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Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Dubai is the most populous city in the United Arab Emirates and the capital of the Emirate of Dubai. Located in the eastern part of the Arabian Peninsula on the coast of the Persian Gulf, Dubai aims to be the business hub of Western Asia. It is also a major global transport hub for passengers and cargo. Oil revenue helped accelerate the development of the city, which was already a major mercantile hub. Today, less than 5% of the emirate's revenue comes from oil. A center for regional and international trade since the early 20th century, Dubai's economy relies on revenues from trade, tourism, aviation, real estate, and financial services.

Language: Arabic, English

Currency: Dirham (AED)

Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Abu Dhabi houses local and federal government offices and is the seat of the United Arab Emirates Government and the Supreme Oil Council. The city is home to the President of the UAE, who is a member of the Al Nahyan family. Abu Dhabi's rapid development and urbanization, coupled with the massive oil and gas reserves and production and relatively high average income, have transformed it into a large, advanced metropolis. It is the country's center of politics and industry, and a major culture and commerce center. Abu Dhabi accounts for about two-thirds of the roughly \$400 billion UAE economy.



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Sir Bani Yas Island, United Arab Emirates

Sir Bani Yas is the largest island of the UAE and is the home of the Arabian Wildlife Park. This park is a safe haven for thousands of wild, free-roaming animals such as the Arabian oryx, sand gazelle, Sudan cheetah, Urial sheep, striped hyena, and many more. Travelers can embark on a game drive, nature walk, mountain bike, or horseback ride to experience all that Sir Bani Yas has to offer. There are also water activities, for those who want to get their feet wet. Dive in for a snorkeling tour or pearl dive, head out for a deep-sea fishing experience, or grab a paddle board and kayak for a glimpse at some more unique indigenous animals. Due to its conservation efforts, the island has become an important sanctuary for animals, and a spectacular spot for travelers to admire.

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Bahrain, Bahrain

Bahrain is located on an archipelago consisting of 33 islands. The islands are low-lying and rocky, with the exception of Bahrain Island, which rises to an elevation of 443 feet in its center. Bahrain's unique features include 170,000 "tumuli" or burial mounds, Bahrain Fort with foundations dating from 3000 B.C. and the 7th century Khamis Mosque, believed to be the oldest in the Gulf.



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Currency: Bahraini Dinar (BHD)

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Doha, Qatar

Doha is the capitol of Qatar and home to more than 80% of the population of this small, wealthy nation on the Arabian Peninsula. The city hosts several museums showcasing the country's heritage and proud history, as well as traditional art. Visitors can take in the city and its seaside parks along the Corniche, a waterfront road popular with locals and foreigners alike. Because Doha contains a large number of expatriates from around the world, restaurants offering almost any type of cuisine can be found in the city. Doha is also the primary headquarters of Al-Jazeera, the influential Arab-language television network.

Language: Arabic

Currency: Qatari Riyal (QAR)