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Welcome to Dubai

Dubai is gearing up to host World Expo 2020, but clued-in travellers know that this tiny powerhouse emirate has long been an exciting place for foodies, fun seekers, shoppers, art lovers and desert rats to visit. Whether you're looking for the simple life or futuristic luxury, you'll be sure to find it in this peaceful outpost brimming with energy, optimism and openness.





Dubai Marina (p123)

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Top Sights

Burj Khalifa

This architectural stunner is the world's tallest building. **p104**



Al Fahidi Historic District

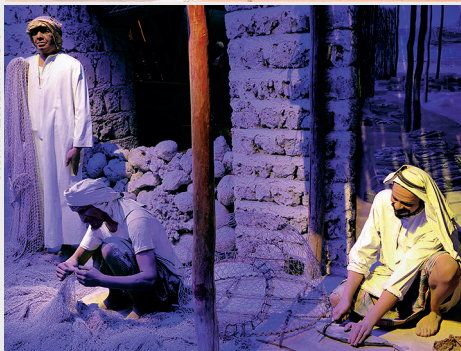
In the footsteps of Old Dubai. **p52**



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Dubai Museum

Dubai history in a nutshell. **p50**



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Burj Al Arab

Iconic symbol of modern Dubai. **p88**



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Gold Souq

Strolling the City of Gold. **p32**



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Dubai Mall

The mother of all malls. **p106**

Madinat Jumeirah

Twenty-first-century Arabian village rebooted. **p86**



Abu Dhabi

Capital of art and culture. **p142**