gold²¹. Now home to²² the world's tallest skyscraper²³, The Burj Khalifa (a staggering²⁴ 829.8 m), the city has come a long way since²⁵ its humble beginnings²⁶. It's little wonder²⁷, then, that this UAE²⁸ hotbed²⁹ is doing all it can to make it easier for some of the world's wealthiest³⁰ expats to stay and live the high life³¹.

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As the city changes and constantly develops, so too have attitudes³² amongst

- ¹ to entice sb tu ɪn'taɪs 'sʌmbədi zachecać kogoś, przyciągać
- ² expat eks'pat ekspatriant (pot., UK)
- ³ hotspot hot spot tu: centrum aktywności, gorący obszar
- 4 to retire tə rɪˈtaɪə(r) przejść na emeryturę
- o to cast one's mind back to ku:st wwnz maind 'bæk siegnać myślą wstecz (do czasów...)
- 6 if you will,... If ju wil przykładowo,...
- 7 village 'vɪlɪdʒ wieś
- ⁸ expectation ,ekspek'ter[n oczekiwanie, nadzieja
- ^o phenomenon fi'nominan zjawisko, fenomen
- 10 battle bæti batalia, bitwa
- " truce tru:s rozejm
- 12 treaty 'tri:ti pakt, traktat
- to establish oneself as X tu rstæblif wwn'self az wyrobić sobie pozycje/renomę jako X
- 14 recognisable 'rekagnazzabl rozpoznawalny
- ¹⁶ in terms of sth in taimz əv 'sʌmθɪŋ pod względem czegoś, jeśli chodzi o coś
- 16 hospitality hospitæleti gościnność
- 17 land mass 'lænd mæs lad, masa ladowa
- 18 stature 'stætʃə(r) postura, ranga
- 19 to flock somewhere tə flok 'samweə(r) tłumnie gdzieś przybywać
- 20 Persian Gulf 'p3:jn galf Zatoka Perska
- 21 to strike gold to straik goold trafić na żyłę złota
- ²² home to sth houm to 'sʌmθɪŋ tu: mieszczący w sobie coś
- ²³ skyscraper 'skaiskreipə(r) drapacz chmur
- ²⁴ staggering 'stægərɪŋ olbrzymi, oszałamiający
- 25 sth have come a long way since sth 'sʌmθɪŋ həv kʌm ə 'loŋ 'wei sins 'sʌmθɪŋ coś bardzo się zmieniło od (czasów) czegoś
- ²⁶ humble beginnings 'hʌmbl bɪ'gɪnɪŋz skromne początki
- 27 it's little wonder... its 'litl 'wAndə(r) nic więc dziwnego, że...
- 28 UAE (the United Arab Emirates) ju: əi 'i: ðə ju'nartīd 'ærəb 'emərəts ZEA (Zjednoczone Emiraty Arabskie)
- 29 hotbed 'hotbed siedlisko, gniazdo (czegoś)
- 30 wealthy 'welθi zamożny
- 31 high life 'har larf światowe życie
- 32 attitude 'ætɪtju:d podejście, nastawienie