



IB TEACHER-TRAINING WORKSHOPS

at Dubai International Academy Al Barsha

INNOVENTURES EDUCATION TRAINING CENTRE

20 - 22 September 2024

WORKSHOP VENUE

Dubai International Academy (DIA) Al Barsha*

Al Barsha Road, Al Barsha 1, Dubai UAE

DIA Al Barsha is conveniently situated close to Mall of the Emirates, roughly 30 minutes by car from Dubai International Airport and 40 minutes from Dubai World Central.

To see the location on a map, follow this [link](#).

*** Note that there are two DIA schools in Dubai – please ensure that you are visiting DIA Al Barsha not DIA Emirates Hills.**



HOW TO GET THERE

Dubai has two world-class airports* – Dubai International Airport (DXB) and Dubai World Central (DWC). Both offer transport options for getting into the city.

Once you are in Dubai, there are plenty of [public or private transport options](#), including [Dubai Metro](#) and taxis are plentiful and cheap and can be hailed from the side of the road. They can be paid for with cash (UAE Dirhams) or a credit/debit card. Be aware that you might be offered a black limo from the airport (sometimes the taxi rank officials try to direct you to these especially if it is busy), but these are more expensive than the normal cream-coloured taxis. Single female travellers might want to look out for “pink” taxis which are driven by female drivers.

While in Dubai, you can book taxis via the **Careem** app on your smartphone and will be offered either a Careem car or a standard taxi. If you need to telephone for a taxi at any point, the number to use is 800 88088. Alternatively, you can use **Uber** in Dubai.

Dubai International Academy Al Barsha is on a number of bus routes and is just a 15-minute walk from the metro station at the Mall of the Emirates.

If you are resident in Dubai and wish to drive to DIA Al Barsha, there is plenty of parking at the front of the school.

* Before you travel to the UAE, please [check visa requirements](#) and make sure you have a valid visa if needed. Please ensure that your passport has at least 6 months validity.

Please note that we do not recommend that you make any non-refundable travel or accommodation arrangements until you have received confirmation in writing that your workshop will go ahead. We reserve the right to cancel any workshops which do not gain sufficient bookings to make them viable to run.

WHERE TO STAY

There is [a wide range of hotels in the Al Barsha area](#), with plenty of options to suit a range of budgets including brands such as IBIS, Sheraton, CityMax, Millennium and Novotel Suites.

We recommend using either the hotel's own website or using one of the very popular booking sites like [hotels.com](#) or [booking.com](#), and searching for hotels to suit your budget in the Dubai Al Barsha area.

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WHAT TO BRING

Please bring a laptop and charger. As we work towards our carbon-neutral goals, we are trying to minimise the use of paper and will therefore share all materials electronically.

Your workshop leader will be in touch with you before the workshop – please bring any materials requested in advance by your workshop leader, including your **subject guide (there will be no spare copies on site)**. Bring either electronic or paper versions as you prefer

Please also bring a refillable water bottle as we will no longer be supplying any single use plastic water bottles. There will be plenty of opportunities to refill your water bottle during the course of any day around the corridors and at breaks and lunches.

Sunscreen... hats... lightweight clothing and the usual requisites for landing in a country that has a tendency to be hot and humid.

TEN THINGS TO DO IN DUBAI

1. Go up the Burj Khalifa (book in advance online) or just go and watch the fountains at the foot of it at Dubai Mall <https://www.burjkhalifa.ae>
2. Wander around Al Fahidi Historical Neighbourhood in Bur Dubai, with its winding alleyways and wind towers. Get a taste of Old Dubai during the mid-19th century.
3. Visit Dubai Creek and take in the Gold Souq and Spice Souq, cross the creek on an Abra (small boat) or walk along Al Seef area <https://alseef.ae/en>
4. Visit a museum, Dubai Museum, Etihad Museum or Museum of the Future (this one has to be booked a month or so in advance online) <https://museumofthefuture.ae>
5. Go skiing at Mall of the Emirates, indoor ski slope or just enjoy the snow <https://www.skidxb.com>
6. Explore Madinat Jumeriah with its modern souq and plenty of restaurants, there is also The theatre of the Digital Age to visit <https://www.toda.ae/en/>
7. Take a walk along the beach alongside Jumeriah Beach Road or use a scooter or bike
8. Take in a show at Dubai Opera <https://www.dubaiopera.com>
9. Travel to the Palm and go to The Pointe or visit Nakheel Mall or The Atlantis
10. Go on a desert safari, city tour or dhow cruise or take a trip to Abu Dhabi to see the amazing Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque

TIMETABLE A

DAY 1 – FRIDAY 20 September 2024

08:30 – 09:00	Arrival and registration
09:00 – 09:15	Welcome
09:15 – 10:35	Subject session 1 (1h 20 mins)
10:35 – 11:00	Refreshment Break (25 mins)
11:00 – 12:20	Subject session 2 (1h 20 mins)
12:20 – 13:15	Lunch (55 mins)
13:15 – 14:55	Subject session 3 (1h 40 mins)
14:55 – 15:20	Refreshment Break
15:20 – 17:00	Subject session 4 (1h 40 mins)

DAY 2 – SATURDAY 21 September 2024

09:00 – 10:40	Subject session 5 (1h 40 mins)
10:40 – 11:05	Refreshment Break (25 mins)
11:05 – 12:45	Subject session 6 (1h 40 mins)
12:45 – 13:40	Lunch (55 mins)
13:40 – 15:00	Subject session 7 (1h 20 mins)
15:00 – 15:25	Refreshment Break (25 mins)
15:25 – 16:45	Subject session 8 (1h 20 mins)

DAY 3 – SUNDAY 22 September 2024

09:00 – 10:20	Subject session 9 (1h 20 mins)
10:20 – 10:40	Refreshment Break (20 mins)
10:40 – 12:20	Subject session 10 (1h 40 mins)
12:20	Workshop Ends. Depart

TIMETABLE B

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09:00 – 09:15	Welcome
09:15 – 10:55	Subject session 1 (1h 40 mins)
10:55 – 11:20	Refreshment Break (25 mins)
11:20 – 13:00	Subject session 2 (1h 40 mins)
13:00 – 13:55	Lunch (55 mins)
13:55 – 15:15	Subject session 3 (1h 20mins)
15:15 – 15:40	Refreshment Break (25 mins)
15:40 – 17:00	Subject session 4 (1h 20mins)

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09:00 – 10:20	Subject session 5 (1h 20 mins)
10:20 – 10:45	Refreshment Break (25 mins)
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Arabic A: Language and literature

Arabic Ab Initio

Arabic B

Biology

Biology: A focus on IA

Business management

Chemistry

Computer Science

Creativity, activity, service

Design technology

Economics

English A: Language and literature

ESS

French B

Head of school

Language Ab Initio (generic)

DP Leading the learning

Librarians

Managing the extended essay

Maths: Analysis and approaches

Maths: App and interpretation

Navigating leadership

Physics

Psychology

Social and emotional learning

Spanish Ab Initio

Spanish B

Supporting Uni Admissions

DP The role of the coordinator

The role of the supervisor in the EE

Theory of knowledge

TOK for subject teachers

Visual arts

Visual arts: From easel to screen,
assessment for a digital age

OPTIONAL TOURS

The following tours are provided by Orient Tours, a long-established and reputable tour operator based in the UAE.

To book, please call: **Orient Tours LLC** on 04-28 28 238, send an email to localsales@orienttours.ae or you can book with their on-site representative who will be present during the IBICUS WORKSHOPS. Full payment required at the time of booking; any cancellations within 48 hours charged in full.

FRIDAY 20 September 2024

DESERT SAFARI

Pick-up at 17:00 from DIA Al Barsha
Drop-off approx 21:00 to your hotel or nearest metro.
Price: AED 190 (USD 52) Per Person

This tour departs in the evening for a short drive in 4WD vehicles over the sand dunes to reach our campsite, where you have the opportunity to enjoy **camel riding, sand boarding, shisha** (famous Arabic smoking-water pipe) and get a **henna design** on your hands or feet. Our **Tanoora Dancer** will treat you with his performance before the delicious **barbecue dinner** and before returning to Dubai, you can watch our **belly dancer performing** her show by starlight.



