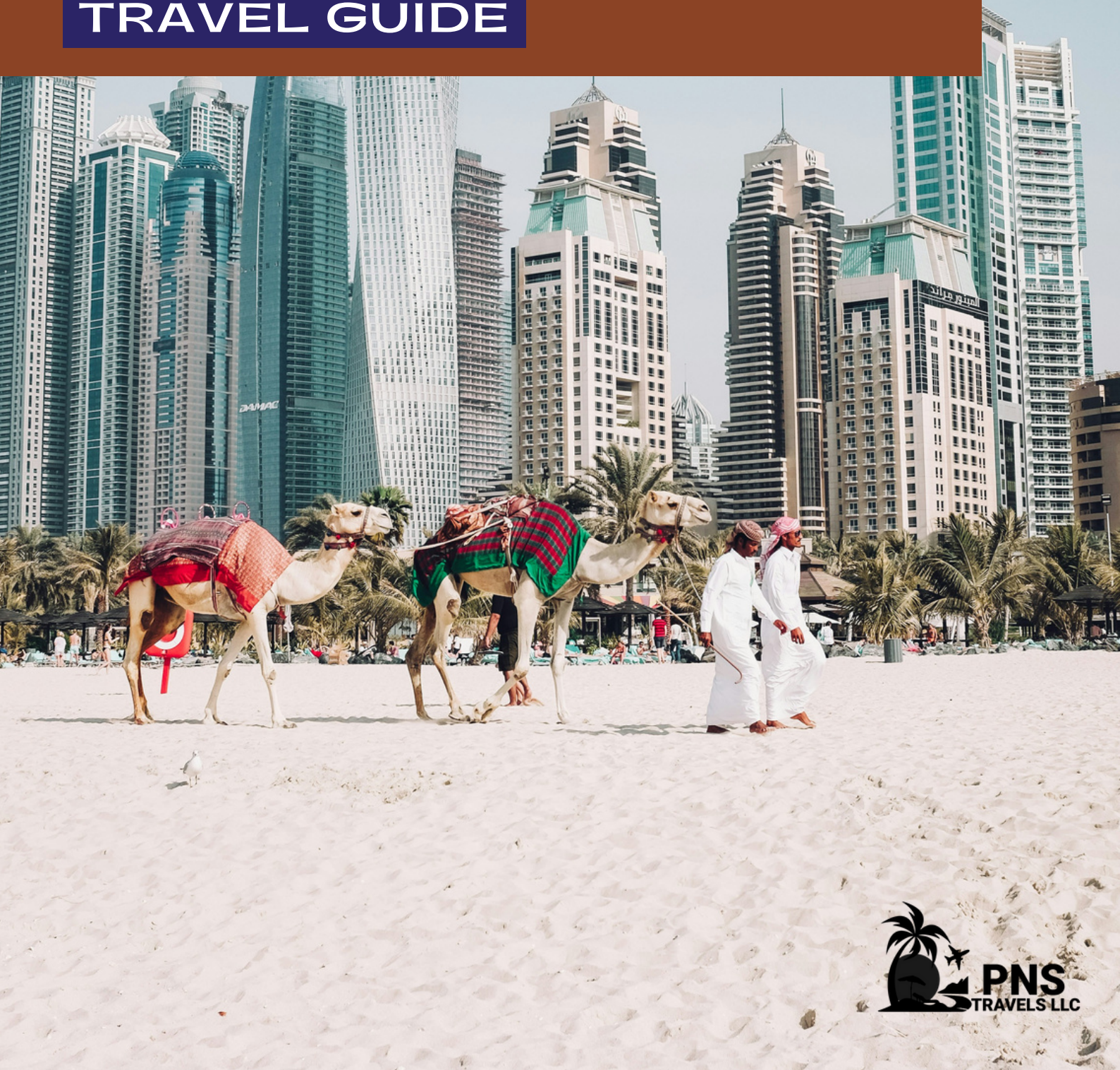


Dubai

TRAVEL GUIDE





Welcome

TO THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Step into a world where ancient charm blends with modern opulence! This cosmopolitan gem beckons with its iconic skyline, golden deserts, and a fusion of diverse cultures. Whether you're here for the gleaming skyscrapers or the rich tapestry of history, Dubai promises a journey unlike any other.



