

PLANNING TO VISIT DUBAI

HERE ARE A FEW RULES you need to know. We shall review them as we get more helpful information. Enjoy 😊

1. **Appropriate Clothes:** No revealing clothes; they should cover your knees. Women are expected to wear a headscarf while visiting religious monuments. Men should not walk around topless, except if they are at the beach.
2. **No public display of affection.** People have been arrested for kissing in public, hand-holding is seen as acceptable only for married couples. It's best to avoid all physical contact in public, so we will hug in our own hotel rooms only.
3. **Prescription Drugs:** Drugs are absolutely illegal in Dubai, and the policy extends to some prescription medicines such as those with the pain killer codeine. It's recommended you conduct research if you plan to bring prescription drugs, so you don't mistakenly take along something illegal. (If you plan to bring any pain-killers to this event, you must also confer with Diane.)
4. **Taking Photos:** Obtain explicit permission from people before you take their photos, most especially photos of local women.
5. **Swear words:** it's an offence to curse or use foul language. Visitors have gotten into trouble when they made vulgar comments in the presence of an undercover police officer. So, mind your language.
6. **Loud music:** is not allowed in public places.
7. **Use of left hand:** take note that in Muslim culture, body hygiene is done with the left hand, so it is considered unclean. Therefore, you should never shake hands or greet anyone with your left hand; and you shouldn't be seen eating with your left hand.
8. **Insult Islam:** this is a strict liability offence in an Islamic country. Do not say anything out loud that may be considered disrespectful. It is recommended that you keep any strong opinions on Islam to yourself and discharge on them.
9. **Don't insult the Royal family.**
10. **Don't wear anything with the LGBTQ+/rainbow flag.**
11. **SUNDAY:** take note that in Dubai, Sunday is a working day; while Thursday is the weekend, and Friday is a holiday.