



DUBAI Developments

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Developing Dubai



Visionary leadership:
H.H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum

Strong leadership and the exceptional vision of Dubai's rulers provide a strategic plan that focuses on developing the emirate's most dynamic economic sectors which are the key contributors to Dubai's diversity and growth. His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, ruler of Dubai, unveiled the Dubai Strategic Plan 2015 under the theme "Dubai... Where the Future Begins" in early 2007, which will take the emirate to the next stage of its growth and development. Tourism is a very important element and accounts for 30% of Dubai's GDP.

Dubai is set to attract 15 million visitors from around the world by 2015 and there are many diverse leisure and infrastructure developments underway to meet the anticipated demand of the discerning 21st century traveller.

There are too many inspirational and adventurous developments to mention them all here. However, we have highlighted the main projects that have been announced to date.

For further information visit the web links in the relevant articles, visit www.dubaitourism.ae or contact the DTCM on +44 (0)20 7839 0580.

Free Zone expansion

Dubai empowers success, offering international businesses a range of opportunities through its spectrum of cities and free zones, with excellent incentives and tax benefits. The emirate provides an excellent gateway location, superior facilities and state-of-the-art infrastructure for business.

Dubai World Central



To handle the increasing passenger volumes, Dubai World Central International Airport is at the heart of a development that will handle up to 120 million passengers a year. The airport will provide six runways, two terminal buildings and six concourses.

www.dwc.ae

Exhibition City

Exhibition City will enhance Dubai's reputation as the region's premier destination in the meetings, incentive, conference and exhibition sector (MICE). The site will include 19 exhibition halls, conference halls and service facilities, alongside hotels, restaurants and residential apartments. The first phase of the project is due to be completed in 2009.

www.dwtc.com



International City

This internationally-themed residential, tourist and commercial complex will cover 800 hectares.

The Dragon Mart opened in 2004, and other individual areas within the development are due to open in 2007/8.

www.internationalcity.ae

Dubai Healthcare City

This is a global hub for specialised healthcare, medical education, and research. The project includes healthcare institutions, hospitals and clinics, medical and fitness clusters, laboratories and research centres, a nursing school and a medical university. Opening in phases until 2010.

www.dhcc.ae



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Central Dubai

Dubai Festival City

Dubai Festival City offers a wealth of leisure activities to suit every need; boasting over 90 waterfront restaurants and cafés, a 12-screen cinema complex, bowling alley, family entertainment centre, championship golf course and luxury marina; every inch the world-class waterfront lifestyle resort. New hotels will include the InterContinental, W, Crowne Plaza and Four Seasons hotel all opening in 2008.

www.dubaifestivalcity.com



The Lagoons

The Lagoons will have seven beautifully landscaped islands, comprising residential units, shopping centres, office buildings, and marinas. These detached islands will be interlinked with bridges. Residents will have culture on their doorsteps in the form of Dubai's first opera house. Other cultural elements will include a planetarium, museum, art centre and theatre. The project is due to be completed in 2013.

www.lagoons.ae



Burj Dubai

The world's tallest tower will combine residential, commercial, hotel, entertainment and leisure facilities with open grass spaces, water features, pedestrian boulevards, and luxury shopping and restaurant outlets. Due to open in 2008.

www.burjdubai.com

The area around this global landmark boasts a lake and the Old Town Island, with market squares, and traditional Arabian architecture, as well as the 60 floor Burj Lake hotel with 210 rooms plus luxurious serviced apartments. Other highlights will be the world's largest shopping mall, Dubai Mall, and the Dubai Mall hotel, Boulevard Plaza, and two residential developments, Boulevard Crescent and The Residences.

www.theoldtown.ae

Dubai Metro

The Dubai Government has announced an expansion to its planned metro system, with two extra lines to join the 70km currently under development. The Red line will run from Rashidiya to Jebel Ali, and the Green line from Al Nahda Street to Healthcare City. The Purple Line will provide an express link between Dubai International Airport and Dubai World Central, while the new Blue Line will link Emirates Road and the airports.

