



## Places Kids will Love

Indoor skiing, waterslides and more

### Ski Dubai

As bizarre as it may sound, this desert city does indeed have a ski slope. Located in the Mall of the Emirates, Ski Dubai boasts a massive 22,500m<sup>2</sup> indoor skiing area, including the first indoor black ski run in the world. As well as the serious skiing facilities, the slope offers a range of activities for children, including toboggan slides, a dual-track bobsled course, and even a chance to meet Ski Dubai's resident penguins, which come out to play at regular intervals.

### Wild Wadi Water Park

Dubai's original waterpark remains ever popular with families, with enough thrills to keep the whole family happy. Older children and adults can still get their adrenaline pumping on the range of waterslides including Jumeirah Sceirah, while younger children will love splashing about the wave pool and exploring the family play area.

### Aquaventure

With speed slides, river rapids, thrilling water rides, children's play area and a private beach, the 42-acre Aquaventure is the largest waterpark in the Middle East.

The Leap of Faith is one of the most popular attractions. From the top of The Ziggurat, the leap of Faith catapults riders into a transparent tunnel and through a shark-filled lagoon, where guitar sharks, bow mouth sharks and white tip, black tip and grey reef sharks all reside.

## **KidsZania**

With a name like KidZania, it's no surprise that this theme park is one of Dubai's most popular hangouts for children. The Dubai Mall-based venue is an interactive entertainment centre where kids can act out one of more than 80 role-playing experiences – from chef, to firefighter, to pilot - in a real city environment, offering an education and entertaining experience.

## **Dubai Aquarium & Underwater Zoo**

The next child-centric attraction isn't far from KidZania. Down a few escalators in The Dubai Mall lies the impressive Dubai Aquarium & Underwater Zoo. Home to all manner of beautiful creatures including sharks, stingrays and a colossal king crocodile, it's hard to believe such an extensive menagerie is contained inside a shopping mall. For those who want to get a bit closer to the action, the aquarium gives divers the chance to come face to face with fearsome sand tiger sharks. If that's one step too far, cage snorkelling can also be arranged.

## **SEGA Republic**

The theme park houses traditional attractions, but it's the not-so-typical simulations that make SEGA Republic worth a visit. There's a laser field, a virtual reality bobsled race that twists 360 degrees and the Sonic Hopper, a nine-metre free fall. Younger kids who don't make the height restrictions can shoot hoops, play Guitar Hero or enjoy the four-level soft play area.