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## 20 Amazing things to do in Dubai this March

Fashion, food, art, books, boats, sport and puppy meets ...what isn't going on?!

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March in Dubai is pretty evenly split between food and art, what with the Dubai Food Festival spilling over from late Feb and Art Dubai and all its accompanying arty events dominating the second half of the month. If food isn't your thing (\*gasp!\*) and you don't really fancy art much, don't worry – there's plenty to do in March apart from gorging yourself on food and feasting your eyes on art.

Here are just 20 of the funnest/most interesting/tastiest things you can take advantage of this March. And this is just the tip of the iceberg considering that we're leaving out St. Paddy's, Mum's Day and Easter!

art fair makes it the chilliest (i.e. the least pretentious) of the lot.

Sunday, 13 March to Thursday, 24 March; Al Fahidi Historical Neighbourhood (formerly known as the Bastakiya), Bur Dubai; admission is free; learn more about SIKKA [here](#)

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## Design Days

The leading design fair in the region showcases collectible and limited edition furniture and design objects that you most likely can't afford but are certainly worthy of drooling over. The designs come courtesy of leading international designers and galleries alongside up and coming designers from across the world.

DD will also be featuring film screenings, talks and workshops with titles like 'Wearable Design', 'Treasures from Plastic Waste' and 'The Making Process'. Certainly a must-visit for collectors, design junkies and anyone who fantasises about being a custom furniture designer like Aidan from *Sex and the City*.

Monday, 14 March to Friday, 18 March; The Venue, Downtown Dubai; tickets are going for AED 50 – find out more at [designdaysdubai.ae](http://designdaysdubai.ae)

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## March Madness @ CLAW

There aren't many Americans in Dubai (the whole not having to pay taxes over here doesn't work out that well for them), but for the handful of Americans that do live here, and those of us that love all things Americana, CLAW is really boon. Purportedly 'home to all things American in Dubai', CLAW certainly holds up its end of the bargain when it comes to U.S. sporting events; case in point: their insistence on staying open to show the Super Bowl live during the wee small hours of the morn whilst serving brekkie last month.

So while the rugby plays across TVs in sports bars all over Dubai, CLAW will be airing the NCAA men's college basketball knockout tournament, a.k.a. March Madness. There'll be a friendly bracket going, with the winner making off with a free brunch for four, and while the games run there'll be a special on wings and hops, which, as we all know, is the mandatory snack for every American sporting event.

The madness begins on Tuesday, 15 March, with a special Tailgate Party lined up for Friday, 25 March; Souk Al Bahar, Downtown Dubai. For rezzies or more info call 04 4322300

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## Art Dubai 2016

Did we mention that March in Dubai is all about the art? Art Dubai is the flagship event of the Dubai Art Calendar: it's the biggest, baddest art fair in the region. Now in its tenth year, the line-up of the works featured in dozens of galleries both from the UAE and around the world will be open to the general gawking public on Day 2 since Day 1 of the affair is by invitation only. The fair is generally divided into three segments: Modern, Contemporary and Marker, with the latter focusing on a particular theme or geography. This year's Marker segment is all about the Philippines, which makes sense, since apparently Filipinos make up 21.3% of Dubai's population.

Art Dubai kicks off on Wednesday, March 16 but is unfortunately open to the general public like you and me