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Flourishing as the Middle East's major commercial hub, vibrant Dubai—a mere fishing village 60 years ago—has blossomed over the past decade into the world's hottest new tourist destination. A hot but dry desert climate tempered by cooling Gulf breezes, the allure of the mystical desert, great beaches and a chance to sample Arabic culture while enjoying thoroughly modern Western-style amenities are all part of the irresistible appeal.

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THE CITY



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Nothing in Dubai is really old, but if you like cutting-edge modern architecture then nowhere else on earth can offer such a massive wow factor as does the United Arab Emirates' largest metropolis.

Dubai is growing, and fast. On the way is the 700 metre tall Dubai Tower, set to be the world's highest building, along with the world's largest shopping mall, the world's first underwater hotel—Hydropolis—and The World, an amazing man-made series of 250 islands shaped to represent a map of the globe.

Already on hand are the iconic sail-shaped Burg Al Arab Hotel—currently the world's tallest—and the new Ski Dubai indoor winter sports centre at the Mall of the Emirates where you can snow ski a stone's throw from desert sand dunes.

It's a large city and, given the climate, you will be taking lots of cabs and buses, yet a surprising amount of it is walkable, especially around the Creek—an attractive stretch of water that bisects the city.

Around 80 percent of the residents are expats, not only from Europe and North America, but from all over the Middle and Far East too, making this the world's most vibrantly cosmopolitan city.

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DO & SEE



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Dubai is a city that offers many attractions and sites for all types of travellers. Here you can explore world's tallest tower or going to the theatre, swimming with dolphins, exploring heritage sites, take four-wheel drive excursion

out into the sand dunes or even skiing. The list is endless and you will have plenty of things to do and see.

Dubai Museum

Dubai Museum is located in the imposing Al-Fahidi Fort, built in 1787 to protect the then-sleepy desert village from landward approaches. Life-size figures set in an intriguing diorama reveal what life was like before the discovery of oil transformed Dubai.

Address: Al Fahidi Street, Dubai

Opening hours: Daily open from Saturday to Thursday at 08.30 - 17.30 and from Friday at 14.00 - 17.30

Phone: +971 4 353 1862

Desert Safari

A Dubai must-do is a four-wheel drive excursion out into the sand dunes. They might stop to let you discover some of the wildlife. More likely, the drivers will race each other dizzily up and down seemingly impossible slopes. The day's excitement ends with a barbecue under the stars.

Arabian Desert Tours:

Address: Box 93349, Dubai

Phone: +971 4 268 2880

Internet: www.arabiandeserttours.ae

Email: arabian7@emirates.net.ae, arabian8@emirates.net.ae

Majlis Gallery

An old windmill on Al-Faladi Street, in Bastakiya, displays traditional glassware, ceramics, furniture and fabrics as well as hosting 10 exhibitions of contemporary artists each year. Some 30 traditional houses have been restored in the neighbouring Shindagha quarter, while Bastakiya itself has atmospheric old alleyways to explore.

Address: Al Musalla Roundabout, Bastakiya, Bur Dubai, Dubai

Opening hours: Open Saturday to Thursday 10.00 - 18.00, Friday Closed, Ramadan Hours Saturday to Thursday 10.00 - 15.00

Phone: +971 4 353 6233

Internet: www.themajlisgallery.com

Grand Mosque

At 70 metres tall, this grandiose building has the city's tallest minaret. The mosque was originally built in 1900, demolished and built again in 1960. Like all Dubai mosques except Jumeirah Mosque, non-Muslims are not allowed to enter the building.

Address: Nr Ruler's Court, Bur Dubai, Dubai

Sheikh Saeed Al Maktoum's House

Dating from the late 19th century, this mansion in Al Shindagha is a fine example of traditional architecture, built from coral covered in plaster. It houses a collection of rare stamps and coins. Close by is the Heritage and Diving Village, telling the story of the once-thriving pearl diving industry.

Address: Al Khaleej Road, Bur Dubai, Dubai

Phone: +971 4 393 7139

Dubai Creek

Inland, the Creek broadens into a wide marsh that is home to 27,000 birds—many of them colourful pink flamingos that are in year-round residence. Deira has a broad waterfront promenade, while the Bur Dubai side features a beautifully landscaped park.

Jumeira Mosque

Another fine edifice is the monumental Jumeira Mosque which is claimed to be the most photographed mosque in all of Dubai. There are organised tours available for non-Muslims. Make sure to respect dress codes when visiting.

Address: Al Jumeira Road, Dubai

Phone: +971 4 353 6666

Internet: www.cultures.ae

Dubai Aquarium & Underwater Zoo

At Dubai Aquarium & Underwater Zoo you can enjoy more than 33,000 living animals, including 400 sharks and rays. There is also the walk through tunnel where you can get a closer look at these amazing animals. Do not miss

the 10-million litre Dubai Aquarium tank, located on the ground level of The Dubai Mall.

Address: P.O. Box 191741, Dubai
Phone: +971 4 448 5200
Internet: www.thedubaiaquarium.com
Email: enquiries@thedubaiaquarium.com
More Info: Located inside the Dubai Mall

Dolphin Bay

If you like dolphins then you should head over to Dolphin Bay where you can select from a range of dolphin interactions. The great staff and the amazing location will make the experience enjoyable.

All Dolphin Bay packages also include access to Aquaventure Waterpark.

