



## SUPER SHOPS

Dubai is renowned for its mega malls. Venture to the Deira City Center mall and you'll find 300 shops over 1.2 million square feet. Although it's not particularly cheap, you'll find everything in one place including food stores, designer goodies and much, much more... For a taste of something more traditional, breathe in the aromas of the Spice Souk or splash out at the Gold Souk.



## FINE DINING

Great food is also part of Dubai's attraction. All the big hotels have their own gourmet dining experience like the famous sail-shaped Burj Al Arab's Al Muntaha restaurant in the sky! For romantic drinks by candle light with a view, head to the Roof Top at the Royal Mirage's Arabian Court where silky pillows lie strewn below the star-spangled sky.



## GO-SEE

Dubai might seem brand new but there's plenty of age-old culture and tradition to be found here too. If you want to get away from the beach to find out about the Emirate's past, visit its historical highlights such as the Jumeirah Mosque or the Dubai Museum inside the Al Fahidi Fort, which dates back to 1799.

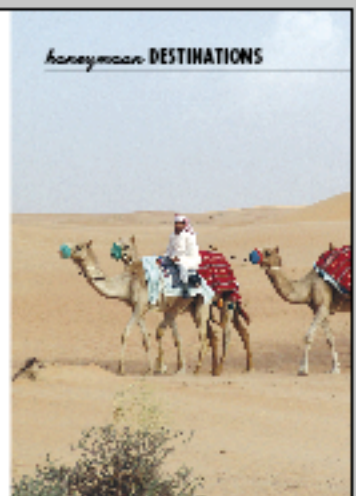
## SPA HIGHS

Get pampered in the true spirit of the Orient with a traditional Hammam. The Spa at the Royal Mirage is in keeping with Moorish and Arabian style, with an impressive central towering dome, intricate design and mosaic tiling. The steamy sanctuary is home to an age-old cleansing and bathing ritual to rejuvenate you.



## GETTING THERE AND AROUND

Gulf Air flies to Dubai daily. Return economy fares from London Heathrow to Dubai start at £357.12, including tax. For further information on Gulf Air destinations and fares visit [www.gulfairco.com](http://www.gulfairco.com) or hire a car with Avis - [www.avis.co.uk](http://www.avis.co.uk)



# Dubai

This fabulous duty-free destination is a shopper's paradise, offering luxurious hotels and miles and miles of stunning golden coastline. By Rowena Carr-Allinson

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Dubai is one of the world's hottest honeymoon destinations. A city risen from the desert, it prides itself on being the city where everything is possible. With a hint of Las Vegas, Dubai is the ultimate indulgence destination where luxury and comfort are par for the course. The cosmopolitan Emirate perched on the horn of the Arabian Peninsula is booming with cutting-edge high-rise hotels, five-star service and a healthy helping of eroticism and beauty. The 'city of gold' is all about being spoilt with sunshine, sea, spas, sports and shopping...

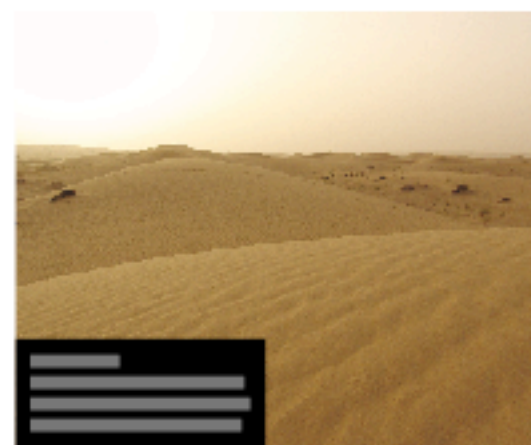


## FOR HIM...

Although it's always sunny, Dubai isn't only about working that tan. The turquoise waters of the Arabian Sea offer everything from jet skiing to scuba diving. Back on dry land there's golfing and, with all that sand, a lot of 4x4 driving 'camel trophy style' and dune surfing too! And if that weren't enough, there's skiing at Ski Dubai, one of the world's longest indoor real snow slopes.

## IF YOU DO ONE THING...

Escape to the desert! The camels wandering through the dunes, the dry heat and the spectacular scenery make for an ultra-romantic experience. At the remote Al Maha, a luxurious tented resort, you'll be transported to the land of *Owe Thousawl and One Nights*. Try falconry, go riding on the mighty Arabian thoroughbreds and, at dusk, join the camel trek where a champagne cocktail awaits in the velvety dunes.



## WHERE TO STAY

Opulent hotels are part of the tradition of Arabian hospitality. Everything is about service, from the white-gloved bell boys to the valet parking and personal service. Book into the *One & Only Royal Mirage* for an Arabian Palace atmosphere or to the beachfront *Ritz Carlton* where classic elegance reigns.

## INFORMATION BOX

