

Insider's guide to... The Dubai Mall
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The Dubai Mall is the largest shopping centre in the world, but despite its size the mall is incredibly easy to get around. Everything is divided into sectors such as home and décor, high-end fashion, jewellery and dining which makes shopping much easier.

For something special:

Make some time to visit Book World by Kinokuniya on the second floor, which



stocks more than half a million books and a thousand magazines. After exploring the aisles, take a seat in Kino's Café, with views of the famous Dubai Fountain.

Where to dine:

Start the day with a cappuccino at Madeleine Café and Boulangerie on the ground floor. For lunch, Social House on the lower ground floor serves a range of international flavours and for afternoon tea try Magnolia Bakery's hand-crafted cupcakes.

Best for kids:

As well as edutainment centre KidZania, where kids role-play as adults, there's a 22-screen cinema, an enormous aquarium, an Olympic-sized ice rink and a Sega Republic indoor theme park.

When to visit:

The Dubai Mall is large enough not to feel overly crowded even when it's busy, but if you want to pinpoint the quieter times, early weekday mornings are best.

Where: Downtown Dubai

Open: 10am to 10pm Sun to Wed and

10am to midnight Thu to Sat

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While Burjuman doesn't have the same kind of tourist attractions as other malls in the emirate, it offers a comprehensive shopping experience.

For something special:

Saks Fifth Avenue is home to Prada and Miu Miu. If that isn't reason enough to visit, it also houses renowned designers such as Marc Jacobs, Azzedine Alaïa, Dolce & Gabbana and Michael Kors.

Outside Saks you'll also find a variety of luxury boutiques such as Hermès, Chanel and Louis Vuitton.

Where to dine:

Tucked away in Burjuman South Village on the third floor is the Pavilion Gardens. Here you'll find a great selection of bright and airy restaurants and cafés, which make a great spot to relax and recharge.



When to visit:

One of the best things about Burjuman is that it doesn't get overly crowded like some other malls so any time is good time to visit. Those who want a break from taxi rides can take advantage of the Dubai Metro, which stops in front of the mall.

Where: Bur Dubai

Open: 10am to 10pm Sat to Wed and 10am to 11pm

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