

Dubai Stopover

4 days | Starts/Ends: Dubai



SEMI INDEPENDENT: Explore the iconic sights of Dubai on a half day city tour and take an exhilarating desert safari, 4-wheel driving over golden dunes, before enjoying a delicious traditional dinner under the stars at a Bedouin camp.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- Tuck into dinner at a traditional Bedouin camp in the desert and watch authentic local entertainment.
- Shop the famous souks across The Creek and practice your haggling skills as you browse the range of spices and jewellery on offer.
- Tour one of the world's most glamorous cities, taking in both the modern landmarks and historic cultural sites.
- Journey into the desert on an exhilarating SUV safari over the rolling dunes and watch the sunset.

What's Included

- 3 nights 4 star hotel accommodation (twin/double basis) including breakfast. Standard (3 star) & Deluxe (5 star) hotels also available

- Half day coach tour of Old and New Dubai – museum, markets and souks (coach tour operated by a 3rd party with travellers from other tour companies)
- Half day 4x4 desert safari excursion (coach tour operated by a 3rd party with travellers from other tour companies)
- Services of a tour guide for scheduled sightseeing
- Traditional barbecue dinner at a Bedouin desert camp with belly dancing (belly dancing will not commence during Ramadan)
- Private airport arrival and departure transfers

What's Not Included

- International flights and visa
- Tipping – an entirely personal gesture
- Tourism Dirhams are not included, this local tourism levy is approx. USD \$5 per night and is collected by the hotel on check-out

DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1 : Welcome To Dubai

Upon arrival to Dubai international Airport and after clearing immigration, proceed outside where our English speaking representative will be waiting

to meet you and escort you to your awaiting transfer which will take you to your hotel for the next 3 nights. The rest of your day and evening is free at your leisure.

Note Hotel Check in is after 3pm

Overnight – Dubai

Day 2 : City Tour



Enjoy a half day city tour taking in the iconic sights of Dubai, starting with a photo opportunity of what is possibly Dubai's most well known structure, the Burj Al Arab hotel. Continue to the Jumeirah Mosque for photo opportunities at what is considered to be the most striking mosque in Dubai. Then proceed to Bastakia, the oldest part of the city and home to the Dubai museum situated in the Al Fahidi Fort, the oldest existing building in Dubai. Continue your tour with a visit to some of the local markets before taking a water taxi across The Creek to the spice

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markets and gold souks where jewellery is on display ranging from traditional to the modern, prepare to be dazzled.

At approximately 1:00 pm, you will be taken back to your hotel and the afternoon afternoon is free time at your own leisure

Overnight in Dubai

Note: Dubai Museum still under renovation in case it is still closed by the time group travel optional to visit is Shindagah Museum (Museum is closed on Tuesday)

Overnight - Dubai (B)

Day 3 : Desert Safari & Bedouin camp



Spend the morning at leisure before embarking on an exciting desert safari. In the afternoon hop on and board to your 4 wheel drive on sharing (6pax in each jeep) for an adventure into the desert. Your experienced driver will take you across the rolling sand dunes on an exhilarating drive. A stop will be made to watch the sun setting over the desert before heading over to a traditional Bedouin camp where you will be greeted with a delicious spiced Arabic coffee and even have the opportunity to ride a camel. Then settle down to enjoy dinner cooked on an open fire right in front of you. To top off your desert experience a belly dancer will entertain you to traditional music, a truly magical night!

Please Note: If travelling during Ramadan this evening's scheduled entertainment of belly dancing, music and alcohol service, will not be taking place and there will be no replacement services. **Overnight - Dubai (B, D)**

Day 4 : Goodbye Dubai

Tour arrangements come to an end after breakfast, with an onward transfer to the airport.

Please note: Hotel check out time at 12:00noon
(B)

ACCOMMODATION

Highlighted below are some of the accommodation/ hotels which we frequently use on this tour. We reserve the right to substitute these stays to ones of a similar standard.

Please refer to your Tour Voucher for your confirmed arrival hotel or start point and further arrival information.

Millennium Palace Dubai Marina

Excellent located less than 10 minutes from the beach and offering sweeping views of Dubai Marina, this modern hotel is the perfect base for exploring the city. Rooms feature ensuite bathrooms, air-conditioning, flat-screen TVs, and seating areas. Some rooms are also equipped with balconies. The hotel boasts an outdoor pool, fitness centre, and bar. There is free Wi-Fi throughout the property and one of the two onsite restaurants is a MasterChef TV Experience, based around the global TV show.



