The best places to eat, sleep and play in Dubai this fall and winter

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INTRODUCTION

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Inside
DUBAI

While comparisons to Vegas abound, the opulence and grandeur of Dubai make its American counterpart seem as flashy as a bingo tournament. Imagine Arabia done Disney-style. Dubai prides itself on its excellent service, found at the wealth of five-star hotels that offer private butler service, suites larger than many homes and the finest in food and décor.

Archaeologists have found evidence of caravan routes from millennia ago, and as recently as the last century, Dubai was a dusty trading town. Oil and duty-free shopping morphed Dubai into the metropolis it is today. Development continues and as the city fills up, artificial islands are being created to continue the expansion.

Despite the glittering exteriors, Dubai is still in a Muslim country, and visitors should be respectful of local customs. While Dubai is a desert nation, plan to dress modestly. Though it is hot year-round, the cooler months from October to May are best for travel.

TRAVEL TIPS

1. “For background on Dubai and its social issues and people, consider reading one of its newspapers before you head there. You can read Gulf News online and get a good sense of what Dubai is about.”—TripAdvisor Member

2. “While Dubai does display an impressively modern image, there are still some important dos and don’ts. Public displays of affection should be avoided. The same goes for public consumption of alcohol. Don’t photograph Muslim women, and don’t sit in such a way that the soles of your feet point at anyone.”—TripAdvisor Member

3. “Many clubs don’t allow flip flops or baseball caps and the like. The bouncer will decide who gets in and they do stop people at the door in ‘inappropriate’ attire, even if it seemed appropriate outside in the 100-degree weather.”—TripAdvisor Member

4. Before heading to the Gold Souk, have “your concierge tell you the price per gram of gold on the day you go. (It’s also mentioned in local papers.)”—TripAdvisor Member, Manchester, England
**Dubai’s Best Views**

“If you want to see what the city looks like, head to the viewing gallery on the 37th floor of the World Trade Centre.” You’ll be treated to an exceptional panorama of the city.—TripAdvisor Member, Perth, Australia  
World Trade Centre, 4 332 1000

“Go to Al-Dawaar Revolving Restaurant at night. It’s absolutely fantastic watching the planes come down past the windows on approach to the airport. And the views over Dubai and the creek are fantastic.”—TripAdvisor Member, Glasgow, Scotland  
Al-Dawaar Revolving Restaurant, Hyatt Regency, Deira, 4 317 2222

“The Sky View cocktail bar at the Burj al Arab will give you a view of both the Palm and the Jumeirah. The best view is before sundown.”—TripAdvisor Member  
Sky View Bar, Burj al Arab, Jumeirah Beach Road, 4 301 7600

**Where to Play**

**Top 10 Attractions**

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**Families**

“Wild Wadi Water Park is a fantastic day out, whether you’re planning for a relaxing, sunbathing water ride or for the fastest ride in the park! It’s a fantastic experience, suitable for all ages.”—TripAdvisor Member, England  
Wild Wadi Water Park, between Burj Al Arab and Jumeirah Beach Hotel in Dubai, 4 348 4444

“AFTERNOON TEA” at the Burj al Arab “is a great way to be pampered for a few hours. It’s not everyone’s idea of something to do, but the rich and infamous enjoy it.”—TripAdvisor Member, United Kingdom  
Afternoon tea at Burj al Arab, Jumeirah Beach Road, 4 301 7777

“After haggling at the Gold Souk, with the kids moaning that they are thirsty and fed up, what better way to amuse them than ice skating? The indoor rink is a few minutes away from the Gold Souk, and while the kids skate for an hour, you can sit, drink coffee and relax.”—TripAdvisor Member, United Kingdom  
Ice Skating, Hyatt Regency Dubai, Deira, 4 209 1234

**Romance**

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“Treat your sweetheart to a romantic dinner cruise. “We’ve had lovely experiences with Bateaux Dubai and would highly recommend them. Not a traditional dhow boat, it’s more modern. But the food and drink were lovely, and the evening was thoroughly enjoyable.”—TripAdvisor Member  
Bateaux Dubai, 4 399 4994

**Drive through the desert, cruise on a dhow, explore the city or set out on a deep-sea fishing trip with Arabian Adventures. “No matter what you select, you will be pleased.”—TripAdvisor Member, United Kingdom  
Arabian Adventures, 1st Floor, Emirates Holidays Building, Sheikh Zayed Road, 4 343 9966

