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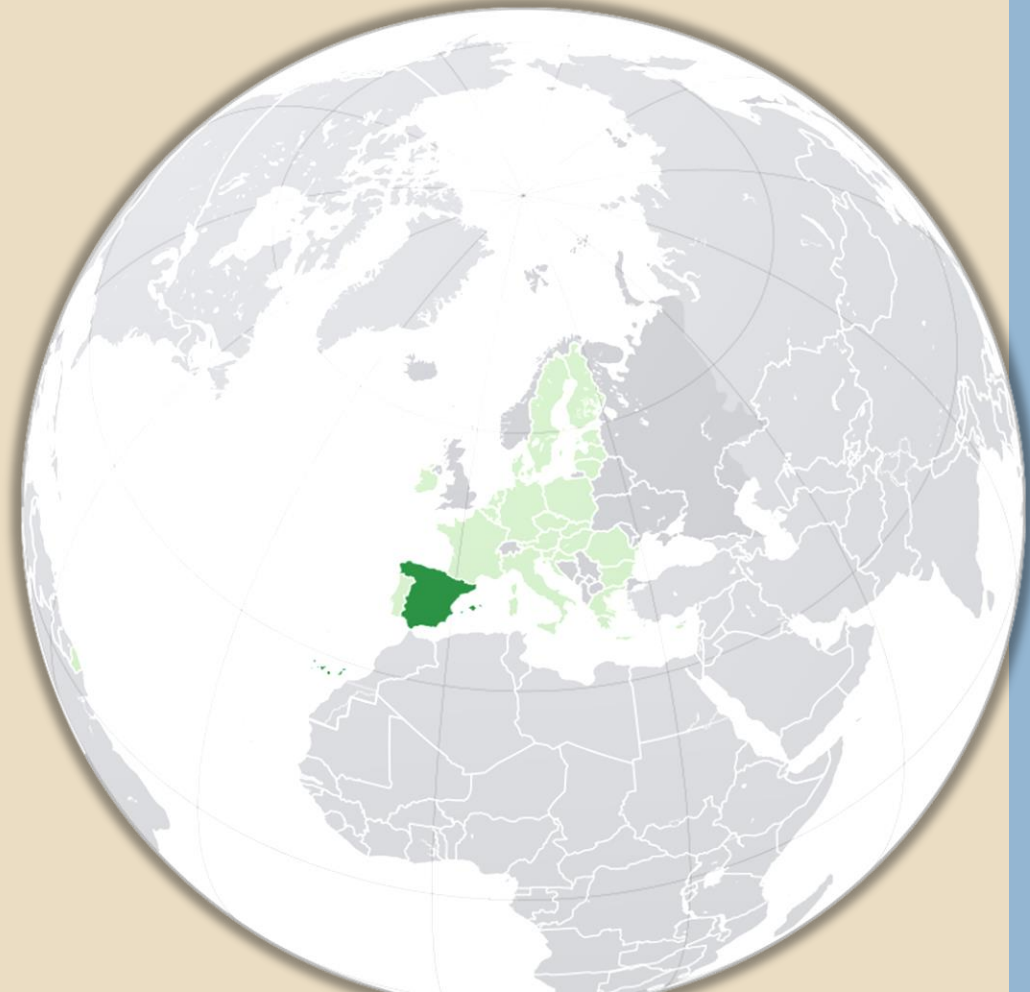
THE UNITED ARAB EMIRES

The UAE

GEOGRAPHY



Spain



There are five official languages in Spain: Castilian, Catalan, Galician, Basque and . The most common language in Spain is Spanish which is currently spoken by 94% of the total population as their first or second language.



The official language of the United Arab Emirates is Arabic. Modern Standard Arabic is taught in schools, and most native Emiratis speak a dialect of Gulf Arabic that is generally similar to that spoken in surrounding countries.



95% of Spaniards are Catholic and the remaining 5% follow Islam. Catholicism is everywhere and its influence can be seen in churches and museums.



About three-fifths of the population is Muslim, of which roughly four-fifths belong to the Sunni branch of Islam; Shi'i minorities exist in Dubai and Sharjah.



When greeting a woman you know, it's common to give two kisses, starting on the left cheek. Men usually shake their hands or hug if they're close. No matter the choice of living arrangements, families choose to live in close proximity to celebrate joyous occasions and rely on each other when hardship strikes. Families make it a point to meet up frequently and most often gather around a shared meal.