Address: Crescent Road, The Palm, Dubai
Phone: +971 4 426 1030
Internet: www.atlantisthepalm.com
Email: dolphinbay@atlantisthepalm.com

Aquaventure Waterpark

Claimed to be no. 1 water park in the Middle East and Europe with 42 acres of fun attractions. Here you will experience thrilling slides, never ending rapid river adventures or just relax on the private beach which is surrounded by lush tropical landscapes. There is also a children's play area with slides, rope bridges, water cannons and much more.

Address: Crescent Road, The Palm, Dubai
Phone: +971 4 426 0000
Internet: www.atlantisthepalm.com
Email: info@atlantisthepalm.com

Ski Dubai

Ski Dubai is located inside Dubai Mall of the Emirates and is the world's third largest indoor ski slope. In addition it is also the first to open in the Middle East. Here you will find chair lift, a t-bar, a café and 6,000 tons of snow. You can even experience close encounter with snow penguins at Ski Dubai!

Address: Shiekh Zayed Road, Dubai
Phone: +971 4 409 4000
Internet: www.theplaymania.com/skidubai
Email: info@skidxb.com
More Info: Mall of the Emirates

Burj Al Arab beach

Burj Al Arab beach is claimed to be one of the best beaches in Dubai. This is a long beach with fine sand, trees and is very clean. The beach is quite popular and is a great place where you can take amazing sunset pictures of the famous Burj Al Arab hotel.

Address: Burj Al Arab beach, Dubai

Seawings Dubai

If you are looking for an amazing and unusual experience, you should consider this; a luxury seaplane sightseeing! Seawings Dubai offers stunning views from several hundred feet above ground and covers all of the Emirates' highlights and wonders, including Burj Al Arab, The Palm Islands and The World Islands.

Address: P O Box 262160, Dubai
Phone: +971 4 883 2999
Internet: www.seawings.ae
Email: reservations@seawings.ae

Boat Excursions

Another way to explore Dubai is to take a ride with The Yellow Boats who offers guided tours on the water. You can choose between several tours for example a 90 minute tour including Dubai Marina, The Palm, and the Atlantis Hotel or why not enjoy a night tour or a thrilling high speed tour on the open water?

Address: Marina Walk, Dubai
Phone: +971 800 8044
Internet: www.theyellowboats.com
Email: book@theyellowboats.com
More Info: Opposite Spinneys in the Dubai Marina Dubai

The Tower Of Arabs (Burj Al Arab)

If you are not staying at this hotel there is only one way to get inside; to book breakfast, brunch, afternoon tea, lunch

or dinner at the restaurants inside the hotel. It doesn't come with a cheap price since this is the only "seven-star" hotel, but it will definitely be worth the money. Burj Al-Arab has even become a signature landmark in Dubai.

Address: Jumeirah Road, Dubai
Phone: +971 4 301 7777
Internet: www.jumeirah.com
More Info: Burj Al-Arab Hotel

DINING



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Thanks to its role as one of the great international crossroads and the truly cosmopolitan nature of its population, Dubai offers cuisine from all over the world. French, Italian, Spanish, Greek and Scandinavian establishments vie with the culinary delights of India, China, Thailand, Indonesia, Japan and Korea.

Then, of course, there's true Middle Eastern food, with Moroccan, Lebanese, Iranian, Jordanian and other specialities on offer as well as such local Arabic delights as hareis (succulent slow-cooked lamb with cracked wheat), matchous (highly spiced lamb served over rice), fattayyer (bite-sized pastries stuffed with cream cheese and spinach), mehalabiya (a mouth-watering pudding topped with pistachio nuts and rose petals) and esh asaraya (a cream-topped variation on cheesecake). A good tip: for great value genuine Arabic food, try the long-established citywide Automatic chain.

This is one city where in-house hotel restaurants do extremely well – and offer a vast array of choice. Many hotels have six or more different outlets to provide a

culinary tour of the world of fine food – and value often matches that of stand-alone eateries.

In what is officially a Muslim city, the entirely cosmopolitan nature of the populace means alcohol is widely available and pork and shellfish find their way onto many menus, too.

Al Diwan

Within the Metropolitan Palace at Deira, there's a generous selection of Lebanese meze delights and grilled meats. At midnight the lights dim, the music kicks in, the belly dancers do their thing and the prices escalate.

Address: Al Maktoum Street, Deira, Dubai
Phone: +971 4 227 0000
Internet: www.palacedubai.habtoorhotels.com
Email: res.palacedubai@habtoorhotels.com
More Info: Metropolitan Palace Hotel

The Glasshouse Brasserie

This bright and airy restaurant is located inside hotel Hilton Dubai Creek. Here you can enjoy a fine selection of modern Mediterranean cuisine in a contemporary art deco setting. There is an excellent variety of fine wines by the bottle or glass.

Address: Beniyas Road, Dubai
Phone: +971 4 227 1111
Internet: www3.hilton.com
More Info: Hilton Dubai Creek

Malecon

Learn to dance salsa before downing perfectly concocted mojitos and cubana libres at this atmospheric Cuban inspired hideout where paella is the speciality. The staff are also serving other typical Cuban cuisine with a fusion of international styles.

Address: Jumeirah Road, Dubai
Phone: +971 4 346 1111
Internet: www.dxbmarine.com
Email: dxbmarin@emirates.net.ae
More Info: Dubai Marine Beach Resort

Al Koufa

Al Koufa is a long-standing favourite for visitors and locals. Here you can savour genuine Emirates' cuisine in a place that rarely warms up much before midnight but then packs to the gills as the band gets cooking.