With potters, weavers and other artisans practicing their crafts amid exhibitions and pearl diving demonstrations, “the delightful Heritage and Diving Villages provide a great introduction to traditional Bedouin coastal village life.”—TripAdvisor Member, Toronto, Ontario  
Dubai Diving and Heritage Villages, Shindagha area of Bur Dubai at the mouth of the Creek
Where to PLAY

BUDGET

Explore Old Dubai on foot. In about two hours, you can walk past the Gold and Spice Souks and along Dubai Creek. “The Creek area is very nice; you’ll find the gold, fish and textiles souks (local markets).”—TripAdvisor Member, Milan, Italy

Walking tour, Start at the Covered Souk on Al Sabkha Road and head toward the river

ADVENTURE

Ski—that’s right, ski—in the Middle East at Ski Dubai, an indoor ski resort. “Our teens still love the toboggans and tubing and just being in the snow. It’s a refreshing change from the heat in UAE. Love it and will always love it!”—TripAdvisor Member, Abu Dhabi, U.A.E.

Ski Dubai, Mall of the Emirates, Sheikh Zayed Road, 4 409 4000

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Jumeira Beach and Park, Jumeirah Beach

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Desert Safari tours offered by multiple companies, Alpha Tours, 4 294 9888

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Dubai Museum, Old Al Fahidi Fort, Bur Dubai, 4 353 1862

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Jebel Ali Golf Resort & Spa, Jumeirah, 4 883 6000

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For “a great view of the city,” relax on an abra, a covered water taxi. “During the summer, dusk is the only time when it’s cool enough to walk, but this is the best time to catch an abra ride.”—TripAdvisor Member, Dubai

Abra Water Taxi, North bank station at Al Sabkha
What's the TOUR
How to Get Around

“If you’re going to rent a car, which is the best way to see Dubai, be careful when driving. It can be terribly dangerous; accidents are frequent and often dramatic. In addition, the rate of auto theft has doubled in recent years.”—TripAdvisor Member

“If you’re on a short visit and staying ‘in the city,’ then taxis are the best way to get around, but a car gives you freedom to visit the neighboring emirates.”—TripAdvisor Member, United Kingdom

“The first thing one will require for orientation, whether for research or directions to taxi drivers, is a reasonable map.”—TripAdvisor Member

WHERE to eat

FAMILIES

“The most recommended brunch for kids is at the Mina A’Salam in the Madinat. It has a magician, balloon man, etc.”—TripAdvisor Member

Mina A’ Salam at Madinat Jumeirah, Madinat Jumeirah Resort, Jumeirah Beach Road, 4 366 8888

“Most of the choices at Bussola are classic Italian. We were there with a party of 12, including 6 kids, so we bought a lot of the menu and it was all good. Some of best pizza in Dubai!”—TripAdvisor Member

Bussola, The Westin Dubai, Al Suffouh Road, 04 399 4141

“Take the kids to More Cafe for breakfast. There was enough on the menu that everyone could get something they liked, without maxing out the sugar.”—TripAdvisor Member

More Cafe, Al Doha Street, 4 343 3779

ROMANCE

Capri Grill is “a cozy, classy Italian eatery with delicious food, at the surprising location of Hilton Trade Apartments. Pasta, pizza and lasagna are all recommended.”—TripAdvisor Member, Vancouver, British Columbia

Capri Grill, World Trade Centre, Sheikh Zayed Road, 4 331 4505

“Best of all was the Gordon Ramsay Restaurant—Verre. Efficient but not oleaginous service. Excellent food, very well-presented. One of the best meals we have had.”—TripAdvisor Member, Rochdale, England

Verre, Hilton Dubai Creek Hotel, Baniyas Road, 4 212 7551

“My husband and I visited Pier Chic, and it was lovely. We had an outside table, so we got to have a wonderful view of the Mina Hotel and its surroundings. Very romantic!”—TripAdvisor Member

Pier Chic, Al Qsar Hotel, 4 366 6730

BUDGET

“Go to Ravi’s for excellent Pakistani/Indian food that is cheap as chips! Many of the Emiratis get food from there, which is a good sign in itself!”—TripAdvisor Member, Dubai

Ravi’s, Satwa Road, 4 331 5353

Don’t turn your nose up at fast food: Saravana Bhavan is “a cheap Indian veggie place” serving up fresh juices, thali, dosas and more that fill you up without draining your wallet.—TripAdvisor Member, Sheffield, U.K.