A linked tram system is also planned to provide alternative transport on Al Sufouh Road and Jumeirah Road. The total length of the Dubai Metro is expected to be over 300km by 2020. The Red Line is scheduled to open in September 2009 and the Green Line in March 2010.

www.rta.ae

Dubai Marine World

The first project of its kind in the Middle East, Marine World will include a Dolphinarium, an alligator park, a coral reef aquarium, fish farm, and research and therapy centre. Situated in Dubai Creek Park it is due for completion in 2008. www.dm.gov.ae

New bridges and toll road scheme

To support the growing infrastructure three new bridges are being built across Dubai Creek. In addition to a floating bridge adding six lanes across the Creek, two bridges are currently in the design stage. They will comprise a total of 24 lanes and are scheduled to be completed by end of 2008.

www.dm.gov.ae

Dubai Opera House

The opera house has been designed by Baghdad-born architect Zaha Hadid, the first woman winner of the prestigious Pritzker Prize.

It will feature two libraries, a school for music, and an outdoor theatre, as well as a marina and a luxury hotel. One of the two planned museums will be dedicated to art while the other will be multidisciplinary.

www.lagoons.ae



Al Bastakiya

Thirty-two traditional houses are being rebuilt as part of plans to restore this area of central Dubai to its former glory. A traditional souq selling handicrafts and gifts is included in the project. Once completed in early 2008 it will also provide an area where cultural events can take place.



Golfers' paradise

In addition to the existing world-class championship courses a number of new courses are planned to open in the next three years. The new Dunes course at Dubailand, designed by Ernie Els opens in November 2007.

www.dubailand.ae

Jumeirah Golf Estates has enlisted no less than Vijay Singh, Sergio Garcia, Peter Dye and Greg Norman to design four new courses in Dubai. Fire and Earth courses are due to open in 2008, with Water and Wind scheduled for 2009 openings.

www.jumeirahgolfestates.com



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Desert Dubai

Dubailand

The Dubailand multi-use theme park, the most ambitious tourist destination ever created, will contain 45 major projects and over 200 smaller tourism, leisure, and entertainment features. It will be twice the size of Florida's Walt Disney World Resort, with unique and imaginative entertainment parks, retail facilities and everything for visitors of all ages. The first phase of the project will be completed in 2010, with the succeeding phases running over the following eight years.

The Great Dubai Wheel

Located in a prime area of Dubailand, the Great Dubai Wheel will be one of the biggest in the world, even bigger than the London Eye. During the exciting journey on the wheel, visitors in the 36 capsules will be able to view distances of up to 50 kilometres and see all the wonders of Dubai. Due to open late 2008.

The Emirates Planetarium

An entertainment and education based project with a space theme featuring a 3D theatre (Emirates Infinitarium), laser shows (Emirates Lizerarium), science museum, planetarium and space-themed hotel.

Dubai Bazaar

Designed with traditional architecture in mind, this project will capture the true spirit of the regional marketplace and includes an Arabian bath court and will showcase Arabian theatre and music.

www.dubailand.ae

The Lost City

Featuring the architecture of ancient Egypt, Syria, Jordan, and Morocco the project, located in the Jebel Ali area, will provide gardens, souks, an 18-hole golf course, and hotels. It is due for completion in early 2008.

www.nakheel.com

City of Arabia

At the heart of Dubailand, the City of Arabia includes a mall with over 1,000 retail outlets. The Mall of Arabia will be the point of entry for the Restless Planet dinosaur theme park, being designed in collaboration with London's Natural History Museum. A unique animatronics and natural history experience where visitors enter a prehistoric world. The Wadi Walk, a 10km river flowing through the project provides waterside walks, restaurants and cafes.

www.cityofarabiame.com



Dubai Sports City

The world's only integrated purpose-built sports venue is expected to be completed in 2008. The £2 billion-plus city already hosts the first Manchester United soccer school outside Europe, which opened in 2005, a David Lloyd tennis school and a golf course designed by South African Ernie Els. It will also have indoor and outdoor stadia, hotels, malls and shopping areas.

