

Dubai, Dubai, UAE

A city that leapt from fishing village to futuristic skyline in a single generation. Dubai rewards curious cruisers with gold souks, record-breaking towers, desert dunes twenty minutes from the pier — and two world-class cruise terminals.

⚓ Docked — Mina Rashid (Port Rashid) or Dubai Harbour Cruise Terminal

🕒 Typical call: 8-12 hrs (frequent overnights)

💰 Currency: UAE Dirham (AED) — USD/major cards widely accepted

🗣️ Language: Arabic (English universally spoken)

🗝️ MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier berth always — Mina Rashid (Port Rashid) or Dubai Harbour near Palm Jumeirah. Check your itinerary: they are 25 km apart.

Best For: Extraordinary contrasts: 14th-century spice souks beside the world's tallest skyscraper and a real desert ten minutes beyond

Walk to centre: Neither terminal is walkable. Old Dubai/souks ~15-min taxi from Mina Rashid; Dubai Marina ~10 min from Dubai Harbour.

Don't Miss: Crossing Dubai Creek by abra (AED 1) and wandering Al Fahidi Historical Neighbourhood

🚗 Getting around: 🚖 **Taxi** ✅ AED 30–45 to Downtown Dubai · 🚗 **Rideshare** ✅ Uber, Careem · 🚌 **Hop-on hop-off** ✅ Hop-on hop-off

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Burj Khalifa & Dubai Mall** — Ride the elevator to the 124th-floor observation deck of the world's tallest building, then explore Dubai Mall — planet's largest by total area...
- **Old Dubai: Gold Souk, Spice Souk & Al Fahidi** — Cross Dubai Creek by abra for AED 1, browse the covered Gold Souk and aromatic Spice Souk in Deira, then walk across to Al Fahidi Historical...
- **Desert Safari** — Head into the Arabian Desert for dune-bashing in 4WDs, sandboarding, camel riding, and an optional Bedouin-camp dinner under the stars with falcon...
- **Museum of the Future** — One of the world's most striking buildings — a torus-shaped tower clad in Arabic calligraphy — houses five immersive floors exploring humanity's...
- **Jumeirah Beach & Burj Al Arab View** — Dubai's public Jumeirah Beach offers warm, calm Gulf water and a direct sightline to the iconic sail-shaped Burj Al Arab hotel.

BEST WALKS

- **Bur Dubai Creek Walk** 2-3 km · 45-60 min · Easy · Full sun — go early or late afternoon — Start at Al Fahidi Historical Neighbourhood, walk north along the creek-front promenade past the abra (water-taxi) docks, through the Textile Souk, to the Grand Mosque.
- **Al Fahidi Historical Neighbourhood Loop** 1 km · 30 min · Easy · Shaded lanes — The labyrinth of coral-and-gypsum lanes in Bastakiya (Al Fahidi) rewards slow wandering.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌤️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	94°	70°	0d
Jun	107°	81°	0d
Aug	109°	85°	0d
Sep	105°	81°	0d
Oct	98°	75°	1d

🌅 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY

Apr 5:56AM–6:41PM · Jun 5:28AM–7:09PM · Aug 5:52AM–6:53PM · Sep 6:04AM–6:22PM · Oct 6:17AM–5:51PM

