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How to get to Dubai

By Air:

Dubai's main airport is the Dubai International Airport (**BXM**). Dubai International Airport serves the largest city within the United Arab Emirates. A famous international airport, it is a unique aviation hub at the heart of the Middle East as well as Dubai's main airport. It is located in the district of Al Garhoud, about 2.5 miles southeast of Dubai. In a week the airport caters for about 5,600 flights to over 200 world destinations and operated by 100 airlines.

Dubai International Airport BXM
City: DUBAI
Country: UAE
Telephone: +971 4 224 5555

Source:

Visa: Before you travel to the UAE, please check your visa requirements and make sure you have a valid visa if needed. Holders of non-standard passports and travel documents may also have different entry requirements: please check your visa and passport requirements at http://www.emirates.com/english/plan_book/essential_information/visa_passport_information/find_visa_requirements/find_visa_requirements.aspx

How to get to the hotel

By Taxi

Dubai Taxi Corporation is the official government runs taxis at Dubai International Airport. Dubai Airport taxis are available 24 hours a day and the taxi ranks can be found directly outside each of the Terminal building arrival areas. The drivers all have a good knowledge of the tourist attractions, hotels and other major locations in Dubai. All Dubai airport taxi drivers also command more than one language. The taxis at Dubai Airport are all metered cabs and are calculated according to the distance recorded. The starting meter charge at Dubai Airport is 25 Dirham and 1.75 Dirham per kilometer until you reach your destination. We recommend booking a taxi via our online Dubai airport transfer booking service as you may find this to work out cheaper and more convenient.

The Dubai Taxi agency telephone: +971 4 2080808

Simply fill in all the required fields and select your pickup and drop off destination to get a quote.

Dubai Airport Taxi Fares

Minimum Taxi Fare	AED 10.00
Additional charge for going to or passing Sharjah	AED 20.00
Starting Meter Charge From Dubai International Airport	AED 25.00
Running Meter Charges Per KM	AED 1.75
Running Meter Charges Every 571 metres	AED 1.00
Waiting Charges Per Hour	AED 30.00

For more details you can visit: <http://dubai-taxi.com/airport-taxi>

By Car

Dubai Airports has a wide range of car rental companies represented in all three terminals of Dubai International (DXB) & Al Maktoum International (DWC)

Dubai International Airport rent a car companies

<http://www.dubaairports.ae/before-you-fly/to-from-the-airport/car-hire?airport=dxb>

Al Maktoum International Airport rent a car companies

<http://www.dubaairports.ae/before-you-fly/to-from-the-airport/car-hire?airport=dwc>

DIRECTION FROM DUBAI:

After exiting Airport take first left towards Garhoud Bridge. Keep heading towards Trade Centre - Sheikh Zayed Road.

Keep heading straight till you see Mall of Emirates on Left side. Take the first exit (exit-36) after Mall of Emirates which goes under the Tunnel.

Take first right from main road towards a roundabout. Right from the roundabout till you reach the next round about.

Take Left. After 50 metres, Times Oaks Hotel & Suites is on right side.

Public Transportation in Dubai

Water bus services for commuters

Instead of an abra which only crosses the Creek, an alternative is to use the AC water buses operated by the Marine Agency of RTA. There are four routes for commuters, with trips costing AED 2 per person and payments are to be made using Nol cards.

Water bus services for tourists

Tourists wishing to use the water bus have a separate tourist route (hop on-hop off possible) starting from Al Shindagha Station to Bur Dubai, Deira Old Souk, Al Seef, Creek Park and back to Al Shindagha. Round trips cost AED 50 per adult and AED 25 per child with tickets to be bought in cash.

Water taxi service from RTA

The RTA launched a special water taxi service from July 2010 onwards. It can accommodate up to 11 passengers each and is equipped with air-conditioned cabins, ramp access for passengers with disabilities, LCD screens, soft leather reclining seats and connects to most hotels.

Water taxi stations and routes

The water taxi is the only marine public transport vessel that is able to leave the creek and navigate the waters of the Arabian Gulf. The 18 locations include Al Mamzar, Deira Old Souq, Al Sabkha, Bani Yas, Dubai Festival City, Al Shindagha, Bur Dubai, Al Fahidi, Al Seef, Dubai Creek Park (A &

B), Al Boom Tourist Village, Open Jumeirah Beach, Jumeirah Beach Park, Jumeirah Beach Hotel, Dubai Marina, Jebel Ali Hotel and Spa and Atlantis Hotel. New locations will be added as the water taxi service grows.