www.dubaisportscity.ae



Bawadi

The Bawadi project, planned as the world's largest hotel complex, has doubled its plans and will now provide 51 new hotels with a total of 60,000 rooms, many in the four and five star categories. At its heart will be the 6,500-room Asia-Asia Hotel, which is scheduled for completion in the first stage of the project in 2010.

www.bawadi.ae

Universal City

Hollywood-based Universal Studios is to set up Universal City at Dubailand consisting of more than 4,000 luxurious hotel rooms, 100 restaurants, alongside a range of retail outlets. Universal's theme parks are known for some of the most thrilling and technologically advanced "ride-the-movies" motion picture and television show-based attractions.



Falcon City of Wonders

The modern wonders of the world will be recreated with the Dubai Eifel Tower at the centre of the commercial district. The City of Wonders will include replicas of the Grand Pyramid, the Tower of Pisa, Taj Mahal, the Hanging Gardens of Babylon, the Alexandria Lighthouse, Great Wall of China and Venice.

www.falconcity.com



Waterfront Dubai

Dubai Pearl

Dubai Pearl is a multi-purpose development at the entrance to The Palm, Jumeirah, comprising three hotels with more than 1,500 rooms and suites and a 1,800 seat opera house. It will be developed on a 500-metre circular, four storey podium, with a spectacular outer ring of architectural towers encircling a central hub of retail, theatre, cinema and conference facilities. Due for completion in 2007.

www.dubaipearl.com



The World

A map of the world is picked out four kilometres off the coast of Dubai by 300 man-made islands for either private use or development by investors.

The development will include private homes, estate homes, resorts and community islands over an area of 54 square kilometres. Access will be by helicopter or marine transport. Reclamation will be completed in 2008.

www.theworld.ae



Dubai Marina

The vision of Dubai Marina is to create an awe-inspiring city-within-a-city. It is a place where people can meet and enjoy an exclusive waterfront environment with a wide range of restaurants, cafes, entertainment and shopping along the boardwalk with great views over the marina.

Due for completion in stages through to 2010.

www.emaar.ae



Dubai Waterfront

A grand new city is being developed on a collection of islands forming a crescent around the edge of The Palm, Jebel Ali. It will serve as the gateway to the Arabian Canal and feature over 100 different waterfront developments. The first phase is the Madinat Al Arab. Due for completion between 2010 and 2016.

www.thedubaiwaterfront.com

FORTHCOMING HOTEL OPENINGS – 2008

Name	Location	Rooms	Apartments
Mövenpick Deira	Al Muteena, Deira	233	
Dubai Armani Hotel	Burj Dubai	160	144
Crowne Plaza	Dubai Festival City	316	
InterContinental	Dubai Festival City	500	120
Ritz-Carlton	Dubai International Finance City	320	121
Hilton Jumeirah Beach Residence	Jumeirah Beach	371	
Mövenpick Jumeirah	Jumeirah Beach	294	
Sofitel Hotel & Resort	Jumeirah Beach	480	
Al Seef Resort & Spa	The Palm, Jumeirah	142	
Atlantis	The Palm, Jumeirah	1539	
Club Robinson	The Palm, Jumeirah	300	
Habtoor Grand Resort	The Palm, Jumeirah	250	
Jumeirah Al Fattan, Palm Resort	The Palm, Jumeirah	213	45
Mövenpick Resort Oceana	The Palm, Jumeirah	249	142
Mövenpick Resort & Spa	The Palm, Jumeirah	300	
Tiara Resort & Spa	The Palm, Jumeirah	244	132
Conrad Hotel Dubai	Sheikh Zayed Road	350	
Hotel JAL Tower Dubai	Sheikh Zayed Road	486	60
Mövenpick Ibn Batutta Hotel	Sheikh Zayed Road	369	166

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