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## 12 tremendous things to do in Dubai this long weekend

Live gigs, festivals, Time Out Market Dubai and more

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It's nearly the weekend here in Dubai – and a long weekend at that – which means it's time to start [planning](#) how you're going to spend your well-deserved days off.

Need some inspo? Well, we're here to help. Here are 12 tremendous [things to do in Dubai this long weekend](#).

For more fun things to do in Dubai this long weekend, [click here](#).

Looking to dine out? [Head here](#) for all the best restaurants in Dubai.

For top bars to check out, [click here](#).

If keeping active is more up your street, have a gander [here](#) for everything sport and wellbeing-related across the city.

And it wouldn't be a long weekend without a banging brunch, would it? For your essential guide to brunching in Dubai, [head here](#).

Long weekend? Sorted.

## THURSDAY



### Eat big at Summer **Restaurant Week**

With Summer Restaurant Week, savvy foodies can dine at top spots – and for a fraction of the price. Until Saturday August 21, take your pick from set menus at 30 popular Dubai restaurants. Early birds can enjoy breakfast for Dhs69, business lunchers can tuck into a tasty two-course lunch for Dhs95 and there are also three-course dinner menus for just Dhs150. Kid-friendly menus are also available so the little ones can dine with you without fuss from just Dhs25.

*Until Sat Aug 21. Various locations across Dubai,*

[www.summerrestaurantweek.com](http://www.summerrestaurantweek.com).

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### Start the long weekend at **Time Out Market Dubai**

With all of Dubai's best bites under one roof, **Time Out Market Dubai** is taking Dubai's dining scene by storm. From monster **sandwiches** to off-the-scale **seafood dishes**, **meat-free marvels**, decadent **truffle dishes** and more, your taste buds are in for a serious – and we mean serious – treat.

*Open Sat-Wed noon-midnight, Thu-Fri noon-1am. Souk Al Bahar, Downtown Dubai, [timeoutmarket.com/dubai](http://timeoutmarket.com/dubai).*

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### Head to **Coca-Cola Arena** for an evening of top tunes

After something musical this long weekend? Well, get ready for the best of ABBA, the West End and the '80s at the Coca-Cola Arena. Enjoy a whole back catalogue of feel good tunes from everyone's favourite Swedish band, the talents from New York and London's theatre hubs and tunes from all of the classic bands including Earth, Wind and Fire and the Bee Gees.

*From Dh200. Thu Aug 12-Sat Aug 14, 8pm onwards. Coca-Cola Arena, City Walk, Al Wasl, [coca-cola-arena.com](http://coca-cola-arena.com) (800 223388).*



### Sweat it out at **BARE's ladies' night**

Ladies' night with a twist? Head to THAT Concept Store in **Mall of the Emirates** this Thursday and swap the bubbly for burpees and mixed drinks for mountain climbers with uber-cool home-grown fitness specialists, BARE. If you've booked into the class you can bring one of your best pals along for free (so you can sweat it out together), and there's also a two-for-one deal on all protein shakes to refuel post-class.

*Dhs120. Thu Aug 12, 5.30pm. THAT Concept Store, Mall of the Emirates, [bare.fitness](http://bare.fitness) (054 455 0597).*

## FRIDAY



### Check out **The Irish Village's** new summer brunch

There are few things better than kicking back with a pint at the weekend and if you're a fan of The Irish Village (because let's be honest here – who isn't?) why not book in for its new summer brunch? The Summer Daze lunch is Dhs149 for a three-course meal, or Dhs249 with unlimited draft hops and house beverages – which sounds like a pretty good deal to us. Looking for a laid-back Friday lunch this long weekend? Pop this pub in your planner.

