

JANUARY – MARCH

Dubai Unlimited

This season's must-attend events from the worlds of sport, art and culture, and business



JANUARY

Dubai Shopping Festival

Various venues
1 January-1 February

The Middle East's largest shopping extravaganza celebrates its 21st anniversary this year. It draws visitors from across the globe and features a range of exciting events.

visitdubaishoppingfestival.com



Standard Chartered Dubai Marathon

Umm Suqeim Road
22 January

The Dubai Marathon, now in its 16th year, has become a major attraction with many people from around the world also taking part in the additional 10km and 4km runs. With top prize money of US\$200,000, it's certainly a race worth winning.

dubaimarathon.org



FEBRUARY

Dubai Tour

Dubai International Marine Club
3-6 February

Cycling enthusiasts are keenly anticipating this year's Dubai Tour, now on its third edition. The riveting 663km contest will see some of the world's best riders compete across four stages.

dubaitour.com



Dubai Food Festival

Various venues
25 February-12 March

This annual, month-long culinary celebration showcases the emirate's emergence as a global gastronomic destination. Visitors can enjoy workshops by celebrity chefs, pop-ups offering five-star gourmet dining, and an array of Emirati cuisine.

dubaifoodfestival.com

MARCH

Design Days Dubai

The Venue, Downtown Dubai, Mohammed bin Rashid Boulevard
14-18 March

After a record-breaking year, Design Days Dubai returns to showcase leading international designers alongside up-and-coming artists from the contemporary design world.

Taking in innovative installations, exciting live performances and educational workshops, there is plenty to choose from.

designdaysdubai.ae

Emirates Airline 14th Dubai Jazz Festival

Dubai Media City Amphitheatre
24-26 February

This festival is back for its 14th edition and features the best of jazz, pop and rock. Acts confirmed to date include Toto.

dubaijazzfest.com





Art Dubai

Madinat Jumeirah
16-19 March

Art enthusiasts will flock to this international fair for a taste of the best in contemporary art, where a line-up of the top 90 galleries in the UAE and across the globe will showcase curated art spaces. Visitors can also expect a dynamic roster of commissioned projects and educational initiatives alongside annual exhibitions such as the acclaimed Global Art Forum and the Abraaj Group Art Prize. artdubai.ae

DIHAD conference

Dubai International
Convention & Exhibition
Centre
21-23 March

DIHAD strives to provide a platform for international humanitarian aid and development assistance for countries affected by crises, disasters or the adverse consequences of under-development. By creating a forum where experts can interact and share their knowledge, DIHAD hopes to enhance humanitarian aid, bridging the gap between nations across the globe. dihad.org



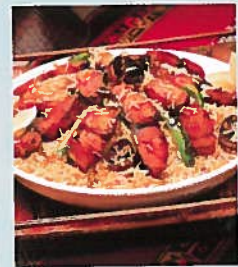
DUBAI

For full listings of what's on in the emirate and dates for events taking place later in the year, check dubaicalendar.ae

Dubai World Cup

Meydan Racecourse
26 March

Celebrating the culmination of the UAE racing season, Dubai World Cup day features nine high-class races and the world's richest horse race, the US\$10m Dubai World Cup, won in 2015 by Prince Bishop, owned by the Crown Prince of Dubai, HH Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum. The weekend also includes a grand end-of-event show and concert. dubaiworldcup.com



Mystery dining

Such was their popularity last year that the Dubai Food Festival, which runs this year from 25 February to 12 March, is once more including its Mystery Dining Tours on the event menu.

The five Mystery Dining Tours offer distinctive experiences showcasing the wealth of the region's culinary offerings and celebrating cuisine ranging from authentic Emirati dishes to celebrity favourites from the city's most acclaimed restaurants.

The tours, which take place at various times and venues throughout the region, are:

- Old to New Dubai
- High Flying Dinner Tour
- From One Chef to Another Tour
- Celebrity Hot Spots Tour
- Dubai Skyline Tour

The tours are an entertaining way to experience everything from five-star gourmet dining to street restaurants, cafes and home-grown favourites while enjoying Dubai's scenic highlights.

