What’s on in Dubai

Dubai Festival City Mall light and water show

Venue: Festival Marina, Dubai Festival City
www.dubaifestivalcity.com

First presented in December last year, this unique spectacle of light, fire and water will stimulate your senses. The show is centred around an impressive 130 metre-wide water feature that, among other things, is complemented by 20 flame jets and two 40 metre-wide water screens on which laser shows are projected. The show, which resumes at the end of February, will run five times in the afternoon at the Dubai Festival City Mall, a large, newly developed residential, business and entertainment district near the airport.

Camel racing season

6—7 February, 7:00 and 14:00
Venue: Al Marmoum Camel Race track, Dubai—Al Ain Road, Exit 37

Some will likely consider this serious animal abuse, but racing on dromedary camels around dirt tracks is indeed an integral part of Emirate and Arab heritage. While the use of child jockeys has been forbidden in the Emirates since 2002, not much else has changed from the days when the first competitions were held back in the 1970s. Bred and raised specifically for racing, these animals can reach an impressive speed of 65 km/h. The races attract visitors from all the Gulf countries and are broadcast live on TV.

Concert: Thomas Gandey aka Cagedbaby

7 February, 20:30
Venue: Souk Madinat Jumeirah

Best known for his recent collaboration with UK DJ legend Radio Slave, Thomas Gandey aka Cagedbaby is probably the hottest that the European techno and deep house scene currently has to offer. A regular guest on BBC Radio 1, he has also toured with reputable bands such as Fatboy Slim, the Chemical Brothers and Underworld in recent years. On Thursday, he is scheduled to perform at the Souk Madinat Jumeirah.

Dralion: Cirque du Soleil

6—17 February
Venue: Dubai World Trade Centre
www.dralion.com

Running since 1998, this fusion between Eastern, Western and circus culture will be giving 18 performances at the Dubai World Trade Centre, with two shows per night. Spectators can look forward to a colourful and gravity-defying experience combining Chinese-inspired acrobatic arts with ballet and modern dance.

For more information on sights and events, please visit the website of the Dubai Department of Tourism and Commerce Marketing (www.definitelydubai.com)