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The best things to do in Dubai this September

Your whole month mapped out

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September? Is that you? Already? (Who else feels like 2021 is flying by – and fast?).

It's a brand-new month and that means one thing – a mega list of awesome things to do.

From massive gigs to live music, September is bursting with super cool stuff to see and do.

Ready? Here is a full list of the very best things to do in Dubai this September.



Book tickets to the InClassica International Music Festival 2021

Love classical music? Then you need to get the InClassica International Music Festival 2021 on your radar. Running until Sunday September 26 with a series of different shows happening at both Dubai's Coca-Cola Arena and Dubai Opera, the festival features both young up-and-coming talent and some of the world's most established and famous musicians. *Prices vary. Until Sun Sep 26. Coca-Cola Arena and Dubai Opera, inclassica.com.*

September 2



Sing along with Hamza Namira

Love singing along to Dari Ya Alby, Asforein and Wa Ollak Eh on your drive to work? Then you are going to be delighted about this music concert coming to Dubai this September. Egyptian singer, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Hamza Namira will be gracing the Coca-Cola Arena stage on Thursday September 2 and you can catch his show from Dhs200. From Dhs200. Thu Sep 2, 9pm. Coca-Cola Arena, Al Wasl, coca-cola-arena.com.



Be entertained by Wayne Brady

You might know him from his stint on the comedy show, Whose Line Is it Anyway? or his role as James Stinson on How I Met Your Mother. Maybe you've seen him in one of his Broadway roles including Lola in Kinky Boots and lawyer Billy Flynn in Chicago. However you know him, Wayne Brady is coming to Dubai's Coca-Cola Arena on Friday September 3 and you don't want to miss out. Known for his improvisational style, this comedy superstar is sure to leave you in stitches with this stand-up show in Dubai in September.

From Dhs240. Fri Sep 3, 9.30pm. City Walk, Al Safa Street, coca-cola-arena.com.



Road trip it to Ras Al Khaimah for a pooch party

To help raise money for animals in need, Ras Al Khaimah Animal Welfare Centre is hosting – wait for it – a pool party for pooches. Sponsored by BM Beach Resort, the only dog-friendly resort in Ras Al Khaimah, the funpacked evening will consist of a barbecue, live DJ, a raffle with prizes to be won, a doggy market, pool access for all the party-loving dogs attending the event, food trucks, an agility course for dogs, grooming stations, an on-site veterinarian and dog trainers, plus plenty of shaded areas and a room to cool off in. It's Dhs75 per adult and per pup, Dhs20 for any extra adult or dog, and free for kids 16 years old and younger. Paws up if you're ready for a pool party this weekend.

Free (16 years old and younger). Dhs75 (per adult and per dog), Dhs20 (for any extra adult or dog). Fri Sep 3, 5pm-9pm. RAK Animal Welfare Centre, rakawc.com (056 357 6029).

live at Coca-Cola Arena on Saturday September 4 as part of DSS. Blending alternative rock, electronic music, and folk tunes, the quintet have entertained audiences all over the world and fans here in Dubai can expect to rock out to some of their biggest tracks including Ecosystem, Vitamins, and Swimming With Sharks, plus some of their new original songs. From Dhs280. Sat Sep 4, 7pm onwards. Coca-Cola Arena, City Walk, Al Wasl, coca-cola-arena.com (800 223388).

September 5



Go mad for mussels at Café Belge

Throughout September, Café Belge at The Ritz-Carlton, DIFC is offering up a portion of mussels and a select pint of Belgian hops for Dhs99. Choose between three different sauces – marinière (a creamy white grape sauce), spicy tomato, or bubbly cream (made with sparkling grape) and get ready to satisfy your mussels cravings.

Dhs99. Sun-Thu noon-7pm. Until Thu Sep 30. The Ritz-Carlton, DIFC (04 372 2555).

