

OIE Information & Travel Cheat Sheet



Country:

United Arab Emirates (UAE)

Sex & Dating	Alcohol & Drugs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UAE is a conservative country with heavy religious influence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traditional gender roles still very present Dating is rare prior to marriage Sex and pregnancy outside of marriage is illegal and punishable by jail sentences Individuals may be arrested, fined, and/or deported for making rude gestures, swearing, touching another person without permission 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alcohol sold in very limited areas and is explicitly prohibited in Sharjah Possession of any drugs is illegal, harshly prosecuted <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possession of even trace amounts (including in blood stream) can lead up to 15-year prison sentences
LGBTQIA+ Culture	Cultural Customs and Norms
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same-sex relationships are illegal and can include fines/imprisonment, and under interpretations of sharia, the death penalty Cross-dressing is also a punishable offense Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rainbow SIG Diversity Abroad OutRight Action International 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Population: 9.4 million Currency: Dirham Official Language: Arabic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greetings typically more formal Islam is big part of culture Insulting Royal Families or UAE government may lead to detainment or imprisonment

Resources

999 Police / **998** Ambulance / **997** Fire (Civil Defence)

+971 Country Code

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