

Student Handbook

Dubai 2026-27

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Welcome to English Path.

This guide will help you make the most of your experience at EP Dubai.

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5 Reasons to choose this city

1. Unique architecture
2. It’s one of the world’s safest destinations
3. Variety of cuisines, restaurants, and leisure attractions
4. Prestigious universities nearby
5. Cultural diversity: 85% of Dubai’s population are expats



About Dubai

Dubai is a dynamic, modern metropolis that seamlessly blends visionary architecture with rich cultural diversity. Home to iconic landmarks such as the Burj Khalifa, the Dubai Frame, and the palm-fringed coastlines, the city offers a futuristic cityscape paired with one of the world's safest and cleanest urban environments. With expatriates making up 85% of its population, Dubai delivers a truly cosmopolitan experience where students can build global connections while enjoying world-class public transport, renowned educational institutions, and an endless array of leisure and dining options. Whether you are exploring vibrant arts districts, relaxing along historic Dubai Creek, or immersing yourself in a thrive-and-lead academic hub, living in Dubai provides an extraordinary, safe, and energizing backdrop for your journey with English Path.

Famous landmarks in Dubai

Burj Khalifa, The Dubai Fountain, Dubai Frame, Burj Al-Arab Jumeirah, Dubai Creek, Dubai Miracle Garden, Atlantis The Palm.

City personality

Modern and futuristic, cosmopolitan, business-friendly, energetic, youthful, dynamic, safe, clean, iconic landmarks, unique, vibrant, modern, innovative, multicultural.

Public Transport in Dubai

Metro, tram and bus.

What makes this town unique?

Skyscrapers and modern Architecture: Dubai is known for its impressive skyline dominated by iconic skyscrapers such as the Burj Khalifa, the tallest building in the world. The city has consistently pushed the boundaries of architecture and engineering, resulting in futuristic and innovative designs.

Alternative things to do

Explore the world’s largest flower garden with more than 50 million blooming flowers, enjoy kayaking along the historic Dubai Creek, try an Arabian desert camping trip, visit the Dubai Frame, an architectural marvel that provides stunning views, visit Dubai’s Design District, which showcases contemporary art and innovative architecture.

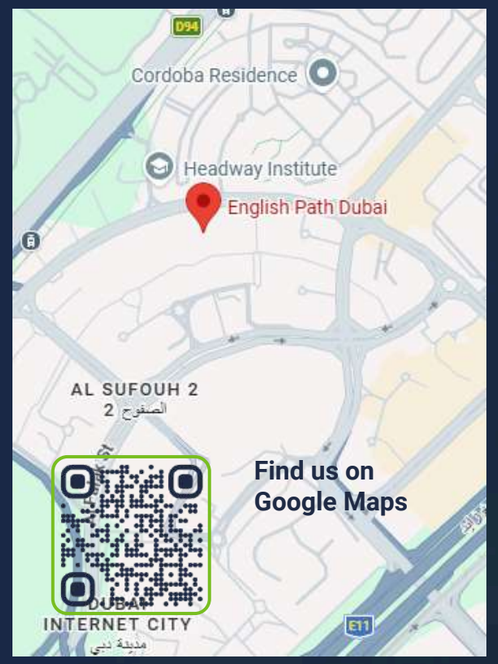
Nearby Restaurants

Middle Eastern, American, British, Chinese, Indian, Italian, Japanese, Mexican, seafood, Thai, vegetarian, fusion cuisine.



Why choose to study in our Dubai school?

- Located in Knowledge Park and surrounded by a vibrant student community.
- Interesting & varied course offering.
- 15 minutes from tram, bus, and metro station.
- On-site student lounge and study space.
- Social programme with academic and leisure activities like desert safari trips and conversation clubs.
- On-site Career Counsellor connecting you with businesses and recruiters as well as Employability Workshops with topics such as CV writing and interview skills.
- Experienced customer service & academic team.



Knowledge Park, Block 3 – Al Safouh 2 - Dubai

Phone: +971 522 063 879
Emergency: +971 582 578 026

Services & Facilities

Buildings: 2
Floors: 2
Total number of classrooms: 10

School facilities:
Student lounge, self-study area, Wi-Fi (Free), elevator, street parking, modern & spacious classrooms with smart TVs, AC.

Other services provided:
Social activity programme, airport transfer, career counselling, employability workshops.

Levels of Arabic and English offered: All levels

Reception: The friendly student services staff can direct you to the EP offices and classrooms. A Student Services Officer and an Academic Coordinator will always be present to answer any questions you may have.

Meet the team →

School holidays & London public holidays

The school will be closed during the holidays. Please make sure to book your course/accommodation accordingly. Public Holidays are subject to change according to government announcements.

When the school is closed on a Monday, new students start on Tuesday.

Public holidays will be:	2026: 01 - 03 Dec. 2027: 01 Jan, 10 Mar, 11 Mar, 12 Mar, 17 May, 18 May, 29 May, 7 Jun, 28 Aug, 02 Dec, 03 Dec.

Please, note Islamic New Year, Eid AlFitr (Ramadan), Eid Al-Adha, Prophet Muhammad's Birthday, dates are determined by the Islamic lunar calendar and are likely to shift each year. We recommend doublechecking the exact dates closer to those times to ensure accurate planning for your course.