TOUR OF ABU DHABI GRAND MOSQUE

Pick-up 17:00hrs from DIA Al Barsha
Drop-off approx. 22:30 to your hotel
Price: AED 250 (USD 69) per person

Taking in the **spectacular Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque**, Abu Dhabi's stunning and architecturally impressive white marble mosque. Next a short drive to Yas Island, a brief stop at the exciting Ferrari World Abu Dhabi allows enthusiasts a chance to purchase souvenirs at the world's first and only Ferrari-designed motorsport theme park.

Please note there are 1.5hour transfers each way to Abu Dhabi. Transfers and guided tour included; meals and refreshments at your own expense.

NOTE: Strict dress codes must be observed and ladies must wear long sleeves and long skirts or trousers; no see through garments, men must wear long trousers.



SATURDAY 21 September 2024

DINNER CRUISE on the DUBAI MARINA

Pick-up 19:00 from your hotel

Drop off approx 23:00 to your hotel or nearest metro.

Cruise Time in the Dubai Marina: 2 hours (20:30 – 22:30)

Price: AED 255 (USD 70) Per Person



For a fabulous relaxing evening, join our **mega yacht** for an evening's cruise on the Dubai Marina. Enjoy a sumptuous feast of **Arabic and International cuisine** while gently gliding past Blue Water, Palm Jumeirah, JBR, Marina, and Atlantis the Palm.

VISIT TO THE OBSERVATORIES

Pick up 17:00 from DIA Al Barsha

Drop off approx 22:00 to your hotel or nearest metro

Price AED 395 (USD 110) per person

This tour starts with a visit to **The View at The Palm** located in the biggest manmade island in the world (Palm Jumeirah). Placed on The Palm Tower's 52nd floor (240 meters), The View at The Palm gives you the chance to take in the Palm Jumeirah, along with its 16 fronds, the trunk, and the crescent, in its entire splendor.

Next drive along Sheikh Zayed Road to view some of Dubai's most recognizable architectural landmarks. At Zabeel Park you will visit Dubai's latest attraction – Dubai Frame. Soaring 150m high and connected by a 100m bridge with a partial glass floor, Dubai Frame offers stunning 360° views of Dubai's Old Quarter to one side and its futuristic skyline to the other.

The tour continues towards the downtown Burj Dubai district to visit Burj Khalifa, the tallest building in the world. Enter the complex and board a high-speed lift which ascends to the observation deck at 10 meters per second. As the doors open on level 124, floor-to-ceiling glass walls provide breath-taking 360-degree views of the city, desert and ocean sprawled beneath. On your return, there is time to see the **Dubai Aquarium** and **Dubai Fountain** which are located in the Dubai Mall.



Please note: Any bookings should be made direct with Orient Tours and IBICUS can take no responsibility for the success of the tour or any personal loss or injury. You should check that your own travel insurance covers such activities prior to booking.

COVID POLICY

IBICUS values health and safety. Participants are asked to stay at home when they are sick and follow any relevant COVID-19 guidelines while participating in a workshop event.

Please note that by registering to attend any in-person event, you acknowledge that you are aware of the existence of, and have fully accepted, the COVID-19-related risk to your health and to the health of your family, friends and other contacts, and that you choose to attend. While attending this event, you are fully responsible for your own health and safety. You must take all actions necessary to understand and abide by all of the requirements and guidelines put in place by school, venue, local and national authorities.

Guidelines for participation in an IB professional development workshop:

- Workshop leaders and participants will not travel to and attend the PD workshop(s) should they fall ill before the event.
- Workshop leaders and participants will respect national/state/local/venue COVID-19 guidelines during their attendance of the PD workshop(s).
- Workshop leaders and participants will remove themselves from the in-person PD event and will inform the relevant event organizer, if they fall ill during the workshop(s).

DO'S AND DON'TS...

DO

- Wear appropriate clothes, nothing too revealing
- Reserve your tickets for Burj Khalifa and the Museum of the Future in advance online if you want to go
- Remember it can be very hot - bring sun cream and drink lots of water
- Still visit Dubai Mall, even if shopping doesn't interest you. It has an ice-rink, indoor aquarium and you can watch the fountains at the foot of the Burj Khalifa
- Consider using the metro to get around to sightsee - You need to buy single, return and day-pass tickets or a cashless smart card known as Nol on the metro

DON'T

- Swear in public or made rude gestures – you can get yourself into big trouble
- Take somebody's picture without their consent, it is considered as an invasion of privacy of that person. It is also illegal to take photos of strategic and military locations, government organisations or political buildings for security reasons
- Eat, drink or chew gum on public transport
- Consume alcohol in public places or drink and drive
- Indulge in Public Displays of Affection

FAQs

What is included in the workshop fee?