Address: Al Nasr Leisure Land, Dubai
Phone: +971 4 335 1511
Internet: www.alkoufa.com

Al Dawaar

Dubai's popular revolving restaurant atop the usually packed Hyatt Regency Hotel offers ever-changing views to set the mood and ever-changing buffet spreads to provide a perfect introduction to the delights of the middle-eastern table. The huge selection also offers Indian and European dishes and a selection of desserts.

Address: Deira, Dubai
Phone: +971 4 317 2222
Internet: www.dubai.regency.hyatt.com
Email: dubai.regency@hyatt.com
More Info: Hyatt Regency Hotel

Lan Kwai Fung

Authentic Hong Kong Chinese, right down to the décor. Wide choice and you can watch the chefs at work behind the kitchen's glass wall. They'll even cook your own suggestions to order.

Address: Oud Metha, Dubai
Phone: +971 4 335 3680
More Info: Near Lamcy Plaza

Bateaux Dubai

This well-appointed modern vessel takes 350 passengers. Here you can enjoy a great time on a dinner cruise up the Dubai Creek and back. The menu offers international gourmet cuisine and extensive selection of fine beverages.

Address: Al Seef Road, Dubai
Phone: +971 4 814 5553
Internet: www.bateauxdubai.com
Email: mail@bateauxdubai.com
More Info: Landing stage close to British Embassy on Al Seef Road.

Amal

At Amal you can taste fresh and innovative regional Indian cuisine along with tasty beverage. The impeccable food is beautifully presented by attentive staff in an elegant setting. You will find this popular restaurant on the third floor at Armani Hotel.

Address: Burj Khalifa, Dubai
Opening hours: Open 19.00 - 23.00
Phone: +971 4 888 3888
Internet: dubai.armanihotels.com
More Info: Armani Hotel

Aroos Damascus

Aroos Damascus is an open-air terrace restaurant that offers Arabic food. This inexpensive restaurant serves dishes such as charcoal chicken, lamb kebabs and salads. The portions are big so you will probably leave the restaurant full and satisfied.

Address: Murraqabat Street, Dubai
Phone: +971 4 221 9825

Latitude

When dining at Latitude you will experience fresh flavours of Japanese, Thai, Malaysian and European cuisine. The diverse buffet will satisfy every taste bud and leave you utterly spoilt for choice. There are many live cooking stations where you can watch the fresh fish and meat being prepared. Do not miss the amazing dessert table with chocolate fountain.

Address: Jumeirah Road, Dubai
Phone: +971 4 406 8999
Internet: www.jumeirah.com
Email: JBHboxoffice@jumeirah.com
More Info: Jumeirah Beach Hotel

Cucina Mia Restaurant

If you are craving for true Italian food, Cucina Mia Restaurant might be the right place for you. The executive chef Domenico Serra selects the best raw materials which are imported directly from Italy and he prepares the food with love and passion. Buon appetito!

Address: Jumeirah Beach Residence, Dubai
Phone: +971 4 425 9696
Internet: www.cucinamia.ae
Email: info@cucinamia.ae
More Info: Trident Grand Residence Building, Shop G05

Elia

In the cosy setting of Elia you can indulge in authentic Greek cuisine that has been made with fresh traditional Greek ingredients. Elia is one of the few hidden gems of Dubai and provides reasonably priced menu. The multi-award winning celebrity Chef Baxevanis prepares the food with creativity and brings real taste of Greece to Dubai.

Address: Manhkool Road, Dubai
Opening hours: Open daily from 19.00 til midnight
Phone: +971 50 168 8389
Internet: www.dubaimajestic.com
Email: elia@majestichotels.com
More Info: Majestic Hotel

Rhodes Twenty 10

As the name reveal, this restaurant is led by the Michelin-starred celebrity Chef Gary Rhodes. Rhodes Twenty 10 is a high-class restaurant where the professional staff serves Euro-inspired cuisine with a touch of flavour from the Middle East in a glamorous and intimate setting.

Address: Al Sofouh road, Dubai
Phone: +971 4 316 5550
Internet: www.rhodes2010.com
Email: resbook.leroyalmeridien@lemeridien.com
More Info: Le Royal Meridien Beach Resort & Spa

The Noodle House

The Noodle House is surprisingly affordable and offers fresh Asian food. The menu gives you lots of choices, for example roast duck wonton soup, Pad Thai, Cantonese roast duck and steamed sea bass. The service is quick and the portions are big, all you need to do is to sit back and enjoy your dinner.

Address: The Boulevard, Dubai

Opening hours: Opening hours 12.00 - 24.00
Phone: +971 4 319 8088
Internet: www.thenoodlehouse.com
Email: info@thenoodlehouse.com
More Info: Jumeirah Emirates Towers, Ground Level

Barbecue Delights

At this spacious, modern restaurant you can have a casual dining experience and enjoy a variety of Pakistani, Afghani and North Indian inspired cuisine. The restaurant is ideally located in the centre of Dubai and has a smart, stylish ambiance.

Address: Lamcy Square, Oud Metha Road, Dubai
Phone: +971 4 335 9868
Internet: www.barbecuedelights.com
More Info: Near Movenpick Hotel, Dubai

CAFES



Photo: dragonflysky

If you would like to escape from the hustle and bustle of busy city life then head over to a café, sit down and unwind with a cup of coffee or tea. There is no shortage of cafés in Dubai; many of them are located in a shopping mall or inside a hotel.