Course days that fall on a public holiday are not reimbursed.

The above dates are observed as holidays in the year. If you arrive on a week where the Monday is a holiday, your first day of school will be a Tuesday.



Close to your school

Our centrally located school is walking distance to:

Food court with restaurants	2 minutes
Bank / ATM	2 minutes
Gym	10 minutes
Metro station	15 minutes
Tram station	5 minutes
Bus station	5 minutes
Secret beach	24 minutes
Barasti beach	30 minutes

Need help? Not satisfied? Have a problem?

At EP we believe that communication and an open-door policy is key to efficiently resolving any issue you might have. If you need help, are not satisfied with one of our services or you need advice, please talk to our staff at school. They will be able to help and assist quickly with any concerns you might have.



First day at school

- Induction starts at 8:30 am.
- This includes a placement test, induction presentations about the school and academic programmes and the distribution of class timetables.
- A tour of the school.
- A welcome lunch.
- Classes begin at: 11:00 am.
- On their first day, students are expected to bring their passport and proof of medical insurance.

School material

Books: Empower (Cambridge), Speak Out (Pearson), Mindset for IELTS, Mastering Arabic.

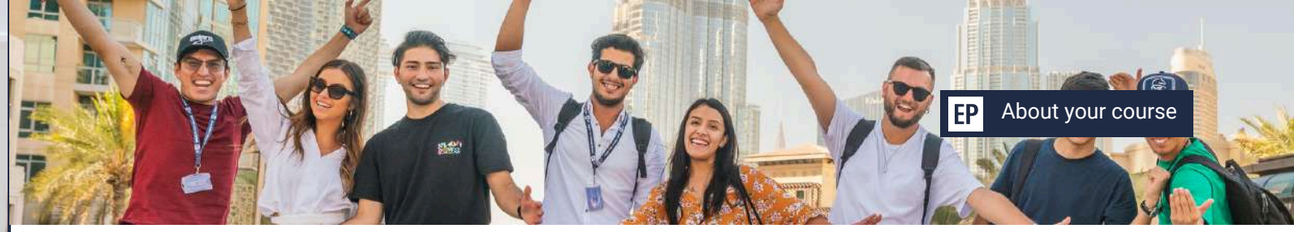
Additional material used: Audio, Digital Presentation Material, Authentic Materials.

Your weekly class timetable

	Hours pw	What	Lesson Times
Classic Morning	15	**General English**	09:00 - 12:15
Classic Afternoon	15	**General English**	13:45 - 17:00
Super intensive (Morning+Afternoon)	30	**Classic Morning + Classic Afternoon**	09:00 - 17:00
Semi-intensive Morning	20	**Classic Morning + Skill**	09:00 - 13:30
Semi-intensive Afternoon	20	**Classic Afternoon + Skill**	12:30 - 17:00
Standard Arabic Programme*	3	**General Arabic**	19:00 - 21:00
Intensive Arabic Programme*	6	**General Arabic**	19:00 - 21:00
One-to-One	**Custom topic & lesson times, based on student interest. Subject to availability**		

*Based on your pre-arrival assessment, you can drop directly into an upcoming Sub Level to match your Arabic proficiency. With new Sub-Levels starting every 3 weeks, we offer flexible entry points throughout the year whenever your required level is running.

EP About your course



Extracurricular activities

- Monthly course tutorials
- Monthly skills test
- Weekly unit test
- Masterclass Programme
- Conversation clubs
- Sports clubs
- Employability workshops
- Study Clinics
- Recruitment events

Important Information

Beginner classes operate on a rolling-enrolment basis, so you may join a class that has already started. It's normal to need 1–2 weeks to settle in and become familiar with the class and previously covered language.
Our courses also follow a book cycle, with new coursebooks introduced at set points throughout the year. During the transition period between books, students may use photocopied materials until the new coursebook begins.

Skills classes

English Path offers three skills courses that let you develop your language for social, academic, and career contexts. They are an optional extra hour added to your General English lessons, included in Semi-Intensive, and are one of the best ways to get more from your time with EP.
At A1-B1, everyone taking the extra Skills hour joins Communication Workshop, practical speaking, everyday vocabulary, and the confidence to manage daily life.
At B1+ to C1, you choose your direction: Academic Skills covers English for Academic Purposes, critical thinking and exam preparation, including IELTS, for students heading to university. Career Skills covers business English, professional communication and employability, for students building their career.
Both paths run at every EP campus, year-round.

Your skill options are based on your language level:

A1 - B1	B1+ – C1	
Communication Workshop Practical speaking, vocabulary and confidence for daily life.	**Academic Skills** Everything you need to prepare for university or academic English tests.	**Career Skills** Boost your employability and business English skills.

Teaching methodology

At English Path we build every course around five things:

- Real-world outcomes and future-ready skills: English for real life, not just the textbook.
- Adaptive teaching: teachers respond to what you and your class need.
- Iterative learning: you produce, get feedback, and refine, every week.
- Purposeful use of technology: digital coursebooks and presentation materials support your learning.
- Study clinics: free one-to-one support, help booking Cambridge and IELTS exams, and regular masterclasses.