Saravana Bhavan, Al Karama, 4 334 5252

The Noodle House is a “great place to taste authentic Asian food and is a good deal for money!”—TripAdvisor Member

The Noodle House, Sheikh Zayed Road, 4 319 8758

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WHERE to eat

HEALTH-CONSCIOUS

“The Seafood Market restaurant accurately reflects its name: you select your fish or seafood, decide on the method of preparation and the food is cooked on the spot and brought to you. Everything was definitely fresh and very high quality.”—TripAdvisor Member, Ruhrgebiet, Germany

Seafood Market, Le Meridian Hotel, Airport Road, 4 217 0000

Finz “features a fresh concept of offering gourmet-ish food within a shopping mall. I LOVE their a la carte Seafood! Their Espadas or lobsters are fantabulous! This is what it was intended to be—a quality restaurant you can go to after shopping.”—TripAdvisor Member, Dubai

Finz, Ibn Battuta Mall, Sheikh Zayed Road, 4 368 5620

Lime Tree Café offers “fantastic organically prepared dishes. Healthy AND tasty! Can’t be beat for value. MUST MUST MUST try the carrot cake—to die for!”—TripAdvisor Member

Lime Tree Café, Jumeirah Beach Road, 4 349 8498

HIDDEN GEMS

“At the Dubai Marine Beach Club, the Al Qasr offers lots of seating, a welcoming ambiance, splendid service and a thrilling array of mezze and bread—made fresh by a chef in front of your eyes.”—TripAdvisor Member

Al Qasr, Dubai Marine Beach Resort & Spa, 4 346 1111

Byblos Restaurant is for “anyone who wants to try the local Lebanese cuisine. Vine leaves, chicken livers, salads and hummus were prepared quickly, and plenty of bread was included. Fantastic food at a great price!”—TripAdvisor Member, Al Khobar, Saudi Arabia

Byblos Restaurant, Sheikh Zayed Road, 4 332 1999

“The best tagine restaurant I have ever eaten in is Marrakech. The marvelous tagines are so incredibly good that when you dine here, you just do not want to leave. Every morsel of delight pleases and seduces your palate like only good food, well-cooked and presented, can.”—TripAdvisor Member

Marrakech, Shangri La Hotel, 4 343 8888

SPECIAL EVENTS

Catch all of the action at the Dubai Rugby Sevens, once a local event that has grown to include International, Gulf, Women’s, Veterans’, Youth and Local competitions and is recognized as part of the IRB World Sevens Series. (December 1 – 3)

Dubai Rugby Sevens, Dubai Exiles Rugby Club Grounds, 4 321 0008, http://www.dubairugby7s.com

Pop some corn and watch a good flick at the Dubai International Film Festival (DIFF), presenting a range of films from features to shorts and documentaries. (December 7 – 14)

Dubai International Film Festival (DIFF), Dubai Media City, 4 391 3378, http://www.dubaifilmfest.com

Lace up those sneakers and face the heat at the Dubai Marathon, following a course that passes many of the city’s major landmarks. The cooler temperatures of January make the desert setting more tolerable, but runners are advised to prepare for the dry conditions. (January 27)

Standard Chartered Dubai Marathon, Starts and finishes at the Westin Dubai Mina Seyahi Beach Resort and Marina, http://www.dubaimarathon.org

Some of golf’s top stars battle it out at the Omega Dubai Desert Classic for prizes nearing $500,000, plus a position on the European team in the Ryder Cup. (February 6 – 12)


Dubai Media City heats up with the sultry sounds of the Dubai International Jazz Festival, featuring top performers and cool concerts as well as jam sessions and arts & crafts vendors. (February 16 – 24)

Dubai International Jazz Festival, Dubai Media City, 4 391 1196, http://www.dubaijazzfest.com

Motorists and enthusiasts can cheer on some of the world’s hardiest car, truck and motocross drivers taking on a rough and tumble desert course crossing some of the most spectacular terrain on earth at the Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge. (April)


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**Where to STAY**

**FAMILIES**

Al Qasr is “an upscale family hotel. If you have children, this hotel is a good choice. It’s a 5-star hotel, very conveniently located on the beach, next to the water park Wild Wadi—entrance is free for hotel guests—with a mall inside.”—TripAdvisor Member, Paris, France

Al Qasr at Madinat Jumeirah, Madinat Jumeirah Resort, Jumeirah Beach Road, 4 366 8888

“Don’t miss the opportunity of your life.”