A'ruk

Sit inside or outside at this friendly location set next to the theatre in Madinat Jumeriah with the souk at hand. A'ruk is serving lovely cakes and a wide selection of speciality coffees.

Address: Souk Madinat Jumeirah, Dubai
Opening hours: Serving from 18.00 - 24.00
Phone: +971 4 366 6730
Internet: www.jumeirah.com

Al Mallah

Set on a busy downtown street, this joint is wholly authentic Arabic with coffee so strong the spoon stands up. It's mostly outside seating, making it a perfect place to watch the world go by while tucking into superb falafel or manoushi.

Address: Al Diyafah Street, Al Satwa, Dubai
Phone: +971 4 398 4723

Paul

Archetypal French patisserie—and all that it implies—and the food offering stretches to soups and salads as well as sandwiches. Relaxed Continental style and a great place to catch your breath after shopping for bargains in the local mall.

Address: Jumeirah Beach Road, Dubai
Phone: +971 4 349 9115
Internet: www.mercatoshoppingmall.com
More Info: Mercato Mall, Ground Floor

Cafe Bateel

At Cafe Bateel you can sip a cup of coffee in a warm and sophisticated ambiance. You can come over here for breakfast, brunch, lunch and dinner. In addition, Cafe Bateel is famous for their pastries and chocolates.

Address: Dubai Marina Mall, Dubai
Phone: +971 4 434 2536
Internet: www.bateel.com

Lime Tree Cafe

This contemporary café is dedicated to offer their guests a variety of fresh and nutritious products, which are prepared from quality natural ingredients. Here you can relax on the balcony with a latte and eat healthy food. Lime Tree Cafe attracts a mixture of locals and expats.

Address: Jumeirah Beach Road, Dubai
Opening hours: Open Daily 7.30 - 18.00
Internet: www.thelimetreecafe.com

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



Photo: cayusa

In Dubai you will experience an extraordinary and unique nightlife scene. The city is full of amazing places, Places where you can chill out in a lounge bar, relax in one of the many beach clubs or just dance all night long in a nightclub like the famous and unique Cavalli Club.

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Cavalli

Inspired by and launched in collaboration with celebrated designer, Roberto Cavalli, this moder and fashion nightclub is probably the most popular in Dubai for the moment. The ambiance is breathe taking and the cocktails are amazing. It is located in the Fairmont Hotel.

Address: Sheikh Zayed Road, Dubai
Phone: +971 4 332 5555
Internet: www.cavalliclubdubai.com
More Info: Fairmont Hotel

Armani

Armani nightclub is located in the Armani Hotel in Burj Khalifa. At the center of the club is the dance floor with its massive LED light show that glows on the faces VIP revelers on hand for house deejays like Patrik Carrera and

Roberto Mermand mixing a line-up of hip-hop, lounge and electronic hits.

Address: Burj Khalifa, Dubai

Phone: +971 4 888 3060

Internet: www.burj-khalifa.eu/armani-hotel-dubai/armani-club

More Info: Armani Hotel in Burj Khalifa

The Library & Cigar Bar

Elegant, opulent, atmospheric – this luxurious venue has the ambience of a gentleman's club with its hushed tones, leather Chesterfields and dark cherry wood décor. Classic, restrained jazz makes it the place for a late-night aperitif or classic cocktail.

Address: Jumeirah Beach Road, Dubai

Phone: +971 4 399 4000

Internet: www.ritzcarlton.com

More Info: The Ritz Carlton Hotel

Rock Bottom Café

As the evening wears on, dining couples and happy families give way to dance-the-night-away boppers. There's a big dance floor, two pool tables and big-screen TVs for sports fans.

Address: World Trade Center Road, Bur Dubai, Dubai

Internet: www.regentpalacehotel.co.uk/dubai

More Info: Regent Palace Hotel

Cin Cin

This chic wine bar has become a true destination for the urban set. The impressive wine selection includes 350 international labels and 55 wines by the glass.

Address: Sheikh Zayed Road, Dubai

Opening hours: Open from 19.00 - 02.00 daily

Phone: +971 4 311 8316

Internet: www.fairmont.com/dubai

More Info: The Fairmont Dubai Hotel

Harry Ghatto's

More than a thousand songs to choose from at this diminutive karaoke bar, with the action kicking off at 22.00 each night, though the bar is open from 20.00 and

offers inexpensive drinks and light snacks.

Address: Emirates Towers, Dubai

Phone: +971 4 319 8088

Internet: www.jumeirah.com

More Info: Upper Level, The Boulevard, Jumeirah Emirates Towers

Blue Bar

Sink back Belgian beers while listening to hip blues and jazz. Every weekend you can enjoy live performances at the Blue Bar which is located inside Novotel World Trade Centre hotel. Here you can enjoy a wide selection of wines, beers and cocktails in a relaxed and informal ambience.

Address: Zabeel road 2, Dubai

Opening hours: Opening hours 14.00-02.00

Phone: +971 4 332 0000

Internet: www.novotel.com

More Info: Novotel World Trade Centre 2

SHOPPING



Photo: austinevan

Shopping could almost be described as Dubai's *raison d'être*. This is real shop-till you-drop territory, with an amazing array of vast, modern air-conditioned shopping malls, street markets, large and small shops, and the renowned gold, perfume and spice souks.