All EP teachers are trained in this approach from day one, for a consistent experience across every EP location.

Students

Minimum age of students: 16
Average number of students per class: 15
Average age of students: 25
Nationality mix: Turkey, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Mexico, Russia, Thailand, France, China. *As per 2023 stats. Nationality mix and age varies. Dependent on the time of year.

End of course certificate: you will receive a course certificate at the end of your course.

Take a look at our graduation ceremony

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Study and Work

Career services

What we offer

- One-on-one career advising sessions with career counsellor
- CV skills guidance
- Interview preparation
- Weekly employability workshops
- Regular postings of external job vacancies
- Career events and recruitment events

After joining GBS you have access to:

- Company visits
- Seminars by industry experts

Students enrolled in our one-year package programme (student visa) are eligible for our Job Support Service, which includes:

- Arrange interviews for part-time/full-time positions.
- Offering CV reviews and interview practice sessions.
- Providing job fairs and workshops.

Accommodation

Accommodation is a vital part of your experience in a new country. Your new home is an important part of your study experience. Each school has a range of carefully selected options to help make the most out of your stay and according to your budget. Student residences offer different accommodation experiences, but always strive to meet the highest standards.

All accommodation options are based on availability. Please make sure you check with your representative for availability

Which accommodation option should I choose?

The choice of accommodation depends on your preferences, needs, and budget. Below are some important factors you need to consider.

	Student residence	Shared apartments	Studio	Hotel
👍	Convenient location, typically close to campus. Easy access to great facilities and nearby amenities. 24h reception.	Meet other students from all over the world. Easier to socialize. Can be more affordable.	Will have more privacy. No need to share your kitchen or bathroom with others. Conveniently located near campus.	Full services (housekeeping, room service). Flexible, spacious and located very close to the school.
👎	Noise levels might be high. Might be sharing facilities with other students. Might be expensive.	May have to deal with shared chores and responsabilities. You might not be able to choose your flatmates.	Might be expensive. Less engagements and social interactions with others.	Little privacy; Sharing room with others. Impersonal, limited customization.

Booking student accommodation in 3 simple steps

Step 1

You can indicate your preferred type of accommodation (Hotel apartment, shared apartment or student residence) on the application form during your application for a course. Our Student Services team will record the preferred choice of accommodation.

Step 2

EP will be able to secure the accommodation option once the invoice has been paid. Our team will send you the accommodation confirmation with further details on the selected option.

Step 3

You will need to confirm your arrival and send your flight details to our team, as soon as the flight is booked and no later than one week before the flight date. Our team will be able to book and confirm your accommodation and/or transfers and provide more details within the confirmation document attached in your pre arrival email.



ESAW Student Accommodation 18+

Experience ESAW's great location, close to Downtown Dubai and within walking distance to shops, restaurants, malls and a ten-minute taxi or bus ride to the nearest metro Station in Dubai.

Features and Facilities:

- Shared and private bedrooms
- Spacious, fully equipped and furnished apartments
- Laundry facility on site
- High speed Wi-Fi
- Weekly cleaning
- Bed linen
- 24hr security
- Free shuttle bus
- Study room/ game room/ mini cinema
- Gym
- CCTV cameras in the common areas

Address: Al Khail Gate phase 1 Building 11 26th St - Al Quoz - Dubai

Distance to school: 1h 35 minutes by bus

About the residence

Accommodation types: Premium studio (couples); Twin room shared bathroom with 4 or 5 students.
Please consult us for up to date pricing.

Bedrooms: The bedroom contains the following (per student): bed, wardrobe, pillow, bedding, study desk, chair.

Bed size: Single bed or double bed (depends on the room type).

Bathroom: Shared bathroom = 1 to 5 students maximum sharing depending on the room type. Welcome Kit = 1 Shampoo, 1 shower gel and 1 roll of toilet paper upon arrival.

Kitchen: The in-unit kitchen contains the following: fridge-freezer, stove, microwave, kettle. Kitchen is shared by 1 to 5 maximum students.

Facilities: Spacious lobby, study room, Wifi. Tv room, mini cinema, game room, gym and laundry room onsite.

Reception/ security desk: 24-hour reception and security desk.

Extra costs: Dryer Machine: 50 min AED 2/ 65 min AED 3; Kitchen utensils: AED 99 that includes new one sauce pan, one frying pan, one bowl, one plate, knife/spoon/fork.

Neighbourhood: 10 min away walking distance: Nearby community centre, medical facilities, malls, supermarkets and gym.

Visitors/guests: Visitors are allowed to meet in the common areas.

Noise: Residents are required to respect all other residents and maintain a level of noise that does not disturb others. Quiet hours are 10pm - 8am

Smoking: All facilities and residents' room are non-smoking. Smoking is allowed in the designated areas outdoors.

Cleaning service: Deep cleaning service twice a week in the common area. Students are responsible for keeping their room clean. Change of bedding is not included. It is also students' responsibility to maintain cleanliness in all the areas, including the kitchen, by washing their dishes, pans and cutlery after cooking.

