

Dubai Airport Reviews

Dubai International Airport (IATA: DXB, ICAO: OMDB) (Arabic: مطار دبي الدولي) is an international airport serving Dubai. It is a major airline hub in the Middle East, and is the main airport of Dubai. It is situated in the Al Garhoud district, 4 km (2.5 mi) northeast of Dubai. The airport is operated by the Department of Civil Aviation and is the home base of Dubai's international airlines, Emirates, FlyDubai and Emirates SkyCargo; the Emirates hub is the largest airline hub in the Middle East; Emirates handles 64% of all passenger traffic, and accounts for 50% of all aircraft movements at the airport. Dubai Airport is also the base for low-cost carrier, Flydubai which handles 10.7% of passenger traffic at DXB. The airport became a secondary hub for Qantas in April 2013 after a major partnership was formed with Emirates. Qantas will use Dubai as the main stopover point for flights traveling to Europe. As of September 2012, there are over 6,000 weekly flights operated by 130 airlines to over 220 destinations across every continent except Antarctica.

Dubai Airport is spread over an area of 8,640 acres (3,496 ha) of land. In 2012 DXB handled a record 57.7 million in passenger traffic, a 13.2% increase over 2011. This made it the 10th busiest airport in the world by passenger traffic. It is also the 3rd busiest airport in the world by international passenger traffic in 2012, surpassing Hong Kong International Airport in the global rankings. In addition to being an important passenger traffic hub, the airport was the 6th busiest cargo airport in world, handling 2.27 million tonnes of cargo in 2012. The total number of commercial aircraft movements was 344,245 in 2012.

Dubai International is an important contributor to the Dubai economy, employing approximately 58,000 people, and indirectly supports over 250,000 jobs in Dubai and contributes over US\$22 billion to the GDP, which represents around 19% of total employment in Dubai, and 28% of Dubai's GDP. It is predicted that by 2020 the economic contribution of Dubai's aviation sector will rise to 32% of Dubai's GDP and support over 373,000 jobs.

Dubai International Airport will be complemented by Al Maktoum International Airport (Dubai World Central International Airport), a new 140 km² (54 sq mi) airport that will help handle the influx of travellers well into the future.

Services:

ATMs / Cash Machines – Yes

Car Rentals – Asia Rent a Car • Autolease Rent a Car • Avis • Budget • Cars Rent a Car • Continental • Diamond • Dollar • Europcar • Fast • Hertz • Patriot • National • Sixt • Thrifty • United. Location: Arrivals section of each terminal.

Children's Play Area – Location: Airside, between Gates 12 and 14

Currency Exchange – There are foreign exchange counters open 24 hours at Gates 8, 18 and 22 (Airside).

Food / Restaurants – Thanks to a few readers, they tell me that there are a few food and beverage concessions that are open 24 hours including: McDonald's • Baskin Robbins • Costa Coffee. See also Meal Vouchers below.

Health Club – Passengers can use the swimming pool, jacuzzi and gym on an hourly basis. Location: G-Force, Airside, Fees range between Dhs 15 (approx US\$ 5) and Dhs 30 (approx US\$ 8). Massage services are also available.

Information Desk – “one above each end of duty free airside T1. Landside has dedicated “May I help you?” staff walking around in blue polo shirts”.
(submitted by a reader)

Luggage Storage / Lockers – Short term baggage storage is available in two areas of the airport: Terminal 1 (Arrivals – near RTA Taxi Area) and Terminal 3 (Arrivals – near Baby Changing area/washrooms). Hours: open 24 hours. Rates: from AED 20 (up to 12 hours)

Meal Vouchers – If you have a 4+ hour layover, you are eligible to receive a free meal voucher. To receive the voucher, go to the Transfer Desk H2 (Location: Airside). The vouchers are valid at 5 restaurants. Thanks to @legalnomads on Twitter for this information.

Prayer Rooms – Four rooms – two for women and two for men – have been

dedicated for offering prayers within the Concourse and two in the Arrivals terminal.

Showers – Showers are available in the Business and First Class lounges. Elio sent me an email to let me know that there are free showers located at Gate B13. You need your own towels.

Smoking Rooms – Location: Airside, Concourse 1

Tours – There are tour operators that offer short city tours in the Arrivals Area. (submitted by a reader).

Internet - Free WiFi is available at the Dubai Airport. Connect to the “MAXSPOT” network. Internet kiosks are located beside Global Link (Gate C16) and Connect. These touch screen kiosks can be operated by those who have a Etisalat internet account or by swiping a credit card. Additional internet kiosks can found opposite the DCA First Class Lounge (Gate 9) and the Irish Village (Gate 23).

Airport opening hours:

Open 24 hours

Website:

[Dubai Airport Official Website](#)

Dubai Airport Map

Dubai Airport Weather Forecast

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