

# Why Dubai?



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According to the Research Unit at Mashreq Bank and the Macroeconomic Research Centre in the UAE, the UAE's population will increase to in excess of 6.41 million people by 2010 compared to 5.19 million in 2007. In other words, the population of the UAE is predicted to increase by 18% by 2010 largely fuelled by expatriate arrivals. And Dubai alone is expected to attract over 50% of these new expatriates! So, if you're moving to live in Dubai and you want to know what to expect from your new life, you are certainly not alone.

The rate of population expansion in Dubai is not abating; so far there are some 1.4 million people living in the emirate, of which at least 75% are expatriates. By 2020 it is predicted that the population will grow to reach 4 million and even this will not be the end of the growth that the emirate will witness. So, with all these people arriving and all that construction going on to house them, what's it like living in Dubai

## **RICH & FAMOUS**

Dubai's up and coming global appeal has seen it attract stars of the business and entertainment world alike.

With celebrities, the likes of Michael Jackson, The Beckhams, Michael Owen, Brad Pitt, George Clooney, Matt Damon, Mariah Carey, Claudia Schiffer and many more often seen in Dubai, it is the perfect place to rub shoulders with the rich and famous.

Dubai's remarkably affordable housing, tax saving incentives and comparably lower costs, make this an attractive destination for those who like to live in luxury.

Michael Jackson appears to have found aid and comfort in the Middle East. Jackson bugged out for Bahrain following his acquittal on child abuse and other charges in June, and sidestepped over to Dubai in the United Arab Emirates on August 20 in the company of Shaikh Abdullah Ben Hamed Al Khalifa, son of the King of Bahrain.

Jackson, who turned 47 yesterday, has been well received by the local poobahs including UAE champion rally driver Mohammad Ben Sulayem, and rumors are rife that he has either bought a house in Bahrain, or will buy one in Dubai, or both. Dubai's Gulf News reported that "Michael Jackson, the king of pop, has been wowing his fans in Dubai and has pledged his first visit definitely will not be his last." The paper also said, "The megastar has toured the main sights in the city," and he "enjoyed a bite at the Hard Rock Café and the Burj Al Arab." Ben Sulayem told the paper, "Everybody knew who he was and he was so nice to them all. He had the time to talk and take pictures and shake hands. "We said to him, 'Please Michael, we have to go,' but he carried on. He was incredibly polite.

"We know all about his music and his incredible career, but not many people realise what a genuinely nice person he is. He's very pleasant to be with. He's a gentleman," Ben Sulayem, the 14-time Middle East rally champion and organizer of the UAE Desert Challenge, enthused.

The race driver also made a point of confirming that contrary to Jackson's reputation for eccentricity, "the guy is a normal human being like us. He eats the same things as everyone else I think he's more normal than most people."

"He has achieved so much and is such a unique entertainer, but one of his greatest gifts is that he is an extremely warm and friendly individual who quickly puts you at ease when you meet him."



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