From the iconic silhouette of the Burj Khalifa piercing the sky to the intricate alleyways of the historic Al Fahidi District, Dubai is a city of captivating contrasts. Experience the thrill of futuristic architecture, the warmth of traditional markets, and the tranquility of golden deserts. Dubai invites you to explore a world where every moment is an adventure.

Get ready to be enchanted by the magic of Dubai – where every sunset paints the skyline with hues of gold and every dawn promises a new discovery. Your journey begins now, and we are thrilled to be your guide through the enchanting landscapes of Dubai.



Where to stay

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OUR TOP PICKS

Downtown Dubai

Home to iconic landmarks like the Burj Khalifa and the Dubai Mall, Downtown Dubai is the beating heart of the city. Enjoy luxury accommodations, world-class dining, and proximity to the vibrant atmosphere around the Burj Khalifa. Downtown is the reason why Dubai is famous!

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Jumeirah Beach Residence

This is the most Westernized area of the city, but also where the fun is! Besides the beach, there are plenty of restaurants and the view from the canal is impressive! Jumeirah Beach is also the most expensive area of the city, but travelers can find a few budget hotel options as well.

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Old Dubai (Al Fahidi or Deira)

For a taste of traditional Dubai, consider staying in the historic neighborhoods of Al Fahidi or Deira. Explore the charming alleyways, visit the Dubai Museum, and experience the authentic souks. Accommodations range from boutique hotels to heritage stays.

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Palm Jumeirah

Palm Jumeirah, also known as The Palm, is a beachfront district known for its lively atmosphere, sandy beaches, and a plethora of dining options. It's an ideal spot for those seeking a relaxed seaside stay with easy access to entertainment.

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Business Bay

Positioned as Dubai's central business district, Business Bay offers a mix of upscale hotels and modern apartments. Enjoy proximity to key business hubs, as well as easy access to the Dubai Canal and attractions like the Dubai Opera.

Getting around



Car rental

Driving can be difficult, as traffic is fast paced and highways are large.



Metro

Fast & efficient way to travel the city. The trains operate without drivers!



Careem / Taxi

Uber & Careem (Dubai's Uber) offer flat rate fares. Taxis are metered.



Bike rental

Dubai has bikes and electric scooters on the streets for rent.



Water taxi

Also called Abras, operate on Dubai Creek, providing transportation and scenic views.



Walking

Some areas like Dubai Marina and Downtown Dubai are very walkable.

Places to eat

OUR TOP PICKS

From sizzling street food that tantalizes your taste buds to Michelin-starred restaurants that redefine decadence, the city caters to every palate. The food scene is a melting pot of global flavors, with aromatic spices dancing in the air and innovative dishes pushing the boundaries of deliciousness.



Huqqa

Authentic taste of Turkey in Dubai. Located in the Dubai Mall with views of the Dubai Fountain show.



Time Out Market

Grand, sprawling food hall with a terrace offering vegan eats, pizza & fine dining, plus wine.



Ting Irie

Vibrant Jamaican Restaurant in the heart of Dubai. Serving up good food, drinks, and party vibes!



Pierchic

Traditional Italian restaurant with true waterfront feels. It's located at the end of a private pier!



Al Dawaar

Dubai's only rooftop revolving restaurant serving an international buffet in an elegant setting.



Asia Asia

Inspired by the Ancient Spice Route, this Pan-Asian restaurant includes a sushi bar and wrap around terrace.

Brunch Spots

DUBAI DOES BRUNCH DIFFERENT

Saffron

Dubai's largest buffet and Saturday party brunch featuring over 220 dishes and 20 live cooking stations. Open for brunch, lunch, dinner and late night.

Seven Sisters

Open air spaces of alluring luxury and stunning views of the Dubai Canal. The perfect blend of Mediterranean and Asian cuisine.

Kaleidoscope

International buffet filled with Arabic, Mediterranean, and Indian dishes located at the Atlantis Hotel.

Mezzanine Dubai

British gastropub located at the iconic Souk Madinat Jumeirah in the heart of Dubai. Good music, unforgettable events, delicious British classics and refreshing beverages for the whole family.

Saya Cafe

Serving American breakfast, hearty lunches, nice dinners and delicious cakes. This is a great place for lunch with friends, enjoy a romantic dinner, or breakfast with kids.

The Restaurant at the Address Dubai Mall

Every space in The Restaurant embodies the feeling of being at home. Enjoy buffet varieties and carefully sourced organic ingredients.