Beddings/towels: Fresh clean linens and bedding provided upon arrival. Students are responsible for washing their bedding regularly. Towels not provided.

Minimum stay: 4 weeks minimum stay, however, daily bookings are accepted.

Check-in/check-out: Check-in is from 3pm and check-out is possible based on the availability of rooms.

Acommodation location: Downtown: 30 min away by public transportation; 14 minutes by car/ taxi. On Passive Metro station (nearest metro station): 10 minutes by taxi or 24 min away by bus. Kite Beach: 15 min away by taxi. JBR Beach: 25 min away by taxi.

KSK Homes Student Residence 16+

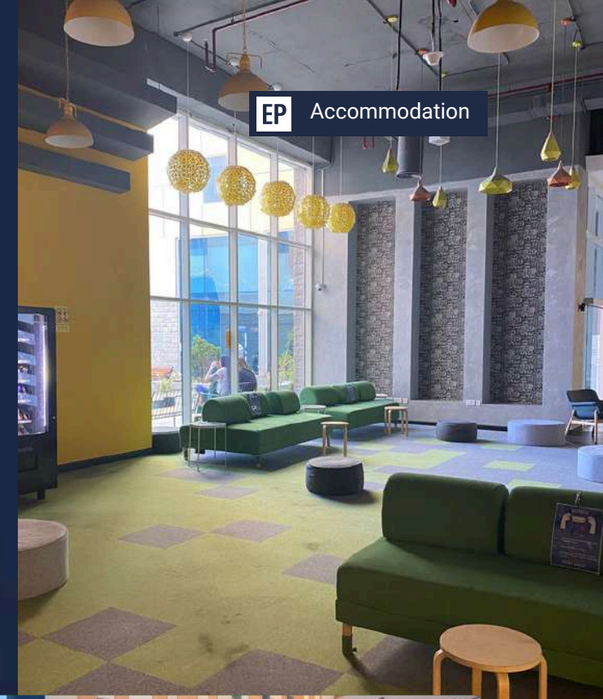
KSK homes are ideally situated in Dubai Academic City, only 20km from Dubai International Airport and just 15 minutes away from many og the city's major avenues and attractions. This is tailored for the new generation of urban travelers, providing a modern and convenient stay experience.

Features and Facilities:

- 24-hour reception
- Outdoor swimming pool
- Free high-speed Wi-Fi
- Fitness centre
- Gaming area and PlayStation room
- Study rooms & open study area
- Reception & lobby area
- Floor lounge with shared kitchen

Address: Al Rowayyah First - Academic Street - Academic City - Dubai

Distance to school: 2h 13 minutes by bus





About the residence

Accommodation types: Single (16+) or double bedroom (18+).

Bedrooms: All rooms are equipped with comfortable beds, fridge, drawer, wardrobe, multi-satellite LED TVs, work desk, safe box, bathroom amenities with walk-in shower.

Things you need to bring: This residence is offered on a self-catered basis. You will need to buy your own food and your toiletries.

Kitchen: The kitchen is equipped with a fridge, oven and hob, microwave. Tableware is also provided.

Extra cost facilities: Laundry facilities (2 AED per 25-minutes of washing) Beauty centre Mini-market (open from 7am to 2am) Restaurant.

Visitors/guests: Visitors, including overnight guests, are not allowed.

Noise: Residents are required to respect all other residents and maintain a level of noise that does not disturb others. Quiet hours are 11 pm-7am.

Cleaning service: Rooms are cleaned before check in. Room cleaning is provided once a week and weekly linen change. (daily cleaning in premium rooms)

Beddings/towels: Bedding, linen and towels are provided upon check in.

Cleaning service: Cleaning service once a week in bedrooms. Every day in the common area. Students are responsible for keeping their room and in general tidy and clean.

Smoking: No smoking allowed anywhere in the residence.

Beddings/towels: Bedding provided. Towels are not provided by the residence.
Alternatively, students can purchase towels at an additional cost upon arrival.

Minimum stay: 2-week minimum stay.

Check-in/check-out: Check-in is from 3pm / Check out is by 12pm

Important note: To lock their rooms, students need to touch the fob key on the sensor once they close their room door, otherwise anyone can open it.

EP Accommodation

School shuttle bus schedule

Approximate timings

From KSK homes to EP Dubai campus

KSK homes

07:00	07:45	09:00	10:30	12:00	13:45	16:30	17:30	20:00

From EP Dubai campus to KSK homes

07:45	08:35	09:55	12:00	13:00	15:20	17:30	18:30	22:05

Please note that the shuttle bus journey is approximately **40 minutes**. To avoid delays, please arrive **5 minutes before the trip.**

*There is no **12:00** shuttle to EP Dubai Campus or 13:00 shuttle to Ksk homes on **Friday.**

ESAW

From ESAW student accomodation to EP Dubai campus

07:30	08:30	10:30	11:45	13:10	14:15	15:15	16:45	17:10

From EP Dubai campus to ESAW student accomodation

08:00	09:00	12:10	13:30	16:00	17:30	18:00	22:00

Please note that the shuttle bus journey is approximately **30 minutes.** To avoid delays, please arrive **5 minutes before the trip.**

