Dubai Fact Sheet

WHAT TO EXPECT & WHAT TO PACK:
The following are a few points that should help in preparation for your trip...

What will the weather be like?

- Mid 80s-High 90s
- Can be humid during the afternoons
- Indoor facilities are air-conditioned (can be a bit cool)

What should I pack?

- For the most part, you will see people dressed in western styled clothing as there are many foreign residents here. You will not be expected to follow any cultural customs for dress, but the following is recommended to be respectful.

Men:

- Long pants and business casual attire are preferred for daily excursions. Shorts and light weight shirts are recommended for the desert.
- Shoes: be comfortable...shoes, sneakers, and sandals are fine.
- Meetings: depending on your meeting, business or business casual is acceptable.
- At the Mosque: wear shirt with sleeves and long pants.
- Please do not show bottom of your shoe when crossing legs as it is considered rude.

Women:

- Please dress conservatively.
- Tank tops are fine, please avoid spaghetti straps.
- At the Mosque: wear shirt with sleeves and long pants/skirts.
- Do not need to cover hair.
- Please do not uncover to the point of attention.
- Long dresses and skirts are acceptable.
- Shoes: be comfortable...shoes, sneakers, and sandals are fine.
- A pashmina or a wrap is recommended for being on water, evenings in desert or in A/C.
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How do you make reference to the locals?

- UAE citizens are generally referred to as Emirati.

Is alcohol available?

- Hotel restaurants and bars are licensed to serve alcohol. As are some private clubs such as the Marina Yacht Club and the Polo Club. Guests are responsible for the expense of alcohol ordered during their visit with the exception of when they attend a hosted event.

What is the currency?

- Dirham (AED) – the Dirham is pegged to the dollar
- 1 AED = 0.27 USD or 1 USD = 3.67 AED

Money and Tipping?

- All major credit cards are accepted
- It is recommended to tip in AED currency
- It is customary to tip 10% for most services (restaurant, taxi, etc)
- Some hotel restaurants automatically add a gratuity, however is not always passed onto the server. If you are unclear when you receive your bill, simply inquire.
- Bellman: 2 Bags = 5 Dirham

How do I get around?

- Taxis are generally abundant. You can hail a taxi from a safe sidewalk area or call a taxi through the hotel concierge. We will have a driver for all group activities.
- If you have any specific transportation requests, please let any of our staff know while you are here.

Is it safe?

- Dubai has an extremely low crime rate. Most all areas of the city are safe throughout the day or night. If you require assistance at anytime, the emergency number in Dubai is 999.

We wish you an enjoyable stay in Dubai!!!