Things to do

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OUR TOP PICKS



Burj Al Arab

Admire the iconic Burj Al Arab. This luxurious seven-star hotel is one of the most luxurious in the world. It stands on its own island but you can see its sail-shaped silhouette from many spots around the city..



Dubai Marina

Surrounded by skyscrapers, luxurious yachts, and a variety of restaurants, this area comes to alive at night! It has a vibrant nightlife scene and is a great place to people watch.



Beaches

Dubai has several beaches with Jumeirah Beach and Kite Beach being the most popular. Many hotels on The Palm have private beaches. Be sure to check signs for swimming, swimwear, and public behavior restrictions.



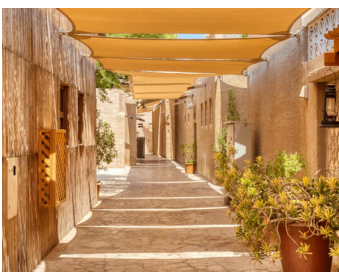
Dubai Mall

One of the world's largest and most renowned shopping and entertainment destinations, located in the heart of Downtown Dubai. With over 1,300 stores, an aquarium and underwater zoo, you could be here for days!



Ski Dubai

An indoor ski resort offering a unique winter sports experience in the midst of the desert. In addition to skiing and snowboarding, there is a snow zipline and penguin encounter!



Al Fahidi Historic District

Here you can explore traditional wind-tower architecture and museums, showcasing the roots of Emirati culture. The bustling souks and markets offer a sensory explosion of global flavors and treasures.

Beach Clubs

OUR TOP PICKS

Dubai's beach clubs are like tropical oases in the desert, where sun-soaked days and cool vibes collide. From trendy lounges with poolside glamour to beachfront hideaways that make you forget the city hustle, these clubs are where you will find bronzed bodies, beats, and luxury!



Riva Beach Club

This is the perfect place to dine and chill with Mediterranean and European inspired dishes.



Nikki Beach

Extravagant sunbeds, globally-inspired cuisine, lavish parties, entertainment, and waterfront views.



Barasti Beach

Great views, food, drinks and a relaxed atmosphere with good music. (Ladies Days - Monday & Tuesday!)



Drift Beach

First-class restaurant with stunning grounds. This beautiful beach club has good vibes.



Kyma Beach

Soak up the sun and relax by the pool with breathtaking views while savoring much-loved Greek dishes.



San Beach

A beachfront oasis with laid-back luxury, vibrant energy, sun-soaked loungers, and crystal-clear waters.

Excursions

FUN PICKS

Burj Khalifa

Soaring majestically as the world's tallest skyscraper, this architectural marvel pierces the sky and offers breathtaking panoramic views of the city. Be sure to visit the observation deck on the 124th floor.

Dubai Frame

This captivating architectural landmark bridges the city's past and present with panoramic views of both old and modern Dubai.

Day Trip to Abu Dhabi

Take a cultural escapade, where the grandeur of the Grand Mosque, the opulence of the Emirates Palace, and the enchanting Louvre Abu Dhabi create an unforgettable Arabian adventure.

Dhow Dinner Cruise

Experience the magical journey along the city's illuminated waterways in a traditional Arabian vessels adorned with twinkling lights while enjoying dinner and the mesmerizing skyline.

Desert Safari

An exhilarating adventure where golden dunes stretch to the horizon, offering a thrilling mix of adrenaline-pumping dune bashing, camel rides, and mesmerizing sunsets.

Marina Yacht Tour

Enjoy a glamorous maritime experience, where sleek yachts cruise along the city's dazzling waterfront, offering unparalleled views of towering skyscrapers and luxurious residences.



Desert ATV Ride

On this adrenaline-fueled adventure, you'll navigate the golden sand dunes, feeling the exhilarating rush of wind against your face in the heart of the Arabian Desert.

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Aladdin Tour

This whimsical adventure transports you to a magical realm, where the enchanting tales of Arabian Nights come to life amidst opulent palaces, bustling souks.

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Dubai City Tour

A captivating expedition that unravels the city's rich tapestry of modern marvels and cultural gems, showcasing the iconic Burj Khalifa, the historic Al Fahidi District, and the city's bustling souks.

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Hot Air Balloon Ride

This adventure paints a breathtaking canvas of the city's skyline against the tranquil Arabian Desert, providing an awe-inspiring, bird's-eye perspective.