*Timing changes to **12:45 PM** on **Fridays.**

From Myriad to EP Dubai campus

Myriad

07:00	07:30	08:00	09:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	12:20	14:00	14:45	15:50	16:50	17:50	21:30

From EP Dubai campus to Myriad

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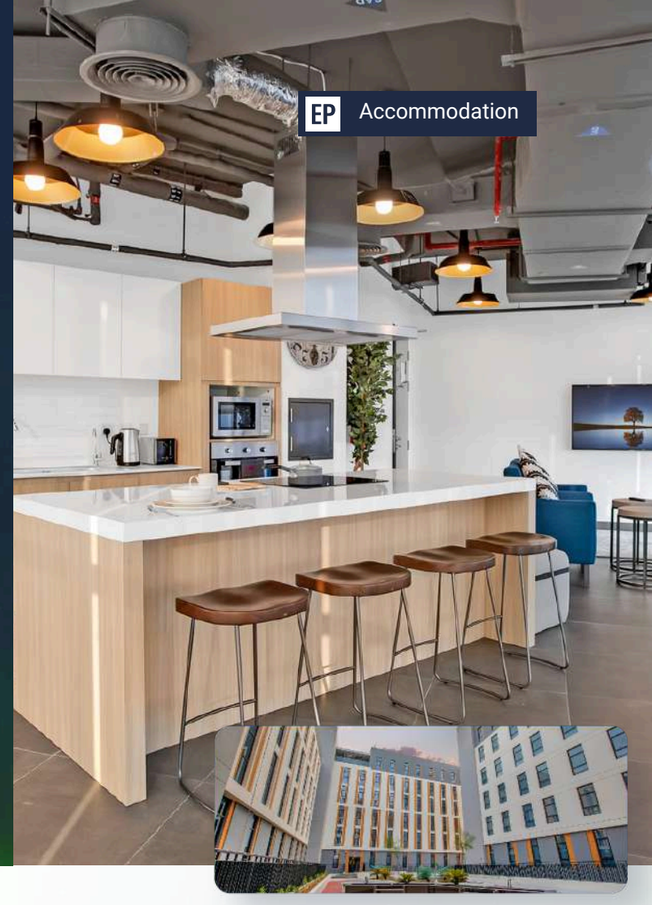
The Myriad 18+

The Myriad Dubai, located in the heart of Dubai International Academic City, is a fully-integrated living community designed to meet the needs and desires of today's students. With a focus on safety, security, comfort, and convenience, it offers various exclusive facilities and features to enhance the student experience in Dubai.

- Dedicated blocks for men and women
- Recreational area, extra events
- Wi-Fi
- Gym on site, games arcade
- Swimming pool
- Shared kitchen
- Restaurants and cafes
- Parking
- 24hr security
- Free shuttle bus services

Address: The Myriad Dubai, Academic City - Dubai

Distance to school: 40-50 minutes by bus



About the residence

Accommodation types: Single en-suite room; Studio.

Bedrooms: The bedroom contains the following: single bed, pillow, blanket, bed linen, chair, desk, lighting, window, closet, fridge.

Bedroom: Private bathroom = 2 students maximum sharing it (Double room); Private bathroom = 1 Student using it only (Single and Studio rooms).

Kitchen: The shared kitchen contains the following: stove, oven, microwave, kettle, toaster, tables, chairs.

Neighbourhood: 10 min walking distance to grocery store, Mcdonalds. Buses to Silicon Oasis.

Visitors/guests: Guests allowed only in the common areas except the swimming pool. Overnight guests are not allowed. Guests must leave no later than 11pm.

Noise: Residents are required to respect all other residents and maintain a level of noise that does not disturb others. No loud music or noise allowed after 11pm.

Smoking: All facilities and residents' room are non-smoking.

Reception/security desk: 24-hour access.

Cleaning service: Cleaning service once a week in bedrooms. Every day in the common area. Students are responsible for keeping their room and in general tidy and clean.

Beddings/towels: Fresh clean linen and bedding provided at check-in. Students responsible for cleaning after check-in. Towels not provided.

Facilities: Jogging tracks, outdoor calisthenics gyms, basketball court, amphitheatre, indoor cinema, game room, free laundry rooms (washers, dryers and ironing facilities), rooftop swimming pools with lounge chairs and lifeguards on duty, supermarket.

Minimum weeks requests: 4 weeks minimum stay. Booking from Saturday to Saturday.

Check-in/check-out: Check-in is from 3pm/Check out is any time before 10am.

