

We Know

DUBAI

Dubai is a cosmopolitan city, renowned for luxury shopping, ultramodern architecture, and a lively nightlife scene. Visit the souks, where narrow streets are lined with shops offering precious gold, aromatic spices and finely woven rugs and textiles. Dubai offers something for everyone, from vacationers seeking a relaxing break away to tourists looking for a new and exciting experience.



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Useful Information

CLIMATE

Dubai has a sub-tropical, arid climate, with sunny, blue skies most of the year. Rainfall is infrequent and irregular, falling mainly in winter. Temperatures range from a low of about 50°F to a high of 118°F. The “average” daily maximum is 75°F in January rising to 105°F in July.

CURRENCY & CREDIT CARDS

The currency of the United Arab Emirates is the Dirham (AED), which is divided into 100 fils, and is fixed against the US Dollar. The UAE has no restrictions or regulations on foreign exchange, and all major currencies are readily exchanged at banks and large hotels. The best exchange rates are found at private moneychangers in the more popular souks (markets) and shopping centers. Most major credit cards are accepted. American Express, Diners Club, Visa, MasterCard, etc. are generally accepted in the main hotels and larger shops but some retailers offer better bargains for cash. ATMs are common throughout the UAE. Check with your bank for any fees you may be charged. Note: If carrying cash, it is recommended that you take only recently minted U.S. currency.

SHOPPING HOURS

Normal Dubai shopping hours are daily from 9:00AM - 1:00PM and 4:00PM - 9:00PM or later. Shopping malls stay open from 10:00AM - 10:00PM (some close at midnight on Friday and Saturday). Boutiques in the residential areas do not open until 9:30AM or 10:00AM. Shops close for prayers on Fridays from 11:30AM - 1:30PM.

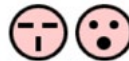
LANGUAGE

The official language is Arabic but English is widely spoken and understood. Both languages are commonly used in business and commerce.

VOLTAGE

The electricity in Dubai is 220/240 volts at 50 cycles. United States made appliances may need an adapter.

ELECTRICAL PLUG



220-240V 50HZ

PHOTOGRAPHY

Normal tourist photography is acceptable, but it is considered offensive to photograph Muslim women. It is also courteous to ask permission before photographing men. In general, photographs of government buildings or military installations should not be taken.