





TRAVELING UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

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where to go



More Sights & Activities

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| Burj Khalifa | Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque | Al Ain Camel Market |
| Souq at Central Market | Capital Gate & Atlantis | Al Jazirah Al Hamra |
| Eihad & DNA Towers | Emirates Palace | Ferrari World |

When to Go

- Best Weather
October - April
- Very Hot
May - Sept
- Avoid Ramadan
Closings

tipping

-  5-10%
Waitstaff
-  AED 5-10
Porters per bag
-  5-10%
Bartenders
-  AED 50
Tour Guides/Day
-  Round up AED 5
Taxi Drivers

Haggling is expected at souks. Only say prices you're willing to pay.

Service charges are usually included in bills, tip above that.

table manners

Only use your right hand while eating. You may either use a utensil, your hand or bread to scoop food.

Left hand should stay at your side or lap, not on table. Avoid pouring your own drink.

When finished, leave utensils in the middle of your plate, tines up.

foods to try

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| Saloona | Dates |
| Beryani | Khabees Dessert |
| Shawarma Grilled Meat | Camel Milk |
| Kafta Meat | Arabic Coffee |

BASIC ARABIC

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|  Same-sex greeting is a light handshake, & if friends, 2-3 cheek kisses. Opposite sexes offer little to no touching. | HELLO (mahr-ha-bahn) ----- GOODBYE (ma-a sa-lah-mah) ----- PLEASE (min fahd-lik) (min fahd-lik-ee) ----- THANK YOU (shoo-kran) ----- YOU'RE WELCOME (ahf-wen) ----- PARDON ME (ahf-wen) ----- ENGLISH? (in-gee-zee-ya?) ----- YES (nah-ahm) ----- NO (lehh) |  PDA, disrespectful behavior toward authority, cursing, drunkenness & noise disruptions carry fines or jail time. |
|  Close male friends may hold hands while walking. However, homosexual activity is illegal. | |  At religious sites & old parts of the city, men & women should wear modest clothing that covers arms, legs & shoulders. Women should also wear a headscarf. |

Dining:

- Wait staff is typically tipped 5-10% (Service charges are usually included in bills, you can tip above that.)
- Bartenders is typically tipped 5-10% (Being drunk in public can insure a fine)

Recommend Restaurants:

- Fine Dining
 - Angar: Indian, Asian- phone # 971-2-656-0600
 - Villa Toscana: Italian, Mediterranean, European- phone # 971-2-694-4553
 - Koi Restaurant & Lounge: Japanese, Seafood, Sushi- phone # 971-2-678-3334
 - Sontaya: Asian, Thai- phone # 971-2-498-8088
 - Finz: Seafood, European, Soups- phone # 971-2-697-9011
- Top Restaurants
 - Latitude 24: Vegetarian, Vegan, Gluten Free, Bar- phone # 971-2-674-2020
 - Punjab Grill: Indian, Asian, Vegetarian & Vegan Options, Halal- phone # 971-2-449-9839
 - The Terrace on the Corniche: Contemporary, Middle Eastern, Japanese, Asian, British, International- phone # 971-2-694-4553
 - BOA Steakhouse: American, Steakhouse, Halal, Vegan and Gluten Free Options- phone # 971-2-641-1500
 - BiCE at Jumeirah at Etihad Towers: Italian, Mediterranean, European, Vegetarian & Vegan Options- phone # 971-2-811-5555
- Nearest to Exhibition Center (in order of distance)
 - 18 Degrees Bar: Mediterranean, European, Middle Eastern- phone # 971-56-544-8158
 - Prive: International- phone # 971-2-596-1235
 - Relax@12: Sushi, Asian, Bar- phone # 971-2-654-5138
 - Dine All Day: International, Vegetarian- phone # 971-2-654-5120
 - The Garden Restaurant: Indian, International, European- phone # 971-2-616-6838
 - Oceana Restaurant: Seafood, International, Asian, Soup- phone # 971-2-617-0000

Transportation:

- Taxi Driver is typically tipped rounding up AED 5
- TransAD hotline is for taxi rides +971 600 535353
- Avoid taxis that do not have meters
- Pink taxis are female drivers

General:

- If you go to souks haggling is expected. Only say the price you are willing to pay
- At religious sites and old parts of the city you should wear modest clothing (cover shoulders, arms & legs) Women should wear head scarfs.
- Electronic Cigarettes are illegal in the UAE