Travel Guide and Activities

Useful Information

Climate

Dubai has a desert climate, characterized by hot and dry weather for most of the year. The city experiences long, extremely hot summers, with temperatures often exceeding 40°C (104°F) during the day and remaining warm at night. Humidity levels are relatively low, which can make the heat more bearable. Winters in Dubai are mild and short, with temperatures ranging from 14°C to 24°C (57°F to 75°F). It is the most pleasant time to visit, with cooler evenings and occasional rainfall. However, the winter season is still considered warm compared to many other regions.

Dubai receives very little rainfall throughout the year, with most of it occurring between November and February. The average annual rainfall is around 100 mm (4 inches), and showers are usually short-lived but can be heavy at times.

It is important to note that Dubai's climate is influenced by its coastal location, as the city is situated along the Persian Gulf. The sea breeze can provide some relief from the heat, especially during the summer months.

Overall, Dubai's climate is characterised by hot, dry summers and mild winters, making it a popular destination for sun-seeking tourists.

Money

The currency in Dubai is the dirham, (AED – United Arab Emirates Dirham). One dirham is divided into 100 fils. The dirham has been pegged to the US dollar since 1997, meaning the exchange rate never changes. One US dollar is worth AED3.

Telephone Country Code

(+971)

Electricity

230 V; 50Hz – 3-rectangular pins in a triangular pattern plug

The Best of Dubai

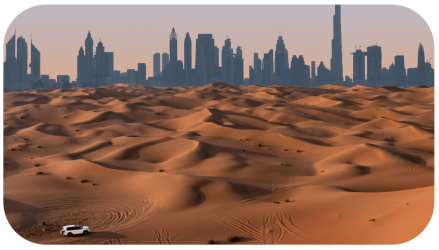
Must-See Sights and Travel Essentials

Dubai thrives as a global hub for business, tourism, and innovation, blending modernity with tradition. Its skyline is dominated by architectural marvels like the Burj Khalifa, while its older districts offer glimpses of Emirati heritage. The city caters to all tastes, from luxurious experiences to family-friendly attractions, making it a vibrant destination for visitors from around the world.

Check out the Monthly Activities Calendar

5 Things to Do

- Visit Dubai Dancing Fountains
- Visit Zombie Apocalypse Park
- Go on a Dessert Safari tour
- Visit the Museum of the Future
- Experience Topgolf Dubai



Tap water

Most people (residents and visitors alike) prefer to drink bottled water. The tap water is desalinated sea water so does not taste pleasant.

Transportation

Dubai has an extensive public transport network so it's an easy city to navigate. From the metro to the tram, buses, taxis and even a monorail it's time to hop on board and explore the city.

https://www.rta.ae/wps/portal/rta/ae/public-transport

Useful Links

What's On

Weather in Dubai

Legal Driving Age

Legal age for driving is 17 years for motorcycles and for vehicles for people with special needs. 18 years for cars and light vehicles.

Alcohol Age

Legal age for drinking in Dubai is 21 and many places will ask for identification if you look below the age of 21.

Smoking Laws

Smoking is prohibited in public spaces like malls, houses of worship, educational institutions (schools and universities) and health and sports facilities. Also, you won't find any shisha parlours or licensed smoking places anywhere within a 150-meter radius of residential areas.

Country Laws

Students must abide by local law at all times during their stay. Breach of the law could result in arrest by the police and even imprisonment.

Insurance

Students must have adequate health, accident and travel insurance while attending any of our programmes.

Emirati Public Holidays

Public holidays falling on a weekday

2026*: 01 January, 18–20 March, 26–29 May, 01–02 December

*These holidays are subject to change based on official government announcements. We strongly recommend confirming the exact dates closer to the time to ensure accurate planning for your course. There will be no refunds, make-up classes, or discounts for classes missed on these dates.

Visa Requirements

For Visa information please visit our Visa Requirements page

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Cost of Living

Bottle of water / soda (0.33 litre)
AED* 3.00 – 15.00
Coffee/Cappuccino (Starbucks)
AED* 12.00 – 30.00
Fast-Food combo meal
AED* 30.00 – 40.00
Meal, inexpensive restaurant
AED* 20.00 – 95.00
Fitness club (monthly, 1 adult)
AED* 150.00 – 800.00
Public transport (local transport)
AED* 3.00 – 8.00 (one-way)
Public transport (monthly pass)
AED* 200.00 – 360.00
*The *AED is pegged to the USD at 3.67*