

COVID-19 TRAVEL INFORMATION

Dubai & Abu Dhabi

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TRAVEL AND IMMIGRATION RESTRICTIONS

Most countries have imposed travel and immigration restrictions due to COVID-19. This is a dynamic situation and it is the responsibility of the customer to check all relevant travel advisories to and from the countries they are visiting or transiting through. Always check travel restrictions for each part of your trip; this includes layovers for connecting flights, as well as entry requirements for your return back to the US. Please note that the information provided in this addendum is based on the time of print/publication and a country's requirements can change at any time. It is the responsibility of the traveler to check all updates and obtain all necessary documents and tests prior to departure, as well as entry back into the US. Ritz Tours is not responsible if you are denied entrance for any reason in any country, even if you hold a valid passport and entry visa. Non U.S. Passport holders - please check with your local embassy or consulate for detailed visa and travel document/entry requirements.

As the situation is rapidly changing, please visit [official sources](#) for the latest information. Further information on steps to take before travel can be found on the websites of the [Government of Dubai](#) and [Government of Abu Dhabi](#). In addition, consult with your airline or the UAE's national airlines, [Etihad](#) and [Emirates](#) for the latest requirements before boarding your flight. For information on restrictions in Abu Dhabi, see the [Department of Tourism and Culture website](#).

TRAVEL FROM USA

Customers must be at the airport 4 hours before the flight to complete all airport formalities and associated travel requirement checks. Please make sure you have all the correct documents required for your trip ready to present to the airport staff.

TRAVELING FROM USA TO DUBAI - DOCUMENTATION

1. Covid-19 Testing (PCR and/or Serology) & Other Entry Requirements:

All travelers from the US to the UAE must present a negative COVID-19 PCR test result within 72 hours prior to their flight departure. Passengers traveling on Emirates Airlines must hold a negative COVID-19 RT-PCR test certificate for a test taken no more than 72 hours before departure. Children under the age of 12 and those with severe and moderate disabilities may be exempted from the test requirement. Travelers should consult with the airline regarding testing and travel requirements. Certificates that have already been presented for travel to another destination can't be used for re-entry even if they are still within the validity period. Travellers entering Dubai will be required to download the COVID19-DXB app on their phone. Travellers entering Abu Dhabi must download [AlHosn App](#)

2. VISAS

Dubai and Abu Dhabi governments are issuing tourist visas. U.S. citizens may receive a tourist visa on arrival, typically valid for 30 days. Please consult the [UAE Embassy in the United States](#) for additional information.

No visas are required for American citizens (holders of regular passports) before arrival in the UAE, including US Citizens with visas or entry stamps from other countries in their passports. To ensure entry, please be sure you have the following:

1. Original passport signed by the bearer, should not expire within six (6) months from the expected time of arrival in the UAE.
2. Confirmed round-trip airline ticket or airline ticket to other destination(s).

Visas are available upon arrival at the airport and they are valid for one (1) month stay in the UAE. If you plan to stay longer, you can request more time from the immigration officer at the airport or contact the local immigration office in the UAE and request an extension.

TRAVELING FROM DUBAI TO ABU DHABI

1. Covid-19 Testing (PCR and/or Serology) & Other Entry Requirements:

Effective 19 September 2021, fully vaccinated UAE citizens, residents and tourists, as documented on the Al Hosn App, will no longer be required to test for COVID-19 at the border before entering Abu Dhabi. To be considered fully vaccinated, you must have received two doses of the same vaccine at least 28 days before departure.

Please note that although people entering Abu Dhabi from Dubai no longer need to show a test result, you will still be required to have a 'green status' on the Al Hosn app to enter many public places. People who are fully vaccinated against coronavirus remain green as long as they have a COVID 19 PCR test once every 30 days. People who are unvaccinated must be tested every three days to remain green.

Your local ground agent will be able to arrange a PCR or DPI test for you and payment must be made on the spot for any transfers and test costs. The price for a PCR test is approximately \$68 per test and is subject to change at any time.

TRAVELING FROM DUBAI TO USA

Travel to USA (all cities including travel to JFK, BOS, LAX, MIA, IAD, IAH, ORD, SEA, DFW, SFO, MCO, EWR)

For an overview of the general regulations for entry into the US during the COVID period, please refer to the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website](#).