Water taxi fares

Water taxis operate from 10 am to 10 pm. The minimum fare is AED 50 for a ride across Creek Park, from Bur Dubai to Deira to a maximum of AED 570. Fares are not based on time or distance as they may vary with trip and weather conditions. The fare is agreed upon when the customer makes a booking. All trips must be booked in advance by calling RTA on toll-free 8009090, or through your hotel.

For more details about abra and sea transportation you can visit: <http://www.dubai.ae/en/Lists/Articles/DispForm.aspx?ID=59&category=Citizens>

Bus

If you are not in a hurry it can be good to get round Dubai by public bus. The bus network has been extensively improved and a typical fare from one end of Dubai to the other is around 4.10 Dhs. The front of the buses is reserved for women and families.

Taxi

By far the most convenient and most popular way to get round Dubai is taxi. Taxis are metered. Minimum fare is 12 Dhs and it would cost you typically 80-100 Dhs to go from one end of Dubai to the other. Taxi fares from Diera to Dubai mall approx AED28, from Deira to Mall of Emirates AED50, from diera to wafi mall AED20.

For more details you can visit: http://www.rta.ae/wpsv5/wps/portal/rta/services/public-transport/taxi/booking-taxi!/ut/p/c5/04_SB8K8xLLM9MSSzPy8xBz9CP0os3gfd9cAfwM3M0N_PydnA0_TEFNjR0NPAyAAykeaxRvgAI4GBHSHg-wD6TcN9gmz8LZwMXA2CvMzNDIxpAk8dpvp9Hfm6qfnBqnn5BboRBlomjlgB2VoXJ/dl3/d3/L2dJQSEvUUt3QS9ZQnZ3LzZfTEdFUE8wRjYxT1VNRjBJTFBWUUhDUTM4Vji!/

Metro

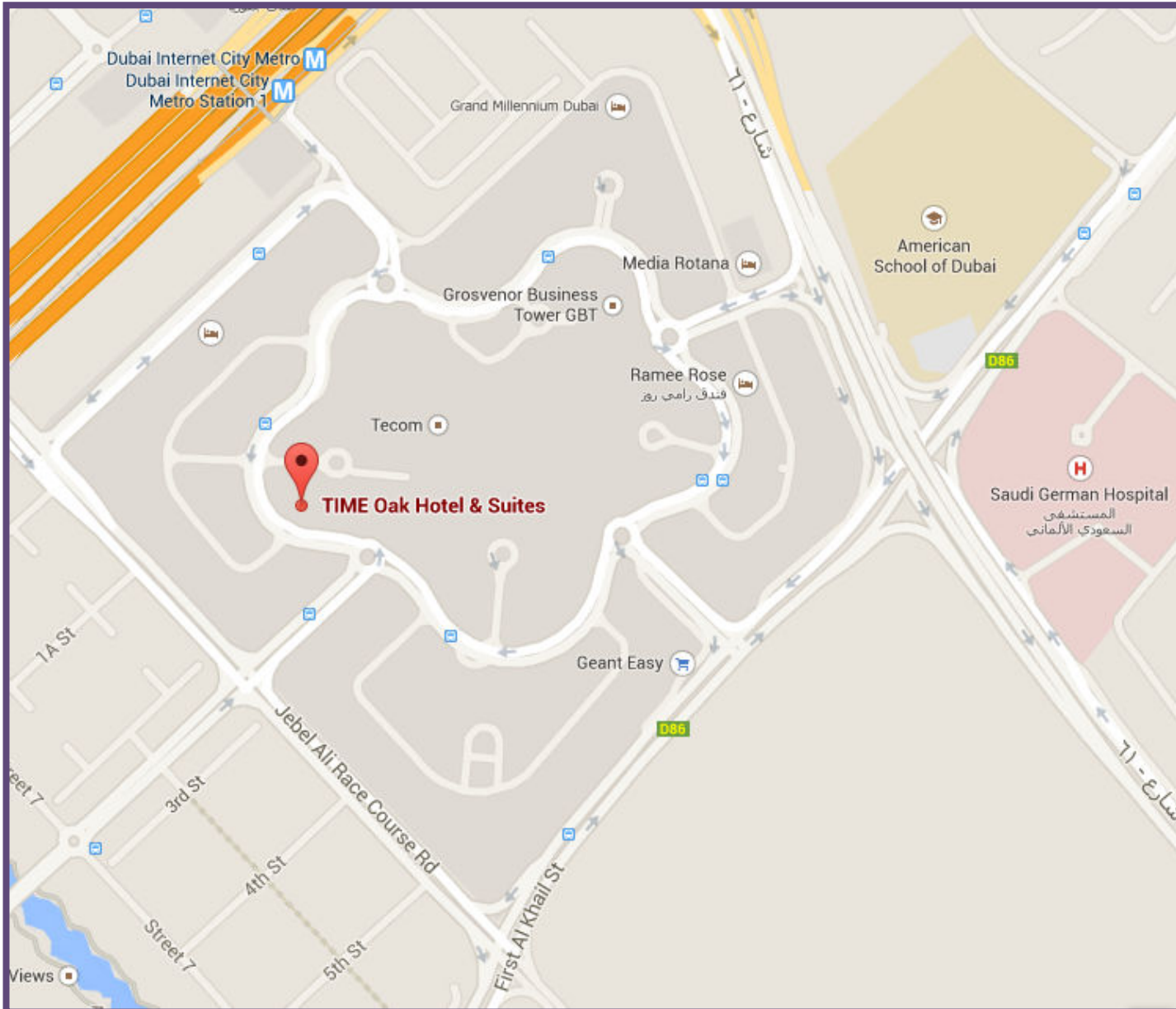
The Red line and the Green line of the Dubai Metro are almost fully operational now. It runs from about 5:50am to 11:00 pm on weekdays and slightly later on weekends (Thursday-Saturday). However, it is closed on Friday mornings and starts operation at around 1:30pm. Fares range from AED 1.80 to 5.60 according to length of journey.

