

World's deepest dive pool opens in Dubai

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Dubai is famous for world records. It has the world's tallest skyscraper, the largest shopping mall and the most luxurious hotel. The city in the UAE now has the world's deepest dive pool. Deep Dive Dubai is 60 metres deep and is filled with nearly 14 million litres of water.

This is the same amount of water that is in six Olympic-sized swimming pools. The water temperature is 30° Celsius, so divers do not need to wear thick wetsuits. The pool is part of an oyster-shaped underground complex. It has an 80-seat restaurant and conference rooms. There is also an aquatic film studio with a complete editing room. This means movie-makers will use the complex to film underwater scenes.

The Crown Prince of Dubai, Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum, was one of the first guests at Deep Dive Dubai. He tested the water and did a dive. Actor Will Smith also visited the pool. The Deep Dive Dubai website invites visitors to "explore a stunning underwater attraction that is themed to resemble an abandoned sunken city". The site adds: "It will take several dives to explore this vast underwater city, which is filled with adventure and wonder. The pool is equipped with 56 cameras to ensure the safety of the divers. State-of-the-art lighting and sound systems create a variety of underwater moods." The pool is staffed by a team of expert international diving professionals.

Sources: [usatoday.com](https://www.usatoday.com) / [nypost.com](https://www.nypost.com) / [gulfnews.com](https://www.gulfnews.com)

Writing

Everybody should go to Dubai to see its record-breaking sights. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

Dubai / famous / world / record / skyscraper / shopping mall / swimming pool / film / crown / prince / guests / water / dive / attraction / underwater / lighting / sound

True / False

- 1) The article says Dubai has the widest hotel. T / F
- 2) The pool at Deep Dive Dubai contains 14 million litres of water. T / F
- 3) Divers at the pool never need to wear a wetsuit. T / F
- 4) The Deep Dive Dubai site is shaped like an oyster. T / F
- 5) The actor Will Smith was the first person to dive in the pool. T / F
- 6) The pool contains an attraction that looks like an abandoned city. T / F
- 7) All of the pool's attractions can be seen in just one dive. T / F
- 8) All of the diving staff at Deep Dive Dubai are from the UAE. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. famous | a. put on |
| 2. luxurious | b. huge |
| 3. wear | c. shoot |
| 4. amount | d. specialist |
| 5. film | e. upmarket |
| 6. guests | f. well known |
| 7. stunning | g. fitted out |
| 8. vast | h. extraordinary |
| 9. equipped | i. volume |
| 10. expert | j. visitors |

Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you know about Dubai?
- b) What do you think of Dubai?
- c) What is your city famous for?
- d) What do you think of a 60-metre-deep pool for diving?
- e) What do you think of scuba diving?
- f) How popular do you think Deep Dive Dubai will be?
- g) Would you like to go to Deep Dive Dubai?
- h) What do you think of the pool having a film studio?

Phrase Match

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| 1. the most luxurious | a. moods |
| 2. The water temperature | b. rooms |
| 3. oyster- | c. art lighting |
| 4. conference | d. shaped |
| 5. use the complex to film | e. diving professionals |
| 6. explore a stunning underwater | f. underwater scenes |
| 7. filled with adventure | g. is 30° Celsius |
| 8. State-of-the- | h. and wonder |
| 9. create a variety of underwater | i. attraction |
| 10. staffed by a team of expert international | j. hotel |

Discussion – Student B

- What do you think about what you read?
- Why do people go scuba diving?
- What attractions could Deep Dive Dubai add?
- Should Disneyland have a scuba diving attraction?
- What would you like to hear while you are scuba diving?
- Is it better to see marine life or an attraction while scuba diving?
- What would it be like to be a scuba diving professional?
- What questions would you like to ask Deep Dive Dubai's boss?

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

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Role Play

Role A – World's Tallest Building

You think the world's tallest building is the best thing about Dubai. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Ski Dubai, Deep Dive Dubai or shopping malls.

Role B – Ski Dubai

You think Ski Dubai is the best thing about Dubai. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): the world's tallest building, Deep Dive Dubai or shopping malls.

Role C – Deep Dive Dubai

You think Deep Dive Dubai is the best thing about Dubai. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Ski Dubai, the world's tallest building or shopping malls.

Role D – Shopping Malls

You think shopping malls are the best thing about Dubai. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Ski Dubai, Deep Dive Dubai or the world's tallest building.

Speaking – Dubai

Rank these with your partner. Put the best things about Dubai at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • Tallest building | • The desert |
| • Ski Dubai | • Shopping malls |
| • Deep Dive Dubai | • Restaurants |
| • Burj al Arab hotel | • Water parks |

Answers – True False

1 F	2 T	3 F	4 T	5 F	6 T	7 F	8 F
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.