1. COVID-19 Testing Required for U.S. Entry

Effective Sunday June 12, 2022 - Travelers are no longer required to present a negative viral COVID-19 test result for the flight to the United States. Please see CDC's FAQ for answers to questions about the requirements for all air passengers arriving in the United States. *Important note: If you are unable to

board your scheduled return flight to the U.S. for any reason, you will be responsible for any expenses you may incur (ie. flight expenses, hotel accommodation, transportation, meals, sundry expenses and more). Please note, Ritz Tours cannot be held responsible if you cannot return as scheduled and will not be responsible for any related expenses.

“As of 12:01AM ET on June 12, 2022, CDC will no longer require air passengers traveling from a foreign country to the United States to show a negative COVID-19 viral test or documentation of recovery from COVID-19 before they board their flight. For more information, see [Rescission: Requirement for Negative Pre-Departure COVID-19 Test Result or Documentation of Recovery from COVID-19 for all Airline or Other Aircraft Passengers Arriving into the United States from Any Foreign Country.](https://www.cdc.gov/quarantine/fr-proof-negative-test.html) <https://www.cdc.gov/quarantine/fr-proof-negative-test.html>” – CDC

Please see CDC’s [FAQ](#) for answers to questions about the new requirement for proof of negative COVID-19 test or recovery from COVID-19 for all air passengers arriving in the United States.

2. Emirates Airlines passenger attestation form

All passengers age 2 and above travelling to the USA on Emirates Airlines will be required to sign an attestation prior to departure (parent or other authorized individual may attest on behalf of passengers aged 2 to 17) confirming they meet the requirements and thus cleared to travel. Please ensure you [download](#), print, complete and sign the attestation form before reporting to check-in at the airport. Passengers who do not complete the attestation form will not be permitted to travel.

IMPORTANT NOTES

US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has updated its travel guidance for fully vaccinated people on Oct 25 2021. A person is considered fully vaccinated:

- 2 weeks (14 days) after your dose of an accepted single-dose COVID-19 vaccine.
- 2 weeks (14 days) after your second dose of an accepted 2-dose series COVID-19 vaccine; or
- 2 weeks (14 days) after you received the full series of an “active” (not placebo) COVID-19 vaccine in the U.S.-based AstraZeneca or Novavax COVID-19 vaccine trials
- 2 weeks (14 days) after you received 2 doses of any “mix-and-match” combination of accepted COVID-19 vaccines administered at least 17 days apart*

If you don’t meet these requirements, you are NOT considered fully vaccinated.

GOVERNMENT RESOURCES

We’d like to remind all guests to check their local state travel guidelines regarding travel restrictions when arriving from international destinations or other US States, as this may vary state by state.

- [US State Department](#)
- [CDC Travel Resources](#)
- [WHO](#)

- [US Embassy & Consulate in the United Arab Emirates – Covid-19 Information](#)
- [Emirates Airlines Travel Requirements by Destination](#)
- [Etihad Airlines Travel Requirements by Destination](#)

THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Dubai

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Thank you for choosing RITZ TOURS!!!

Our experienced staff of Dubai specialists takes pride in providing you with the very best in service and planning. We offer the best quality tours at the most affordable prices. We hope you will have a wonderful trip!

PLEASE FIND ENCLOSED THE FOLLOWING TOUR DOCUMENTS:

1. E-ticket copies of International Airline tickets and US Domestic Tickets (if applicable)
2. Day-by-day Itinerary with Hotel Information and Emergency Contact Phone Numbers
3. Vouchers (if applicable)
4. Ritz Tours Badge
5. Luggage Tag
6. A copy of “Dubai Trips--Things to Know Before You Go”

Upon arrival in Dubai, please go through Customs and Immigration on your own. After exiting the Customs area, please look for a Ritz Tours representative who will be holding a “Ritz Tours” sign. Please make sure that you wear your Ritz Tours’ badge for easy identification.

AN IMPORTANT NOTE ON TIPPING

Please note that gratuities are not included in your tour cost. They are customary, and their purpose is to encourage and reward quality service. Our tour conductors, local guides, drivers, hotel porters and other service personnel do their utmost to make your trip smooth and pleasant. Gratuities are a way of showing your appreciation and also constitute a large part of their monthly income. However, tips are



NEVER mandatory.