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Old Dubai Souks & Tastings

A sensory delight, where the historic spice and gold souks transport you to a bygone era, while the tantalizing flavors of local delicacies unveil the culinary treasures of this vibrant district.

Flying Dress Photoshoot

Elevated glamour, elegance, and adventure, as billowing dresses flutter against the golden sand dunes, creating a mesmerizing blend of beauty in the vast desert landscape.



THERE'S ALWAYS A PARTY NEARBY

1

Blu Dubai

This place gives major Vegas vibes! It's a hotspot for celebrity spotting and will have you dancing until 5 in the morning!

2

Sky 2.0

An open-air venue anchored in the heart of the Dubai design district. This trailblazer promises an unforgettable evening under the stars.

3

1 Oak

A premiere nightclub with top-notch entertainment, luxury, and impeccable service. It's 1 Oak NYC transported to Dubai!

4

Blu Sky Lounge

This multi-level venue offers luxury and upscale dining with a great atmosphere, good food, and live music!

5

Miss Lily's

This Caribbean restaurant has great music, good food, and Mondays are ladies night! What more could you ask for?

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Pappa Dubai

An urban playground of avant-garde cocktails, world-class Nikkei cuisine (Asian fusion) and breathtaking entertainment.

FAQ

MOST ASKED QUESTIONS

WHERE IS DUBAI?

Dubai is a city on the Persian Gulf and an emirate in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). The UAE is located in the east of the Arabian Peninsula and shares borders with Saudi Arabia and Oman.

IS DUBAI SAFE?

Dubai is very safe – in fact, it has been named one of the world's safest cities to visit in 2023. Strict laws are in place to protect everyone, so you can enjoy a stress-free and fun-filled family holiday in the city any time of the year. It is also one of the safest places for solo female travelers.

WHAT LANGUAGE IS SPOKEN IN DUBAI?

Dubai's official language is Arabic but there are many variations prevalent in the city. However, English is the most commonly spoken language in Dubai. Other common languages include Hindi, Urdu and Tagalog.

CAN I STAY CONNECTED IN DUBAI?

Yes, here are 3 ways! First, check with your cell phone provider for international service plans. Second, you can get a free SIM card at the Dubai airport with 1GB of mobile data. The data is good for 24 hours, but you can buy additional data. Third, you can get an e-SIM card through apps like Nomad or Airalo, which tend to have lower data rates. The free or e-SIM cards provide data only, no cellular service. Also, WhatsApp and video calls (FaceTime, Skype etc.) are blocked in Dubai. But you can make calls using Google Voice.

ARE US DOLLARS ACCEPTED IN DUBAI?

The currency in Dubai is the dirham (AED). One US dollar is 3.67 AED. The majority of stores accept US dollars as payment. However, we suggest carrying some dirhams. You can exchange currency at the airport, hotels, banks, or currency exchange counters located throughout the city.

Packing List

Essentials

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Passport | <input type="checkbox"/> Travel money (US/AED) | <input type="checkbox"/> Power bank |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health insurance card | <input type="checkbox"/> Credit cards | <input type="checkbox"/> Cellphone charger |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medications | <input type="checkbox"/> UK power adapter | <input type="checkbox"/> SIM card |

Everyday basics

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Toiletries | <input type="checkbox"/> Hat | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimsuit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cotton clothing | <input type="checkbox"/> Scarf | <input type="checkbox"/> Swim cover up |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Comfortable shoes | <input type="checkbox"/> Extra luggage bag | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Light jacket | <input type="checkbox"/> Mini fan | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses |

Travel gear

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Travel pillow | <input type="checkbox"/> Headphones | <input type="checkbox"/> Reading material |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sleep mask | <input type="checkbox"/> Travel playlist | <input type="checkbox"/> Reusable water bottle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Travel blanket | <input type="checkbox"/> Ear plugs | <input type="checkbox"/> Compression socks |





Thank you

ENJOY!

We extend our heartfelt gratitude for entrusting us with your journey through this extraordinary city. Dubai, with its gleaming skyscrapers, rich cultural tapestry, and boundless opportunities for adventure, is a destination like no other.

May your experiences in this dynamic city be filled with wonder, discovery, and moments that linger in your heart. Whether you're captivated by the modern marvels or enchanted by the echoes of tradition, Dubai will undoubtedly leave an indelible mark on your travel story.

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