

An aerial photograph of Dubai, United Arab Emirates, during the "golden hour" of sunset. The Burj Khalifa, the world's tallest building, stands prominently in the center, its spire reaching towards a clear blue sky. The building's facade is illuminated with warm golden light. Below it, the city's skyline is filled with various skyscrapers and modern architecture. In the foreground, the artificial turquoise waters of the Dubai Fountain are visible, with several circular fountains displaying colorful light patterns. The surrounding urban landscape includes roads, parking lots, and other buildings, all bathed in the soft glow of the setting sun.

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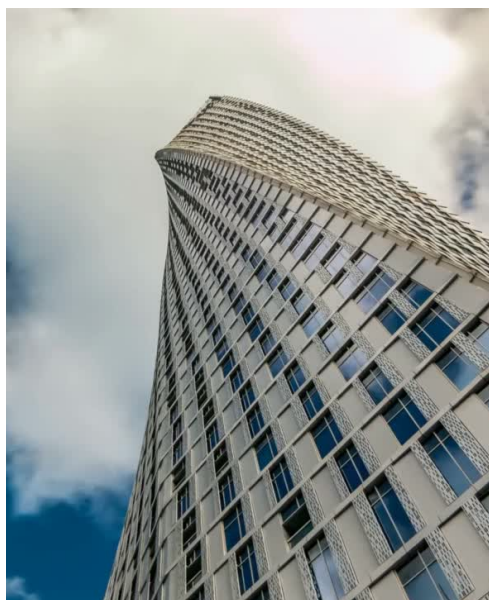


Thought you knew luxury? Not if you haven't been to Dubai!

Welcome to Dubai. It's a city that's renowned across the world – it's so well known that many people probably think it's an independent country! (It's not... It's one of the seven United Arab Emirates, a country called the UAE.) But people are right about one thing: Dubai stands on its own. This is a place that is so rich and luxurious that a Porsche or a BMW is the vehicle of the working class.

Dubai is a location that is so miraculous that it's got to be featured on almost every page of the Guinness Book of World Records in regard to construction. Dubai is truly difficult to believe – but it exists, and it stands.

Travel here and see for yourself!



UAE QUICK INFO

CAPITAL

Abu Dhabi

POPULATION

10.1 million

Dubai population: 3.3 million

CURRENCY

Dhram ([click here](#) for current conversion rates)

VISA

Most nationalities get a visa on arrival. U.S. citizens don't need a visa. With an Israeli passport, you cannot enter the UAE.

SAFETY RANK

#41 on the [Global Peace Index](#) (for the entire UAE)

LANGUAGES

Arabic, English

TIME ZONE

Summer: UTC+03:00;
winter: UTC+02:00
(Eastern European Time)



SO WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO VISIT?

Dubai really only has two seasons: hot and hotter!

No matter when you decide to travel to Dubai, make sure that you are prepared for the heat.

HIGH SEASON (NOVEMBER TO MARCH)

Winter in Dubai is by far the most pleasant time to visit. Temperatures are warm but not excruciating. It's the best time to enjoy the beach. Be aware that the month of February has the highest rainfall. But remember, Dubai is located in the desert – so even the February rain isn't much at all!

SHOULDER SEASON (APRIL TO OCTOBER)

There isn't really much of a "shoulder season" here. If you come at the end of the high season, you may be able to avoid some of the crowds and also the worst of the summer.

LOW SEASON (MAY TO SEPTEMBER)

Not only is it HOT in the summer, it's also extraordinarily humid. You'll be glad that most things – such as metro stations and malls – are connected by indoor, air-conditioned walkways! This will allow you to escape some of the heat. Please keep the heat and humidity in mind as you plan for outdoors activities.



WHAT ARE THE TOP FIVE PLACES TO VISIT IN DUBAI?

In other words, these are five places that will leave your mouth wide open from disbelief!

The Burj Khalifa

It's not only the tallest building in the world...it's the tallest building in the world by a long shot.

The world's next-tallest building is only four-fifths as tall!

So – other than to say that you've stood on the top of the tallest structure on Earth – why go here? Visit Burj Khalifa because the views are incredible. From Dubai's most iconic landmark, you will get a view of it all.

The Gold Souk

Dubai loves gold. In fact, its most famous and most luxurious hotel (the Burj Al Arab) uses 0.44 acres of gold leaf! And nowhere is this city's fascination with this untarnishable metal so apparent as in the famous Gold Souk.

A haven for shoppers from all over the world, Dubai's Gold Souk offers some of the most exquisite, well-designed jewelry to be found on this planet. In addition to gold, metals like silver, copper, and precious stones like sapphire and diamond can all be found here.

The quality is good. The workmanship is excellent. You'll leave this market with a stunning souvenir that you'll cherish for a lifetime!