September 6



Cool off at Anantara The Palm Dubai

Ready for a super-special September day out in Dubai? Slap on the factor 50 and head to this ultra-swish hotel on the Palm for a pool day. The Thaistyle resort has all the holiday vibes, and there's a 400m private beach, lagoon pools, and a large central pool to chill out around, plus a private

September 7



Nutella Riot at Time Out Market Dubai

Expect to melt into your seat the same way the contents of Nightjar's comté, gruyere and onion jam toastie (a Time Out Market Dubai favourite) oozes from the side door of the banging sandwich. Nutella Riot is a Dubaibased lounge cover band featuring singer-songwriter Noush Like Sploosh and Niki Mukhi. Part acoustic lounge, part blues, part folk, the duo plates up a duet of mellow and upbeat covers of classics and current favourites, all with a quirky touch.

Free. Tue Sep 7, 7pm-10pm. Time Out Market Dubai, Souk Al Bahar, Downtown Dubai, timeoutdubai.com/time-out-market-dubai.

September 8



Explore Dubai's newest waterfront market

Souk Al Marfa, an all-new marketplace, has opened in Dubai. Located at Deira Islands, the indoor marketplace boasts 400 shops – with more to open soon – stocking everything from carpets, lights, spices, fashion, electronics, and more. The fully air-conditioned souk stretches 1.9 kilometres along the waterfront and there's even an authentic Thai market to explore offering food, handicrafts, street food and clothing from the Far East, plus plenty of restaurants to refuel at after a long day of hitting the

September 9



Check out a new bar

Looking for a new hotspot to check out in Dubai in September? Some seriously top-notch new bars, nightclubs, and lounges have opened in Dubai (with plenty more on the way – watch this space for updates), sending our social lives soaring to new heights – and we've rounded them all up here. Strap on your shiniest shoes and jump in a taxi to one of these top new nightlife spots in Dubai.

September 10



Enjoy a blast from the past

Where did you go, my lovely? I wanna know. Well, there's no need to wonder where Marty Cintron, founder and lead singer of No Mercy, will be on Friday September 10 – and that's because he's heading to the Dubai Opera. Cintron will be performing some of the '90s band's most popular hits including Missing, Please Don't Go and, of course, Where Do You Go. Cintron will be joined alongside Swedish singer, songwriter and composer Jenny Berggren who's best known for her work with the band Ace of Base. From Dhs195. Fri Sep 10, 9pm. Dubai Opera, Downtown Dubai, dubaiopera.com.



Act the part at the Courtyard Playhouse

Thespian, drama queen, performer, star? If those words ring true to you and you've been told that you have a "natural flair" for drama, then why not finesse those abilities with an improv course? The Courtyard Playhouse first opened in 2013, the independent theatre hosts a variety of workshops and the next set of improv workshops kicks off this September. From 'Don't Panic - An Intro To Improv' to 'Nuts & Bolts', 'Games, Games, Games' and 'Storytelling', there are plenty of workshops to choose from. Acts, lights, improv.

Prices, dates and timings vary. The Courtyard, Al Quoz, courtyardplayhouse.com (050 781 2269).

September 12



Sip on sundowners at NOÉPE's happy hour

NOÉPE's fully air-conditioned pergola is back for the summer, meaning you can enjoy the laid-back restaurant's stunning Dubai Creek views along with a stellar happy hour, all while keeping cool. Sip on Dhs30 drinks between 4pm and 7pm from Sunday to Thursday and don't miss out on sampling some superb dishes from NOÉPE's California-inspired menu (the lobster rolls are a Time Out favourite).

Sun-Thu 4pm-7pm. Park Hyatt Dubai, Deira (04 602 1814).



See hit musical Mamma Mia!

Here we go again. Mamma Mia! is coming to Dubai in September and you can belt out all the classic tunes at Dubai Opera. Written by British playwright Catherine Johnson, the play premiered 22 years ago and tells the tale of a mother, her daughters (and three possible dads). From Dhs295. Mon Sep 13-Sat Sep 25, timings vary. Dubai Opera, Downtown Dubai, dubaiopera.com.

