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CULTURAL AWARENESS

The UAE is an open and welcoming country where over 200 nationalities have chosen to live and work. Like every country in the world, the local culture might be slightly different from those of your home countries. Here are a few things to be aware of:

Freedom of speech and expression

The UAE welcomes inclusive and constructive dialogue that facilitates consensus-building which drives ambitious climate outcomes. The cultural norms and laws of the UAE prohibit the spread of disinformation, fake news or making defamatory statements verbally or on social media.

Public displays of affection

Public displays of affection are not a part of the UAE's cultural values, and we ask international visitors to act in a culturally appropriate manner.

LGBTQ+ visitors

The UAE is a diverse and multicultural society that welcomes everyone. In the spirit of mutual understanding, we ask for all visitors and residents to respect the UAE's cultural and societal values.

Attire

There is no particular restriction in Dubai when it comes to clothing. However, tourists and residents are asked to be respectful of the local culture and dress modestly in public places. At religious sites such as mosques, women are asked to cover their hair and wear longer clothing.

Alcohol consumption

Anyone over the age of 21 can buy and consume alcohol in licensed venues like hotels, restaurants, and dedicated lounges. It is prohibited to drink alcohol in public places.