

Dubai *urban guide*

Dining

Special Ostadi

The Special Ostadi restaurant is a veteran on the Dubai dining scene, first gracing the streets of Bur Dubai back in 1978. It has established itself as a restaurant based on nostalgia, homeliness, and above all, top notch Iranian food that won't burn a hole in your wallet. Run by over three generations of the same family, the cuisine has developed and enriched in the family recipes over time.

Ostadi - Al Mussalla Road
(Behind Al Mussalla Mall) Bur Dubai
04 397 1933

Hotel

Park Hyatt

Positioned at the edge of the Dubai Creek, the Park Hyatt offers guests stunning views from most of their 225 hotel rooms. The hotel also has the advantage of being in close proximity to the distinguished Dubai Creek Gold and Yacht Club should guests desire the odd round of golf during their travels.

The feel of the Park Hyatt is that of an unblemished step back in time – the hotel is covered with replicas of historical Arabian design and there has been a strong focus on using detailed archways and patterns around the hotel.

Park Hyatt, Dubai Creek
dubai.park.hyatt.com
04 6021234

Dubai is a city of planned perfection. Its houses and resorts are neatly constructed into the sands, the exclusive resorts are carefully traced out on any area of land available. To the rest of the world, the city of Dubai appears to be a magnificent façade, a result of clever ideas and a vast amount of money.

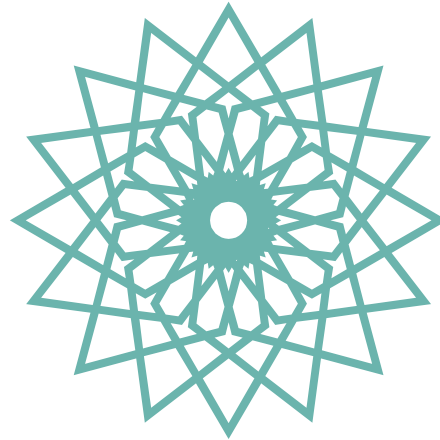
Nonetheless, this surprisingly flawless land does not come without its moments of weakness. Of course, there is always the weather. Every summer in Dubai, a hot gusting wind picks up the desert sands, whirling it around the landscape. It transforms the entire city into a dusty, blurred, and somewhat surreal environment. We're offering you an outline for this new urban landscape. We only ask that you explore it for yourself.

Escape

Six Senses, Musandam

Six Senses Hideaway Zighy Bay on Oman's Musandam Peninsula has created a host of innovative and adventurous dining experiences that truly reflect the brand's positioning of Redefining Experiences. Although scheduled to open on 15 January 2008, the resort is already welcoming guests who are eager to experience the first Six Senses Hideaway outside of Asia.

Musandam, Ras Al Khaima
www.sixsenses.com



Place

The Third Line

Formed in early 2005 by three partners, Sunny Rahbar, Omar Ghobash and Claudia Cellini, The Third Line is an art gallery bringing to Dubai art from the region, which until now has not had a platform. It creates paths that ultimately lead to a lively dialogue between the artists and the public.

The warehouse gallery features cutting-edge exhibitions, showcases international calibre artists and has an established collectors base.

The Third Line
Al Qouz area
04 341 1367

Shopping

Souq Al Bahar

Situated around the tallest tower in the world, the Burj Dubai lies the creatively named Old Town Island development. Ironically, this 'town' does not actually hail from a time of yore, instead it is a relatively new development that has been designed to recreate the environment and architecture of the old Dubai areas such as the Bastikiya neighborhood.

Souq Al Bahar, Downtown Dubai

Sightseeing

Bastakiyah

In light of all the frenzied development, there has been an increased fear regarding the risk that the city will lose much of its original space and individual identity. To counteract this, a lot of attention have been given to the meager number of 'heritage' sites that Dubai still has.

The people of Dubai are eventually realizing that places such as the famed Bastakiya area are necessary component of the city, a treasured outlet to show the rest of the outside world that Dubai still manages to retain some of its natural soul underneath all its polished architectural armor.

Bastakiya - Bur Dubai