Source: <http://www.tripadvisor.com/Travel-g295424-s303/Dubai:United-Arab-Emirates:Public.Transportation.html>
<http://dubaimetro.eu/tickets-card>

Metro ticket fares:

Type of ticket/travel distance	Nol card	All zones	< 3km	1 zone	2 zones	3 zones	4 zones	5 zones
Standard adult ticket price	Red		2.00	2.50	4.50	6.50	6.50	6.50
Pre-paid standard adult fare	Silver		1.80	2.30	4.10	5.80	5.80	5.80
Students (registered with Blue Nol card)	Blue		0.90	1.15	2.05	2.90	2.90	2.90
Senior citizens (registered)	Blue		0.90	1.15	2.05	2.90	2.90	2.90
Gold Class ticket			4.00	5.00	9.00	13.00	13.00	13.00
Gold Class pre-paid	Gold		3.60	4.60	8.20	11.60	11.60	11.60
One day ticket – valid in all zones	Any	14.00						
30 day pass standard	Silver	270.00	100.00	100.00	180.00	270.00	270.00	270.00
30 day pass students	Blue	170.00						
30 day pass senior citizens	Blue	200.00						

Hotel Map



Access to the Gala Dinner

The Gala Dinner will be held on Monday 23 February 2015

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Time: According to the program

Dubai

Location: 24.9500° N, 55.3333° E

Population: 2.106 million

Area: 1,510 square miles

The first human settlement in the history of Dubai was in approximately 3000 BC, when the area was inhabited by nomadic cattle herders. In the 3rd century AD, the area came under the control of the Sassanid Empire which lasted until the 7th century, when the Umayyad Caliphate took control and introduced Islam to the area. The area was sustained by fishing and pearl diving for a thousand years, with the first records of the town being made in 1799 when the Bani Yas clan established it as a dependency of Abu Dhabi. Dubai became a separate Sheikdom in 1833, when the Al-Maktoum dynasty of the Bani Yas clan took it over peacefully. The invention of artificial pearls in 1926 and the Great Depression in 1929 caused a collapse in the international pearl market, which resulted in Sheikh Saeed looking for an alternative source of income and Dubai becoming one of the leading re-export ports in the world. In 1966, oil was discovered in Dubai, which changed the country beyond recognition and led to Dubai becoming the vibrant, modern, business-centred city-state it is today. Dubai is the most populous city and emirate in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), and the second largest emirate by territorial size after the capital, Abu Dhabi. Dubai is located on the southeast coast of the Persian Gulf and is one of the seven emirates that make up the country. Abu Dhabi and Dubai are the only two emirates to have veto power over critical matters of national importance in the country's legislature. The city of Dubai is located on the emirate's northern coastline and heads up the Dubai-Sharjah-Ajman metropolitan area. Dubai is to host World Expo 2020. Dubai has emerged as a global city and business hub of the Persian Gulf region. It is also a major transport hub for passengers and cargo. By the 1960s Dubai's economy was based on revenues from trade and, to a smaller extent, oil exploration concessions, but oil wasn't discovered until 1966. Oil revenue first started to flow in 1969. Dubai's oil revenue helped accelerate the early development of the city, but its reserves are limited and production levels are low: today, less than 5% of the emirates' revenue comes from oil. The emirate's Western-style model of business drives its economy with the main revenues now coming from tourism, aviation, real estate, and financial services. Dubai has recently attracted world attention through many innovative large construction projects and sports events. The city has become symbolic for its skyscrapers and high-rise buildings, in particular the world's tallest building, the Burj Khalifa. Dubai has been criticised for human rights violations concerning the city's largely South Asian workforce. Dubai's property market experienced a major deterioration in 2008–2009 following the financial crisis of 2007–2008 but is making a gradual recovery with help from neighbouring emirates. As of 2012, Dubai is the 22nd most expensive city in the world and the most expensive city in the Middle East. In 2014, Dubai's hotel rooms were rated as the second most expensive in the world, after Geneva. Dubai was rated as one of the best places to live in the Middle East by American global consulting firm Mercer.



Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_Dubai

Information



Weather

Winter in Dubai occurs between January and March, where the highest temperature can still reach 30°C, although the minimum temperature drops down to around 15°C.



Time

GST (Gulf Standard Time) +4hours



Banks

Bank opening hours are Sundays to Wednesday 08:00 to 13:00. Fridays 08:00 to noon. Banks are usually closed on Thursdays.



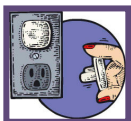
Post Office

Post office Opening Hours: Daily 08:00 – 20:00



Shopping

Dubai's shops are rarely closed although Friday morning is the one exception, when most stores are shut as it's the holy day. Larger malls are open 10:00-22:00 and often even later during festival periods. Dubai's souks are open Saturday-Thursday 07:00-12:00 and 17:00-19:00, and Friday from 17:00-19:00



Electricity

Voltage: 240 V, Frequency: 50 Hz, Power sockets: type G



Special Needs

Delegates and accompanying persons with disabilities are invited to advise the Congress Secretariat of any special requirements.



Currency

The official currency in Dubai is named Dirham (or United Arab Emirates Dirham; AED). It is not the currency of Dubai only, but also other emirates including Abu Dhabi, Ajman, Fujairah, Sharjah, Ras al-Khaimah and Umm al-Qaiwain.
(1 USD = 3.6731 AED, 1 AED = 0.2723 USD)



Pharmacy

There are a few 24-hours open pharmacies in Dubai in Nashwan Building, Al Mankhool Road, Bur Dubai
Magrudy's shopping Centre, Jumeirah Beach road
Safa Centre, near Park n Shop, Al wasl Road

Places to visit

Burj Khalifa

Dubai's landmark building is the Burj Khalifa, which at 829.8 m is the tallest building in the world. For most visitors a trip to the observation deck on the 124th floor here is a must-do while in the city. The views across the city skyline from this bird's-eye perspective are simply staggering. The slick observation deck experience includes a multi-media presentation on both Dubai and the building of the Burj Khalifa (completed in 2010) before a high-speed elevator whizzes you up to the observation deck for those 360-degree views out across the skyscrapers to the desert on one side and the ocean on the other. Night-time visits are particularly popular with photographers due to Dubai's famous city-lights panoramas.

Address: Entry from Dubai Mall, Sheikh Ziyed Road, Downtown

Hours: 08:30am – 01:00am

Admissions: Observation Deck Entry: Adults 125AED (immediate entry 400AED), children 4-12 95AED, children under 4 free

Website: <http://www.burjkhalifa.ae/en/>



Dubai Museum

Dubai's excellent museum is housed in the Al-Fahidi Fort, built in 1787 to defend Dubai Creek. The fort's walls are built out of traditional coral-blocks and held together with lime. The upper floor is supported by wooden poles known as "handels", and the ceiling is constructed from palm fronds, mud and plaster. In its history, the fort has served as residence for the ruling family, seat of government, garrison and prison. Restored in 1971 (and again extensively in 1995) it is now the city's premier museum. The entrance has a fascinating exhibition of old maps of the Emirates and Dubai, showing the mammoth expansion that hit the region after the oil boom.

