



Country Profile: United Arab Emirates

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) is a federation of seven independent emirates, each with its own ruler. The federal government is a constitutional republic, headed by a president and council of ministers. Islamic ideals and beliefs provide the conservative foundation of the country's customs, laws and practices. The UAE is a modern, developed country, and tourist facilities are widely available. Read the Dept of State [Background Notes](#) on the United Arab Emirates for additional information.

COUNTRY OVERVIEW



Country Name:	United Arab Emirates
Continent:	Middle East
Capital City:	Abu Dhabi
Boundary Countries:	Oman, Saudi Arabia
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	IBN Nafees Medical Center (Abu Dhabi, American Hospital Dubai, Apollo Al-Khaleej Medical Centre, Belhoul European Hospital, Central Private Hospital
Main Cities:	Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Ar Ruways, Al Fujayrah, Sharjah
Country Size:	83,600 sq km
Population:	2,602,713

COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

Language:	Arabic (official), Persian, English, Hindi, Urdu
Currency:	Emirati dirham (AED)
Predominant Religions:	Muslim 96% (Shi'a 16%), Christian, Hindu, and other 4%
National Holidays:	Independence Day, 2 December (1971)
Economic Status:	The UAE has an open economy with a high per capita income and a sizable annual trade surplus. Despite largely successful efforts at economic diversification, nearly 40% of GDP is still directly based on oil and gas output. Since the discovery of oil in the UAE more than 30 years ago, the UAE has undergone a profound transformation from an impoverished region of small desert principalities to a modern state with a high standard of living.
Security:	Army, Navy (includes Marines and Coast Guard), Air and Air Defense Force, paramilitary forces (includes Federal Police Force).
US Presence:	U.S. Embassy in Abu Dhabi Airport Road at Rabdan (29th) Street Embassies District, Plot 38, Sector W59-02, Street No. 4 Abu Dhabi, U.A.E. Tel. +971-2 414 2200 U.S. Consulate in Dubai Corner of Al Seef Rd. and Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Rd. Dubai, U.A.E Phone: +971-4-309-4000

Major Airports:	Airports: 37 Airports w/paved runways: 23 Dubai Airport, Dubai , PO Box 2525, Dubai, United Arab Emirates <i>Tel:</i> +971 4 216 2525 <i>Fax:</i> +971 4 224 4067 <code>document.write('cvdca' + 'dir' + cat + 'emira' + 'tes.n' + 'et');</code> <i>Website:</i> www.dubaiairport.com or www.dubaicargovillage.com Airport Data: International, 24 hours Customs <i>Tel:</i> +971 4 822122 <i>Fax:</i> +971 4 822227 <i>Customs Hours:</i> 24 hours
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