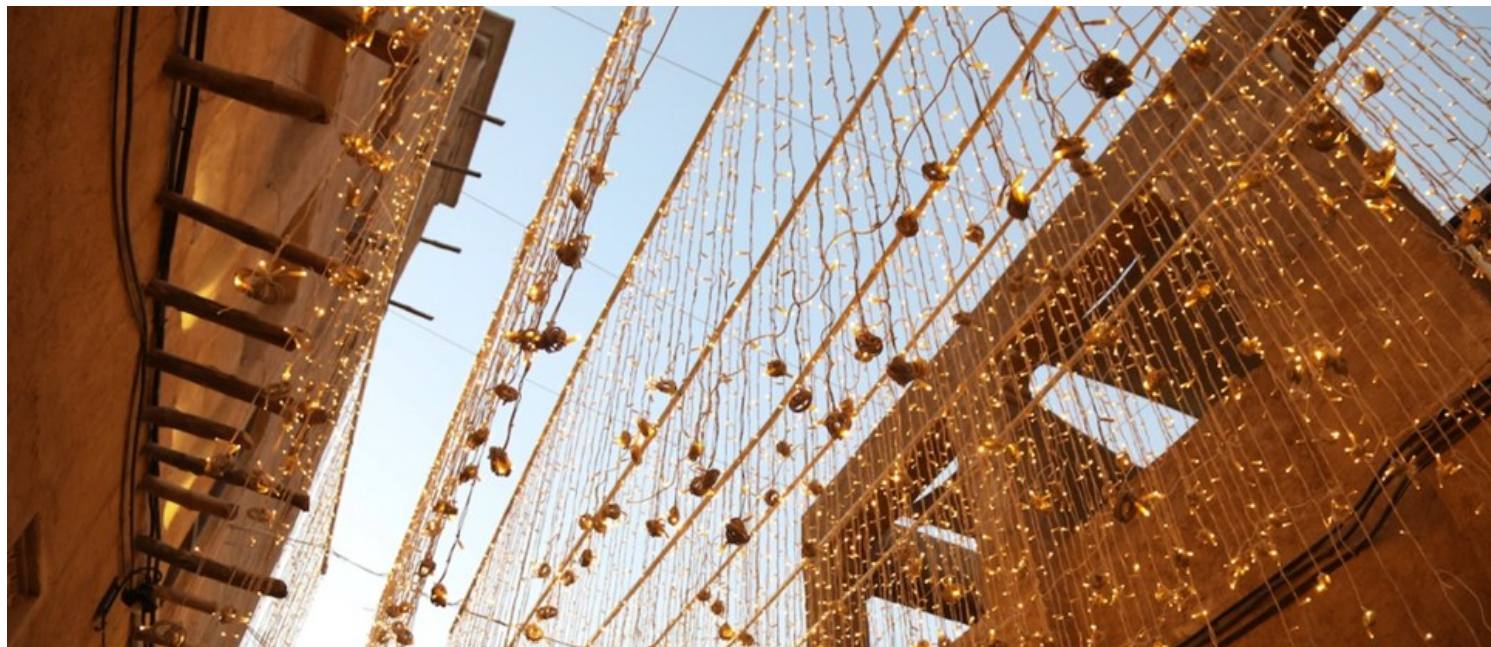


# Dubai Calendar highlights an exciting array of events and entertainment taking place in the city in May-June

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Dubai Calendar, part of Dubai's Department of Tourism and Commerce Marketing (Dubai Tourism), has highlighted an exciting array of events and entertainment taking place in Dubai in May and June. From comedy nights to concerts and spectacular performances, the season promises a vibrant schedule of activities on Dubai Calendar that are sure to appeal to visitors and residents of all ages and interests.

As one of the first few cities in the world to have restarted the events sector including the hosting of live events with stringent precautionary measures in place, guests can feel confident in attending their favourite shows within a highly safe environment. In line with government efforts to safeguard the public, all events are held with strict adherence to safety measures including contactless payment, temperature checks upon arrival at the venue, wearing of masks at all times during the event and adhering to social distancing.