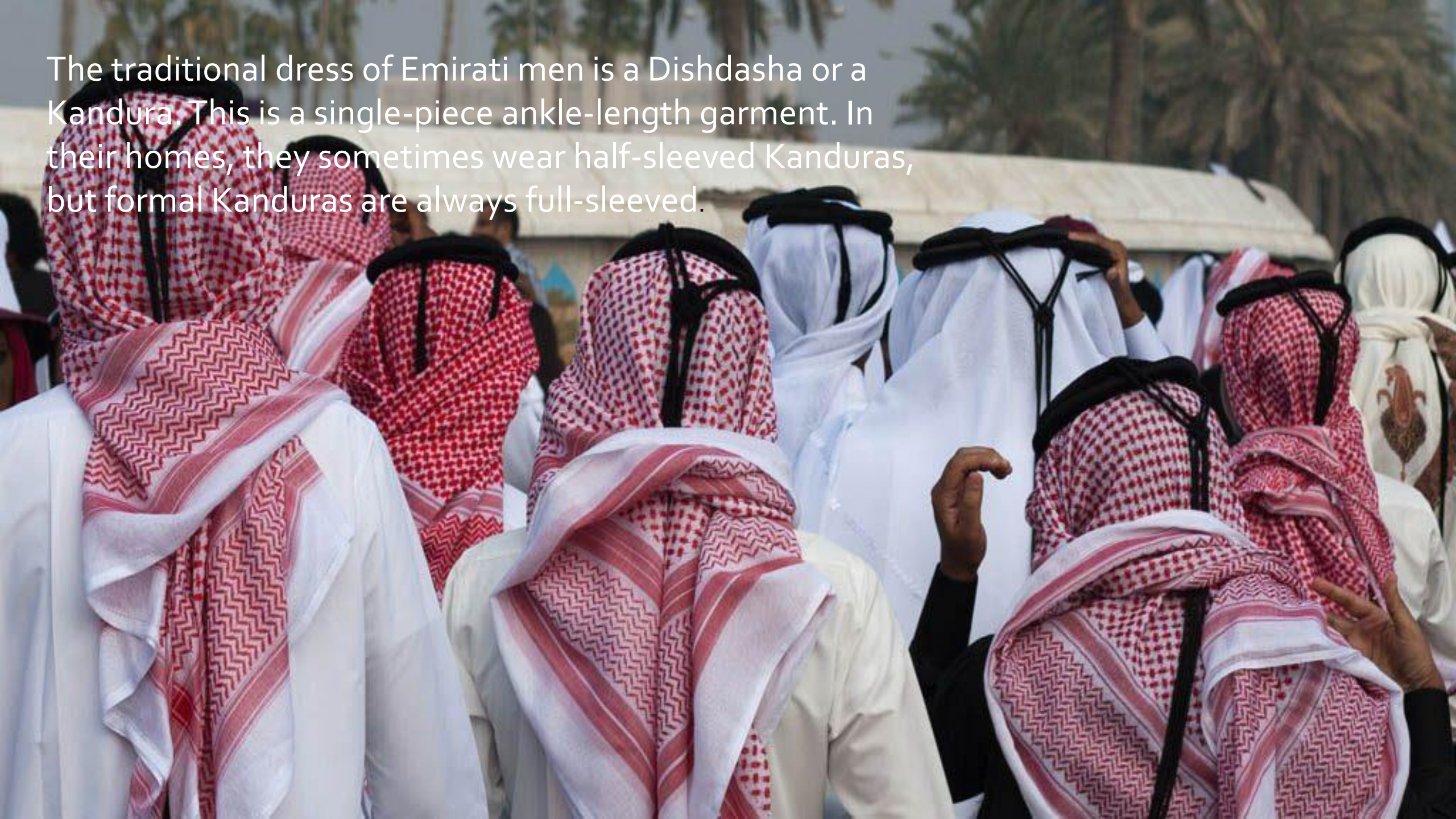
Annual festivals such as Qasr Al Hosn Festival, Sheikh Zayed Heritage Festival, Sultan bin Zayed Heritage Festival, Sharjah Heritage Days bring alive the UAE's heritage and gives the chance for the new generation to experience and value it.



Instead most people are familiar with the Andalusian-style of dress, which many outsiders consider the Spanish national costume [source: Worth]. Today, most people refer to Andalusian dress as flamenco.



The traditional dress of Emirati men is a Dishdasha or a Kandura. This is a single-piece ankle-length garment. In their homes, they sometimes wear half-sleeved Kanduras, but formal Kanduras are always full-sleeved.





The traditional outfit of Emirati women is Abaya. An elegant, loose, fitting flowing black cloak. The Abaya is always worn on top of other clothes. Underneath the cloak, women wear traditional or western clothes. The dark cover also helps hide the bright-colored garments.

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