Rove City Centre Hotel

Handily located just a few minutes from the airport, in the Deira area of Dubai, the Rove City Centre Hotel boasts an outdoor pool and fitness centre. It's a great option for travellers on a budget. The onsite restaurant, The Daily, is open all day, and there's free Wi-Fi throughout the property. Rooms are modern, colourful and bright, with ensuite bathrooms, flat-screen TVs,

a mini-fridge, and air-conditioning. There's also a self-service laundromat onsite.



Radisson Blu Hotel, Dubai Waterfront

Housed in a prime location by the Dubai Canal, the Radisson Blu offers world-class hospitality and service to guests in each of its 432 rooms. Facilities include an outdoor pool, spa, and fitness centre, with free Wi-Fi throughout the property. Rooms are extremely comfortable and many feature a seating area in addition to ensuite bathrooms, a kettle, and flat-screen TV. Some rooms also come with balconies. There are four restaurants and cafes to choose from onsite, including breakfasts served at The Larder and open-flame cooking at FireLake Grill House. A great range of whiskey is served in the Scottish-styled lounge, Makar.



BEFORE YOU GO

Dubai Country Guide

Our Partners

This tour is operated in conjunction with our trusted partner and you will join travellers who booked through different operators, not solely On The Go.

Visa's

Citizens of the United Kingdom, European Union, United States of America, Australia, New Zealand

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Canada do not need to make any visa arrangements prior to travel. Upon arrival in Dubai your passport will be stamped by immigration officers with a free of charge 30-day visa. RSA passport holders will need to make visa arrangements before departure by contacting their local UAE Embassy.

Please note that visa requirements are subject to change, and visa procurement is solely the responsibility of the traveller. In the event of a visa refusal at port of entry, On The Go Tours cannot be held responsible.

Please ensure to check the visa requirements for your final destination as they may differ.

Style Of Tour

This is an semi independent tour, which combines escorting touring with free time, where you will not be accompanied by a guide or travel as part of a group. Our tours of Dubai are modular, meaning that you may join people who are on booked from other operators. Touring group size can vary, there will some people on your tour who booked through different operators and staying at other hotels.

Tourism Dirhams

Tourism Dirhams are not included, this local tourism levy is approx. USD\$5 per night and is collected by the hotel on check-out.

This tax cannot be included in our tour price and you will need to pay this upon check in at your hotel, so please budget accordingly.

Health Requirements

For travel to the UAE it is recommended that you be vaccinated for Hepatitis A, Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Rabies. Vaccination requirements can change so please check with your local health care provider before travel.

Water:

Tap water in Dubai is said to be completely safe to drink and so

travellers need not worry about constantly purchasing bottled water.

Climate

In summer months (July-September) Dubai is warm and humid with temperatures that can climb up to 48 °C. Be sure to pack light comfortable clothing, sunscreen and a hat. In winter (January-March) temperatures remain comfortably warm, varying between 15-30 °C. November and December are considered Dubai's rainy season, but temperatures will average between 20-30 °C.

If you are looking for more information about best time's to travel to Dubai, visit: <https://www.onthegotours.com/Dubai/Best-time-to-visit>

Currency

Emirati Dirham (AED). Exchange rates are subject to fluctuations.

- USD 1 = AED 3.67
- GBP 1 = AED 4.61
- AUD 1 = AED 2.63
- EURO 1 = AED 3.88

Money can be changed throughout the entire region at banks, airports and most hotels. Most malls will also have a currency exchange office, which will usually offer better rates than hotels and airports so it is best to do as many of your exchanges as possible here. Travellers can carry a maximum of AED 100,000 into the country without declaring it. It is useful to have case for things like taxis but generally most places will accept all major credit cards.

Traveller's cheques are not recommended as they can be hard to exchange and usually incur heavy fees.

Time & Voltage

Dubai is three hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT). Voltage is 220 Volts. Sockets are of the UK, 3 pronged variety.

Time: Dubai is 4 hours ahead of GMT and does not observe Daylight Savings.

Is It Standard To Tip In Dubai

Most restaurants in Dubai will note at the bottom of a bill that taxes and service have been included but most diners will leave an additional 10-15 percent. Taxi drivers will usually expect passengers to round up their fare to the nearest note at the end of a journey. Delivery drivers, bag packers at supermarkets and other people in the service industry should get any spare change you might have, equating to USD \$1-2 or so.

What's The Food Like In Dubai

As a region that caters to vast numbers of travellers, Dubai offers visitors every kind of cuisine with the exception of anything that includes pork as it is a city in a Muslim country. Chicken, lamb, beef and even camel are the predominant meats used in traditional dishes in Dubai and are usually quite heavily spiced.

Shawarma is readily available and, although it is considered fast-food, is delicious, consisting of slices of meat, carved from a rotating skewer with salad, chilli sauce and mint yoghurt. Street food is also very popular and is relatively cheap, which is a blessing in a city known for its extravagance.