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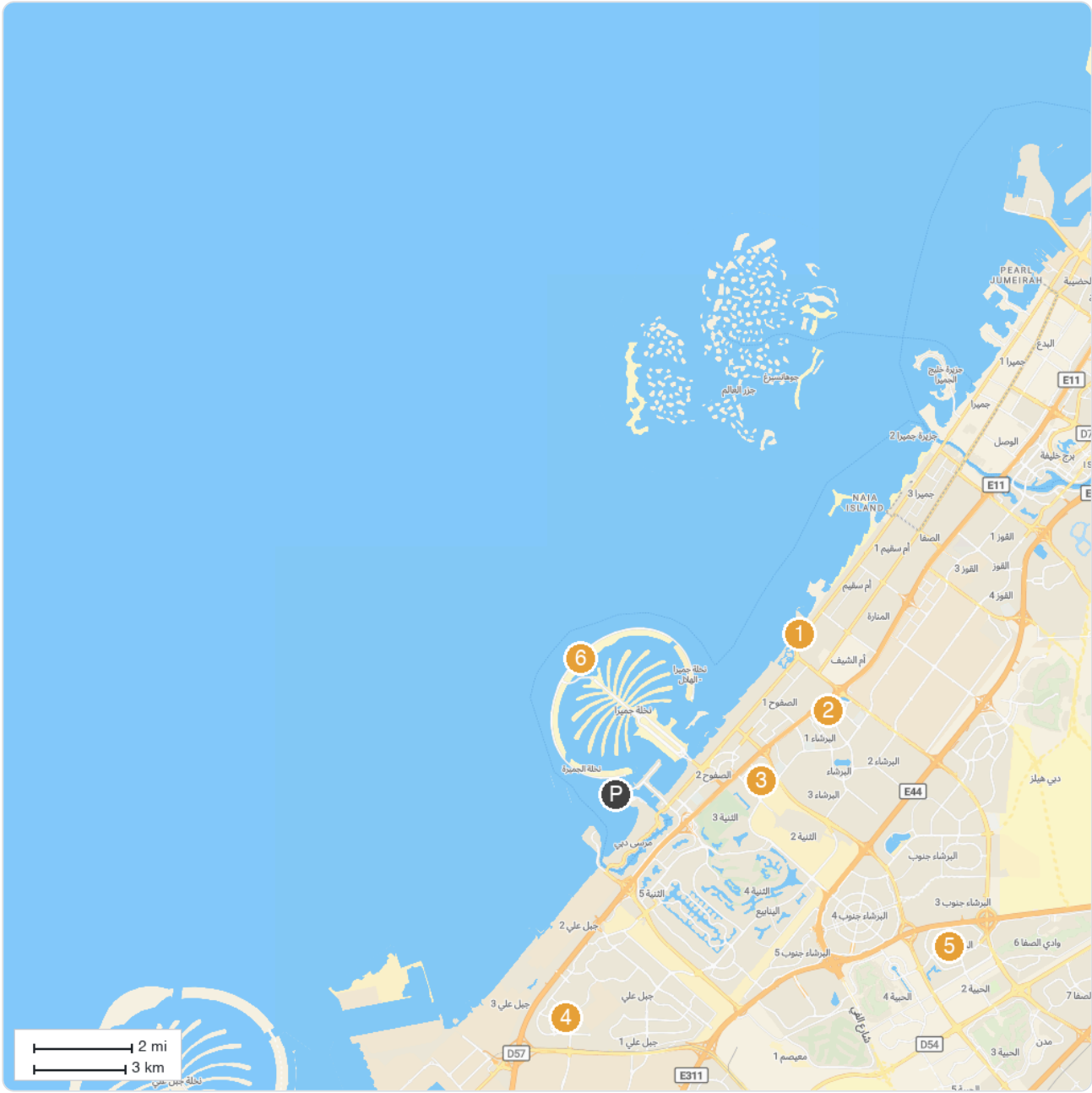
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Check which terminal your ship uses. Mina Rashid (Port Rashid) and Dubai Harbour are ~25 km apart with very different proximities to attractions. Confirm before planning your day.
- Heat is serious May–September. Dubai regularly hits 40°C+ in summer. Carry water, stay indoors midday, and pace yourself. October–April is the cruise season for good reason.
- Cash and cards both work. ATMs dispense AED. Malls, restaurants, and most taxis accept Visa/Mastercard. Souks prefer cash — useful for negotiating at the Gold Souk.
- Dress code matters in Old Dubai. Covered shoulders and knees expected in souks, mosques, and traditional areas. Pack a light scarf; a few locals will approach underdressed tourists.
- The abra costs AED 1. The wooden water-taxis shuttle constantly across Dubai Creek between Bur Dubai and Deira — arguably the best AED 1 you'll spend in any city.
- Book Burj Khalifa and Museum of the Future in advance.

Dubai, Dubai, UAE — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Wild Wadi Waterpark Jumeirah | Thrilling water park with rides and slides for all ages. | 2 Ski Dubai | Indoor ski resort with real snow, slopes, and penguins. |
| 3 Quad Biking Dubai and Dune Buggy Ride | Desert adventure: ride quad bikes or dune buggies over sand. | 4 Guru Nanak Darbar Gurudwara | Beautiful Sikh temple, a place of worship and community. |
| 5 Dubai Autodrome | Motorsport circuit for racing, karting, and driving experiences. | 6 Aquaventure World | Massive water park at Atlantis, The Palm, with thrilling slides. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |