

A ROSENHEIM RESOURCE

Buying Timeline

The full journey, mapped week by week, from first search to handover.

Stages 1 to 6

Discovery through to negotiation

Week 1

1 **Discovery**

Define your budget, purpose (living or investment) and non-negotiables before viewing a single property.

Week 1-2

2 **Financing**

Get mortgage pre-approval or confirm proof of funds so you can move quickly once you find the right property.

Week 2

3 **Area Selection**

Shortlist two or three communities based on lifestyle, budget and investment goals.

Week 2-3

4 **Property Search**

Work with a RERA-registered agent to access listings that match your shortlist, including off-market opportunities.

Week 3-4

5 **Viewings**

View shortlisted properties at different times of day to get a true sense of traffic, noise and atmosphere.

Week 4

6 **Offer**

Submit a formal offer once you find the right property, backed by your financing position.

Stages 7 to 12

MOU through to aftercare

Week 4

7 **Negotiation**

Agree final price and terms with the seller, typically through your agent.

Week 4-5

8 **MOU**

Sign the Memorandum of Understanding (Form F) and pay the standard 10 percent deposit.

Week 5

9 **NOC**

The developer issues a No Objection Certificate confirming no outstanding service charges or liabilities.

Week 5-6

10 **Transfer**

Complete the transfer at a DLD trustee office, where the remaining balance and fees are settled.

Week 6

11 **Handover**

Receive your title deed and keys, and complete a snagging inspection if the property is new.

Week 6+

12 **Aftercare**

Set up DEWA, Ejari (if renting out), and ongoing property management if needed.

Timeline Variations

Cash, mortgage and off-plan run differently

PURCHASE TYPE	TYPICAL TIMELINE	WHAT CHANGES
Cash resale	1 to 3 weeks	No bank approval stage; transfer can happen as soon as both parties are ready
Mortgaged resale	4 to 8 weeks	Adds pre-approval, valuation and mortgage registration before transfer
Off-plan purchase	Reservation in days; full term runs to the developer's construction schedule	Staged payment plan replaces a single transfer; handover follows the build timeline, not a fixed number of weeks

ROSENHEIM TIP

Add one to two weeks of buffer to any timeline for document delays, especially if you are transferring funds internationally or applying for a Golden Visa alongside the purchase.

READY WHEN YOU ARE

Speak to a Dubai Property Advisor

Every timeline shifts depending on financing, property type and how quickly documents come together. A Rosenheim advisor can build a realistic timeline around your specific purchase.

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This timeline is indicative and provided for general information; actual timelines vary by transaction.