The Burj Al Arab Hotel

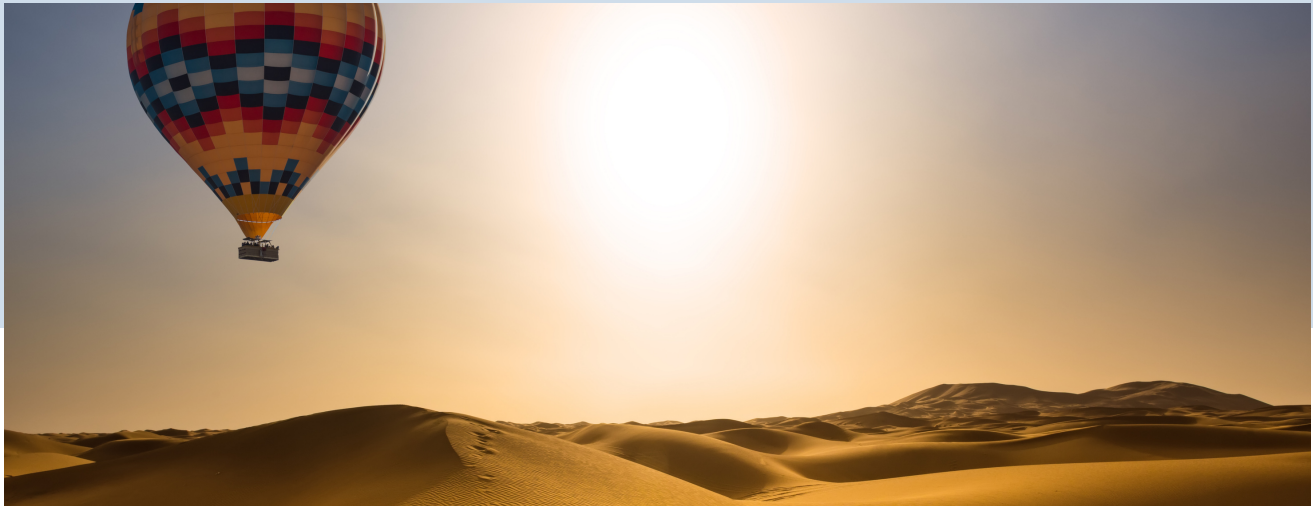
Even if you don't spend a night here, this iconic hotel (the world's seventh tallest such structure) is well worth a visit. From 1790 square meters of 24-carat gold leaf to an incredible, Michelin-star restaurant that requires a submarine ride to get to, this resort defies belief. It's situated on the Palm Jumeirah, the largest artificial island in the world. Imagine the views! The Burj Al Arab's stunning, curvy architecture is something you have to experience for yourself. Don't leave Dubai without visiting this location!

The beach

Okay, so "the beach" isn't a specific destination. But Dubai has so many beaches! If you like luxury with access to a private club, check out Riva Beach Club on the Palm Jumeirah. Or maybe you just want to relax at a beach that has lots of things to do nearby. Try La Mer in Old Dubai or head to the marina and check out "The Beach" (at JBR). Or perhaps you just want the waves and sand without all of the glitz and glam. Black Palace Beach is a go-to for many locals and usually not too crowded.

The Dubai Mall

While it's not the biggest mall in the world (China stole that title) the Dubai Mall – housing a thousand retailers – is an experience that you really won't find anywhere else in the world. It has a world-class aquarium on the premises that's marketed as an "underwater zoo". The Dubai Mall also has shops galore with each trying to outdo the others. With over 54,000,000 visitors each year – or sixteen times the population of the city itself – it's often the #1 most visited building in the world!



BELIEVE IT OR NOT, THIS CITY HAS EVEN MORE

Dubai loves the impossible. If you think that they can't make it, they will!

Ski Dubai

Yes, Dubai – the sweltering city of Dubai – has an indoor ski resort. The snow is artificial but this is a great attraction for a city in the desert. It doesn't sound likely, but they've made it happen.

The Green Planet

Also worth mentioning is Dubai's indoor rainforest. It has everything from sloths to snakes to piranhas. If you want an adrenaline rush, you can even snorkel with the piranhas...let me know how it goes!

Al Mahar

This restaurant inside the Burj Al Arab doesn't just offer Michelin-level dining. The walls are constructed of giant aquariums that are so large you'll forget that you are not underwater!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TRAVELERS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT DUBAI

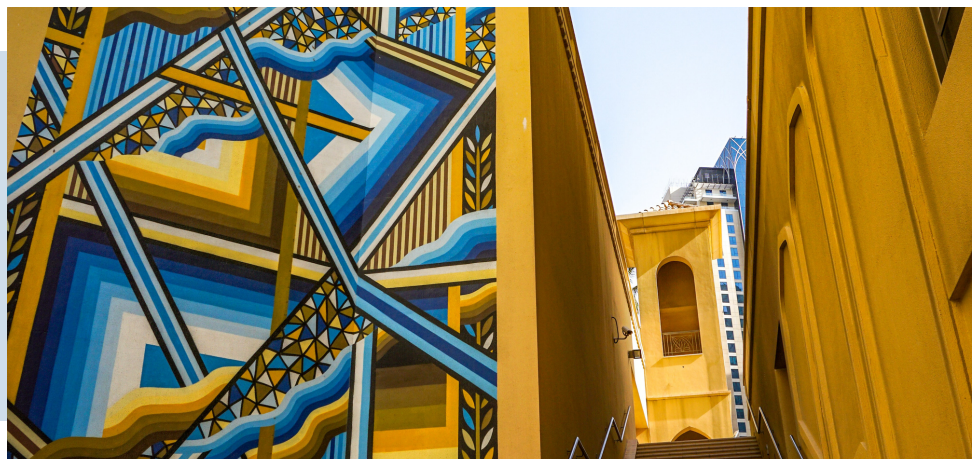
DO

- Do stand up if an elder or high-ranking person enters the room. It shows respect.
- It's customary to receive food and eat with your right hand.
- Do always ask before you take pictures of locals!
- Do take in the view from the top of a very tall building like the Burj Khalifa.