There's plentiful opportunity to use credit cards, but cash is king where bargains are concerned. Tax-free status plus lots of haggling – which, as in all Arab countries, almost reaches the level of an art form – ensures great value and even major stores may come up with special discounts if you ask first, and you should never be afraid to ask.

Deira's mind-boggling gold souk has some 320 outlets, with pricing usually by weight rather than design or craftsmanship. Perfumes, Arab arts and crafts and carpets have their own dedicated souks. Cameras, computers and other electrical are there in profusion and the prices compare well with those in Hong Kong, Singapore and other Asian shopping paradise cities.

There's also a vast fish market located close to the sea and to the Deira side entrance to the Shindagha Tunnel. Here there's an amazing variety of fish and shellfish, fresh from the sea, a good seafood restaurant and a museum devoted to Dubai's history as a fishing harbour.

Sweetmeats and exotic fruits on display in stalls throughout the city are equally enticing and you'll also find grocery stores that resemble Aladdin's Cave with their bounty.

Beating America at its own game, Dubai has a plethora of western-style air-conditioned shopping malls, including the massive Gardens Mall, which currently claims to be the world's largest - though the soon to be opened AED 235 billion Dubailand and Mall of Arabia will be even bigger.

Among the best malls are Burjuman Centre, Deira City Centre, Lamcy Plaza, Mercato, Wafi Mall, Jumeriah Centre, Village Mall and the Oasis Centre. Many hotel lobbies also incorporate malls where designer labels rule. And when feet get weary, many malls feature extensive food courts, catering for everything from a simple burger or sandwich to full-blown Arab cuisine and gourmet offerings.

Straddling January and February, the month-long "Dubai Shopping Festival" attracts more than three-million shopaholics annually, with prices even more competitive than usual. Summertime's "Dubai Summer Surprise"s is another shopping bonanza. Both these major events are accompanied by dancing, entertainment and a carnival atmosphere.

New retail outlets are opening at breakneck pace and the city's 20 million square feet of retail space already accounts for more than four times per capita what the USA can offer.

ACCOMMODATIONS



Photo: fredarmitage

Dubai now boasts 292 hotels and nearly 100 apartment hotels, altogether providing some 38,000 rooms, with a heavy concentration of upscale properties – though prices are so reasonable it is tempting to upgrade.

Al Murooj Rotana Hotel

This good value property is conveniently set right in the city centre, with the beaches 10 minutes taxi ride away. Al Murooj Rotana has a glamorous look and offers high-class facilities such as outdoor swimming pool, sauna, massage rooms and several restaurants.

Address: Al Saffa Street, Dubai
Phone: +971 4 321 1111
Internet: www.rotana.com

Arabian Courtyard

Arabian Courtyard is a popular property set opposite the Grand Mosque and close to the Creek at the heart of lively Burj Dubai. This award-winning hotel provides 173 elegantly furnished rooms in traditional Arabic decor.

Address: Al Fahidi Street, Dubai
Phone: +971 4 351 9111
Internet: www.arabiancourtyard.com

Pacific Hotel

Pacific Hotel is a small hotel with 32 rooms and located close by the Deira souks opposite the Sabakha bus station, providing easy links with the rest of the city. This is a hotel that offers facilities and services for both leisure and business travellers.

Address: Sabakha Street 115, Deira, Dubai

Phone: +971 4 227 6700

Internet: www.pacifichotel-dubai.com

Email: info@pacifichotel-dubai.com

Burj Al Arab

Burj Al Arab has been repeatedly voted as the world's most luxurious hotel and with its unique sail-shaped silhouette, it has become a symbol of modern Dubai. This is a 5-stars deluxe hotel with amazing high-class facilities and services such as 8 world-class restaurants and bars, 4 swimming pools, a spa and healthclub.

Address: Burj Al Arab, Dubai

Phone: +971 4 301 7777

Internet: www.jumeirah.com

Email: baainfo@jumeirah.com

Kings Park Hotel

Kings Park Hotel is a 3-star hotel and situated 5 minutes' drive from the city centre of Dubai and 15 minutes' drive from Dubai International Airport. All of the 50 rooms offer city views and feature private bathrooms with a shower. Every morning a buffet breakfast is served at the on-site restaurant.

Address: Al Muraqabat street, Dubai

Phone: +971 4 228 9999

Internet: www.kpdubai.com

Email: info@kpdubai.com

Radisson Blu Hotel Dubai Deira Creek

When you are staying at this 4-star hotel you can expect high-quality service and great hotel facilities like 16 restaurants and bars that offer unlimited choices. The hotel boasts 276 opulent rooms with a balcony that provides amazing views over Dubai Creek.

Address: Bani Yas Road, Dubai

Phone: +971 4 222 7171

Internet: www.radissonblu.com

Email: Info.Deiracreek.Dubai@Radissonblu.com

Ahmedia Heritage Guesthouse

At the Ahmedia Heritage Guesthouse you can stay in an Arabian-themed room or suite in a calm atmosphere. This guesthouse is located in Al- Res Heritage area in Deira (10 minutes' drives from Dubai Creek). The property is an impressive traditional mansion with a grandeur entrance to the courtyard which is surrounded by a dining and seating area.