September 14



Rony Sarkis at Time Out Market Dubai

Rony Sarkis is lending his soulful voice to acoustic tracks across indie rock, pop and blues at Time Out Market Dubai on Tuesday September 14. The singer-songwriter mixes covers and personal compositions, and his laid-back performances make him a perfect fit for Time Out Market Dubai's ultra-cool scene. Swing around the market for some food, pull up a chair and get comfy.

Free. Tue Sep 14, 7pm-10pm. Time Out Market Dubai, Souk Al Bahar, Downtown Dubai, timeoutdubai.com/time-out-market-dubai.



Laugh out loud at The Eloquent Elephant

In need of a mid-week giggle in Dubai this month? We feel you – and so does The Eloquent Elephant – because the Time Out award-winning British gastropub has launched a new weekly comedy night. Promising to have you in stitches, Tuesday now sees a revolving line-up of Dubai-based comedians taking to the stage between 8.30pm and 10.30pm, and it's a minimum spend of Dhs99 per person. Alternatively, you can pair your lols with two hours of free-flowing house beverages and bottled hops for Dhs199 or add some nibbles along with your drinks for Dhs299. (The grub here is top-notch so we suggest going with the latter.)

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September 15



Train like a pro footballer

Budding stars can now experience an afternoon in the boots of a pro baller in ISD Dubai Sports City – and it won't require years of academy training to make your debut. Footlab is a completely immersive, interactive training complex that puts you in striking distance of all the training tools that help make those superstars on the big screen shine so bright. You can check out the full Time Out review here.

Dhs80 (20 minutes – per person), Dhs125 (per hour – minimum two people). Open Sun-Wed 10am-10pm, Thu-Sat 10am-1am. ISD Dubai Sports City, footlabworld.com (04 4481554).



Have a giggle at The Laughter Factory

Ready for all the lols this September in Dubai? The Laughter Factory's 'Bourgeois, Spiritual, Pollution!' tour is coming to town this month and it's kicking off on Thursday September 16 at Mövenpick Hotel Jumeirah Beach. Top names for the September line-up are Gabriel Rutledge, Rob Ryan and Danny O'Brien. The show runs for five nights, so you have plenty of time to catch it – and you'll want to.

Dhs160. Thu Sep 16-Fri Sep 17, Wed Sep 22-Fri Sep 24, 8.30pm. Various locations including Mövenpick Hotel Jumeirah Beach, thelaughterfactory.com.

September 17



Check out Goose Island Tap House's brand-new brunch

Recently opened Goose Island Tap House at FIVE Jumeirah Village is launching a party brunch this weekend, and it's promising to take brunching back to basics. Priced at Dhs375 per person with free-flowing house beverages, craft hops and mixed drinks included, the afternoon kicks off with a "breakfast in bed"-inspired spread before being served a selection of signature dishes to share including mini cod and chops, grilled prawns, chicken wings, tacos, and sliders. And it's not a proper party brunch without a line-up of live entertainment, right? A live DJ will be on hand to help get things going while a band will be belting out British bangers. For brunchers who fancy a few swings of a golf club, Goose Island has a golf simulator (which will really test just how much fun you've had at brunch).

September 18



Tuck into Insta-worthy breakfast dishes at Bounty Beets

Not only is it extremely Instagrammable, but Bounty Beets at Le Méridien Mina Seyahi also has a cracking all-you-can-eat breakfast deal on a Friday and Saturday. You'll get unlimited breakfast dishes for Dhs99, plus you'll get juices, tea and coffee thrown in. Breakfast highlights include avo' on toast, açaí bowls, scrambled eggs, breakfast pizza, frittata, pancakes and more. Thirsty? You can get four mixed drinks for an extra Dhs100 to upgrade your brekkie, too.

Dhs99, Dhs199 (with four mixed drinks). Fri & Sat 9am-noon. Le Méridien Mina Seyahi, Dubai Marina, bountybeetsdubai.com (04 511 7373).

September 19



Take the plunge at **Deep Dive Dubai**

Want to explore an underwater city? Deep Dive Dubai is serving up a diving experience that's unlike any other, with a 60-metre-deep pool and a sunken city for divers of all levels to explore. With 14 million litres of water it's the world's deepest dive pool. You can try freediving, snorkelling and scuba diving, or get certified there. Dive in.

