



3 DAY

Stopover Itinerary

With only three days to take in Dubai, it presents a challenge in trying to see and do all the highlights of Dubai. To make the most of your stopover, we have a suggested itinerary to try to fit in all the top experiences and attractions Dubai has to offer.

Day 1

Shoot to the top of the world's tallest building in high speed elevators (traveling at 10 metres per second... faster than an Olympic sprinter in full-flow!) to take you up to the 124th floor observation deck 'At The Top' of the Burj Khalifa. The unobstructed 360 degree view of the city, desert and sea is a great starting point that will help you gather your bearings and decide which attractions you'll head off to next.

Start off with exploring Dubai's offerings of shopping wonderlands. Head to the Dubai Mall, the world's largest shopping mall, it is a destination in itself with its leisure and entertainment options. The mall boasts: over 1000 retail outlets that includes top international brands such as Bloomingdales, Galleries Lafayette, Chanel, Louis Vuitton and entertainment facilities such as KidZania, SEGA Republic, and an Olympic sized Dubai Ice Rink. The centrepiece of the mall is the Dubai Aquarium and Underwater Zoo, where visitors can walk through the 270 degree acrylic tunnel or view through the aquariums viewing panel. The mall's waterfront promenade offers a stunning view of the spectacular Dubai Fountain-the world's largest dancing fountain. The spectacular fountain and light show during the evening is a must-not-miss attraction.

Another shopping experience is the Mall of Emirates. The mall showcases more than 500 international brands that retail fashion, lifestyle, sports, electronics and home furnishing products. Their super stylish Fashion Dome features flagship stores such as Louis Vuitton, Paul Smith and Diane von Furstenberg. In addition, the mall also houses: Magic Planet – a leisure facility, a 14 screen cinema and Ski Dubai- the Middle East's first indoor skiing resort.

Sample the city's offerings of Middle Eastern cuisine. Al Fanar is the first and the only authentic Emirati Cuisine in UAE. A complete mesmerizing experience of Emirati traditions, authentic Emirati cuisine and Middle Eastern hospitality, in the ambience of Dubai recreated from the 1960's. Al Mallah is a local street food favourite and enables you to taste the best of Arabic foods and set at very high standards. Try the lamb shwarmas, a local favourite.



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On the second day of your stopover, delve into Dubai's cultural canvas. Start with a visit to the Jumeirah Mosque, a monument that pays homage to the sacred, religious customs of Islam and fascinating history of Dubai that is located on Al Jumeirah Road.

The Heritage Village is a fantastic spot to become acquainted with the city's traditional arts, customs and architecture. The area also includes the official residence of Sheikh Saeed Al Maktoum, Ruler of Dubai (1912-1958). The house, which dates from 1896, houses a rare collection of historic photographs, coins, stamps and documents that record Dubai's history.

After, head to Bastakiya, the oldest residential area of the city, famous for its traditional wind tower houses and narrow winding lanes. Engage in the traditional Arabic art of calligraphy in House 118 or make your own gypsum art at the gypsum workshops at the Restoration Houses.

Take the opportunity to pop into some of the art galleries and cafes that line the lanes for a refreshing lemon and mint juice and snack. Art enthusiasts can visit three art centres – the Majilis, XVA and Art Connection galleries at Bastakiya.

The cultural breakfasts and lunches organised by the Sheikh Mohammed Centre for Cultural Understanding is a great way to understand the Arabic culture and customs. Hosted by UAE nationals, these meals provide a wealth of information about the city.

In the afternoon, try a traditional Middle Eastern shopping experience- the souks. Dubai is famous for its traditional souqs (markets) – Arabian-style covered outdoor bazaars with a warren of lanes and central courtyards. Unlike in the modern shopping malls, bargaining is the norm here. Some of the best include the Deira Gold Souq for gold and jewellery; the Deira Spice Souq for exotic herbs and spices; Bur Dubai Souq for textiles and trinkets; and Madinat Jumeirah or Souq Al Bahar, a modern take on the souq where you can find just about anything.

Stunning views of the city's skyline along the Dubai Creek, accompanied by fine dining and live musical entertainment made possible by a dinner cruise along the creek. Offered by a number of tour operators across the city, including Bateaux Dubai, a dhow dinner cruise guarantees a magical evening.



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Spend the morning lazing on the beautiful beaches of Dubai or if you feel like some more adventurous try one of the city's exciting water parks. Choose from the exhilarating Aquaventure at Atlantis, The Palm or the thrilling Wild Wadi on Jumeirah Beach road. With rides and slides that range from mild to wild, these parks are excellent for families. Or stop by the Dolphin Bay at Atlantis, The Palm for a close encounter with bottlenose dolphins.

On the more adventurous side, a scuba dive is the perfect way to marvel at Dubai's reef, corals and marine life. Other exciting water sports to enjoy are jet skiing, parasailing, wakeboarding, sailing, yachting, deep –sea fishing and cruising.

Indulge in a pampering session in the wide variety of spas in Dubai. Each spa has its own unique theme, style and concept treatments. Influences are drawn from the East and West with spa themes ranging from Turkish, Egyptian and Thai; and with unique backdrops of the beach, city and desert provide a perfect opportunity to relax and unwind. The Talise Ottoman Spa is uniquely themed and luxurious with its spectacular Turkish spa and hammam. Man/Age Men's Spa breaks the myth of grooming concept being feminine and offers pampering experiences for males.

The Arabian Desert offers some great fun-filled moments and a Dubai trip is not complete without a desert 'safari'. Dune drives, hot air balloon rides, sand skiing, quad biking, camel rides, desert dinners and visits to the Hatta fortress are just some of the highlights of the desert safaris. A Sundowner Safari is a great way to experience the desert. A private tent lit by flaming torches and Bedouin style seating welcomes you with piping hot food and unlimited beverages. Be entertained with aromatic water pipes, and optional arrangements such as a private vehicle, falconry show, celebratory cake, henna painting, fortune telling, or belly dance performance.

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