DON'T

These “don'ts” for Dubai are mostly related to respecting the culture of this Muslim country (the UAE):

- Don't sunbathe topless or wear a string bikini. Regular bikinis are acceptable at the beach resorts in Dubai, but be sure to change before you head back to the street.
- Don't initiate a handshake with someone of the opposite sex.
- Don't smoke, eat, or drink in public during Ramadan. This is disrespectful, and in many places, illegal. Exceptions are made in many areas frequented by tourists. [When is Ramadan?](#)
- Don't voice negative opinions about Islam, even as a joke. This is very disrespectful.



BECOME A FOODY IN DUBAI

Dubai attracts some of the top chefs from all around the world! Almost every major cuisine can be found here and often the best of it. Here are some options to consider on your visit:

French: La Petite Maison. The most sought-after food in Dubai is served at the city's most popular restaurant. Reserve well before your trip as it's always full!

Italian: Torno Subito. It's the first restaurant outside of Italy for chef Massimo Bottura, the creative mastermind behind the three-Michelin-starred Osteria Francescana (which was voted #1 in the world in 2016 and 2018).

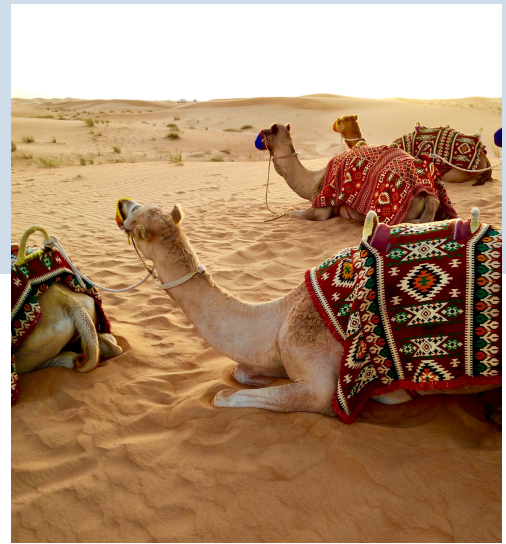
Pakistani: Ravi's. While it may appear as a bare-bones restaurant, the flavors in its dishes will have you in awe. The lightly-spiced daal will make you turn your nose up at Western lentil dishes forever thereafter.

British: Rhodes W1. Chef Gary Rhodes loved Dubai so much that he packed his bags, hopped on a plane from London, and became a full-time resident of the city. You can often find him around his outstanding restaurant.

Lebanese: Ibn Albahr. This Lebanese seafood restaurant boasts "a fish for every dish." Start with hummus and muhammara (chili, cashew, walnut, and pine nuts) and wash it down with cinnamon tea with nuts.

Japanese: Zuma. This is one of chef Rainer Becker's six izakaya-style Japanese restaurants. It serves inventive small plates downstairs, or you can head upstairs to the dimly-lit bar for strong cocktails!

Emirati (local): Al Fanar. With an ambience of Dubai from the 1960's, Al Fanar Restaurant & Cafe revives the memories of Dubai when it was a small town on the shore of the Arabian Gulf. Try machboos, a dish of meat, rice, and onion, flavored with loomi.



HOW TO GET AROUND DUBAI

Within the city: Taxis are everywhere and easy to find. The metro is also easy to use and convenient. It stops at most major attractions in the city. For a different experience, try taking a ferry to cross the water!

Going elsewhere? To get to the other emirates, buses are a good option as they are well-kept, convenient and the local roads are in good condition. Other options for transportation are hiring a private driver or renting a car. Dubai and the surroundings areas are easy to drive around.

TIPPING IN DUBAI

Restaurants: The usual is around 10-20% for wait staff.

Hotel staff: Around 5 dirhams for porters, 7-10 dirhams for the valets, and 12-15 dirhams for the room cleaners.

Taxi drivers: Depending on service, plan for 5 dirhams for a satisfactory drive and closer to 10 dirhams if they go above and beyond (like carrying your bags to the door).

Tour guides: While tipping tour guides isn't necessary, it's a good way to show your appreciation. Five dirhams is typical, but for an extra special experience, consider tipping 10% of the total bill.

GO TO DUBAI IN STYLE!

Well, that's Dubai - well some of it! Dubai is such a kaleidoscope of everything and its constantly evolving. But the one thing that's guaranteed is that any time you go to Dubai, you'll have an amazing experience.

See it now and see it again in five years. Every trip will be different in this ever-changing city.

But start with now!

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