Address: Al-Ras Deira, Dubai

Phone: +971 4 225 0085

Internet: www.ahmediaguesthouse.com

Email: info@ahmediaguesthouse.com

Corp Executive Al Khoory Hotel

This 3-star hotel is ideally located in the middle of Dubai in Al Wasl Road and only 10 minutes' drive from Burj Khalifa and Dubai Mall. All of the 208 rooms are with the latest technology and designed for the most discerning traveller. The ambiance can be described as relaxing and welcoming.

Address: P.O. Box 6237, Al Wasl, Dubai

Phone: +971 4 376 5888

Internet: www.corp-alkhoory.com

Email: info@corp-alkhoory.com

Kempinski Hotel Mall Of The Emirates

This 5-star hotel is housed in a huge shopping and leisure complex. Here you can hit the slopes (Ski Dubai), relax by the swimming pool or why not pamper yourself with a spa treatment? All of the 393 rooms have an elegant style and there are 15 bizarre luxury ski chalets which overlooks the slopes of the Ski Dome indoor snow centre.

Address: Sheikh Zayed Road, Al Barsha, Dubai

Phone: +971 4 341 0000

Internet: www.kempinski-dubai.com

Email: reservations.malloftheemirates@kempinski.com

Ibis Deira City Centre

If you are seeking for a budget alternative, this 2-star hotel might be the place to stay. Ibis Deira City Centre is ideally located in the heart of the historic part of Dubai opposite the Deira City Centre shopping mall. The 365 rooms have contemporary design, air conditioning and a flat-screen TV.

Address: 8th street Port Saeed District, Dubai
Phone: +971 4 292 5000
Internet: www.accorhotels.com
More Info: Opposite Deira City Centre Mall Centre

The Atlantis Hotel

The Atlantis Hotel has not only an amazing location, on its own 800-metre, private beach on the Palm Island but also provides underwater aquarium, and an extensive water park. With its 5 stars, this hotel offers high-class comfort and if you are demanding the very best and looking for a romantic setting, you have come to the right place.

Address: Crescent Road, The Palm, Dubai
Phone: +971 4 426 0000
Internet: www.atlantisthepalm.com
Email: info@atlantisthepalm.com

Park Hyatt Dubai

This Moorish styled oasis features own spa treatment facilities and offers a peaceful environment. Here you can stay in a spacious guestroom with all the modern comfort and with a balcony.

Address: PO Box 2822 Dubai
Phone: +971 4 602 1234
Internet: www.dubai.park.hyatt.com
Email: dubai.park@hyatt.com

Ewa Hotel Dubai

At this elegant urban hotel you can have a comfortable stay and enjoy a relaxing time on the rooftop swimming pool with a sun-lounger terrace. The hotel has a 24-hour reception and the caring staff are dedicated to ensure you a pleasant stay. Other facilities you will find at this hotel are a well-equipped business centre, a restaurant and 24-hour café.

Address: Al Khaleej Road, Al Baraha, Deira, Dubai
Phone: +971 4 234 3423
Internet: www.ewahoteldubai.com
Email: info@ewahoteldubai.com

XVA Art Hotel

XVA Art Hotel is located in the heart of historic Al Bastakiya. The property used to be a home of the Seddiqi family (Dubai's Rolex dealers) and was turned into a boutique-hotel in a traditional setting. There are 10 individually designed suites and rooms, facilities such as an award winning restaurant and 2 courtyards.

Address: Al Fahidi Neighborhood, Bur Dubai
Phone: +9714 353 5383
Internet: www.xvahotel.com
Email: hotel@xvagallery.com

Dubai Youth Hostel

If you would like to stay in a budget accommodation, head over to Dubai Youth Hostel. The hostel is located in the Al Quasis District, 8 km from Dubai International Airport. This hostel features an outdoor pool, dining options and laundry facilities. Every morning the friendly staff serves a basic breakfast in the Cantine.

Address: 39 Al Nahda Road, Al Qusais Area, Dubai
Phone: +971 4 298 8151
Internet: www.uaeyha.com
Email: uaeyha@emirates.net.ae

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Airport

The Dubai International airport is located 4 km (2.5 miles) southeast of Dubai.

Transportation from the airport is possible by taxi and bus.

Transfer between the terminals takes about 10 minutes using the airport shuttle service. The Terminal 1 Departures concourse (Sheikh Rashid Terminal) is linked to Terminal 1 via a tunnel with travelators. Terminal 2 is used exclusively for business and charter flights.

The taxi service is provided by the government-run Dubai Transport airport taxi service, where each cab is meter-run.

Bus service: Bus stations are located opposite both Terminal 1 and Terminal 2.. Bus no's 4, 11, 15, 33, 44 connect with Terminal 1, while bus no 2 connects with Terminal 2. These buses serve the most popular places in Dubai.

The Dubai Municipality public bus system costs Dhs. 3 per person and takes bus routes 401 and 402 to either the Al Sabkha or Al Ghubaiba bus stations, passing by (or near) many of the hotels and apartments found in Dubai.

You can also take the Metro to and from the airport. The metro runs at ten-minute intervals and stops at ten stations which are located across the city.

Address: The Dubai International airport, Dubai

Phone: +971 4 224 5555

Internet: www.dubaiairport.com

More Info: Prices updated August 2013

Buses

The bus service in Dubai is an easy, quick and inexpensive way to get around in the city and it is operated by the Dubai Municipality Transport Section.

Fares are low and paid to the driver on boarding though a pre-purchased E-Go Card electronic ticket, which can be topped up, is a cost-saving option.

