



# Immigrating to the Dubai

## Guided Summary

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Moving to Dubai can be an exciting opportunity, but it's important to have a good understanding of the culture, laws, and practicalities of living in the city.

Dubai has undergone a significant transformation over the past few decades, going from a small fishing village to the richest city in the Middle East.

There are a few things you should know before you board the plane if you envision yourself lounging in the sweltering sun and enjoying the opulent Dubai lifestyle.

Fortunately for you, we've put up a list of everything you need to be aware of before your trip. Here are some things to consider before making the move:

## Visa requirements

Before moving to Dubai, you'll need to obtain a visa. The type of visa you'll need depends on the length of your stay and the purpose of your visit. You can apply for a visa through the Dubai immigration authorities or through your employer if you're moving for work. Alternatively you can find out more information from Pryde Migration on the UAE Golden Visa, the only 10 year visa on the market. Establishing a company in the UAE would create an opportunity for you to obtain a visa independently, Pryde Migration can further discuss this opportunity with you.

## Cost of living

Dubai is known for its luxurious lifestyle, but it comes with a price tag. The cost of living in Dubai can be quite high, especially when it comes to housing, transportation, and food. You should research the cost of living and compare it to your current city to ensure that you can afford it.

Dubai's cost of living is around 100% greater than the UAE national average, which may be the reason for its propensity to draw people with more affluent and opulent lives.

Rent has increased dramatically over the previous few years, especially in well-liked expat neighborhoods. The average housing price in Dubai is currently £478,128 (\$670,000), which may come as a welcome surprise to those coming from cities like London or New York.

Also, because many items have import charges on them, eating out and shopping will strain your budget.

## Climate

Dubai has a desert climate with hot summers and mild winters. The summers can be extremely hot and humid, with temperatures often exceeding 40°C and humidity often reaching over 90%. It's important to be prepared for the climate and to take precautions against the heat.

In the cooler months – from December to March – temperatures usually dip to the low 20s, but that is as cold as it gets.

The technology of cloud seeding is used in Dubai as a means of addressing the issue of water scarcity, which is a significant problem in the arid region. The UAE is one of the most water-scarce countries in the world, with an average annual rainfall of just 100 millimeters. Cloud seeding is used to increase the amount of rainfall, which in turn can replenish the groundwater and increase the amount of water available for agriculture, industry, and domestic use.

## Culture and customs

Dubai is an Islamic country with a rich culture and customs. It's important to respect local customs and dress modestly in public places. You should also be aware of the laws and regulations in Dubai, which are often different from those in Western countries.

In Dubai, holidays fall around Islamic traditions. As is the case in every Islamic country, working hours are shortened to six hours a day during Ramadan – with many choosing to take time off during this period.

You'll also have to keep an eye out for when Ramadan is happening each year, as the date changes each time.

## Language

The official language of Dubai is Arabic, but English is widely spoken and understood. It's still a good idea to learn some basic Arabic phrases to help you navigate daily life.

## Health care

Dubai has a modern and well-developed healthcare system, but it can be expensive. It's important to have health insurance to cover any medical expenses.

Unlike the UK, the healthcare system in Dubai is particularly difficult for expats to access. If you're heading to Dubai for work, or land yourself a job whilst you're out there, it's worth discussing medical insurance with your new employer, as they might be able to cover it.

## Banking

You will need to open a bank account in Dubai to manage your finances. It's important to research different banks and their requirements for opening an account.

To open a personal bank account you need to have an EID, this can be obtained through employment, setting up a business or enquiring the Golden Visa. Contact Pryde Migration who will be able to explore these options with you further.

## Legal Systems

Dubai's legal system is based on Sharia law. It's important to familiarize yourself with the laws and regulations in Dubai to avoid any legal issues.

## Safety

Dubai has consistently ranked as one of the safest cities in the world, but it's important to be aware of your surroundings and take precautions to stay safe.



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### What do I need to do now?

Great, you have decided you want to immigrate to Dubai! Here are 10 steps to guide you through immigrating to Dubai.

Keep in mind that the immigration process can vary depending on your specific circumstances and the type of visa you are applying for. It's important to research and consult with Pryde Migration immigration professionals to ensure that you have all the information you need to successfully immigrate to Dubai.

#### 1. Determine your eligibility:

Check the eligibility criteria on the website of the General Directorate of Residency and Foreigners Affairs (GDRFA) in Dubai.

An initial consultation with Pryde Migration will guide you through everything you will need for immigrating to Dubai smoothly and successfully.

#### 2. Choose your visa type:

Depending on your purpose for immigrating, choose the appropriate visa type. Common visa types include employment visa, investor visa, family visa, and golden visa.

#### 3. Find a sponsor:

Your visa will need to be sponsored by a Dubai-based employer, a family member, establishing a business, or through purchasing a property in Dubai.

#### 4. Gather required documents:

The documents required may vary depending on the type of visa you are applying for, but generally include passport copies, photographs, educational and professional qualifications, health insurance, and proof of financial stability.

#### 5. Apply for your visa:

Submit your application to the relevant authorities, either through a sponsor or directly to the GDRFA.

Pryde Migration are experts in this field, we will apply for your visa and reduce your stress and work.

#### 6. Obtain your residency permit:

Once your visa application is approved, you will need to obtain a residency permit. This involves submitting additional documents and undergoing a medical examination.

Pryde Migration will book in your required appointments.

#### 7. Open a bank account:

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#### 8. Find housing:

Dubai is known for its high cost of living, and housing can be particularly expensive. Consider your budget when looking for housing options.

Pryde Migration have partnered with a team of real estate experts that are happy to assist with any property question you may have.

#### 9. Register with the Dubai authorities:

Register with the Dubai authorities within 90 days of arriving in the country to obtain a national ID card and a driver's license.

#### 10. Find your people:

Dubai is the land of opportunity, the people you meet in Dubai become your friends, family, and business partners. It is important to get out and be social. There are many Facebook groups, clubs, and networking events you can attend in and around Dubai.

Pryde Migration looks at the bigger picture, we know the importance of collaboration and networking. We like to link like-minded clients with others, to assist in settling into Dubai.

