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for International Students

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About Living in Dubai and the United Arab Emirates

Now that you are a resident in the United Arab Emirates, here is some information and services you will need in your daily life. Please check below a list of contacts and links for further details regarding UAE laws and regulations, dress code, climate and weather, health, food, entertainment, amongst others.

A true cosmopolitan city, Dubai has a population of over 1.8 million, comprising a vibrant mix of nationalities from all around the world. This diversity contributes to Dubai's unique appeal as a city that offers an unlimited variety of commercial and lifestyle options.

Climate and Weather

Dubai has a sub-tropical, arid climate. Sunny, blue skies can be expected most of the year. Rainfall is infrequent and irregular, falling mainly in winter. Temperatures range from a low of about 10C/50F to a high of 48C/118.4F.

Dress Code

The dress code is similar to most cosmopolitan cities with a few variations with respect to the cultural and religious foundations of the United Arab Emirates. Shorts, skirts, and short-sleeved shirts are considerably acceptable, but with common sense. Revealing or tight fitting clothes should be avoided. There is no requirement for women to cover up. Those who do, do so out of choice and respect for their heritage and religion.

UAE national women wear the "abaya", a long black robe that covers their clothes, and a headscarf, called "shayla". The national dress for men is the "dishdasha" or "khandura", an ankle length robe, usually white. Dishdashas are usually worn with a white or red-checkered headcloth ("guttra") and a twisted black rope-like coil ("agal") which holds the guttra in place; under the headdress is a skull cap ("gafia").

Emergency Contact Numbers

Police	999
Fire	997
Ambulance	998 or 999
Electricity	991
Water	991

Entertainment

The United Arab Emirates provide quite a diverse range of outdoors activities such as hiking, camping, beaching, diving as well as indoors recreation such as movies, theatres and an impressive number of malls and retail stores.

It is almost impossible to get bored in Dubai, whether you are an indoor or outdoor buff.

World-class hotels, shopping areas and recreational centres offer everything from gourmet restaurants and cafes to sporting facilities. Movie theatres and indoor game centres are also common in the many shopping centres.

Beaches, dune driving, camping, hiking, rock climbing, snorkelling, snow skiing, ice skating, horse riding and scuba diving are just some of the activities you can enjoy in and around Dubai.

The U.A.E. also welcomes many world class performers and events. Some of these events include: shopping festivals, golf tournaments, rugby, horse racing, opera, ballet, music concerts, marathons, etc.

For further information see:

www.dubaifaqs.com
www.timeoutdubai.com
www.dubaicityguide.com

Food

Dubai is the home of a variety of flavours. From Arabic, Lebanese, Iranian, Indian to Japanese, Thai, Italian, French, Mexican, Irish, Chinese cuisine, Dubai has it all. A wide list of available restaurants can be found at www.timeoutdubai.com/restaurants.

Useful Contact Numbers and Websites

Etisalat (Telephone Company)

Directory Inquiry: 181
 General Information: 101
 Website: www.etisalat.co.ae

On-line bill inquiry and bill payment:

www.e4me.co.ae

Du (Telephone Company)

Telephone: 04 360 0000
 Website: www.du.ae
 Email: Customer.Care@du.ae

7000 40000 (Ask Dubai from Dubai eGovernment)

For most government department's eServices & eComplaints

800-4-888 (Al Ameen service from Dubai Police)

To report criminal activity or if someone is harassing you

04-2232323 (Dubai Municipality Public Health Department)

For public health and consumer-safety complaints

600 54 5555 Dubai Consumer Protection (Consumer Rights)

For consumer complaints to Consumer Rights Section at Dubai Economic Department

04-2954000 UAE Consumer Protection Department (CPD)

For consumer complaints to Dubai Office of CPD, Ministry of Economy

04-3939777 UAE Central Bank Control & Inspection

For customer complaints against banks

Police Stations

Dubai Police Operations Room

04-6095555, 04-6099999, 04-694848

Ports Police Station 04-3459999

Al Ghusais Police Station 04-2631111

Hatta Police Station 04-8521111

Al Rashidiya Police Station 04-2853000

Naif Police Station 04-2286999

Al Muraqqabat Police Station 04-2660555

Jebel Ali Police Station 04-8816111

Al Rifa'a Police Station 04-3937777

Bur Dubai Police Station 04-3981111

Nad Al Sheba Police Station 04-3363535

Central Jail 04-2871788

Transport

Roads and Transport Authority, Call Centre 800-9090

Roads and Transport Authority 04-2844444

Dubai Transport 04-2641111

Airport

General Department of Airport Security 04-2162544

Dubai International Airport 04-2245555

Dubai International Airport, Flight Enquiries 04-2166666

Airport Taxi 04-2245331

Dubai Municipality

Main Office 04-2215555

Vehicle testing centres

Emarat Patrol, Shamil 04-3986006

Tasjeel, EPPCO 04-2673940

Main Hospitals and Emergency Numbers:

Rashid Hospital 04-337 1111
(Emergency) 04-2191000

Al Maktoum Hospital
04-2221211, 04-2196666
(Emergency) 04-2284584

Al Wasl Hospital
04-3241111, 04-2193000
Blood Donation Centre 04-2193221

Dubai Hospital
04-2714444, 04-2195000

Al Baraha Hospital 04-2710000
(Emergency) 04-2195947

American Hospital
04 336 7777 04-309 6645
www.ahdubai.com

Welcare Hospital
04 282 7788, 04-337 1323
www.welcarehospital.com

Jebel Ali Hospital 04-8845 666

Iranian Hospital 04-3440 250

Belhoul Speciality Hospital 04-2733 333

The City Hospital 800 8432489

Zulekha Hospital 04-267 8866

Useful Websites

www.dubai.ae

www.uaeinteract.com

www.dubaitourism.co.ae

www.gulfnews.com

www.khaleejtimes.com

www.thenational.ae