From Dhs400. Nad Al Sheba, deepdivedubai.com.



Stock up on sushi at Seven Sisters Dubai

Fans of maki, nigiri and sashimi will love Seven Sisters' sushi night. Happening every Monday between 8am and midnight, the evening includes two hours of unlimited sushi with either free-flowing house drinks for Dhs195 or unlimited bubbly for Dhs270.

Dhs195 (unlimited sushi with house beverages), Dhs270 (unlimited sushi with bubbly). Mon 8pm-midnight (8pm-10pm or 10-midnight). JW Marriott Marquis Dubai, Business Bay, sevensistersdubai.com (056 775 4777).

September 21



Argam at Time Out Market Dubai

Arqam, an Emirati singer, has the kind of voice that is sure to stop diners mid-bite through their pastrami Reuben from Local Fire by The Mattar Farm. The artist says he draws inspiration from Motown, Boyz II Men, and neosoul to Lenny Kravitz. A must-do in Dubai in September.

Free. Tue Sep 21, 7pm-10pm. Time Out Market Dubai, Souk Al Bahar, Downtown Dubai, timeoutdubai.com/time-out-market-dubai.



Be immersed at Infinity des Lumières

Now open at The Dubai Mall, Infinity des Lumières is a brand-new, immersive digital art centre experience showcasing some of the world's greatest masterpieces, from some of the most famous artists ever to have painted on this earth. And visitors can literally step inside these exhibitions, becoming part of each work as it slides, swirls and pulses to the sounds of carefully composed soundtracks. Among the three exhibitions currently running at the space, Van Gogh features perhaps some of the most instantly recognisable works with pieces including The Potato Eaters, Sunflowers, Starry Night and Bedroom at Arles.

Dhs125 (adults), Dhs75 (kids aged three to 13). Open Sun-Wed 10am-9pm, Thu-Sat 10am-11pm. The Dubai Mall, Downtown Dubai, infinitylumieres.com.



Experience The Queen Experience aboard The QE2

Live music, shows and gigs are back in action here in Dubai, and if you're looking for a top performance in a unique venue, stick this on your list. Paying homage to one of the greatest bands of all time, The Queen Experience will rock Dubai – and specifically The QE2 – on Thursday September 23 and Friday September 24 as they recreate what is Queen's iconic Wembley concert. All aboard.

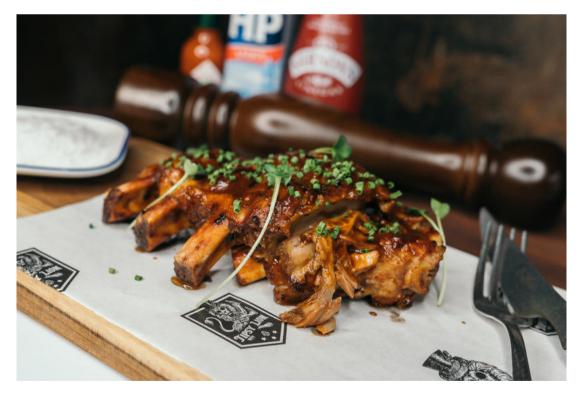
From Dhs165. Thu Sep 23-Fri Sep 24, 7.30pm-10pm. Theatre by QE2, Port Rashid, theatrebyqe2.com.



Brunch it up at **CLAP**

This DIFC-based hotspot received the award for best new fine dining restaurant at the Time Out Dubai Restaurant Awards 2021, so if you've been looking for an excuse to visit CLAP, here's another one to add to your evergrowing list: brunch. Happening every Friday between noon and 4pm, the brand-new brunch kicks off with a selection of bites, sharing-style salads, plus a platter of maki rolls, freshly shucked oysters, sashimi, and nigiri. You'll have a choice of main courses (with plenty of veggie-friendly options, too) and a selection of desserts. Prices start from Dhs549 and there will also be live entertainment including stellar sets from Dubai's very own Frederick Stone. If CLAP's award-winning à la carte menu is anything to go by, this is a brunch you'll want to get on your radar – right now. Dhs549 (soft drinks), Dhs649 (sparking, grape and hops), Dhs749 (bubbly and mixed drinks). Fri noon-4pm. Gate Village 11, DIFC, claprestaurant.com (04 569 3820).

