

Day 1

I'm having an amazing time – such stunning **nature** / **natural** here in the Emirates! We went for a walk up the Hajar mountain range. At the beginning, the paths were very **rock** / **rocky**, but eventually we were able to catch some incredible views. Once we got past 400 metres, it became very quiet and **atmosphere** / **atmospheric**. If you think the UAE is all desert, you'd be surprised at just how **mountains** / **mountainous** parts of it are.

Day 2

We took a rental car down the road to explore the **coast** / **coastal** area from Dibba to Fujairah. There's some beautiful scenery, although when we got out, there was so much **wind** / **windy** that I had to hold on to my hat! We walked along empty beaches with no one to be seen for miles. Paradise! It's brilliant to see all the conservation work that has been done in some of those nature reserves.

Day 3

We borrowed a jeep from a friend to take a trip down to the Hafit Graves. He told us to be careful of the heat and the **dust** / **dusty**, but actually we found a **shade** / **shady** spot near some palm trees and ate a simple picnic of bread and dates. We had a lovely time, but by the end of the day the inside of the jeep was all **sand** / **sandy** – it took ages to clean it all out!