

# DUBAI HIGHLIGHTS

★ SIGHTSEEING + FOOD + TRAVEL TIPS



Welcome to our Desert City! We hope you love your time here and make the most of everything there is to see and do. Below is our list of your must-see attractions while you are here in Dubai - enjoy!

## **Sightseeing & Experiences:**

### Burj Khalifa

<https://www.burjkhalifa.ae/en/index.aspx>

The Burj Khalifa is currently the world's tallest building and is attached/accessed through the Dubai Mall. It is possible to buy tickets to go to the Observation Deck and see a 360 view of SZR and Dubai. Tickets can be pre-purchased online for a designated time slot from the website above, we also recommend checking their package options as you can get a nice View+Dinner or View+Coffee experience for a small amount extra. Visiting anytime of day is spectacular, however the sunset allows you to see the view by day and night if you stay long enough to see the city light up for the evening.

*Ally's Insider Tip: If the Observation Deck isn't for you, I recommend visiting Neo's Bar, located on the 63rd floor in the Address Hotel next door to the Burj Khalifa, where you can enjoy an equally spectacular 360 view of Dubai, while enjoying a drink or two.*

### Dubai Frame

<https://www.dubaiframe.ae/en>

One of Dubai's newer structures that offer an amazing view of both 'Old' Dubai and 'New' Dubai. It's a gold-plated structure standing at the foot of Sheik Zayed Road (SZR) and offers a beautiful perspective how quickly Dubai has grown as a city. There is small museum offering a glimpse into the history of Dubai, to the present day and visions for the city in the future.

This attraction is very easy to access - pre-booking isn't necessary - and can be completed in 60-90mins.

### The View on The Palm

<https://www.theviewpalm.ae/the-view-at-the-palm/>

The best way to see Dubai's famous land formation 'The Palm' !

This man made, palm shaped island is an iconic piece of Dubai. Lined with luxury villa's and hotels this land mass added an impressive 56 Kilometres to the Dubai coastline and something that is need to be seen to be believed. When driving on The Palm, it can be difficult to fathom the beauty and grand scale of this island, and therefore we recommend taking the view in on the open air observation deck, located on the 52nd floor of The View on the Palm. From here you can see the famous Hotel Atlantis, sitting at the top of the Palm, as well as catch a view of the Burj Al Arab, JBR Beach and skyline, the various boat marinas and Dubai's original desert coastline. Try visiting in the morning or afternoon to beat the midday heat!

From here you can either do a lap of the Palm and drive up close to the famous Atlantis Hotel (good photo op!), swing by the newly opened West Beach Palm area for a walk and drop into one of the beach cafes/restaurants or cool down in Nakheel Mall.

*Ally's Insider Tip: When buying/booking tickets check the 'Promotions' section where you can for any deals that include coffee or lunch in the price of your ticket, allowing you to sit and savour the view a little longer (and will be cheaper than buy a round of coffee's when you are up there!)*

### Old Dubai

(Bastakiya, Heritage Village and Dubai Creek)

Hands down the best and most cultural part of Dubai. A neighbourhood filled with old heritage and Bedouin style architecture, winding alleyways and beautiful courtyards. It is easy to spend a day roaming around this area, visiting the tea houses, carpet shops and art galleries. Enjoying a walk along the creek and taking the boat to the Spice, Textile and Gold Souks.

### Arabian Tea House

<https://goo.gl/maps/v2sYUejP8Xcwj64U6>

*Ally's Insider Tip: Start your day at the Arabian Tea House (for lunch or breakfast) then take your time to stroll through the heritage village towards the creek, hop on the 1 AED old style dow boat to cross the water to the Spice Souks. The boats are open to all public for 1 AED a ride or you can hire the whole boat for approximately 40AED.*

### Dubai Mall

The largest mall in the world! While this is great for shopping, both designer brands and otherwise, the best part of the Dubai Mall is the entertainment and restaurants outside. Here you will find the famous Dubai Fountain show, which runs every 30mins from 18:00 with different music and water choreography each performance. Best viewed from the restaurants outside of The Dubai Mall and in the Souk Al Haha areas.

### Time Out Market Dubai (located next to Dubai Mall)

An up-market food court concept sampling some of Dubai's best restaurant menus, vendor style. Here you can try dishes from multiple restaurants, offering a large range of cuisines, pair it with a cocktail and dine in funky shared eating spaces. Time Out Market Dubai also has a great balcony terrace that offers a view of the Dubai Fountain Show.

