



Living The Good Life
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Living in DUBAI

As we like to put it, “we’re not done with Dubai yet.” Inevitably, like with all expat postings, that day might come at some point, but for now, we want to take in everything this fantastic city has to offer.

for really interesting friendships. My closest friends are from Italy, France, Switzerland, the USA, and Iran and like myself, they’re of mixed heritage too. Being a Third Culture Kid, this is my comfort zone.

Being an expat is one of the most enriching experiences you can have in life. My husband and I moved to Dubai 4 years ago, and we still have no plans of budging. We were blown away with how amazing this city was but like every expat couple that moves to Dubai, we thought we’d stay a year or two max. Turns out Dubai has so much more to offer than we thought!

So what makes Dubai such a great city to live in?

I’d like to start with what is most important to me personally, the people of Dubai. This city has one of the most culturally diverse populations in the world. Only about eight percent of Dubai’s population of around 2 million are Emirati - the other 92 percent are from overseas. This makes

Another thing I love about Dubai, which also has to do with the people who live here, is the buzzy and exhilarating environment. Most people who move to Dubai are professionals who bring their ideas to this city from all around the world. A lot of my friends, I know have started their own companies here because Dubai offers a great platform for entrepreneurs,



both female and male. You never know what new cool homegrown restaurant, fashion brand, recreational activity or platform for artists will be launched next. That energetic vibe is contagious and best of all it just never gets boring.

And finally, my most recent reason why I love Dubai is because how family friendly it is. Everything here is catered towards families (yes, there are changing tables in every public bathroom as well as ramps and elevators for prams in every building) and kids are welcome everywhere. Our typical weekend always include the beach for some kite surfing, running along the beach on the 14 km long running track and of course swimming in the sea. Our daughter is obsessed with the beach, so luckily everyone is happy at the end of the day. During the week, outdoor play dates in the park or beach together with other mummies is the norm.

I consider myself blessed to live and raise a family in a city that is so open and welcoming to all, and I'm proud to call it my home!

