



ULTIMATE GUIDE TO HATTA

From adventure sports to bee-keeping farms, here is a practical guide to everything you need to know about the ultimate off-beat destination HATTA.

Hatta is Dubai’s mountainous little sister. An exclave of the Emirate that sits on the border with Oman, benefiting from some fantastic natural scenery and a more laid-back pace of life than the UAE’s big cities. Less than a two-hour drive from Dubai, it’s a good pick for a weekend escape and close enough for a mini-daycation. In winter, Hatta is the go-to spot for hiking, biking, kayaking and adventure, while in summer it’s worth a visit for its cooler climate. If you’re planning a trip out east, here’s everything you need to know about Hatta.

IS HATTA IN DUBAI?

Hatta is part of the Dubai Emirate, but it is not located within the city’s main boundaries. Instead, it lies some 130 kms south-east of the city, high in the Hajar Mountains. These days, it is a popular spot for Dubai-based families to escape to in summer, thanks to its cooler temperatures.

HOW TO REACH HATTA?

It takes approximately 90 minutes to reach Hatta by road and the best route is from Dubai E102 (Sharjah-Kalba Road) via E611 (Emirates Road). The scenic journey is an experience on its own with the surrounding terrain morphing from golden sands to deep red mountains.

If you’re short on time or would like to combine the trip with easy sightseeing, contact your preferred travel partner to book a range of tours available throughout the year.

EMBARK ON NEW ADVENTURES: THINGS TO DO IN HATTA



HOP ONTO A MOUNTAIN BIKE

There’s possibly no better way to experience the meandering pathways of hills, wadis and farmland in Hatta than from the back of a mountain bike. Multiple trails for beginners to advanced-level riders have been set up by the Hatta Mountain Bike Trail Centre, spanning across 52 kms. The trails are free to ride and are self-guided with clear markers.



GO ON A HIKE

Surrounded by the Hajar Mountains, Hatta is covered in undulating peaks and troughs perfect for hiking. You can trek along the winding wadis at the foothills of the mountains, near the border of Oman. Here you’ll see the varied terrain, from sandy patches to sharp rocks.



PREPARE FOR THRILLS AND SPILLS

Tourists and residents can rent kayaks or paddle boats for a relaxing ride across the clear water lake. Hatta Wadi Hub is the town’s home of action and adventure. Try your hand at archery and axe throwing, or get your heart pumping with downhill carting, adventure rope courses and freefall jumps. Make time to go twin ziplining with a friend, whizzing past the dramatic mountain scenery together.



SEE THE SIGHTS

The landscapes of Hatta possess some of the most beautiful natural scenery in the UAE. Enjoy the changing scenes from desert to mountain on your way into Hatta. Once there, head south towards the Hatta Dam, which is an indelible sight: calm turquoise waters set against the rough-hewn mountains. Another major draw is the Hatta Heritage Village in the central town. This restored museum is an example of true Emirati life in historic times.



STAY OVERNIGHT

After a long day of exploring, pitch up a tent and sleep under the stars or for a more luxurious twist, book a stay at the various resorts in HATTA, providing a chic accommodation nestled in the mountains.

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