Close to your acommodation:

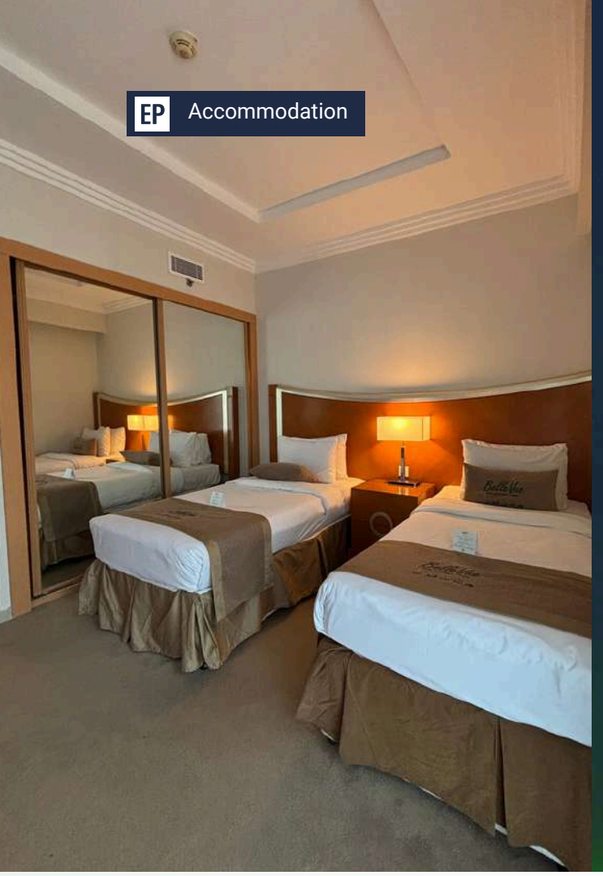
Lulu hypermarket
10 minutes by bus

Centrepoint Metro Station
15 minutes by taxi

Downtown Dubai (Dubai Mall)
20 minutes by taxi

Kite beach
30 minutes by taxi

School
40 minutes by bus



EP Accommodation

Grand Bellevue Hotel 18+

Grand Belle Vue is in a district that combines media, internet, technology, knowledge, and entertainment. Guests can enjoy being in close proximity to all major airports, shopping malls, beaches, tourist attractions, and central business districts.

- WiFi & satellite channels
- Concierge service
- 24-hour room service
- Express laundry / dry clean service
- Valet parking
- On-site mini mart and coffee shop
- Express check-in / check-out
- Housekeeping turndown service
- Automated wake-up call service
- 24-hour security personnel
- Secure and covered parking
- Full access to gym and entertainment facilities
- Complete health and entertainment facilities including two separate swimming pools, spas, hot tubs, saunas and fitness rooms

Address: Tecom, Al-Barsha P.O. Box 502424 Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Distance to school: 26 minutes by bus

About the residence

Accommodation types: Single or twin studio. Single or twin in 1-bedroom apartment.

Bedrooms: The apartments contain the following: bed, 100% cotton oversized bath towels, air conditioning, in-room safe box, desk, hairdryer, refrigerator, washing machine, smart TV screen.

Bathroom: Own bathroom with separate bath.

Kitchen: The kitchen is fully equipped and includes cooking facilities and space to store food in the fridge/ freezer and cupboards. Cutlery/ crockery included.

Additional costs: Mandatory $150 refundable deposit. Food and beverage-related orders as well as a $7 breakfast buffet. There may be additional charges for spa packages, such as massage sessions.

Noise: Residents are required to respect all other residents and maintain a level of noise that does not disturb others. Quiet hours are 10pm-8am.

Smoking: All facilities and residents' rooms are non-smoking.

Reception/security desk: 24-hour reception including security personnel.

Cleaning service: Rooms are cleaned before check-in. Twice a week cleaning is provided for weekly and monthly stays.

Beddings/towels: Bedding and linen provided on check-in.

Minimum stay: 1 week minimum stay. Students can book weekly. The minimum stay is 1-week.

Check-in/check-out: Check-in is from 3pm/check-out by 2pm.

Accommodation location:

- Dubai metro: 1 km away
- Burj Khalifa & Dubai mall: 18 km away
- Wild Wadi Water Park: 5 km away
- Jumeirah beach: 5 km away
- Dubai Marina: 6 km away
- World Trade Centre: 20 km away
- Dubai airport: 30 km away
- Mall of the Emirates: 4 km away
- Ibn Batuta mall: 7 km away
- Internet and Media city: 2 km away
- EP Dubai campus: 3 km away

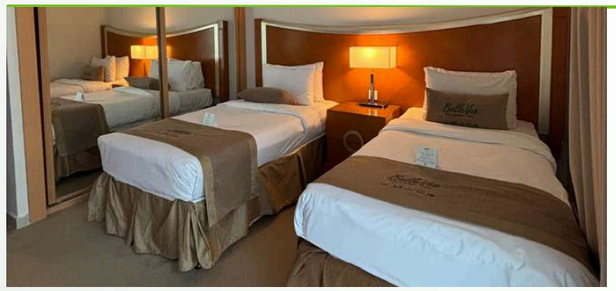
Take a look at Grand Bellevue Hotel rooms and apartments



Studio - single

• Stylishly designed with contemporary furnishings.

• Ideal for relaxation or work, with plenty of room to unwind.



Studio - twin

• Modern twin studio with sleek, contemporary design.

• Perfect for sharing or solo stays, with generous space to relax.



1 Bedroom - single/twin

• Cosy bed with premium bedding for a restful stay.

• A spacious lounge for relaxing, working, or entertaining guests.



Living room

• Ample room to relax, entertain, or work in style.

• Equipped with a flat screen TV and high-speed Wi-Fi for streaming and browsing.

