

Name: Chermalyn Lujanob

Student ID No. 118196

Date: February 06, 2023

Time Start: 11:18 pm

Time Finish: 11:35pm

I would say that the important story of my life was when I was in Dubai, United Arab Emirates for 12 years. At first, I was so nervous and excited when I knew that I was in Dubai airport already, because I saw the people in immigration was wearing black dress(abaya) for women's and long white shirt dress(kandura) with the pair of a white headgear for men's which is I felt that I was dreaming because I told to myself, I saw those people's only in the movie and yet, it is true that people's from Middle East are wearing this kind of clothes and they look so strict and their face are so serious but the truth is Emiratis people are friendly and very hospitable.

In my first two weeks of stayed, I felt that I want to go home, back to my country because I was alone every day in the house of my friend as she needs to go to work. I can see her again in the evening once she finished from work. I tried to go out but because I came there on Summertime so the weather was so hot and I felt that I'm inside of the mini oven, that's what I felt.

But later, I enjoyed a lot to stay in that country as I found a job after month, that time it's so easy to find job even though you are a visit visa as long as the company wants to hire you, they will process your employment visa without any problem.

Although Arabic is the main language of the country, English is their second language as this is most individuals in and out of workplace because there so many different nationalities in Dubai.

Women's can travel freely in Dubai, because it's a safe country, wearing headscarf in public is not required for women but you must dress properly. There's a place that you must wear the headscarf that is if you are visiting the mosques. Also, women are frequently given priority at the government buildings, which include distinct lines for them.

When it comes to food, I really love their food especially as I love to explore different kind of cuisines, and everything here in USA and other countries that they have, you can find in Dubai. I can say this, because I visited 16 different countries already and each country before I visited, I will make sure that at least I have an idea about their cultures and know the do's and don'ts especially Muslim countries.

Weekends in Dubai are held on different days, and it has been held on Friday and Saturday.

Most religious people in Dubai are observed through the Holy Month of Ramadan, which is lasts for 30 days and marked by fasting and prayer. This is the time of the year when Muslims fast during daylight hours in order to fulfill their responsibilities under the fourth pillar of Islam. However, since I'm a Catholic and some other colleagues, in order for us to have our meals and drinks during lunch, will make it sure that we are all in one room(Non-Muslims) of the offices and will cover the window by the curtains in order for us not to see of our Muslim colleagues to give them respect.

I would say that this is the important story of my life as I enjoyed a lot my stayed in Dubai for 12 years and it feels so happy and proud of myself to experience all the things that I never think that it will be happened into my life. Thanks be to God.