

Current & Future Services of Public Water Transport in Dubai

Current Services

1. Conventional Motorized Abras

Traditional motorized Abras plying Dubai Creek move commuters between Deira and Bur Dubai through the following stations and routes:

- **Route 1:** From Deira Old Souk station to Bur Dubai Abra Station and vice versa.
- **Route 2:** From Al-Sabkha Station to Dubai Old Souk Station and vice versa.

Each Abra has a maximum loading capacity of 20 passengers. The trip only starts once the passenger count is complete.

Fare: One dirham per passenger per trip collected by the operator without the issuance of tickets.

The motorized Abra may also be rented for 20 dirhams for a trip along one of the mentioned route.

2. Rowing Abra:

Rowing Abras were the original mode of marine transport in the past, and are still in service. RTA attends to streamlining and overseeing these Abras shuttling between two stations:

- Creek Park Station
- Public Library Station

Fare: One dirham per passenger per trip.
30 Dirham per hour for a sightseeing trip across the Creek.



longer distance trips especially as comfortable, air-conditioned and well facilitated cabins are available for passengers. The ferry accommodates up to 100 passengers and there are distinct First Class seats and other specified for women and children.

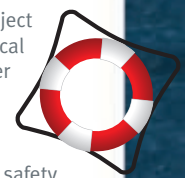


2. Water Taxi:

The water taxi provides luxurious travel across the waterways in full privacy and speed and stability. It works according to the same principles as land taxis, and it is the user who determines the loading and off-loading points and the required destination. Considering its small size and high maneuverability, the water taxi can access narrow canals. It enjoys a high level of balance and stability enabling it to navigate in open waters such as the Gulf. It is available for hire by one passenger or a group of a maximum 11 users, thereby providing privacy for families and friends; particularly ladies, kids and the elderly. Equally it is very practical for businesspeople who might wish to go to various islands in a short time span. It is air-conditioned, and the interior provides special luggage compartments, with specifications that meet the requirements of special needs passengers. The water taxi can be used for tourist purposes and will be coupled with extra services & features such as order by phone, tourist information through LCD, waiting service, prior booking, wireless internet service and others.

4. Sea & Safety Service:

Marine Agency is undertaking Sea & Safety Service (SSS), the project will be covering the coasts of the emirate of Dubai up to 40 nautical miles for the phase(1), and in the future will be extended to cover all territorial waters of the UAE, providing services 24 hours a day. It seeks to provide numerous and diverse services in marine safety such as tugging, towing, refueling, repairing of emergent faults, battery inspection and all matters related to marine safety. Marine Agency is becoming one of the key bodies that provide such a project to serve all sea-lovers by offering marine support services and supporting educative & training programs.



3. Water Bus:

This mass transit mode (existing service) is a deluxe service and has scheduled timings. It was launched on 16/08/2007 in sub-routes and longitudinal routes across the waterways. It has a total loading capacity of 36 passengers. The tourist route of the waterbus starts from Alshandagha passing by water transport stations and Ras Al Khor Wildlife Sanctuary, allowing water bus users to visit tourist attraction sites located along the banks of Dubai Creek. Tourists may plan their day according to the water bus tourist trips schedules.

Fare: Commuter Trips AED 4 per passenger per return-trip.
Tourists Trips AED 25 for children and 50 AED for adults

Future Services

1. Dubai Ferry:

Dubai Ferry will be deployed to provide excellent & luxurious cruise on Dubai Creek, inland waterways and the Arabian Gulf (within the range of semi-closed waters such as Dubai Creek, or areas designated for mega seafront projects within the waters of the Arabian Gulf). The service will connect offshore islands together and to the shoreline at an affordable cost under the prime objective of providing time-saving trips ensuring quick arrival to destinations. The service will run in accordance with preset timetables; enabling passengers to plan their trips in advance. The ferry service is appropriate for