Ritz Tours suggests tipping in the following manner (US dollars):

- ❖ \$10 per person per day to guide
- ❖ \$5 per person per day to local driver
- ❖ \$ 10 per person per day to tour manager

Again, thank you for choosing Ritz Tours as your Partner-in-Travel. We are confident that your trip will be happy and rewarding. If you need further information, please contact your travel agent or Ritz Tours. And please provide your invaluable comments at www.ritztours.com/feedback after your trip.

We wish you Bon Voyage!

Travel Documentation

- ❖ Passports must be valid for at least 6 months from the return date of your trip.
- ❖ No entry visa is required for US passport holders visiting the United Arab Emirates for personal travel of 30 days or fewer. US citizens holding valid tourist passports may obtain visitor visas at the port of entry for no fee.
- ❖ For detailed passport and entry requirements, all travelers are advised to visit www.uae-embassy.org to check with their embassy or consulate.

Health & Medical Matters

Covid -19 vaccinations are suggested for your trip. No other vaccinations are required with the exception of persons traveling from or via an infected area. For detailed information about travel vaccinations, please visit: www.moh.gov.ae/en/,

Covid -19 Travel and Testing requirements

<https://www.emirates.com/ae/english/help/covid-19/dubai-travel-requirements/>

Customs Procedures

Dubai: In addition to personal effects, foreign visitors are allowed to import gifts whose value does not exceed AED3,000, 400 cigarettes, 50 cigars, 500g of tobacco, 4 liters of alcoholic beverages or 2 cartons of beer (passengers must be above 18 years of age), video cameras, foreign currency less than AED40,000. There are no restrictions on importing the following items for personal use: cell phone, radio system, computers or laptops, baby strollers, wheelchairs, portable TV sets, telescopes, portable music equipment. For detailed customs information, please visit www.dubaicustoms.gov.ae and www.dubaiairport.com.

Money Matters

The unit of Dubai currency is the Arab Emirate Dirham (AED or Dh), which is divided into 100 fils. The Dirhams come in denominations of 5,10,20,50,100 and 500. Exchange currency at authorized changers only. These are available in all airports, most hotels and large shopping areas. The current exchange rate 1AED = 0.27 USD (updated on Aug 12, 2021).

- ❖ **Credit Cards:** Most credit cards are accepted at a growing number of shops, restaurants and hotels in Dubai
- ❖ **Banks & ATMs:** All major banks have branches and ATMs in Dubai.

Baggage

- ❖ **Ritz Tours welcomes each passenger to bring one suitcase and one carry-on bag. Due to the limited capacity for luggage storage on the vehicle. Ritz Tours does not accept more than one suitcase per person in order to avoid any additional charges for excessive luggage.**
- ❖ Baggage allowance for international flights may vary by airline and is subject to change at any time. For up to date baggage allowance, please check the airlines' websites at: <https://www.emirates.com/ae/english/before-you-fly/baggage/checked-baggage/>
- ❖ Emirates: International Economy Class customers can check in two pieces of luggage, up to 50 lbs (23 kg) each. Total dimensions (length + width + height) of each piece must not exceed 150 cm (59 inches). Carry-on baggage is restricted to one piece of luggage, up to 15 lbs (7 kg) and the dimensions of 22" x 15" x 8". Please check Emirates baggage allowance calculator for restrictions and to find out which applies to you.
- ❖ Emirates: Business class customers can check in two pieces of luggage, up to 70 lbs(32 kgs) each .
- ❖ Emirates carry-on luggage policy: First Class and Business Class customers are permitted two pieces of carry-on baggage: one briefcase plus either one handbag or one garment bag. The briefcase may not exceed 45 x 35 x 20 cm (18 x 14 x 8 in.); the handbag may not exceed 55 x 38 x 20 cm (22 x 15 x 8 in.); the garment bag can be no more than 20 cm (8 in.) thick when folded. The weight of each piece must not exceed 7 kg (15 lbs). Economy Class customers are permitted one (1) piece of carry-on baggage that should not exceed 22 x 15 x 8 inches (55 x 38 x 20 cm) and must weigh no more than 7 kg (15 lbs).
- ❖ Note: For customers boarding in India, carry-on baggage may not exceed 115 cm (45 in.) in total dimensions (length + width + height).
- ❖ It is recommended that all checked luggage has a lock (combination locks are recommended) and a luggage tag showing the name and contact information of the owner. **(Please use Ritz Tours tags for easy identification by our airport staff.)**
- ❖ Consider packing one change of clothing, one set of underwear and toiletry in your carry on bag to avoid inconvenience caused by delayed or lost luggage.
- ❖ DO NOT pack medicine, valuables and other personal necessities in checked luggage. Keep them in your carryon bag.
- ❖ Important note: Ritz Tours representatives cannot enter the luggage claim area. Luggage carts are available, free of charge, at all airports. Collect your luggage and exit, our local representatives will be waiting for you outside. All luggage from the group will be collected for transport to your hotel in a separate vehicle.
- ❖ Please consult www.tsa.gov for USA baggage and carry-on restrictions.