Recommendations

Checklist & other useful information

Here are a few important items that you should bring with you:

- Passport
- Acceptance letter
- Accommodation letter
- Proof of health/medical insurance
- A bit of cash and credit/debit cards/ Apple or Google Pay
- Weather - (sunscreen, appropriate clothes, mostly sunny)
- Adaptor for electrical appliances
- Prescription medication and medical records
- Emergency information

Before you leave your country

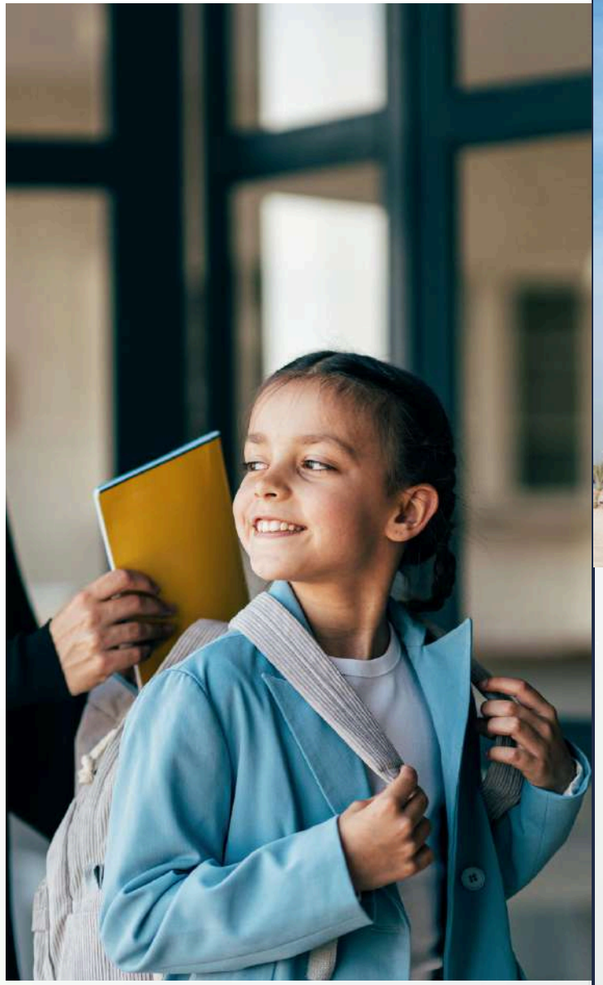
Here are some important things you need to know to make your arrival as smooth as possible. Use our checklist to ensure you don't forget anything and are prepared for the exciting times ahead.

Pocket money

Recommend weekly budget: $200. This should cover expenses, laundry, local travel and activities. You will need additional money if you want to take weekend trips. Bring $70 with you in cash and a debit or credit card. You will need to check with your financial institution to make sure you will be able to withdraw money from a Dubai ATM. Do not bring foreign currency. It is not wise to carry around large amounts of cash.

Clothing

Most students dress casually for classes, but you should be covered when visiting government places, nice clothes for going out and sportswear for sports and outdoor activities. The climate is mostly sunny. The typical temperature is 35-43°C in the summer and 15–30°C in the winter.



Electrical current

Standard voltage in The UAE is 230 volts; remember to bring an adaptor with you or buy one when you arrive.

School notifications

We encourage you to join the social programme WhatsApp group when you arrive and stay active in the group during your stay. This will give you an idea of what is happening at the school and help you connect with staff and students. This is also where we will post notification of any unexpected holidays. It is important you check our social program WhatsApp group for any messages while you are attending the school. If we have some important information to share with you, we will post a message as soon as possible. .

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When you arrive in Dubai

Make sure that you have read the information below about your arrival and how to get to your accommodation. If you get lost or confused upon arrival, don't be afraid to ask the airport staff for help as they will be happy to give assistance.

EP Transfers

Students should arrive at DXB Dubai International Airport. We request that you book your flights according to the starting date of your specific program. You must arrive on Saturday or Sunday prior to your course start date. If you have booked a transfer service, a driver will meet you outside the customs area and drive you to your homestay or residence. Please ensure you arrange and pay the transfer fee in advance.

Transfer service emergency contact details

If you have any flight changes, miss a connecting flight or need help meeting the transfer service, you should call one of the following emergency numbers. Please be prepared to tell them your name, school name (English Path) and location. Students should only accept a transfer from a greeter with the official English Path signage.

Transfer service emergency number:

+971 52 560 2463
+971 58 257 8026

Independent transfers

TAXI SERVICE cost: $25–30, Journey time: 45 minutes depending on location of homestay/ residence

Living costs

(Sample prices for items in this city)

- Bottle of water: $0.50
- Coffee: $4
- Can of coke: $2
- Meal out for two: $16 - 100
- Takeaway pizza: $13
- Sandwich: $5
- Local bus ticket: $0.90 (depends on the distance)
- Local metro and tram ticket: $0.90 (depends on the distance)
- Cinema ticket: $15

Local Customs

Dubai follows Islamic customs and traditions, so visitors are expected to be respectful of Islamic practices, Dubai is relatively liberal in terms of dress code, it is recommended to dress modestly in public places, especially when visiting religious sites or government offices.