Combining influences from India, Pakistan and the Middle East means that there are a lot of different curries served with generous portions of rice, which can be found across the city. Sweet treats such as mint tea and baklava are a great way to round off a meal.

Safe eating while travelling in Dubai: Travellers are unlikely to have any problems with food in Dubai, however, the local cuisine contains a lot of spice so you might want to check how spicy something is with your waiter before ordering it.

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Ramadan

One of the pillars of Islam requires Muslims to fast during the Holy Month of Ramadan, the month which commemorates the divine gift of the Koran to the Prophet Mohammed. From sunrise to sunset, those who fast must refrain from eating, drinking and smoking. There are good and bad aspects of visiting the country during Ramadan. On the bright side, people hit the malls after the sunset "breakfast" ready to feast on a hearty banquet for Al Iftar, at one of the many restaurants and just generally have fun. Shops re-open until the wee hours, many until 3am.

The other side of the coin is that many aspects of "business as usual" don't apply during the month. Banks and offices all have shorter working hours, some restaurants close for the entire month, and about an hour before sunset, the roads and streets will be full of people racing to buy last-minute supplies and get home in time for Al Iftar. If you plan to visit during Ramadan, you should understand that the touring day will be shortened. On day 3 of our 4 day Dubai Stopover tour, the services of music and belly dancing at a Bedouin desert camp doesn't occur during Ramadan due to local laws.

There will still be plenty of restaurants open and serving lunch, especially in the tourist areas, but it would be very bad manners to eat, drink or smoke in the sight of passers-by so partition walls are placed in most restaurants. Do remember, if you visit during Ramadan, that your dress should be a bit more circumspect than usual, covering shoulders and covering above the knees.

The precise dates of Ramadan varies from year to year. Ramadan lasts for about a month and is dependent on the lunar cycle and the Islamic lunar calendar.

Things You Should Do In Dubai

Check your prescriptions. Drugs are absolutely illegal in Dubai and the government has a zero tolerance policy towards those found in possession. However, this extends to a number of prescription medications, such as medicines containing codeine. Do your homework before you go and make sure you're not accidentally smuggling in illegal pharmaceuticals.

Avoid PDAs. Public displays of affection are a big no-no in Dubai and there have been cases of people being arrested for merely smooching in public. Holding hands is just about tolerated for married couples but to be on the safe side it's best to avoid any form of physical contact until you're back in your hotel room.

The UAE has a reasonably relaxed dress code, but it is an Islamic country and modest clothing is recommended, particularly in shopping malls, souks, rural areas and during visits to mosques or places of worship. For ladies, shoulders and knees should be covered. Clothing should not be transparent, tight or revealing. Beachwear is acceptable at beach clubs, in the hotel, at the pool or on the beach. Light summer clothing is suitable for most of the year. Sweaters or jackets may be needed during the winter months, especially in the evenings and on desert and mountain safaris. Hats, sunblock and sunglasses are advised during daylight hours

Abide by the rules of Ramadan. If you happen to be travelling during Ramadan be sure to read up on how you should behave during this religious festival. In brief, eating, drinking and smoking in public during the day is strictly forbidden.

Be respectful. Islam is a religion founded on respect and if you act in a respectful and humble way, you will find that people will greet you with

a smile and offer you their warmest hospitality.

Things You Shouldn't Do In Dubai

Be drunk in public. For Muslims, alcohol consumption is against the law but non-Muslims will be able to purchase alcoholic drinks in licensed bars, restaurants and hotels. However, just because you can drink doesn't mean you should and certainly not to excess as public disorderliness is illegal for everyone regardless of faith.

Take photos of people without their explicit permission. It is considered rude to snap a photo of anyone without asking them first – this particularly applies to taking photos of local women.

Swear. Cussing and foul language are considered an offence and a number of foreigners have got themselves in trouble by making vulgar comments in the presence of an undercover police office. Keep it clean folks.

Insult Islam. This is probably the worst thing you can do in an Islamic country. Regardless of your personal opinion on Islam, do not say anything out loud that might be deemed as disrespectful. Blasphemy carries serious punishments so if you have any strong opinions on Islam, keep them to yourself.

Flaunt your homosexuality. Unfortunately, being gay in the UAE is still a crime and any public displays of affection can result in serious consequences. Cross-dressing is also illegal.

Use your left hand. This might seem like an odd rule but in Muslim culture the left hand is used for body hygiene and is therefore considered unclean. You should never shake hands or greet anyone with your left hand and you definitely shouldn't be caught eating with it.

Be aware when taking photos. Photographing government buildings,

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military institutions and all oil and gas refineries is strictly prohibited

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