Shopping

Although Ritz Tours' national guides will be happy to assist you with any shopping requirements, Ritz Tours does not assume responsibility for any items purchased at shops while on tour. You are never required to purchase any items while on tour and must be responsible for your own purchases. Any after sales correspondence must be between the passenger and the shop in question.

Food & Drinks

Dubai is a city that offers rare opportunities to experience local and ethnic cuisine from almost every region in the world for those who enjoy good food and a great dining experience. Alcohol is available in hotel restaurants and bars. However, restaurants outside hotels are not permitted to serve alcoholic beverages. It is generally recommended to drink bottled or distilled water.

Language

English is commonly used in all business transactions in Dubai. The country's official language in Dubai is Arabic.

Clothing

- ❖ We suggest you bring comfortable, casual clothing and good walking shoes for the trip.
- ❖ Google the weather conditions before you go, and pack accordingly.
- ❖ It is not necessary to bring formal clothing.

❖ **Special note for Women**

To be respectful of the UAE culture, it is best to remain covered from shoulder at least to the knees. For instance, although t-shirts (preferably with sleeves covering at least the upper arm) are fine, spaghetti tops for women may not be appreciated in public areas.

Also, very tight and/or low-cut t-shirts are also considered offensive. Females wearing strappy tops may be in for a warning at Dubai shopping malls, or shopping centers.

Women do not have to cover their heads, faces and hair with a scarf or something similar when in public, although Muslim women, particularly Gulf Arabs, do cover their hair, faces, heads with scarf for cultural and religious reasons. But, when visiting a Mosque, women have to cover their hair, bodies and legs, although covering the face is not a must.

It is best to not keep the skirt length above the knee level. As skirts get shorter in length, there is higher risk of male attention, police arrest and fine.

In more traditional areas such as villages and souks, markets and such other areas, short skirts are not considered appropriate for women, and long-skirts below knee length are preferred. Western tops with deep neck lines are strictly prohibited.

❖ **Special note for Men**

Men wearing shorts, although may be considered odd, are unlikely to get into trouble. However, cycling shorts that reveal certain contours or boxer shorts may result in warning from the authorities. Wearing cycling shorts when cycling should be fine.

Sports clothing appropriate for the sport being played is allowed at the sports venue.

However, any combination of t-shirts and shorts are not a problem, even if worn elsewhere on the way from a sports location. At the beach, a swimsuit is acceptable.

When visiting a Mosque, men are required to be dressed in long trousers.

T-shirts with offensive slogans or pictures, gestures, or obscene language that might cause religious or cultural offence are not acceptable in Dubai.

Time Differentials

Dubai is based on Standard Time Zone (UTC) which is 4 hours ahead of GMT (Greenwich Mean Time). Dubai is 12 hours ahead of Los Angeles and 9 hours ahead of New York.

Electrical Requirement

Dubai's electrical system operates at 240 volts. You will need a voltage converter if you are carrying a device that does not accept 240 Volts at 50 Hertz. Please bring your own voltage converter and adapter.

Foreign Embassies & Missions

- ❖ US Embassy in Dubai, please visit:

https://dubai.usconsulate.gov/general_application_instructions.html

Weather

Dubai

Dubai has a sub-tropical, arid climate. Sunny, blue skies can be expected most of the year. Rainfall is infrequent and irregular, falling mainly in winter. Summer temperatures in July and August can reach highs of around 45°C (113° F) with high humidity, making this the least comfortable time of year to visit in terms of climate. However, Dubai is well geared up for high temperatures, and public transport, shopping malls, hotels, restaurants and visitor attractions are all air conditioned.



City		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Dubai	T. Max	75	76	82	90	98	102	106	105	102	95	86	79
	min.	56	58	62	68	74	79	84	84	79	72	64	59