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## Dubai A Perfect Meeting Place

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Talk about phenomenal. A perfect meeting place of the East and the West, Dubai offers everything you would want for a relaxing, fun-filled vacation.

Shopping malls, you say? It's not a question of if, but how – how many, that is – and each more luxurious than the last. From Ibn Battuta Mall, the world's largest themed shopping mall which features China, Persia, Egypt, etc. to the gigantic Mall of the Emirates with its climate-controlled ski slopes, Dubai is truly a shopoholic's paradise. From the latest electronics to the latest fashions, there is nothing you cannot buy here. Most popular British, American and European retailers are proud to open their outlets in Dubai.

Aside from the malls, the tiny emirate offers many other attractions. Head over to Jumeriah where you can walk along the Jumeriah Beach and wonder in awe at the world famous Burj Al-Arab hotel. Close by is Madinat Al-Jumeirah, a custom-built tourist resort that has been styled to resemble an ancient Arabian citadel. Last but not least is Palm Jumeirah, the palm tree-shaped, man-made islands built on the coast of Dubai that are counted among the world's most expensive and exclusive residential areas.

And if it's the outdoors you are after then you've come to the right place. Dubai offers a unique combination of deserts and beaches. The splendid beaches along the azure Arabian Gulf that offer gentle waves and clean white sand are both inviting and exhilarating. Meanwhile the sand dunes invoke images of Dubai's past and entice visitors to venture on a fun-filled desert safari.

It's true what they say about Dubai: you have to see it to believe it.

## Hong Kong Disneyland Introduces Flat Price

Hong Kong Disneyland has introduced a new flat ticket price structure, applicable all year around. The resort has removed the existing tiered (peak and non-peak) pricing structure across the Park's 3 guest categories.

Under the new flat ticket price structure, adult and child park tickets for overseas guests for all days will be realigned at HK\$350 and HK\$250 respectively (US\$45 and US\$32). Senior Park tickets will have a flat price of HK\$170 (US\$22) for all days. As a special promotion, there will be no change to the prices of Hong Kong residents' park tickets for the next six months.

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Where: Tokyo

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When: 6 - 8 Mar 2009

Where: Esplanade, Singapore

### Hua Hin International Kite Festival

When: Mar 2009 (annual)

Where: Hua Hin, Thailand

### Desert Rock Festival - Metal Lives!

When: 6 Mar 2009 (annual)

Where: Festival City, Dubai

### Medin (Full Moon Day in March)

When: Mar 2009 (annual)

Where: Sri Lanka

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