Phone: +971 4 284 4444

Internet: www.rta.ae

Metro

There are two metro lines in Dubai, red line and green line. The Red Line runs every 3-4 minutes during peak time and 7 minutes during off-peak hours. Every metro station will have bus connections and taxi pickup.

To travel with Metro you need to buy a Nol card or Nol ticket. You can buy your Nol ticket on the ticket vending machine, ticket office or RTA authorised sales agent. Each time you travel, tap your card at the card reader on the fare gates.

A standard adult ticket with the red line, for zone 1 coast AED 2. For zone 2 it coast AED 4.50.

Phone: +971 4 800 9090

Internet: www.dubaimetro.eu / www.rta.ae

More Info: Prices updated August 2013

Taxi

The most convenient way of getting around. Beware of uninsured illegal taxis. The four government franchised official operators have strictly controlled fares. Cabs can be hailed at the roadside, or summoned via telephone or one of the electronic booking machines found around town. Driver knowledge is sometimes lacking, so use a major landmark as a homing device when saying where

you want to go.

National Taxi :

Street Pickup (Hired on Road) AED 3.00
Booked thru Call Center (600-543322) AED 6.00

Phone: + 971 4 3313 913
Internet: www.nationaltaxi.ae

Post

Local post offices, filling stations, shopping malls and many souvenir shops sell postage stamps.

Central Post Office:

Address: Zabeel Road, Al-Karama, Dubai
Opening hours: 08.00-20.00 every day
Phone: +971 4 337 1500

Pharmacy

Pharmacies provide 24hr service on a rotating basis listed in local newspapers.

Aster Pharmacy:

Maryam Pharmacy LLC is open 24 Hours and 7 day's a week.

Business Centre
Next To Mashreq Bank
Bank Street, Bur Dubai
+971 4 397 5581

Union Pharmacy is open 24 Hours and 7 day's a week.

Al Rafa Street
Bur Dubai
Dubai, UAE
+971 4 393 5619

Internet: www.asterpharmacy.com

Telephone

Country code: +971

Area code: 04

There are many public phone boxes, mostly credit card operated, but calls from them are very expensive, as are calls from hotel rooms.

Electricity

220/240 AC

Population

2,1 million

Currency

1 Dirham (AED) = 100 fils

Opening hours

Thanks to split-shift staffing systems, many shops are open 24 hours a day while most others stay open until 21.00 or 22.00. On Fridays many shops close from 11.30-12.30 for Muslim holy day prayers. Times are revised during Ramadan.

Newspapers

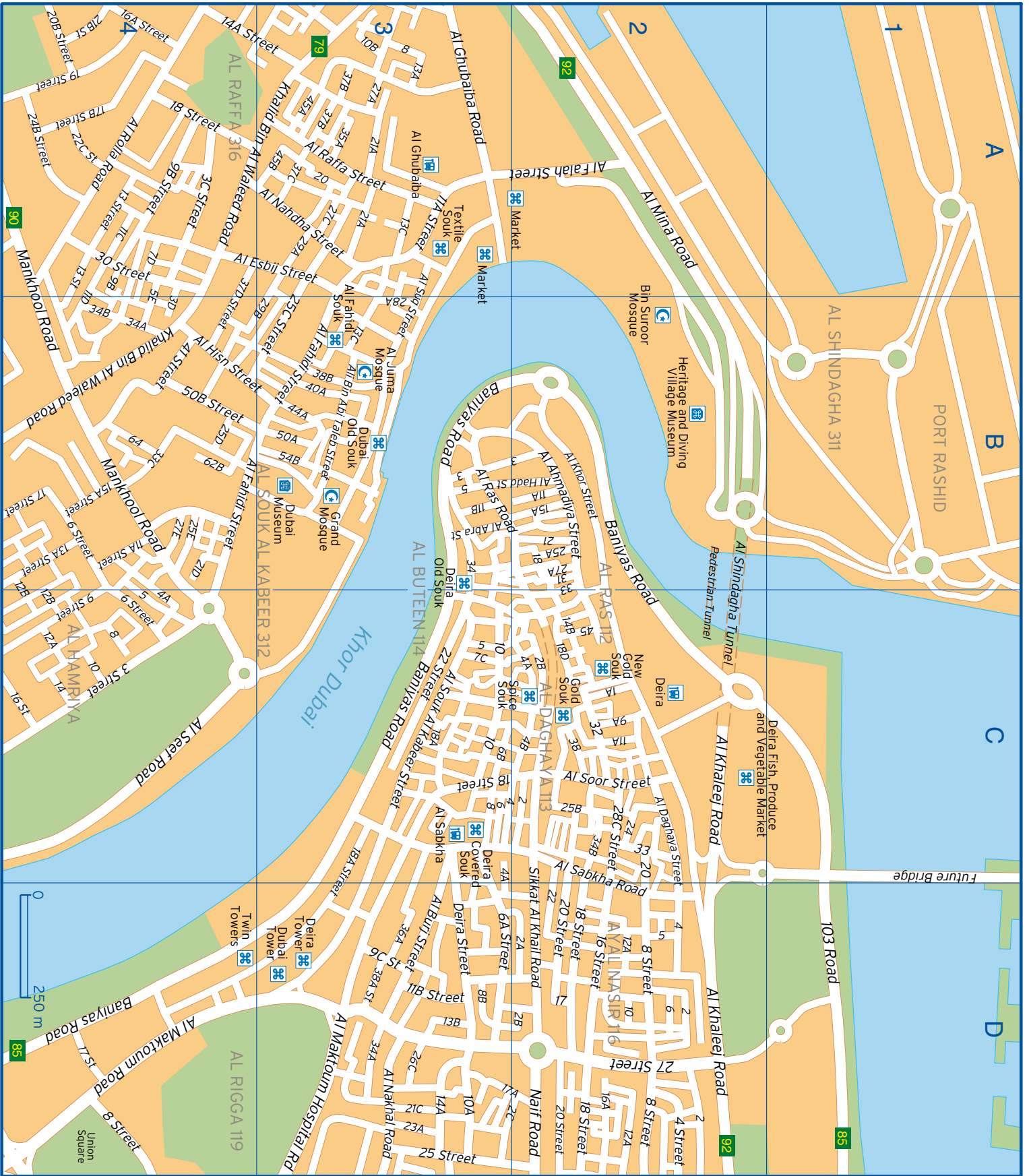
The Gulf Today
The Gulf News
Khaleej Times
7 Days (free sheet)

