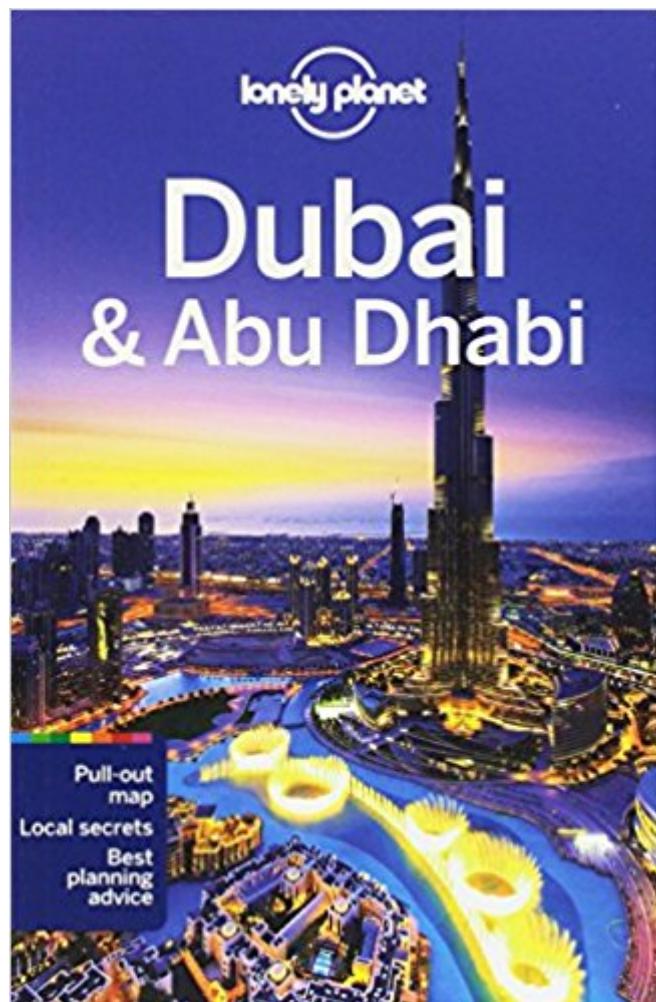


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# **Lonely Planet Dubai & Abu Dhabi (Travel Guide)**



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## Customer Reviews

I should have listened to other reviews. I expected the book to cover both Dubai and Abu Dhabi. I fully realized that Dubai is a more significant tourist destination and therefore would get better coverage, but I didn't expect it to get all the coverage. Reading the book you would think that Abu Dhabi is purely a small neighborhood of Dubai. Less than 10% of the book is devoted to Abu Dhabi. To make matters worse, the many of the entries related to Abu Dhabi are intermixed with those for Dubai. If you look at one of the many "Best for..." lists you are on your own figuring out which city an entry applies to. In many topics the book doesn't even pretend to address Abu Dhabi, "Most the hotels in Dubai have gyms ..." It is probably safe to assume those in Abu Dhabi do to, but you wouldn't know it from the book. If traveling to Abu Dhabi I instead recommend this: [http://www..com/Dhabi-Travel-Guide-Grapeshisha-Guides-ebook/dp/B004S2CMT8/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1425238068&sr=8-1&keywords=abu+dhabi+grapeshisha](http://www..com/Dhabi-Travel-Guide-Grapeshisha-Guides-ebook/dp/B004S2CMT8/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1425238068&sr=8-1&keywords=abu+dhabi+grapeshisha) The Grapeshisha guide may not have the glitz of Lonely Planet, and it is in heavy need of a good editor, but its content is much more bountiful and complete.

The guide has little to recommend about it. Few listing of hotels or restaurants, and many errors. Maps also only approximate and some place locations wrong. Does not provide a lot of the information you need when visiting the area. The section on Abu Dhabi is only a few pages even though the guide name implies it is half the book. The descriptions of some things made it quite clear the author had not visited the place described. I ended up on the web for most of my information. I can't recommend this guide at all.

I bought it used, but it was not damaged very much, just writing here and there. It is a bit hard to follow in places, and I don't care for the layout, but it has lots and lots of maps.

This book does a good job of segmenting Dubai into easily approachable districts, and providing suggestions of places and sites to see in each district. Most of the information about historical sites

and landmarks was valuable. But other information about restaurants, bars and nightlife was just mediocre. I found much better info online. This book also doesn't provide any good tips or strategies for transportation. There are a variety of transportation options in Dubai, ranging from "yellow cab" taxis, higher end "black cars", Uber, and light rail, and I would have liked to see those discussed in detail in this book. Other information about the accessibility of wireless hotspots and availability of cell service would have been helpful as well. Overall this book was helpful for my trip to Dubai, but the areas where it was lacking information forced me to do a lot of my own research.

I give it a 4 star because it doesn't have a very easy to read map. Also, the book is only in color print for the first a dozen pages, then it's all black and white. For those that want more pretty photos of the attractions (for to know which ones you'd like to go to) maybe this is not the book for you. The book isn't that easy to navigate, probably because it doesn't want to sound biased on how it recommends places to go, but for a place like Dubai, you know you want to visit the Burj Al-Arab Hotel and Burj Khalifa, but the information in this book is not as descriptive as I imagined it would be. It would be a great book if you're doing an intensive, 3 week backpack to Dubai since it has all the directories you need. But who stays in Dubai for that long? If you're looking for a crash course of what to do, where to go in Dubai, maybe this book is a bit too much for you.

This has all the major attractions and tips that you would need for a trip to the city. The fold out maps are pretty good but not very durable. They could also have a bit more detail on them. Overall this was exactly what I was looking for. Perfect size to toss in a purse or small bag.

Will know in 55 days if this is a good guide. It has helped me understand Dubai better prior to my trip.

I used this book to plan a 3 day trip to Dubai. I found it very suitable for my purpose and reasonably accurate. I knew in advance what I wanted to do there and it worked out as planned. The hotel gives a detailed map so it is not necessary to have it bulk up a guidebook. The deceptive thing about Dubai is distances. Things look close but are not. For example to walk from the Dubai Mall metro to the fountains took 45 minutes as they are on the opposite side and the mall is at least a mile long. Taxi's are cheap though. Walking from Burj Al Arab to Mall to the Emirates looks possible, but trust me - take a cab. The metro took almost an hour from the new part of Dubai to the old, including a change. The book does not tell you that although the metro is easy to use. The book's tip to buy a

gold card was essential. Also when it says that roads are impossible to cross, it is correct. Use taxi's. It is not worth the hassle. The most I paid for a cab was \$20 from the souq's to Burj Al Arab.I also recommend a Yellow Boat tour which was not in the book. Get tickets to the Burj Khalifa in advance and get there an hour early .. we had 5.30 tickets and got to the top at 6.25.

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