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## A single GCC visa is what you have been waiting for to travel

– By Peyton Davis **It will allow seamless travel across the six nations.**

It will make travel to Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar and Saudi Arabia much easier if you currently reside in Dubai, UAE. The government has rolled out a plan similar to Europe's Schengen visa which allows the traveler to travel seamlessly around all countries under the umbrella of one common visa.

The visa will roll out between 2024 and 2025.

*(Reference : Khaleej times, Dec 2023)*



## Travel Trends

**Longevity is the latest wellness buzzword thanks to the hit Netflix documentary *Live to 100: Secrets of the Blue Zones*.**

In the last 3 years, investment in longevity clinics more than doubled from \$27 million to \$57 million globally. Now, the science of extending life and optimizing health has become the focus at hotels. Blue Zones retreats are here.

Since the pandemic, feeling good trumps looking good. This means a new willingness to go beyond diet and exercise and embrace sci-fi-sounding bio-regenerative treatments such as IV Therapy treatments that deliver essential vitamins, minerals, and nutrients directly into the bloodstream for optimal absorption, thereby boosting the immune function, energy levels, hydration, and recovery.

Alserkal Avenue in Dubai boasts of such a clinic which is the "largest health optimization and longevity clinic in the MiddleEast.

Poolside vitamin IV anyone?

*(Reference: CNTraveller, Dec 2023)*

## New Find this Season

**Global Village has another feather in its Guinness World Record cap. This time for the "Largest Illuminated Steel Sculpture of a Bird".**

The steel falcon, a salute to the UAE's national bird, stands at just under 8-metres tall with a wingspan of over 22-metres. Illuminated with 50,000 lights, the bird stands tall amongst 25 miniature replicas of famous landmarks from around the world at the multicultural park's Mini World. A new attraction at the Global Village, Mini World features iconic landmarks like Eiffel Tower, Taj Mahal, Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque, Burj Khalifa and the Statue of Liberty, among others.

The 28<sup>th</sup> season of the Global Village will run until April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

*(Reference : Khaleej times, Jan 2024)*



## Travel Tech

**Emirates is opening a new store that will allow passengers to check in and drop off their bags without having to go to the airport.**

Emirates opened a store that allows passengers to check-in and drop off their bags without having to go to the airport. The store, which opened in Dubai on April 27, 2023 is located in the city's financial district, which is 15 minutes from the airport by car, and around 30 minutes by public transport.

*(Reference : BusinessInsider, May 2023)*