

Emirati jewel

A trip to Dubai has always been a special adventure, but with the postponed 2020 Expo taking place this year, now is a great time to do business in the UAE – and to explore the buzzing Emirate and everything else it has on offer

WHERE TO STAY

A stay at the Burj Al Arab comes with an array of exceptional luxury hotel experiences, from world-class butler services to panoramic views from the floor-to-ceiling windows in each room. SAL – Burj Al Arab's chic new lifestyle experience on The Terrace offers barefoot luxury at an iconic pool and beach destination with culinary excellence in a striking pop-up dining venue. Alongside SAL are a plethora of restaurants from Michelin-starred chefs waiting to be explored; from French flavours at Al Muntaha to delicate teas and pastries at Sahn Eddar. For the 'ultimate in relaxation', guests can indulge in unique wellness treatments at the hands of the hotel's world-class experts at Talise Spa – a spectacular haven set

150-metres above calming waters of the Gulf.

Nestled between the calm turquoise waters of the Arabian Gulf and the majestic Dubai skyline, Atlantis, The Palm is the crown of the world-famous Palm island in Dubai. Luxurious relaxation awaits in the ocean-inspired rooms and suites, complete with hallmark features and amenities. And nowhere else in the world will you find so many celebrity chefs, award-winning restaurants and out-the-box brunches under one roof. From sublime Japanese-Peruvian cuisine from acclaimed chef Nobu Matsuhisa, to modern British dishes in Gordon Ramsay's lively warehouse setting and a menu curated by celebrated Italian MasterChef Giorgio Locatelli, which features stonebaked pizzas, freshly

made pastas and more than 40 vegan dishes created from Italy's finest ingredients.

Four Seasons Dubai Jumeirah Beach is located right on Jumeirah beach itself, with a baby-pink aesthetic and colour palette and gardens blooming with exotic flowers and orchids. Just steps from luxury cabanas, guests can dip into a tranquil pool overlooking the sea, relax at the Spa with extensive treatments, Sodashi and oud aromas, and dine at celebrity hot-spot Nusr-Et, before ending

Below: The Jumeirah Burj Al Arab is one of the tallest hotels in the world, connected to the mainland by a private curving bridge and featuring a helipad near the roof 210m above

the night at the incredible rooftop Mercury Lounge.

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WHERE TO DINE

In the wave of new luxury beachfront Mediterranean restaurants sweep across Dubai's shores, Myrra by Opa opened at Club Visa Mare in March 2021. Taking diners on a journey to the flavourful cuisines of the Greek and Spanish islands, both the indoor restaurant and al fresco terrace transport guests to the idyllic Mediterranean islands.

Lucky Fish also brings a slice of the Mediterranean to Dubai at Palm West to: beach. Limewashed wood and turquoise velvet furnishings

combine to create a laid-back but luxurious beach-shack themed restaurant, in which diners can enjoy fresh, locally sourced seafood. The restaurant boasts an impressive outdoor terrace dotted with cabanas and sofas that spill onto the beach.

Li'Brasil is a signature restaurant, recently opened at the Address Beach Resort. A daring and colourful combination of authentic Lebanese flavours with the exotic twist of Brazilian delicacies come together at the indoor-meets-outdoor restaurant, lounge and cocktail bar. With gorgeous views towards Bluewaters Island and the Palm Jumeirah,

Li'Brasil presents a menu by executive Chef Ruediger Lurz that promises the perfect juxtaposition of the two unique cuisines in a sophisticated setting.

Myrra by Opa
myrrarestaurant.com

Lucky Fish
luckyfishdubai.com

Li'Brasil
addresshotels.com

WHAT TO DO

With Expo 2020 Dubai now set to run from 1 October 2021 to 31 March 2022, this is a great time to visit Dubai, with many attractions opening up ahead of the rescheduled launch. From

world-class architecture to three thematic districts and outdoor performances, in addition to the usual world of flavours and art and culture, there is plenty to do and see when not on business.

For something a bit different, head to Meydan Racecourse for a stable tour and get behind the scenes to discover how world-class race horses are prepared to compete on the world's biggest stage. The tour starts with a five-star buffet-style breakfast at

Above: View of the Dubai Palm Jumeirah Island Below: 36th Gitex Technology Week in Dubai World Trade Center

The Meydan Hotel before moving on to one of the Dubai Racing Club stables where guests can meet the trainer and his charge. Visitors will also be treated to a behind-the-scenes tour of the Meydan Grandstand, including the palatial jockeys' room. No trip to Dubai is complete without hearing 160 stories about 160 storeys, which is what the world's tallest building, the Burj Khalifa, offers on its tours.

Expo 2020
expo2020dubai.com

Meydan Racecourse
dubairacingclub.com/visit/meydan-grandstand/stable-tours

Burj Khalifa
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