## Entertainment

Connoisseurs of comedy have an extensive list of events to choose from, starting this May with the city's highly anticipated **Dubai Comedy Festival**, which is returning after a resoundingly successful 2020 event. With an exhilarating line-up of world-class comedians, this edition of Dubai Comedy Festival is sure to draw a smile on everyone's faces with 10 days of unmissable shows taking place all over the city. From 13 to 22 May, residents and visitors can look forward to an outstanding programme of stand-up sets, energetic variety shows and on-site activations from an international roster of comedians such as Gad Elmaleh, Eddie Griffin, Maz Jobrani, Nembr, Alexander Revva and more.

Hop on board the QE2 cruise ship for a plethora of live events this season and relive the golden age of cruising with some of the world's best performers. Witness an authentic **ABBA Reunion** tribute act belt out the band's classic tracks such as *Super Trouper* and *Take a Chance on Me* from 27-28 May. Enjoy a captivating lyrical performance by Indian actor and poet **Yahya Bootwala** at his show *Alfaaz Ka Safar* on 2 June, promising an emotional journey of smiles, laughter, and nostalgia. Or take part in **The Queen Experience**, coming to Dubai from 24-25 June to celebrate the 40th anniversary of *We Are the Champions*. The band's remarkable performance and attention to detail will transport passengers back in time to an authentic Queen concert. Finally, for an engaging, interactive performance, check out **Whose**

Line is it Anyway? on 11 June and witness the sharp wit and quick thinking of the UK's premier improve

from 12-20 May and witness a truly magical theatre experience at the mesmerizing show that combines breathtaking choreography, daring stunts and a novel 'aqua theatre'.

### Family

Two unmissable performances await little ones aboard the Queen Elizabeth 2 this spring, promising comedy, entertainment and lots of fun. From 12 to 22 May, the **Little Mermaid** performs a play about love, friendship and freedom. Sing along to the Disney classic's most beloved songs and enjoy a stunning set that transports the entire family to the depth of the oceans. For cheeky rascals, sit back and enjoy a one-of-a-kind performance by crazy characters at **Horrible Histories: Barmy Britain** taking place from 3 to 5 June. With a comedic twist on British history, this theatrical performance is the perfect way to engage children in learning.

This June **Dubai Summer Surprises (DSS)** the region's much-awaited summer festival, returns in all its glory with head-turning shopping deals and plenty of family fun. A key highlight of the city's retail calendar, DSS brings enjoyable experiences and amazing entertainment suitable for residents and visitors from all ages and backgrounds. A packed calendar awaits with cool discounts and unrivalled entertainment for all.

### Sport

Celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the hugely popular **Al Gaffal Long Distance Race** returns this year as an integral part of the traditional watersports scene. Cheer for skilled boatmen as they travel aboard eye-catching beautiful 60ft dhows from Abu Dhabi all the way to Dubai on 20 May.

On 4 June, get ready to hit the desert roads at the **Dubai Desert Road Run** taking place at The Sevens Stadium. This community-organized event welcomes athletes of all abilities to participate in running different distances. From the full 10km route to the 5km and 3km courses designed for a fun run, there is something for everyone to take part in.

Yogi's rejoice as the ever-popular **Core Direction yoga sessions** are taking place at iconic landmarks throughout the city in May (various dates), including the At the Top Burj Khalifa, Dubai Opera and The Green Planet.

### Lifestyle

Rejoice in the city's sunny weather while strolling through **The Ripe Market at Academy Park**. Open until 8 May, the market invites you to check out its splendid artisan stalls and shop fresh organic produce while indulging in tasty bites from a wide selection of food trucks.

Dubai Calendar is the official listing platform for events in the city that allows residents and tourists to discover upcoming events and purchase tickets quickly and securely through the app's purchasing platform.

**For more information about all events taking place across Dubai in 2021, please visit**

[www.visitdubai.com/en/whats-on/dubai-events-calendar](http://www.visitdubai.com/en/whats-on/dubai-events-calendar). Tickets for the events can also be bought quickly and securely through Dubai Calendar's website and the mobile application's purchasing platform.