*Dhs149 (soft drinks), Dhs249 (house beverages). Fri noon-5pm (three-hour package). Garhoud (04 239 5000).*



### Enjoy craft hops, smoked meats, live football and more at **Phileas Fogg's** three-day hops fest

Three-day hops fest, anyone? From Thursday August 12 to Saturday August 14, head to golf club pub **Phileas Fogg's** for craft hops, smoked meats, live football, and entertainment. The deal will set you back Dhs199 including five speciality brews – that's music to our ears. You can choose between 55 craft hops from across 15 countries and wash it all down with short ribs, barbecue chicken, beef brisket, smoked sausages and more while enjoying live entertainment provided by Josh McCartney and Khalil Barazi, plus live football. See you there?

*Dhs199. Thu Aug 12-Sat Aug 14, 2pm-2am. Montgomerie Golf Academy, Emirates Living (04 390 5600).*



### Kick-start your morning at **Palm Bay's** all-new breakfast club

How do you like your eggs in the morning? Free-flowing and with a side of beach views, that's how. **Palm Bay** along Palm Jumeirah's Club Vista Mare is launching an all-new breakfast club this Friday and for Dhs99 you can tuck into unlimited dishes along with a drink of your choice. Highlights include eggs your way, avocado on toast, vanilla pancakes, fruit salad, and eggs benedict, while drink options include smoothies, tea, coffee and fresh juices. A top way to start any Friday morning.

*Dhs99. Fri 9am-noon. Club Vista Mare, Palm Jumeirah, [palmbaydubai.com](http://palmbaydubai.com) (058 594 1834).*



### See American rapper **Rich The Kid** live at **Black DXB**

Black DXB – one of Dubai's newest nightspots – is going all out this long weekend with a live performance from Rich The Kid on Friday August 13. The American rapper, songwriter, actor, and record producer is set to perform some of his biggest hits including Plug Walk, Splashin, Too Gone, Prada, and New Freezer. Partygoers can also catch DJ Mr. Levier, Devon Kosoko, and 1takenandos playing the latest urban music on the decks. It's set to be a big one so mark your calendars and reserve your space as you'll need to book to get into the club.

*Reservations required. Fri Aug 13, 10pm-2am. Soho Garden, Meydan Racecourse, Nad Al Sheba (052 388 8849).*

## SATURDAY



### Connect with your creative side at **Alserkal Avenue**

Looking for something **cultural to do in Dubai** this long weekend? Then you've got to check out Some Time Away at Alserkal Avenue. The theme for Saturday August 14 is 'illusion' with activities designed to explore the limits of your mind. Mingle with artists at the Amok conversation chamber, experience the deep listening room, catch two surreal films: Solaris and Zaougaty wel Kalb, and participate in a discussion about the power of rituals. Looking to take the illusion to another level? Drain is a meditative workshop where you produce artwork in isolation and silence for four hours. We're ready. Are you?

*Free. Sat Aug 21. Alserkal Avenue, Al Quoz,  
[alserkal.online/programme/some-time-away](https://alserkal.online/programme/some-time-away).*



### Don't miss **The Scene's** juniper festival

Love a juniper-based beverage? Then head to **The Scene** this long weekend for a three-day festival dedicated to the popular drink. You'll have the chance to learn about its history and taste different varieties with suggested tonics for the perfect pairing. From Dhs165 you'll be able to get five juniper-based drinks or three drinks along with a quaint afternoon tea platter packed with petite sarnies, homemade scones, and sweet treats like vanilla cheesecake tarts and fresh strawberries. And that's not all – visit on Saturday August 14 for The Scene's roast dinner (it's a good one – trust us) and you'll get a free drink too.

