

Packing list and travel tips

Get ready for your trip to Dubai!

Are you ready for three days of meeting with the Sage ecosystem, gaining business insights, and networking with your peers? We can't wait to welcome you. But first, you must pack your bags! Below we've covered the highlights of what you should consider bringing with you, and some helpful tips, too.

Prepare for travel:

- ☐ Check with your healthcare professional for advice on vaccinations
- ☐ International cell phone plan
- ☐ Make sure passport is valid (for at least 6 months after arrival)
- ☐ Purchase travel insurance coverage, if desired
- ☐ Travel documents, as required

Travel items:

- ☐ Book/tablet
- ☐ Earplugs
- ☐ Headphones
- ☐ Light jacket
- ☐ Luggage tags
- ☐ Neck pillow
- ☐ Passport
- ☐ Sleeping mask
- ☐ Snacks

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Business items:

- ☐ Business Cards
- ☐ Device charger(s)
- ☐ Folder or small bag to hold receipts
- ☐ Laptop
- ☐ Notebook
- ☐ Pens
- ☐ Smartphone

Personal items:

- ☐ Camera
- ☐ *Cash and credit card
- ☐ Gum or mouthwash
- ☐ Health insurance card
- ☐ **Medication
- ☐ Personal care items
- ☐ Plastic bag for dirty clothes
- ☐ Power plug adapters – UAE uses British style square, three-pin sockets. The standard voltage is 220/240 volts at 50 Hz.

Clothing:

When selecting your clothing, please remember that in the UAE, clothing should be modest. Avoid low necklines and high hemlines, and clothing with obscene graphics or slogans.

The overall conference dress code is business casual. Other activities may require a different dress code. Details are below.

☐ **Conference activities:**

Men: Button-up shirt and dress pants

Women: Blouse and skirt or dress pants

Shoes: At least 3 pairs of comfortable shoes, alternating daily

We suggest packing a sweater or jacket as temperatures can vary from meeting room to meeting room.

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Clothing continued:

☐ Welcome Dinner and Beach Party:

Dress code is resort casual. Think of this as a relaxed business meeting.

Men: Polo-style shirt, linen pants or nice shorts

Women: Sundress, maxi dress, or skirt and button-up blouse

We suggest packing a sweater or jacket and comfortable shoes suitable for grassy or sandy areas. Sandals are acceptable.

☐ Sage Foundation Fun Run 5km:

If you're participating in this event (sign up [here](#)), you'll want to pack athletic clothing and shoes.

Men and women: Sneakers, socks, running shorts, athletic (breathable) top, hat

You can use the chart below to map out your outfits by day:

	Travel Day	Conference Day 1	Evening Event Day 1	Conference Day 2	Evening Event Day 2	Conference Day 3	Travel Day
Top							
Bottom							
Shoes							
Accessories							

Extending your stay:

☐ After sun care

☐ Beach bag

☐ Comfortable walking shoes

☐ Hat

☐ Sandals/flip flops

☐ Scarf

☐ Sunglasses

☐ Sunscreen

☐ Swimsuits

☐ Umbrella

☐ Work out wear

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Tips:

- ☐ Avoid public displays of affection in public places.
- ☐ Be mindful of language and actions.
- ☐ Books, videos and magazines may be subject to scrutiny and may be censored.
- ☐ Do not take photos of locals without their permission. Taking photos of aircraft, military buildings, palaces, and courts is not permitted.
- ☐ Contact your credit card provider to inquire about any international fees you may incur.
- ☐ Electronic cigarettes are illegal and are likely to be confiscated.
- ☐ Review the [weather forecast](#) and pack appropriately; average temperatures in April: low, 22°C, 71°F and high, 33°C, 92°F.
- ☐ Schedule breakout sessions you plan to attend, utilizing the [agenda builder tool](#) so you're sure not to miss anything.
- ☐ *The monetary unit of the UAE is the Dirham (AED). Exchange rate is pegged to the US\$1 = AED3.66. Money changers and offsite branches of local banks can be found at the airport, shopping malls and commercial areas. For credit cards, Mastercard, Visa, American Express and Diners Club are widely accepted.
- ☐ **Some prescribed and over the counter medicines may be considered controlled substances in the UAE. Check with a UAE embassy, consulate, or your booking agent to find out if your medicine(s) are on the controlled list.
- ☐ Tipping is not expected or mandatory. Gratuities may be given to hotel staff at your discretion. Taxi drivers do not expect to be tipped.