Emergency numbers

999 (Police)
997 (Fire)
999 (Ambulance)

Tourist information

Dubai Department of Tourism & Commerce Marketing
Ground, 8th and 9th Floors, Al Fattan Plaza, Airport Road,
Deira Dubai
+971 4 282 1111



10 Sikka	C3 C4 D2	26C Sikka	D3	64 Sikka	B4
103 Road		D1 27 Street	D2	6A Street	D3
10A Sikka		D3 27A Sikka	A3 B2	6B Sikka	C3
10B Sikka		A3 27C Sikka	A3	7C Sikka	C3
11A Street	A3 B4 B2 C2	27E Sikka	B4	7D Sikka	A4
11B Street		D3 B3 28A Sikka	B3	8 Street	A3 C3 C4 D2 D4
11C Sikka		A4 28C Street	C2	8B Sikka	D3
11D Sikka	A4 B4	29A Sikka	A3	9 Street	C4
12A Sikka	C4 D2	29B Sikka	B3 B4	9A Sikka	C2
12B Sikka	B4 C4	2A Sikka	D2	9B Street	A4
13 Street		A4 2B Sikka	C2 D2	9C Street	D3
13A Street	B4 A3	2C Sikka	D3	Al Abra Street	B3
13B Sikka		D3 3 Street	B2 B3 C4	Al Ahmadiya Street	B2
13C Sikka	A3 B3	30 Street	A4	Al Burj Street	D3
14 Sikka		C4 31 Sikka	B2	Al Daghaya Street	C2 D2
14A Street	A3 A4 D3	32 Sikka	C2	Al Esbij Street	A3 A4
14B Sikka		C2 33 Sikka	B2 C2	Al Fahidi Street	B3 B4
15A Street	B2 B4	33C Sikka	B4	Al Falah Street	A2 A3
16 Street	C4 D2	34 Sikka	B3	Al Ghubaiba Road	A3
16A Street	A4 D2	34A Sikka	B4 D3	Al Hadd Street	B2 B3
17 Street	B4 D2 D4	34B Sikka	B4 C2	Al Hisn Street	B4
17A Sikka		D2 D3 35A Sikka	A3	Al Khaleej Road	C2 D2
17B Street		A4 36A Sikka	D3	Al Khor Street	B2
18 Street	A4 B2 C3 D2	37B Sikka	A3	Al Maktoum Hospital Road	D3
18A Street		C3 D3 37C Sikka	A3	Al Maktoum Road	D4
18D Sikka		C2 37D Street	A4 B4	Al Mina Road	A2
19 Street		A4 38 Sikka	C2	Al Nahdha Street	A3
1A Sikka		C2 38A Street	D3	Al Nakhal Road	D3
2 Sikka		C2 D2 38B Sikka	B3	Al Raffa Street	A3
20 Street	A3 C2 D2	3C Street	A4	Al Ras Road	B3
20B Street		A4 3D Sikka	A4 B4	Al Rolla Road	A4
21 Sikka		B2 4 Street	C2 D2	Al Sabkha Road	C2 D2
21A Sikka		A3 40A Sikka	B3	Al Seef Road	C4
21B Street		A4 41 Street	B4	Al Shindagha Tunnel	B2 C2
21C Sikka		D3 44A Sikka	B3	Al Soor Street	C2
21D Sikka		B4 45 Sikka	C2	Al Souk Al Kabeer Street	C3
22 Street		C3 D2 45A Sikka	A3	Al Suq Street	A3 B3
22C Street		A4 45B Sikka	A3	Ali Bin Abi Taleb Street	B3
23A Sikka		D3 4A Sikka	C2 C3 C4	Baniyas Road	B2 B3 C3 D4
24 Sikka		C2 4B Sikka	C2	Deira Street	D3
24B Street		A4 5 Sikka	B3 C3 C4 D2	Future Bridge	C1
25 Street		D3 50A Sikka	B3	Khalid Bin Al Waleed Road	A3 A4 B4
25A Sikka		B2 50B Street	B4	Mankhool Road	A4 B4
25B Sikka		C2 54B Sikka	B3	Naif Road	D2
25C Street	A3 B3	5E Sikka	A4 B4	Sikkat Al Khail Road	C2 D2
25D Sikka		B4 6 Street	B4 C3 C4 D2	Union Square	D4
25E Sikka		B4 62B Sikka	B4		