

Buy an island, or a country, or at least a replica of one

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Off the coast of Dubai, [Al Nakheel Properties is building a chain of 300 islands in the shape of the world. Learn more about the project by watching their video.](#)

The growing artificiality and commercialization of Dubai concerns some people, however.

| Locals joke that Dubai's call to prayer is "Attention shoppers!"

The naysayers can cluck their tongues all they want. That won't prevent the construction of [an indoor ski slope](#). (Warning: Link has loud, annoying music.)

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