



## United Arab Emirates in Brief

The United Arab Emirates was established in 1971 as a constitutional federation of seven Emirates: Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Sharjah, Ajman, Umm al-Qaiwain, Ras al-Khaimah and Fujairah. Situated on the south-eastern tip of the Arabian peninsula, the United Arab Emirates is a country of desert, oases, rocky mountains and fertile plains. The climate is pleasantly warm from October to May and hot and humid from June to September. The Emirates are one of the world's fastest growing tourist destinations - they offer sun, sea, sand, a shopping paradise, top-class hotels and conference facilities and a safe and welcoming environment. Abu Dhabi is the country's capital and Dubai ranks as the country's leading commercial centre. The Emirates combine Arabic tradition with a cosmopolitan lifestyle. The country can be reached from central Europe in about six hours and offers internationally-oriented and well-qualified guides and conference and event organizers. A wide range of contrasting incentive programmes are possible. The Emirates' heritage and culture provide the background for interesting city tours. Alternatively, go on a dhow cruise, or take part in various exciting tours and safaris exploring wadis, sand-skiing or camel riding and enjoy an evening desert feast complete with music, belly-dancing, the smoking of hubble-bubble pipes and often a display of falconry.

Useful tip: Islam is the official religion of The United Arab Emirates. Care should be taken not to give offence by wearing revealing clothing such as shorts, when in the city.



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## Fact File

**Government:** ..... Federation of 7 Emirates  
**Capital:** ..... Abu Dhabi  
**Population:** ..... 2.6 million  
**Area:** ..... 83,600km<sup>2</sup>  
**Official language:** . Arabic  
**Time zone:** ..... Central European Time +3 hrs  
**Electricity:** ..... 220/240 V (A/C), 50 Hz  
 ..... (British standard plug sockets)  
**Currency:** ..... 1 dirham = 100 fils  
**Telephone:** ..... Dial the international code plus 971 for the UAE.

**Entry requirements:** Citizens of EU countries require a visit visa (valid for 60 days), provided free of charge on entry to the country. Other nationalities please check latest regulations.



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## Travel Information

Main international airports in Abu Dhabi and Dubai. Small international airports serve Ras al-Khaimah, Fujairah and Al-Ain.  
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