Tuition from workshop leaders, all workshop materials, lunches and refreshments (see below) and admin support during the event.

How do I get from the airport to my hotel?

By far the easiest way is to take one of the many and reasonably priced taxis which are right outside the airport terminal. These are safe at any time of the day and single lady travellers are often offered a female driver (pink taxi).

How do I get from my hotel to the workshop venue?

Please take either a local bus, taxi or walk to the venue if you prefer. If you are driving, please come to the main entrance of DIA Al Barsha on Al Barsha Road.

When do the workshops start?

Please come through the main school entrance of Dubai International Academy (DIA) Al Barsha between 08:30 and 09:00 on Day 1 of your workshop to register and collect your name badge. There is no need to register at the front desks on subsequent days.

What should I wear?

Casual dress, but respectful of the local culture.

What to bring

Any materials requested in advance by your workshop leader, including your **subject guide (there will be no spare copies on site)**. Bring either electronic or paper versions as you prefer.

Do I need an electrical adaptor?

The electricity current is 220/240volts and requires 3-pin plugs (UK plugs work without an adaptor).

Can I access the internet at the school?

Wi-Fi is available in most areas of the school for your own smart phone/laptop. School ICT facilities are also available during break times.

What meals are provided?

Lunches and refreshments – including vegetarian options - are provided on Day 1 and Day 2 during the workshop. On Day 3 we finish before lunch but will provide refreshments at the morning break. If you have any special dietary requirements, please let us know at the time of booking or if you have already booked, please email admin@ibicus.org.uk before the workshop dates. For suggestions for your evening meals, you might like to look at www.timeoutdubai.com.

Is alcohol available in Dubai?

Dubai's licensing laws require venues serving alcohol be attached to hotels or a private clubs. It is illegal to drink in the street or in a public space.

What is the currency in Dubai?

The currency in the UAE is the Arab Emirates Dirham (AED).

What is the time difference?

The UAE is 4 hours ahead of GMT.

Do I get a Certificate after the event?

Yes, this will be sent to you as a PDF document around 2 weeks after the event.

How do I evaluate the workshop?

You will be emailed a link to complete an online evaluation form.

Where are the best places to shop?

Shopping is a pastime in Dubai whether in souks or malls. Mall of the Emirates (close to the workshop hotel and venue) and Dubai Mall (downtown but next to the world-famous Burj Khalifa) are extremely popular and are very busy in the evenings and at weekends.

<http://www.dubai-online.com/shopping/malls.htm> <http://www.guide2dubai.com/shopping/>
<http://www.dubaicity.com>

What will the weather be like in Dubai?

Average seasonal temperatures °C / °F



[Souk Madinat Jumeirah](#) is an indoor, air-conditioned souk with shops and restaurants lining the 'streets'. It is a 5-minute taxi ride from the workshop venue.

What if I need to cancel my place?

Our cancellation terms vary depending on how far in advance you wish to cancel your place. Please see our [terms and conditions](#) for further information.

What if I need a medical help?

If you feel ill during the workshop, please come to the reception desk and we will endeavour to assist. Obviously you should ask immediately at your hotel for assistance if you fall ill whilst resident there. **You should ensure, before you travel to the workshop, that you have appropriate accident, travel and medical insurance.**

Local emergency numbers

Police	999	Ambulance	998	Fire	997
Airport Enquiries	04 206 6666				
Dentists	Dr Michael's Dental Clinic		04 3495900 or 925 5996		
	Drs Nicholas and Asp		04 345 4443 or 919 41341		
Doctors	Al Zahra Clinic		04 378 6666		
	Dubai London Clinic		04 344 6663		
	Infinity Healthcare		04 343 6684		
	Mediclinic		04 449 5111		
Private Hospitals	Al Zahra Hospital		04 378 6666		
	American Hospital		04 377 5500		
	Wellcare Hospital		04 282 7788		
	Dubai Hospital (General)		04 219 5000		
	Rashid Hospital (A&E, Trauma)		04 219 2000		

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