September 25



Enjoy a British-style barbecue

Tuck into a barbecue platter along with two hours of free-flowing hops, grape, and pitchers of grape-based mixed drinks for Dhs150 every Saturday at the Tipsy Lion. The sharing-style platter comes packed with smoked brisket, beef chorizo, barbecued chicken and a wealth of sides include tatties, onion and beef salad, fries, Cajun baked beans, and corn on the cob. Fancy keeping the fun going? You can add an extra hour of drinks for Dhs50.

Dhs150 (house beverages), Dhs50 (for an additional hour). Sat 1pm-3pm. Sofitel Dubai Downtown, Downtown Dubai (058 896 0045).



Get pampered at Mandara Spa

Visit The H Dubai's Mandara Spa between 10am and 4pm and you'll receive a not-so-shabby 40 percent off the bill. You can also head to the relaxation room to well, relax, along with free herbal teas, flavoured waters and fresh fruits. And relax.

Prices vary. Daily 10am-4pm. Ongoing. The H Dubai, Sheikh Zayed Road (056 818 6623).

September 27



Make a splash at DRIFT Beach Dubai

Looking for a luxurious pool and beach day to take advantage of this month? DRIFT Beach Dubai has finally reopened after a summer hiatus and the stunning beach club is as swish as they come, with picturesque views of the Dubai Marina skyline. It's Dhs200 per person during the week and Dhs250 on the weekend. If you fancy making a full day out of it, there's also a top breakfast menu to tuck into featuring dishes like truffle scrambled eggs, Italian frittata, avocado on toast, and freshly baked pastries. Is that pool bag packed yet? For more Dubai pool day deals, head here. Dhs200 (single sunbed – Sun-Thu), Dhs250 (single sunbed – Fri-Sat). Open daily 9am-9pm (restaurant); 10am-7pm (pool and beach). One&Only Royal Mirage, Al Sufouh, driftbeachdubai.com (04 315 2200).



As Per Casper at Time Out Market Dubai

The As Per Casper contingent is made up of musicians from across the region. Lead singer-songwriter Carla pairs herself with a rolling roster of musicians to bridge the traditional Western and Oriental into a rich, full-bodied, symphonic musical piece. Not to be missed.

Free. Tue Sep 28, 7pm-10pm. Time Out Market Dubai, Souk Al Bahar, Downtown Dubai, timeoutmarket.com/dubai.

September 29



Don't miss out on seeing Russell Kane live at Dubai Opera

It's been four years since the British funnyman had Dubai audiences in stitches and Russell Kane is intending to have you keeling over with laughter once again at the Dubai Opera on Wednesday September 29. Known as one of the quickest comics on the circuit, his portfolio includes The Royal Variety Performance, Live At The Apollo as well as I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here Now!. This is one comedy gig coming to Dubai this September that you don't want to miss. From Dhs150. Wed Sep 29, 8pm. Dubai Opera, Downtown Dubai,

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See a flamenco masterpiece

Are you ready to spice up your September? The latest production by the supremely talented Juan Manuel Fernandez Montoya sees the grandson of one of the flamenco kings, El Farruco, thrill audiences with brilliant routines to the sound of Spanish songs and guitar strumming.

From Dhs250. Thu Sep 30, 8pm. Dubai Opera, Downtown Dubai, dubaiopera.com.

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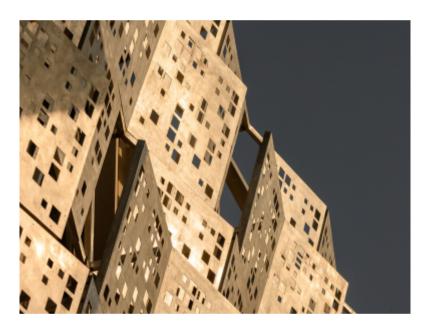
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