

TRAVEL REFERENCE GUIDE – ABU DHABI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES (UAE)

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KEY DETAILS

- **Time Zone:** Gulf Time Zone – Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) +4:00
- **Languages:** Arabic (official), English (widely used)
- **Currency:** UAE dirham (AED)
- **International Call Code:** +971
- **Emergency Contacts (Local):**
 - Fire: 997
 - Ambulance: 998
 - Police: 999
- **Business Workweek:** Sunday Thursday
- **Weather in October and November:**
 - Mostly sunny and humid
 - Temperature 21° C to 32° C (70° F to 90° F)



EVENT DETAILS

- **ICANN60:** 28 October – 3 November 2017
- **Event Location:** Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre (ADNEC)
 - **Address:** Al Khaleej Al Arabi Street, Abu Dhabi, UAE
 - **Venue Telephone:** +971 (0) 2 444 6900
 - **Meeting Website:** ICANN60.abudhabi



BEFORE YOU TRAVEL

- As a convenience to the community, ICANN provides links to reference information about traveling to Public Meeting locations. Please note that the links provided below come from third party resources, are provided for illustrative purposes, and have not been verified or reviewed by the ICANN organization. Sources include both private and governmental websites.
- When visiting any host country, it is the responsibility of each traveller to learn about visa requirements, stay informed and up-to-date on all information specific to any ICANN meeting location. Check with your local government bureau responsible for international travel for additional information on local laws that may be different from your country or region of residence.

The [ICANN60 meeting website](#) highlights important travel and meeting-related information.

- The [Visit Abu Dhabi website](#) contains useful information for travelers.
 - [Essential Information](#)
 - [Getting a Visa](#)
 - [ICANN60 travel and visa information](#)
 - [Emergency Information](#)
 - [Climate and What to Wear](#)
 - [Culture and Lifestyle](#)
 - [Currency Converter](#)
 - [Food and Cuisine](#)
 - [Foreign Embassies in the UAE](#)
 - [Language and Useful Phrases](#)

- [Mini-Arabic Phrase Book](#)
- [Money](#)
- [Special Needs](#)
- [Taxes, Service Charges, and Tipping](#)
- [Visitor Information Centers](#)
- [Weather](#)
- Special Considerations for LGBTI Travelers
 - Many governments do not provide specific travel advice for LGBTI travelers, but here are a few guidelines provided by some governments that do provide advice.
 - [Australia](#)
 - [Canada](#)
 - [United Kingdom](#)
 - [United States](#)
- Special Considerations for [Female Travelers](#)
- Many government bureaus responsible for international travel information provide traveler checklists, as illustrated [here](#).
- The UAE embassy has also outlined information for international travelers [here](#).

TRAVEL & HEALTH

The UAE Ministry of Health has published a detailed document on how to [bring medications and medical devices into the UAE](#) – including a **list of controlled medications**. We advise all travellers to check their medications against this list and to familiarize themselves with requirements for **carrying any medications or medical devices into the UAE**.

- Travelers should:
 - Pack their medications (including over-the-counter medicines) in carry-on luggage.
 - Carry a valid prescription or note from the doctor for each medication.
 - Follow the additional requirements for controlled substances.
 - Keep the medication in its prescription bottle (with the traveler's name on it).
 - Bring only what they need for the duration of their stay.
- The medical station at the ICANN Health and Safety Center will be staffed by qualified paramedics who can prescribe standard medications (as appropriate, following a consultation).
- Anyone with further questions should call the 24/7 UAE Ministry of Health Hotline: **+971 (0) 800 111 11**
- Additional travel and health information can be found here:
 - [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
 - [World Health Organization](#)

TRANSPORTATION

- Metered taxis come in a range of models and colors – all have a yellow sign on top and yellow stickers on the sides.
- Taxis can be hailed on the street, prearranged with a concierge, or picked up at taxi queues outside hotels or other major venues.
- Taxis are cash-only and accept only dirhams (AED) or USD. Drivers do not give change for payments in USD. **Credit and debit cards are not accepted.** Receipts are provided upon request.
- If a taxi stops for gas, safety regulations mandate that all passengers must exit the vehicle during fueling. Drivers will enforce this rule.
- Due to current licensing regulations, mobile car booking service Uber does not operate in Abu Dhabi. However, international travelers may use a comparable mobile car booking service called [Careem](#).



CULTURAL CONSIDERATIONS

The UAE Ministry of Economy provides useful information about business etiquette, language, and culture that can be found [here](#).

ICANN recommends checking with your local government bureau responsible for international travel for additional information and recommendations for cultural considerations.

Examples of various governments' provided information:

- [Australia](#)
- [Canada](#)
- [Singapore](#)
- [United Kingdom](#)
- [United States](#)

EMBASSIES

- Contact information for [Foreign embassies in the UAE](#).

LOCAL LAWS & CUSTOMS

- As a guest in any country, you are responsible for understanding and respecting the local laws and customs.
- ICANN recommends checking with your local government bureau responsible for international travel for additional information on local laws that may be different from your country or region of residence.

SOCIAL MEDIA & ONLINE ACTIVITY

- ICANN and the meeting host will endeavor to make available, free and unfiltered Internet within the conference venue. However, it is important to note that it is your responsibility for understanding and respecting local laws and customs, which extends to include to your online activities, social media comments, and announcements.
- Internet guidelines within the UAE, provided by the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA), can be found [here](#).