

DUBAI DESIGN WEEK & BEYOND

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1-5 NOVEMBER 2026 / DUBAI + ABU DHABI / FOR THE UAE DESIGN COMMUNITY



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SUNDAY / DUBAI

City architecture & Al Seef

Dubai Mall & Burj Khalifa**Dubai Fountain****Souk Al Seef**

Start above the skyline, then come down to the water. From the scale of Burj Khalifa to the lanes of Al Seef, this is a day for noticing how a city changes around you.



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MONDAY / DUBAI

AYA Universe & desert safari

AYA Universe**Desert safari & BBQ dinner**

Step into spaces shaped by light, colour and movement at AYA Universe. Then leave the city behind for the dunes, an evening together and a completely different sense of scale.



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TUESDAY / DUBAI

Dubai Design Week & yacht ride

Dubai Design Week**Two-hour group yacht ride**

A day among installations, material experiments and new ideas at Dubai Design District. Bring a notebook and an open mind. Later, look back at the city from the water.

Come for Dubai Design Week. Discover a whole world of design. Express interest in any day or individual experience; local options and arrangements will be confirmed before booking.

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CRAFT, ARCHITECTURE, MUSEUMS AND A RETURN TO DESIGN WEEK

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WEDNESDAY / ABU DHABI

Abu Dhabi: craft & museums

Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque - Look at the rhythm of arches, material details and the relationship between scale and ornament.

House of Artisans - A planned craft workshop connects Emirati making traditions with design practice. Format and access to be confirmed.

Natural History Museum Abu Dhabi - Discover how exhibition spaces turn specimens and scientific ideas into stories.

Louvre Abu Dhabi - Art, architecture and changing light: take time to look up as well as at the collections.

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THURSDAY / DUBAI

Downtown Design & Global Village

Downtown Design**Global Village**

Return to Dubai Design Week for Downtown Design: furniture, lighting, finishes and ideas for your next project. Then make room for an evening of colour and cultural discovery.

BEFORE YOU JOIN

Select any of the five activity days. UAE participation, fees in AED, inclusions, transport, tickets, workshop access and timings remain subject to confirmation. Registering interest requires no payment and does not reserve a place.

Festival dates: Dubai Design Week, 3-8 November; Downtown Design, 4-8 November. Our festival visits are 3 and 5 November. Other visits are separate Safari activities. The travelling group departs on 6 November; no local design visit is scheduled that day.

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