

# Global Village

This is a vast outdoor cultural entertainment centre. It is divided into themed areas, each offering entertainment from a different part of the world, from circus performers to Mesoamerican pan pipe players. The Pavillions are a chance to buy the arts and crafts of these different areas, from Indian pashmina shawl, to Japanese bonsai and fresh Canadian Maple Syrup. There are also restaurants and food stalls from across the globe to keep international foodies satisfied.



FEATURED EVENTS	
Rugby Sevens	<a href="http://www.dubairugby7s.com">www.dubairugby7s.com</a>
Global Village	<a href="http://www.globalvillage.ae">www.globalvillage.ae</a>
Dubai Tennis	<a href="http://www.dubaitennischampionships.com">www.dubaitennischampionships.com</a>
Dubai Shopping Festival	<a href="http://www.mydsf.com">www.mydsf.com</a>



Dubai's winter is when the weather is at its kindest and the social calendar really kicks into gear. The cooler months allow the city to put on its biggest outdoor events, from an international carnival of rugby to a whole month and a half purely dedicated to the art of shopping



## Anyone for Tennis?

This is another event where socialising can become as important as sporting endeavour. Despite its satellite status on the international tennis circuit, the Dubai Tennis Championship attracts some big international names. This year saw Roger Federer, Andre Agassi, Rafael Nadal, Maria Sharapova and Lindsay Davenport turn out, attracted by the US\$1 million on offer for both the men's and women's tournaments. With the Dubai Tennis Stadium next to the city's largest beer garden at The Irish Village it is often a well-lubricated gathering. The 2007 event takes place from 19 February to 3 March.



## Dubai Shopping Festival

The city's marketing folk may talk about Arabian heritage and glorious natural scenery, but Dubai is still best known for shopping. The city's malls are vast, sparkly palaces dedicated to consumerism and the 45 day long Dubai Shopping Festival has a number of events other than shopping.



# Rugby Tackle

Dubai Rugby Sevens is a gathering that rivals the Dubai World Cup horse race as the biggest event on the year's social calendar. It is the one big day out that many expat residents refuse to miss and is well worth a look for passing visitors. The Dubai Exiles Rugby Ground, which hosts the event, can hold 30,000 and will be full to capacity. All the world's main test sides will be competing for the Emirates International Trophy, with local teams scrapping it out on the first of 3 days of competition. The event is the traditional curtain raiser to the international sevens season, which goes on to Europe, Asia and Australasia. But often, very little rugby actually gets seen. The event is in effect a 3 day knees-up, climaxing in "Rugby Rock", with an international act headlining, though don't expect any big names. The event runs from 30 November to 2 December.