*Ally's Insider Tip: Best to enjoy the fountain show view from an upper/2nd level restaurant - the restaurants on the Souk Al Haha and Time Out Market side serve alcohol.*

## Dubai Sightseeing Bus

Great for getting a guided tour of the entire city and complete lay of the land! There are two routes on this sightseeing experience, covering both old Dubai and the plan / JBR coastline.

*Ally's Insider Tip: As some of the stops and points of interest can be very far apart, we recommend taking the long pass (48hours) if you are planning to jump off and explore many places, alternatively just plan ahead what you want to see and skip the Dubai Mall stop (in favour of seeing that separately another time)*

## Museum of the Future

<https://museumofthefuture.ae/en>

Newly opened and beautiful example of architecture with an arabic twist! This museum opened in 2022 and is a landmark devoted to innovative and futuristic ideologies. It's a very popular location at the moment, so you will need to book tickets at least a week ahead of time!

*Ally's Insider Tip: If you just want to see the landmark and admire the architecture, visit any of the following rooftop bars for an afternoon drink and soak in the view:*

Level 43, Four Points Sheraton Hotel, SZR:

<https://www.level43skylounge.com/>

Monkey Bar, 25 Hours Hotel, One Central:

<https://www.25hours-hotels.com/en/hotels/dubai/one-central>

## Dubai Walking Tours:

An amazing way to see various neighbourhoods of Dubai, and an excellent foodie opportunity.

Food Tour with Frying Pan Adventures:

<https://www.fryingpanadventures.com/food-tours-in-dubai/>

Walking Tour with Dubai By Foot Tours:

[https://freetoursbyfoot.com/dubai-tours/?utm\\_source=google&utm\\_medium=organic&utm\\_campaign=gmb](https://freetoursbyfoot.com/dubai-tours/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=organic&utm_campaign=gmb)

## Desert Safari:

An absolute MUST-DO when visiting Dubai! Spend the day due bashing in a 4x4 with an experienced driver, go for a camel ride and enjoy a desert sunset with a traditional arabic style dinner.

<https://www.arabian-adventures.com/ae/english/desert-safaris>

[https://www.getyourguide.co.uk/dubai-t173/camel-ride-tour-and-bbq-dinner-t511397?ranking\\_uuid=6eeb8953-c6dc-40d9-9d81-836be443af7a](https://www.getyourguide.co.uk/dubai-t173/camel-ride-tour-and-bbq-dinner-t511397?ranking_uuid=6eeb8953-c6dc-40d9-9d81-836be443af7a)

## **Dining Locations / Restaurants:**

Souk Madinat Jumeirah - a range of cuisines set amount the canals and plans of the Madinat Jumeirah. Wander through the Souk Market to the water edge and take in the views of Burj Al Arab. Lots of beautiful restaurants here, covering all cuisines with views of the Burj Al Arab. Ally's Pick: Pai Thai (Thai), Taverna (Greek), Tortuga (Mexican).

Al Serkal Ave - a new artistic district with installations, art galleries and hip cafes. And if you are in the mood for exercise, there is Shimi's, a lux yoga studio or Crank, a nightclub style-cycle class.

The Courtyard - a dreamy space full of cute cafes, boutique shops and cute arabic style photo ops.

### *Ally's Top Cafe Picks:*

Lime Tree Cafe

Tom & Serge

Common Grounds

The Sum of Us

Cassette

Boston Lane

Heal

Seva Table

Culture House

### *Arabic Food & Dining Recommendations:*

Abd El Wahab (great food and view of Dubai fountains!)

Zaroob

Zou Zou

Zataar & Zeit

## **Transport and Getting Around DXB!:**

Taxi's in Dubai are one of the main modes of transport for visitors. Every ride starts a 12 AED (except when catching from the airport, which has an additional airport tax) and is metered. Taxi's are easy to hail/catch and are generally found on every corner throughout the day. Alternatively you can book taxi's in advance with the local ride share app 'Careem', where you can order ride and follow your journey in the app, similar to Uber.

Uber is also available in the UAE, however it is generally more expensive than taxi's/Careem as the app only uses private drivers and luxury cars.

The Dubai Metro is efficient and easy to use, provided you are located along one of the 2 the metro lines. Tickets for the metro start at 6AED for the general cabin.

Need more info? Some good Dubai Travel References to check out: Whats On Dubai / Time Out Dubai online. Or watch this fun video: [https://youtu.be/wlKic6yTUUs?si=OgdhgNwbp\\_5477mH](https://youtu.be/wlKic6yTUUs?si=OgdhgNwbp_5477mH)

See you all very soon!

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