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According to HolidayCheck, the increasing cost of taking trips within Europe means more people are considering taking flights to Dubai and other alternative destinations to stock up on festive gifts.

The UAE state has minimum taxes and no duties on a whole range of goods, so shoppers can pick up bargains while also doing a bit of sightseeing and enjoying the average December temperatures of 23 degrees C.

The Dubai Mall, the largest in the world, offers 350,000 square metres of shops selling designer goods and various other consumer products. It also has branches of popular UK shops including Marks & Spencer and Hamley's amongst its 1,000 retail units.

As well as the Dubai Mall, the state has a wide range of attractions such as the Dubai Aquarium and Underwater Zoo and an indoor ice rink.

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