Address: Al-Fahidi Street, Bur Dubai

Hours: Saturday to Thursday: 08:30am-20:30pm, Friday 14.30-20.30

Website: <http://www.lonelyplanet.com/united-arab-emirates/dubai/sights/museums-galleries/dubai-museum>

Bastakia (Old Dubai)

The Bastakia Quarter was built in the late 19th century to be the home of wealthy Persian merchants who dealt mainly in pearls and textiles, and were lured to Dubai because of the tax-free trading and access to Dubai Creek. Bastakia occupies the eastern portion of Bur Dubai along the creek and the coral and limestone buildings here, many with walls topped with wind-towers, have been excellently preserved. Wind-towers provided the homes here with an early form of air conditioning, with the wind trapped in the towers funnelled down into the houses. Persian merchants likely transplanted this architectural element (common in Iranian coastal houses) from their home country to the Gulf. Lined with distinct Arabian architecture, narrow lanes are highly evocative of a bygone, and much slower, age in Dubai's history. Inside the district you'll find the Majlis Gallery with its collection of traditional Arab ceramics and furniture (housed in a wind-tower) and the XVA Gallery with a contemporary art collection (located in one of the historic buildings).



Sheikh Saeed Al-Maktoum House

Sheikh Saeed Al Maktoum was the Ruler of Dubai from 1921 to 1958 and grandfather to the current ruler. His former residence has been rebuilt and restored as a museum that is a fine example of Arabian architecture. The original house was built in 1896 by Sheikh Saeed's father, so he could observe shipping activity from the balconies. The original home was demolished but the current house was rebuilt next to the original site, staying true to the original model by incorporating carved teak doors, wooden lattice screens across the windows and gypsum ventilation screens with floral and geometric designs. Thirty rooms are built around a central courtyard with wind-tower details on top. Inside are the exhibits of the Dubai Museum of Historical Photographs and Documents with many wonderful old photographs of Dubai from the period between 1948 and 1953. The marine wing of the museum has photos of fishing, pearling and boat building. Throughout the building there are many letters, maps, coins and stamps on display showing the development of the Emirate. Nearby is the Sheikh Obaid bin Thani House, restored with displays of traditional interiors.

Address: Al Khaleej Rd Bur Dubai

Hours: Saturday-Thursday 08:30-20:30, Friday 15:00-20:30

Admissions: Adults 2AED, children 1AED

Dubai Creek

Dubai Creek separates the city into two towns with Deira to the north and Bur Dubai to the south. The creek has been an influential element in the city's growth, first attracting settlers here to fish and pearl dive. Small villages grew up alongside the creek as far back as 4,000 years ago, while the modern era began in the 1830s when the Bani Yas tribe settled in the area. The Dhow Wharfage is located along Dubai Creek's bank, north of Al-Maktoum Bridge. Still used by small traders from across the Gulf, some of the dhows anchored here are well over 100 years old. You can visit here, watching cargo being loaded and unloaded on and off the dhows. Dhow workers often invite visitors onto the vessels for a tour, where you can gain insight into the life of these traditional sailors. Many of the dhows here travel onwards to Kuwait, Iran, Oman, India, and down to Africa's horn. This tiny remnant of Dubai's traditional economy is still a bustling and fascinating place to wander around. To travel across the creek you can either take a trip on one of the many dhows that have been restored as tourist cruise boats or take an abra (small wooden ferry) between the ferry points on the creek's Bur Dubai and Deira banks.