At the “fabulous” Jumeirah Beach Hotel, “the view from the room, overlooking the sea with the Burj in front, is incredible. The breakfast buffet has to be seen to be believed!”—TripAdvisor Member, Italy

Jumeirah Beach Hotel, 6 Jumeirah Beach Road, 4 348 0000

**ROMANCE**

“Between the fresh roses and chocolates each evening to the constant supply of bottled water and fresh fruit and canapés supplied each day, smiling staff and attention to detail, we had a great time” at Grosvenor House.—TripAdvisor Member, Malahide, Ireland

Grosvenor House Dubai, West Marina Beach, 4 399 8888

“Stay at Madinat Jumeirah is an experience out of this world. Our room at Mina A’Salam had a beautiful view. The staff is the friendliest I’ve ever encountered. And the rooms leave nothing to wish for—you simply cannot top it.”—TripAdvisor Member, Zurich, Switzerland

Mina A’Salam at Madinat Jumeirah, Madinat Jumeirah Resort, Jumeirah Beach Road, 4 366 8888

**BUDGET**

Bonnington Jumeirah Lakes Towers offers “elegant luxury at affordable rates! Cozy lobby, elegant restaurants, shadowed pool, state of the art gym and the best? The suite which made it difficult to leave!”—TripAdvisor Member, Abu Dhabi

Bonnington Jumeirah Lakes Towers, Cluster J, Jumeirah Lakes Towers, 4 356 0000

Villa 47 offers “spacious rooms, good beds, great breakfast (with your choice of either continental or homemade Indian!), free internet access and very kind hosts. And all this for a fraction of the usual prices in expensive Dubai!”—TripAdvisor Member, Vienna, Austria

Villa 47, 19th Street, Garhoud, ancyottenskulam@gmail.com

**LUXURY**

Le Royal Meridien “truly lives up to five-star quality service. It’s one of the best resorts ever.” It is “situated on a private beach with four major swimming pools and eight restaurants, not forgetting the spa, hammam pools and a very large gym. The polite and caring staff make the experience a hundred times better.”—TripAdvisor Member, Slough, England

Le Royal Meridien Beach Resort & Spa, Abu Dhabi Road 1350, 4 399 5555

“From the moment we arrived at Dar Al Masyaf, it was pure bliss. Luxury from start to finish!”—TripAdvisor Member, Ireland

Dar Al Masyaf at Madinat Jumeirah, Al Sufouh Road, 4 364 7 111

With a menu of 26 pillows, butler service and two-level suites, the Burj al Arab “was a unique experience and definitely one that I will remember for the rest of my life. Do not miss the opportunity of your life.”—TripAdvisor Member, Lisbon, Portugal

The Tower of Arabs (Burj al Arab), Jumeirah Beach Road, 4 301 7777

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Al Maha Desert Resort, Al Ain Road, 4 832 9900

“Premier Inn has everything for us avid budget travellers. The hotel is spotless, inviting and has great services. Honestly, Dubai is super expensive but this hotel was a real treat. They have a bar, lounge, a coffee shop AND a swimming pool on the rooftop!”—TripAdvisor Member, Calgary, Alberta

Premier Inn Dubai International Airport, 52B Street, 4 260 4000

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Where to STAY

HIDDEN GEMS

"My husband and I loved The Palace. The beautiful garden/pool area was a tropical oasis. Fantastic staff and lovely rooms with everything you could wish for. We enjoyed sitting outside listening to the chirping birds."—TripAdvisor Member, Oslo, Norway

The Palace - The Old Town, Downtown Burj Dubai, 4 428 7888

"Who needs big and brash?" Orient Guest House, "in the old Bastakiya pedestrian area, is a small oasis of calm in a frantic, bustling area. The staff are very friendly and helpful and provide you with a lovely breakfast in a great courtyard setting."—TripAdvisor Member, Hamilton, U.K.

Orient Guest House, Al Fahidi Street, 4 351 9111

"The Qamardeen is a beautifully and tastefully decorated hotel with a staff that made me feel welcome from the minute I stepped through the front door. I was simply blown away by the amazing hospitality and quality of service!"—TripAdvisor Member, Brisbane, Australia

Qamardeen Hotel, Burj Dubai, The Old Town, 4 428 6888

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