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**Cruise Terminal**

During the exotic hey days of spice and silk trading, this was the traditional way of getting to Dubai. Large wooden dhows and smaller boats were the means of transport. Even today, the famed Dubai creek - the lifeline for trade - is still lined with boats taking on or unloading cargo to and from neighboring countries. Larger and modern container vessels and cargo ships however berth at the Jebel Ali Port - the world's largest man-made port with more than 120 shipping lines that use its over 100 berths - located 35 kms from Dubai's city centre.

If you are one of the privileged travellers with a flexible itinerary and a longer time span at your disposal than the typical vacationer, you can get to Dubai on one of the many exotic cruise ships that berth at its large ultramodern cruise terminal. They arrive from ports across the globe - USA, the Caribbean, Europe and the Mediterranean, Middle East and Africa, India, Far East and Australia.

Dubai's cruise terminal can host 120 ships with more than 325,000 passengers. By 2013, the terminal is expected to receive 165 ships with 475,000 passengers, reaching 180 ships with 525,000 passengers in 2014 and 195 ships with 575,000 passengers in 2015. Several different cruise lines either commence cruises from Dubai or use it as a port-of-call, having sailed in from elsewhere.

From the Dubai Cruise Terminal at Port Rashid, you can enjoy a relaxing week-long cruise through the Arabian Gulf and out into the Gulf of Oman, part of the Indian Ocean.

A very popular time of year for an Arabian Gulf cruise is from autumn through to spring, when the weather in Europe becomes colder and more inclement.

So, go on and indulge yourself. Whether you are arriving in Dubai or departing from it, you can ensconce yourself in one of these cruise ships and experience a once-in-a-lifetime experience!

Cruises to Dubai sail from: Singapore, Sydney, Athens, Dover, Venice, Cape Town, Civitavecchia, Piraeus, Alexandria, Istanbul, New York, Southampton, Barcelona, Fort Lauderdale, Miami, Los Angeles, Mumbai, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Monte Carlo, Mombasa, Victoria, and Cairns among others!

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