**Culture of Dubai**

Dubai culture today is very different from what it used to be a decade or two ago. The narrow widening creek divides the city into two parts, the Southern part called Bur Dubai has a traditional culture in Dubai and the Northern area, Deira has a busy and bustling culture. Dubai culture is essentially very colorful and vibrant. The Dubai shopping festival and the Dubai International Film Festival are an integral part of the culture in Dubai.

It is very much fair to say that Dubai culture is global in nature because of its heavy expatriate population. The official religion in Dubai is Islam. However, because of the presence of foreign cultures, other religions are also practiced in the Emirate.

Dubai features an exciting blend of international cultures where you can witness a fascinating mix of East and west, old and new.

**Traditional clothes in Dubai**

**The traditional Local dress outfit for men is the Dishdash, which is a white male dress covering all parts of body except for face and hands with a headdress called Guthra Women, on the other hand, wear the black Abaya and its veil (Shila) to cover their inner clothing and head**

**Traditional Food in dubai**

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| Traditional food in Dubai has a unique taste because it has lots of spices and these give it a very rich taste. Most of the spices come from India. That’s why the food in India is quite similar to the food we eat in Dubai. |
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| Most dishes contain things like rice, fish and meat. This is because we live near the sea which makes it easier for us to get fresh fish from the sea. The meat is usually mutton from either sheep or goats as these are the animals that the [Bedouin](http://www.lsg.sch.ae/departments/history/local_history_web/Desert/Bedouins%20Aisha.htm) kept. On special occasions such as [weddings](http://www.lsg.sch.ae/departments/history/local_history_web/Women/Traditional%20Bedouin%20WeddingTEXTBOX.htm) and [Eids](http://www.lsg.sch.ae/departments/history/local_history_web/Women/Eidwithpictures.htm) camel may be eaten. [Camel’s](http://www.lsg.sch.ae/departments/history/local_history_web/Desert/Camels%20Latifa%20Mubarak.htm) milk is very good for children as it’s high in fat and contains calcium. |

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