

EMIRATES

BUSINESS SETUP

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10 SECRET THINGS

When moving to

Dubai

These 10 secret things you'll need to know when you're moving to Dubai. If you have never lived in the UAE before.

#1 EMPLOYEE VISA, FREELANCE VISA OR BUSINESS VISA

Determining the suitable visa is essential when planning your relocation. If your company is sponsoring your employment, you'll likely obtain an Employment Visa. Alternatively, if you're establishing your own company, you can apply for a Business Visa, whether it be in a Free Zone or on the mainland. Freelancers can opt for a Freelance Visa, which includes a work permit. Additionally, there are visas available for your family.

If you are a freelancer, acquiring a Freelance Visa with a work permit is recommended. Family visas are also available. It's crucial to decide which family member will sponsor the children. Securing visas for children is of utmost importance. Ensure that birth and marriage certificates are attested in your home country. If this process is not completed beforehand, you can also have it done in the UAE and then translated.

#2 EMIRATES ID

Whether renting an apartment on a monthly or yearly basis, the mandatory Emirates ID is a prerequisite, typically obtained with your visa.

Whether you opt for an employment visa, freelance visa, or business license visa, having an Emirates ID is crucial for various services such as registering your mobile contract, connecting utilities like gas and WiFi for your apartment, and obtaining necessary government approvals. In all these processes, the Emirates ID is mandatory.

#3 DECIDE THE LOCATION WHERE YOU WANT TO STAY

Start by deciding on the location that suits your preferences. Consider factors like budget and the area, whether it's central, near downtown, or at places like the Palm or Marina.

Additionally, determine if you prefer monthly or yearly rental arrangements. Yearly contracts tend to be more cost-effective, and you have the flexibility to choose payment terms, whether it's a one-time payment, every three months, or every six months.

Negotiate potential discounts with the agent. Also, decide on the type of accommodation, be it a hotel, Airbnb apartment, or villa, based on your budget, the area, and the number of people accompanying you to Dubai.

#4 RENTING OR BUYING A CAR

Whether you're onshore or offshore, opting for a monthly car rental, starting from just 400 USD, is often a wise choice.

If you decide to buy, ensure you present the mandatory Emirates ID during the purchase process. Before finalizing a car purchase, it's highly advisable to invest a hundred US dollars in a thorough inspection to avoid post-purchase issues.

Additionally, when buying a car, the only additional cost is a 5% VAT on top of the sale price. There are no other taxes for purchasing a car in the UAE, and the prices are notably reasonable compared to other countries worldwide.

#5 SIMPLIFYING GROCERY SHOPPING AND FOOD DELIVERY

Buying groceries or ordering food online is incredibly easy. Download apps like Insta Shop, Taba, or Delivery for convenient grocery shopping.

These apps list supermarkets in your local area, and delivery is usually within 40 minutes, often available 24 hours a day. You can even order at night. Whether it's a fast-food chain, restaurant, Starbucks, Five Guys for burgers, or a fancy sushi place, it's all possible.

Just download One Delivery or Talabat, choose your favorite restaurant, select your menu, and have it delivered within 30 minutes to one hour. It's that simple.

#6 SIMPLIFYING ON-DEMAND SERVICES

When it comes to ordering services, whether you need a cleaner, a massage, healthcare grooming, childcare, a removal packer, automotive cleaning, flat maintenance, laundry, pet care, or personal training, you can easily place an order on Rizek or any other alternative app.

In most cases, the requested service will be at your doorstep within one hour.

It's a straightforward and convenient process, available anytime you need it.

#7 FINDING A HOUSEMATE FOR CLEANING OR COOKING

If you're in need of a housemate for cleaning or cooking, it's a straightforward process.

You can easily find suitable candidates on Facebook groups or other dedicated apps, with monthly charges starting from 700 USD.

They typically work six days a week, and if desired, they can also stay with you in the house.

Whether you provide them with a spare room for accommodation or they sleep elsewhere, it's flexible and easily manageable.

#8 LIFESTYLE AND ENTERTAINMENT

Dubai offers a myriad of activities for lifestyle and entertainment. Cinemas are scattered throughout the city, even within shopping malls.

The beaches are plentiful, and you can opt for hotel resorts, where a fee of approximately \$50 grants you access to the beaches and amenities. Take advantage of dining options, restaurants, and cafes within these resorts.

Some hotels also offer ladies' days with complimentary beach access, drinks, and snacks if you're fortunate.

Beyond the beaches, explore museums or visit the budget-friendly Festival City, where entry is only about \$10. The area features free shows, numerous food options, making it an ideal destination for a family day out. Dubai hosts a plethora of activities, including upcoming music concerts, magician shows, and various other entertainment options.

#9 CONTRACTS, RENT, MOBILE, HEALTH INSURANCE, AND OTHER ESSENTIALS

When dealing with contracts, rent, mobile plans, health insurance, and other crucial matters, it's essential to stay informed.

If you decide not to extend your rental contract, ensure you notify the agent in advance.

Additionally, remember to cancel the Ejari, Dewa, and Gas services to avoid extra fees and secure the return of your deposit.

Most contracts typically span one year, involving a one-time payment for the entire duration.

Health insurance is not mandatory in Dubai, but if needed, you can opt for an annual plan starting from less than \$300, depending on the package you choose.

#10 NEGOTIATE

When buying items, always negotiate at local shops or markets. They will often offer discounts on your purchases, making it a valuable practice.

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