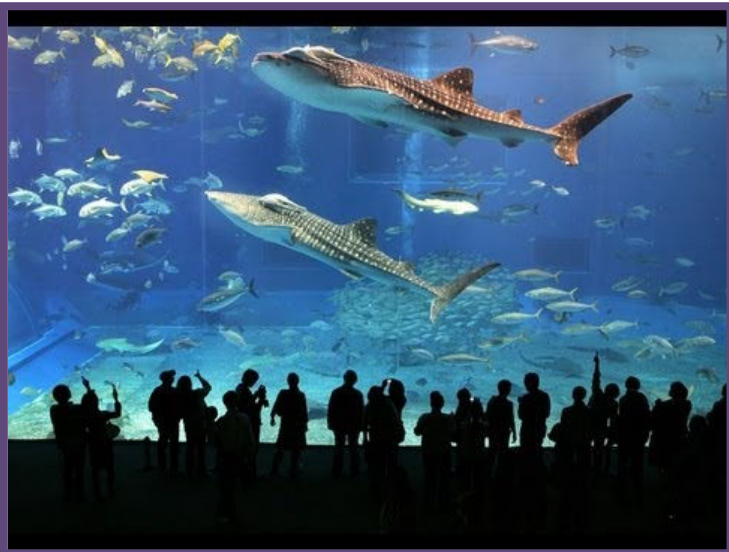
Jumeirah Mosque

Jumeirah Mosque is considered by many to be the most beautiful of Dubai's mosques. An exact copy of Cairo's Al-Azhar Mosque that is eight times its size, the Jumeirah Mosque is a fine example of Islamic architecture. This stone structure is built in the medieval Fatimid tradition with two minarets that display the subtle details in the stonework. It is particularly attractive in the evening when lit with floodlights. The Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Centre for Cultural Understanding organizes guided tours of the mosque designed to try to foster a better understanding of the Muslim faith. Tours begin at 10am daily, except Fridays.

Address: Jumeirah Beach Road, Dubai

Deira Souks

Deira is located on the northern bank of Dubai Creek and the winding streets here unveil the melting pot of different nationalities that have come to call Dubai home. On the shore, ancient dhows load and unload with modern banks, hotels and office buildings for a backdrop. For travelers Deira is most famous for its traditional souks (markets), which bustle with shoppers at all times of the day. Deira Gold Souq is world-renowned as the largest gold bazaar in the world and the reason that Dubai has received the name "City of Gold". Jewellery of all kinds is available in a variety of designs from traditional to modern and plenty of options to customise your own design. The Deira Spice Souq sells every imaginable spice with stalls overflowing with bags of frankincense, cumin, paprika, saffron, sumac and thyme as well as the fragrant oud wood, rose water and incense. The market was established in the 1830s and features restored wooden archways and wind-towers. For a much less touristy experience, head to the fish market where you'll find loads of local action



Dubai Aquarium

One of the city's top tourist attractions, the Dubai Aquarium houses 140 species of sea life in the huge suspended tank on the ground floor of the Dubai Mall. As well as free viewing from the mall, if you enter the Underwater Zoo you can walk through the aquarium tunnels. There are a myriad of activities where you can get a closer look at the sea life. Glass bottom boat tours (on top of the tank) are particularly popular. Cage snorkeling and shark diving activities are also on offer.

Address: Dubai Mall, Sheikh Ziyeed Road

Hours: Monday to Friday 10:00 - 22:00, Saturday - Sunday 10:00 – 00:00

Admissions: Adults 70AED, Children 55AED

Website: <http://www.thedubaiaquarium.com>

Mall of the Emirates

Mall of the Emirates is one of the city's most famous malls with the spectacular (and surreal) Ski Dubai facility inside. The indoor ski slope is complete with chairlifts and a penguin enclosure, all at a continuous temperature of -4 degrees Celsius. There's also a cinema complex and a family entertainment centre with a whole host of rides aimed at both the big and small. The shopping opportunities are boundless as are the eating options, offering every conceivable world cuisine.

Address: Al Barsha 1, Dubai

Hours: Daily from 10:00am – 02:00



Lunch and Dining in Dubai

Zengo

Cuisine: Latin, Asian fusion

Address: Al Sufouh Road, Le Royal Meridien Beach Resort & Spa, Dubai 24970

Phone: +971 4 316 5550



Scots American Grill

Cuisine: Steakhouse

Address: Marriott Hotel Al Jaddaf, Oud Metha Road, Al Jaddaf Area, Dubai 122273

Phone: +971 4 317 7700

Vintage

Cuisine: Wine Bar

Address: Pyramids Wafi, Oud Metha District, Dubai

Phone: +971 4 324 4100





Mazina

Cuisine: European, International, Family Fare, Cantonese
Address: Dubai Marina P. O. Box 32923, Dubai
Phone: +971 4 4367777



Blue Jade

Cuisine: Asian, Pan-Asian
Address: The Walk at Jbr, The Ritz-Carlton, Dubai 26525
Phone: +971 4 318 6150



Indego by Vineet

Cuisine: Indian
Address: Al Sufouh Road, Grosvenor House Dubai, Dubai Marina, Dubai 118500
Phone: +971 4 317 6000

Mint Leaf of London

Cuisine: Indian

Address: 15th Floor, South Tower, Emirates Financial Towers, Dubai International Financial Centre, Dubai 9775

Phone: +971 4 706 0900



Zeta Pool Bar

Cuisine: Japanese, Asian fusion

Address: 5th Floor, “The Address Hotel”, Emaar Boulevard, Downtown Dubai

Phone: +971 4 4368888

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