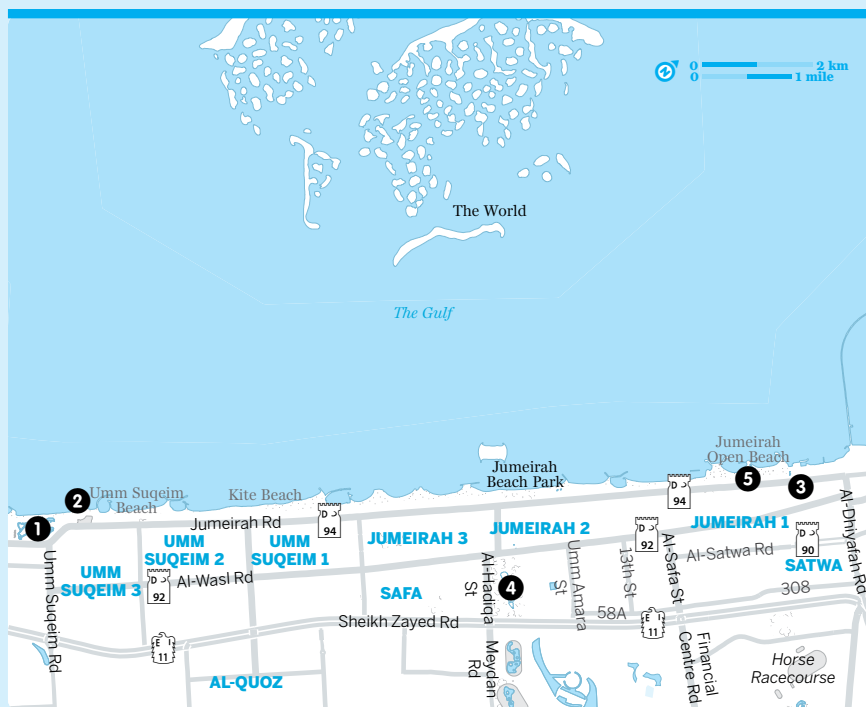


# Jumeirah

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## Neighbourhood Top Five

- 1 Stepping into a quasi-Arabian souq at **Madinat Jumeirah** (p93) with its sumptuous architecture and surrounding network of Venetian-style canals, subtropical vegetation and Burj al-Arab backdrop. Plan to stay a while, as the restaurants are top-notch.
- 2 Sipping a cuppa in the lavish surroundings of the **Burj al-Arab** (p94) when you book an afternoon-tea slot.
- 3 Wondering at the intricately detailed **Jumeirah Mosque** (p93) on a guided tour.
- 4 Feeding the ducks with the kids at **Al-Safa Park** (p93), a rare green space.
- 5 Kicking back on **Jumeirah Open Beach** (p94) before exploring the surrounding shopping malls.



For more detail of this area, see Map p218 ➔

## Lonely Planet's Top Tip

It's not well publicised, but the Burj al-Arab has a strict dress code for its Skyview Bar. Fashionable or not, collarless shirts won't get guys past the doormen and jeans have to be elegant (eek, we think that means an ironed crease!). Of course, trainers are a definite no-no, however much they cost. Women have more flexibility – as long as they look sufficiently dressed up they should be able to pass scrutiny.



### Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Al-Mahara (p95)
- ➔ Zheng He's (p95)
- ➔ Pierchic (p95)

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### Best Places to Drink

- ➔ Skyview Bar (p97)
- ➔ Uptown Bar (p97)
- ➔ Agency (p97)

For reviews, see p97 ➔



### Best Beaches

- ➔ Jumeirah Beach Park (p94)
- ➔ Umm Suqeim Beach (p94)
- ➔ Jumeirah Open Beach (p94)

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## Explore Jumeirah

The most interesting stretch of Jumeirah is along Jumeirah Rd, just south of Jumeirah Mosque. This is where you'll find indie boutiques like S\*uce (p99), fancy spas like Sensasia (p103), and expat cafes such as the wonderful Lime Tree Cafe (p95). Stop here for a slice of carrot cake and organically sourced coffee. If you feel like doing more shopping, there are some reasonable malls around, such as the Mercato Mall (p102), as well as some modest-sized commercial centres (for a change) around the Jumeirah Open Beach.

Further on, Jumeirah Beach Park is the most popular public beach in town. Head here if you fancy flaking out on the beach; you can rent sunbeds and parasols for just Dh15. Take note of the cautionary signs though. The sea here is famous for its riptides and there have been accidents – and worse.

Jumeirah has been officially subdivided into sections 1, 2 and 3 as it stretches for many kilometres. For the photo of the Burj al-Arab, head for the romantically evocative Madinat Jumeirah (beyond Jumeirah 3) where you can also explore the souq, high-end hotels and fancy restaurants and clubs.

## Local Life

➔ **People-watching** Wander down bustling Al-Dhiyafah Rd in Satwa (Map p218), stopping for a *shawarma* or drink at one of the atmospheric cheap-eat restaurants or cafes.

➔ **Tailoring** Got your eye on a designer dress? Then do what the locals do and get it copied for a pittance at one of numerous tailors on Al-Huidaba Rd (Map p218).

➔ **Bargain shopping** Join the local expats at the monthly flea market (p100) which is always piled high with genuine bargains.

## Getting There & Away

➔ **Metro** The closest metro stop to Madinat Jumeirah is Mall of the Emirates; to Satwa and the Jumeirah Open Beach, stop at the Trade Centre; and to Al-Safa Park, hop out at Business Bay. You'll still need to catch a taxi to reach your final Jumeirah destination but, depending on where you are coming from, combining a taxi with the metro may work out cheaper, overall.