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## Shopping in Dubai

Dubai is a world-class shopping destination, with some of the most spectacular retail developments that can be found anywhere. The Dubai shopping scene offers something for everyone, whether on a budget or looking to splurge, it is an affordable pastime for all travellers. New malls feature designer boutiques, top brands from high-street to high-end and haute-couture shops, alongside an endless choice of restaurants and cafes so that shopaholics can refuel along the way!

Traditional markets, known as the souks, are alive with the buzz of trade and the spirit of their past.

### Tip

It can get cold. Sweaters or jackets may be needed for the winter months, especially in the evenings when the temperature drops. Pashminas or light scarves are recommended for cooler air conditioned spaces such as the shopping malls.

### Top shopping experiences

#### 1. Souks

- **Gold souks** – In the world's largest Gold Souk, be dazzled by the supreme range of gold, amongst other precious stones. Set in a cultural background with traditional wooden archways and cobbled streets, this bartering playground is a great insight into the Arabian jewellery market.
- **Deira Old Souk and Spice Souk** – Dubai's largest and oldest souk is on the Deira side of the creek. It smells delightful in the spice souk, with colourful and aromatic spice, herbs and special perfumed oils.
- **Textile Souk** – Gorgeous textures, colours and weaves populate the textile souk in Bur Dubai. The shimmer of silk, embroidered satins and velvets in a luxuriant display of every imaginable colour. The choice is virtually unlimited and prices are negotiable.
- **Deira Souk** – Feel the Indian influence, where goods on offer include textiles, spices, kitchenware, clothing, electronics and beauty products like henna.

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- is the world's biggest shopping mall, at the base of the world's tallest building, with the world's largest suspended aquarium. Home to just about every fashion brand in the world, an indoor Fashion Avenue boasts designer and high street fashion while the rest of the complex houses a huge range of other stores and entertainment facilities such as the Aquarium and Underwater Zoo, Indoor Ice Rink, Dubai Fountain performance, Kidzania and Sega Republic amusement park. Dubai Mall is a destination in itself.



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3. **Ibn Battuta** – Ibn Battuta is remarkable – six themed sections of the mall follow distinct architectural styles of the route of the famous Arabian traveller, Ibn Battuta; reflecting the sights of Egypt, China, India, Persia, Tunisia and Andalusia.
4. **BurJuman** – A haven for luxury and high end fashion at this inner-city mall.
5. **Wafi City** – Shopping, entertainment, art and some great cafes and restaurants.
6. **Mall of the Emirates** – Home of Ski Dubai and a range of leading international and local shops, and is equipped with dozens of coffee shops and restaurants to provide relaxing shopping breaks.
7. **Karama** – Go in search of a bargain at this outdoor souvenir-hunters paradise!
8. **Satwa** – A traditional Arabic high-street with the buzz of the city. It is a great place to get a tailored suit or to get shoes fixed at a bargain.
9. **Madinat Jumeirah Souk** – Designed to look like a bazaar, the five-star souk is a treat for antique-hunters and for those looking for traditional items.
10. **Mercato Mall** – With a distinctive renaissance concept, Mercato often hosts regular fairs and festivals among the wonderful mix of international fashion, jewellery, perfume and cosmetic outlets.

### Festivals & events

#### Dubai Shopping Festival (January to February)

The Dubai Shopping Festival (DSF) is an annual month-long shopping extravaganza that features unbelievable discounts on everything from cars, electronics and computers to fashion, jewellery and perfumes. Visit the DSF Night souk for the unique chance to bargain for the finest goods until the early hours of the morning. A major attraction of the DSF is the Global Village in Dubailand, where you can shop for goods from around the world at various countries' pavilions. Catch some traditional entertainment shows and try all kinds of global cuisines.

#### Dubai Summer Surprises (June to July)

The summer version of the shopping festival, Dubai Summer Surprises offer the experience of shopping, entertainment, competitions and lifestyle, together with the region's best deals and discounted rates on a gigantic range of goods.



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