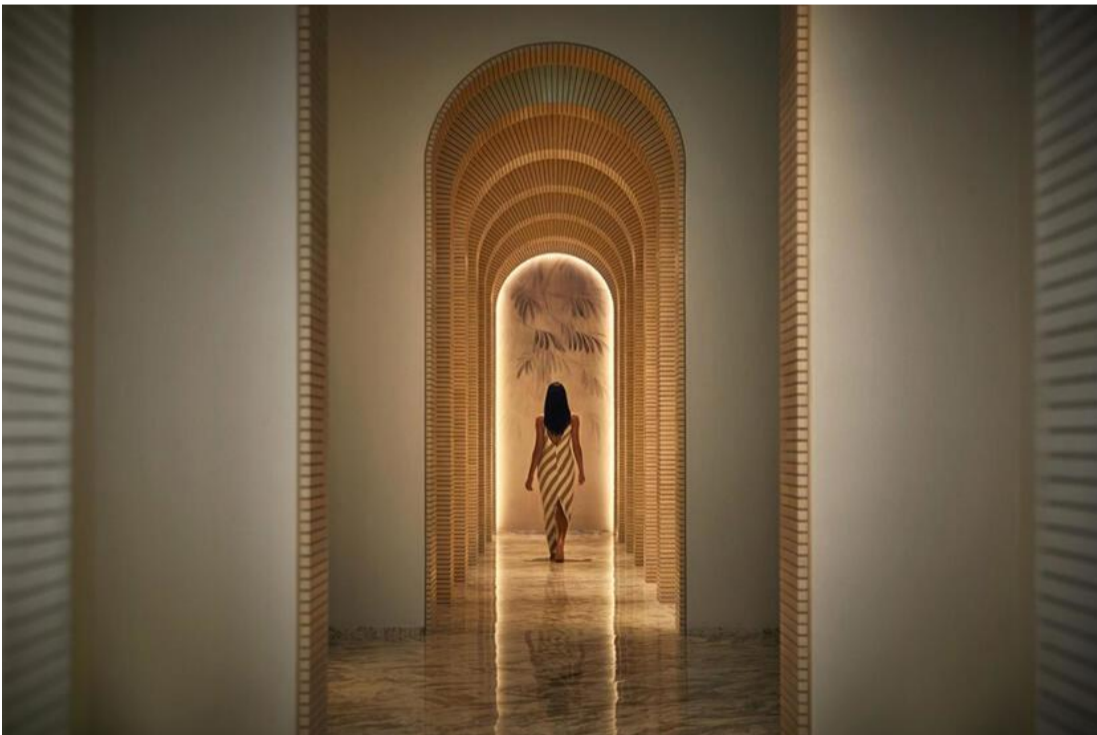
*Thu Aug 12-Sat Aug 14. Pier 7, Dubai Marina,  
[thescenebysimmonrimmer.com](https://thescenebysimmonrimmer.com) (04 422 2328).*



### Make a day out of it at **Bla Bla**

Head to Bla Bla on Saturday August 14 for a morning of fitness, followed by brunch – because it’s all about balance, right? The ‘BreakFIT Club’ is running from 8.45am until 9.30am and for Dhs140 per person includes a 45-minute fitness class (a fusion of aqua yoga and fitness movements in the water), a goodie bag from skincare brand Rituals, and breakfast with highlights including avo’ on toast, pancakes, and eggs your way. Looking to make a day of it? Stay along for Bla Bla’s new Saturday Brunch which includes three hours of unlimited beverages, a grazing tray filled with dishes like crispy rice topped with avocado, bruschetta, palm salad, California rolls, chicken gyoza and more, plus a selection of desserts along with live entertainment. The Saturday brunch takes place between noon and 3pm and packages start from Dhs250 with soft drinks or Dhs350 with house beverages and a sun lounger.

*Sat Aug 14, 8.45am-9.30am (BreakFIT Club – Dhs140); noon-3pm (brunch – Dhs250 with soft drinks or Dhs350 with house beverages. JBR (04 584 4111).*



### Treat yourself and your bestie to a spa day at **FIVE Palm Jumeirah**

ReFIVE SPA’s ‘Bliss & Bubbles’ spa package has been designed for couples and best mates looking for a day of pampering. The deal comes in at Dhs799 for two and the spa package includes a one-hour massage each, ReFIVE Spa pool access plus a bottle of bubbly to share. And relax.

*Dhs799 (per couple). Ongoing. FIVE Palm Jumeirah (04 455 9999).*

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