When greeting someone, a simple handshake is common among men, while men and women may exchange nods or place their hand on their chest. Physical contact between men and women who are not close relatives is generally avoided in public.

Public displays of affection, drinking alcohol in non-designated areas, and using offensive language are considered disrespectful and may be subject to legal consequences.

The culture in Dubai places a high value on respecting authority, including government officials, police, and elders.

While Dubai is a modern city with stunning architecture, it is essential to be mindful of local customs when taking photographs. Avoid taking pictures of people without their permission, especially women, and respect any “no photography” signs.

It’s important to note that Dubai is a multicultural city with a diverse population, and while these customs are generally observed, there may be variations based on individuals’ backgrounds and beliefs. Respecting and understanding local customs is key to having a positive and enriching experience in Dubai.

Health and safety

Medical insurance: All students must have medical insurance for the duration of their stay in Dubai. Students who come with a student visa have medical insurance included.

If you get sick: If you get sick while in Dubai you should visit a doctor. You can ask the Student Services team where the nearest doctor is.

Protecting your belongings: English Path and student residencences have strong emphasis on maintaining a safe and secure environment. However, like any other city, it’s important to exercise common sense and follow basic safety guidelines to ensure a smooth and secure experience. We recommend taking care of your belongings. Personal items cannot be covered by English Path or residence.

Prescription medication: Some medications that are commonly available over-the-counter in other countries may be considered controlled substances in Dubai. Before traveling, check the UAE’s list of restricted medications to ensure that your medication is allowed into the country. If you are bringing prescription medication into Dubai, you should carry a copy of your doctor’s prescription with you. The prescription should have all relevant information, including your name, the name of the medication, the dosage, and the prescribing doctor’s information.

Staying safe at school: If you or another student has an accident or needs urgent medical attention, please call 999. Come to the office or call the emergency phone, and we can help you.

Fire safety: If you discover a fire, press the fire alarm button on the nearest alarm. Leave the building immediately via the fire exit. Make sure you tell a member of EP staff exactly what happened so they can call 999. If you hear the fire alarm, leave the building immediately. Do not run, use the emergency exit. EP staff will guide you to the fire exit. Go to the assembly point. Follow any instructions given by a member of EP staff and do not go back into the building until you are told to do so by EP staff.

Personal safety and looking after valuables: Dubai is a remarkably safe destination for residents and tourists alike. The city boasts low crime rates and strict law enforcement, contributing to its reputation as a secure and welcoming place. Visitors can feel confident exploring the city and enjoying its attractions without major concerns about personal safety. However, like any other place, it’s essential to exercise normal precautions such as keeping belongings secure and being aware of your surroundings.

Laws

Respect for Islamic customs: Dubai is a Muslim city, so it’s essential to show respect for local customs and traditions. Dress modestly in public places, especially in religious sites, and avoid public displays of affection.

Alcohol consumption: Drinking alcohol is allowed in licensed venues such as hotels, bars, and restaurants. However, public intoxication and drinking alcohol in non-designated areas are strictly prohibited.

Drugs and medications: Possession, use, and trafficking of illegal drugs are severe offenses in Dubai, carrying heavy penalties, including imprisonment and even the death penalty. Additionally, some prescribed medications in other countries may
be considered controlled substances in Dubai, so check with the
UAE embassy for the latest regulations before bringing any medications.

Photography restrictions: Avoid taking photos of government buildings, military installations, and certain public areas like airports, as this could be perceived as a breach of security and lead to legal issues.

Public behavior: Dubai is a safe city, but any disruptive or offensive behavior in public places can lead to fines or even imprisonment. Maintain a respectful and courteous demeanor while in public.

Respect during Ramadan: During the holy month of Ramadan, Muslims fast from sunrise to sunset. It’s essential to be considerate and avoid eating, drinking, or smoking in public during this time.

Homosexuality and LGBT rights: Homosexuality is considered illegal in Dubai, and public displays of affection between same-sex couples are strictly prohibited.

Emergency services

999 for police
998 for ambulance
997 for fire department

Medical costs

Medical costs are at the discretion of your local doctor or hospital. Minimum medical costs are as follows:
Consultation with a doctor: $125
Prescriptions at a chemist: $25 per item Dental treatment: $150-$200
Eye test or new glasses: $60-100

Student code of conduct

You must attend all classes. If you do not attend your classes your representative will be informed. If you do not then improve your attendance you may not be able to continue your course. 85% attendance is needed to be able to receive a certificate of completion.

Be on time for all your lessons.

Always tell English Path if you are going to be absent from school for any reason and tell your host family if you are going away overnight.

If you commit a criminal offence or have to be severely disciplined you will be sent home. We will also inform the immigration authorities.

Be respectful, polite and open to different cultures.



Dubai airport transport

DXB Dubai international airport

Mode	Line or Number	Cost	Duration (to the centre)
Metro	Metro Red	$0.90 - $2.10	15 - 60 minutes

If you choose to book an airport transfer, please send us your flight details at least 4 weeks in advance to ensure we can arrange the service for you.

A driver will meet you after you come through the customs area and drive you to your accommodation.



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