

DESTINATION ITINERARY

Dubai

4-5 Days

From INR 45,000 per person

Best: Jan, Feb, Mar, Nov, Dec

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FEATURED IN THIS JOURNEY

Burj Khalifa



Dubai Mall and Fountain



Palm Jumeirah

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Destination overview

Dubai is the largest city of the United Arab Emirates, grown outward from a tidal creek that was a pearling and trading harbour long before the towers arrived. Direct and connecting services from multiple Indian cities make it a practical international trip, and the city's very large Indian community means Hindi is widely spoken, Indian food is everywhere and a first journey abroad rarely feels disorienting. The character is deliberately engineered: glass towers and malls along Sheikh Zayed Road, a restored quarter of wind-tower houses at Al Fahidi, and red dunes that begin within an hour's drive of the centre. It suits families with children, first-time international travellers, shoppers, and anyone who would rather have comfort and dependable infrastructure than rough edges. Summer heat is severe, so the season you pick shapes the trip more than any other decision.

PACKAGE DURATION

4-5 Days

STARTING PRICE

From INR 45,000 per person

BEST TIME

Peak: Jan, Feb, Mar, Nov, Dec | Shoulder: Apr, Oct |
 Avoid: May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep

TRIP TYPES

beach, honeymoon

8 APPROVED SUBLOCATIONS

Places you'll visit

01

Burj Khalifa
SKYSCRAPER | 2-3 HOURS

The world's tallest building, a tapering steel-and-glass tower at the centre of Downtown Dubai. Lifts run to observation decks on the upper floors, where floor-to-ceiling glass looks out over the Gulf, the artificial islands and the desert beyond. Entry runs on timed slots, and sunset is the most sought after.


Dubai Mall and Fountain
MARKET | HALF DAY

One of the world's largest shopping centres, holding an aquarium tunnel, an indoor ice rink and hundreds of shops. Outside, on the lake between the mall and Burj Khalifa, choreographed fountain jets run to music through the evening at short intervals, watched free from the promenade and the bridge.


Palm Jumeirah
ISLAND | HALF DAY

A palm-shaped artificial island reclaimed off the Jumeirah coast and laid out as a trunk, fronds and a curving breakwater. A monorail runs its length to the Atlantis resort at the tip, and visitors come for the beaches along the trunk, waterfront restaurants and views back at the mainland skyline.



Dubai Marina

SKYSCRAPER | HALF DAY

A dense district of residential towers built around an artificial canal cut inland from the Gulf. A paved promenade runs its full length past cafes and moored yachts; dhow dinner cruises and speedboat tours depart from here, and the JBR beach strip is a short walk away.



Desert Safari

NATURE RESERVE | HALF DAY

An excursion into the dunes inland from the city, normally by four-wheel drive with a spell of dune driving before a camp stop. Camps offer camel rides, sandboarding, henna, a barbecue dinner and folk performances. Afternoon departures avoid the worst heat and finish after dark.



Dubai Frame

MONUMENT | 1-2 HOURS

A tall rectangular gilded frame in Zabeel Park, positioned so that older Dubai lies on one side and the modern skyline on the other. Lifts rise to a sky bridge with a glass-panelled floor, and galleries inside cover the city's past and an imagined version of its future.



Gold and Spice Souks

MARKET | 2-3 HOURS

Covered lanes in Deira on the northern bank of Dubai Creek. The gold souk's windows are stacked with jewellery sold largely by weight, while the neighbouring spice souk sells saffron, dried limes, frankincense and nuts. Bargaining is expected, and wooden abras ferry passengers across the creek.



Global Village

THEME PARK | HALF DAY

A seasonal open-air park combining country pavilions, a funfair and stage shows, open through the cooler months only. Each pavilion sells food, crafts and clothing from a different region, and evenings bring concerts and fireworks. It is busiest at weekends and involves a great deal of walking.

4 DAYS

Suggested day-by-day plan

01

DAY 1

Burj Khalifa and Desert Safari

Visit Burj Khalifa, Desert Safari.

02

DAY 2

Dubai Mall and Fountain and Dubai Frame

Visit Dubai Mall and Fountain, Dubai Frame.

03

DAY 3

Palm Jumeirah and Gold and Spice Souks

Visit Palm Jumeirah, Gold and Spice Souks.

04

DAY 4

Dubai Marina and Global Village

Visit Dubai Marina, Global Village.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Travel essentials

CURRENCY

The UAE dirham is the local currency. Cards are accepted almost everywhere, though small notes are handy for taxis, souks and desert-camp extras.

LANGUAGE

Arabic is the official language, but English is used routinely in hotels, malls and transport. Hindi and Urdu are widely spoken across the city.

TIME DIFFERENCE

The UAE is 1 hour 30 minutes behind Indian Standard Time (IST).

WEATHER

A desert climate with very hot, humid summers and mild, comfortable winters. Rain is rare, and indoor attractions are air-conditioned throughout the year.

CONNECTIVITY

International roaming works well, and tourist SIMs or eSIMs are available at the airport. Free Wi-Fi is common in malls, hotels and the metro.

VISA AND PERMITS

Indian ordinary-passport holders should arrange the correct UAE entry permission or eVisa unless they meet a current conditional exemption. Confirm passport validity and eligibility through official UAE immigration guidance before booking.

Food and culture

Emirati dishes such as machboos, harees and luqaimat appear in heritage cafes, while Lebanese, Iranian, Filipino and Indian food is widespread. Meat is generally halal, and vegetarian and Jain dining is straightforward. Dress modestly in malls and older quarters and avoid public daytime eating during Ramadan.

AIR, RAIL AND ROAD

Getting there from India

AIR

Dubai International Airport is the main gateway, with direct and connecting flights from several Indian cities. Al Maktoum and nearby emirate airports may appear on some itineraries.

RAIL

There is no passenger railway between India and the UAE. Dubai Metro is useful after arrival but does not connect the country to India.

ROAD

Overland travel from India is not a normal tourist route. Within Dubai, Metro, taxis and booked transfers cover the principal visitor areas.

Official guidance: UAE Government visa guidance -

<https://u.ae/en/information-and-services/visa-and-emirates-id/Visa-information/do-you-need-an-entry-permit-or-a-visa-to-enter-the-uae>
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Practical notes

- The currency is the UAE dirham, pegged to the US dollar, so the rupee rate moves little; cards are accepted almost everywhere and cash is rarely necessary.
- Traffic drives on the right, the opposite of India, and jaywalking is fined - use the marked crossings and footbridges.
- The metro's Red and Green lines reach most sightseeing; buy a Nol card, and note the women-and-children carriage at the front of every train.
- Alcohol is served in licensed hotels and restaurants, but drinking or being drunk in public is an offence.
- November to March is comfortable; between June and September the heat makes midday outdoor sightseeing impractical, so plan indoor mornings and evening excursions.
- Public displays of affection are frowned upon, and swimwear belongs at the beach or pool rather than on the street or inside malls.



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