



**The Women's Travel Group presents**

# Dunes, Deserts & Glamping, Discover The Emirates & Oman

**December 2-13, 2024**

**O**n this twelve-day odyssey across the United Arab Emirates and Oman, you'll experience the ultra-modern and the timelessly traditional, from Dubai's iconic skyline to the vast, starlit expanse of Wahiba Sands. Explore Abu Dhabi, where the majestic Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque and the cultural treasure trove of the Louvre Abu Dhabi await, offering a glimpse into the artistic and spiritual soul of the region. Discover Oman's port capital of Muscat, Nizwa's impressive fort, picturesque highland villages, and Salalah's Frankincense trail of UNESCO heritage. Along the way, share a meal with an Emirati cultural ambassador, stroll the souqs, and learn about Bedouin culture.

## Program Highlights

- Stroll the streets of old Dubai in the Al Fahidi Historical Neighborhood.
- Enjoy spectacular views from the tallest building in the world, the Burj Khalifa in Dubai.
- Wander through the Mutfah Souq, one of the oldest and largest marketplaces in Oman.
- Catch a sunset over the scenic dunes of Wahiba Sands from your desert glamping camp.
- Head to the mountain Jebel Akhdar, one of the highest in the Arabian Peninsula, and walk through the villages that dot the landscape.
- Learn about the ancient UNESCO-listed aflaj irrigation system in Misfat Al Abriyeen, one of Oman's most beautiful villages.
- Experience the unique climate of Salalah in the Dhofar Mountains and greenery of Wadi Darbat.

## Optional Pre-Tour Night in Dubai with Sharjah Tour

Arrive in Dubai a day early to enjoy an extra night hotel Dec 1-2, and a half-day trip to the **Sharjah Museum of Islamic Civilization** on Dec 2, before the main program begins. This expansive museum houses more than 5,000 artifacts from the Islamic World across seven galleries.



**Pre-tour extension: Dec 1-2, 2024**  
**\$395 per person, double occupancy**  
**\$150 single supplement**

## Overview

<b>Day 1:</b> Mon, Dec 2	Arrive Dubai, UAE
<b>Day 2:</b> Tue, Dec 3	Dubai
<b>Day 3:</b> Wed, Dec 4	Dubai • Abu Dhabi
<b>Day 4:</b> Thu, Dec 5	Abu Dhabi • fly to Muscat, Oman
<b>Day 5:</b> Fri, Dec 6	Muscat
<b>Day 6:</b> Sat, Dec 7	Muscat • Wahiba Sands
<b>Day 7:</b> Sun, Dec 8	Wahiba Sands • Jebel Akhdar
<b>Day 8:</b> Mon, Dec 9	Jebel Akhdar • Nizwa
<b>Day 9:</b> Tue, Dec 10	Nizwa • Muscat via Bahla and Al Hamra

<b>Day 10:</b> Wed, Dec 11	Muscat • fly to Salalah
<b>Day 11:</b> Thu, Dec 12	Salalah
<b>Day 12:</b> Fri, Dec 13	Depart Salalah

## For Reservations & Information

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# UAE & Oman - Day by Day Itinerary

## Days 1-3: Dubai & Abu Dhabi, UAE

Arrive in Dubai and then explore this unique city from the oldest historical district to its newer architectural landmarks. In addition to visiting the beautiful Jumeirah Mosque, share a traditional Emirati meal at the Sheikh Mohammed Centre for Cultural Understanding. Discover Abu Dhabi, the capital of UAE, from the marble domes of the Qasr Al Watan Presidential Palace, to the wonderous Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque, which can accommodate nearly 50,000 worshippers, to the Louvre Abu Dhabi housed in an ornate geometric building. *Courtyard by Marriott Al Barsha or similar in Dubai. Pearl Rotana Capital Centre or similar in Abu Dhabi. [2B, 2L, 2D]*

## Days 4-5: Muscat, Oman

Fly on to Muscat, Oman. The combination of historic souqs, traditional whitewashed architecture, and old-school hospitality give Muscat arguably the most charm and authentic character of any capital on the Arabian Peninsula. Explore the grounds of the Sultan's Palace, the dazzling Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque and the Mutfah Souq. *Sheraton Oman Hotel or similar. [2B, 1L, 1D]*

## Days 6-7: Wahiba Sands & Jebel Akhdar

Driving along the scenic coastal road, stop at Bimmah Sinkhole and dip your toes in a crystal-clear pool 90 feet below the ground. Arrive at Wahiba Sands, an immense dune field, in time to enjoy sunset and spend a night glamping under the stars at a remote desert camp. Then drive on to Jebel Akhdar, one of the highest mountains on the Arabian Peninsula, exploring local villages on foot. *Desert Nights Camp or similar in Wahiba Sands. DusitD2 Naseem Resort or similar in Jebel Akhdar. [2B, 2L, 1D]*

## Day 8: Nizwa

The town of Nizwa is located at the crossroads of ancient trade routes. Visit Oman's most visited national monument, Nizwa Fort, strategically placed on a hilltop overlooking the colorful domes and bustling markets of the city below. *Golden Tulip or similar. [1B, 1L]*

## Day 9: Al Hamra

Stop by the UNESCO listed Bahla Fort and majestic Jibreen Castle en route to Al Hamra, a small mountainside town on the slopes of Jebel Shams. Experience Omani folklore, handicrafts and demonstrations at the Bait Al Safah Museum before visiting the beautiful village of Misfat Al Abriyeen. *Sheraton Oman Hotel or similar. [1B, 1L]*

## Days 10-12: Salalah

Fly to Salalah, Oman's greenest region, dotted with coconut palms, Baobabs, and tropical crops. Let your nose guide you through the Haffah Souq, filled with frankincense and perfume, and learn more about the frankincense trail at the Museum of the Land of Frankincense. Depart home. *Millennium Resort Salalah or similar [3B, 2L]*



## UAE and Oman – 12 Days December 2-13, 2024

**\$5,995 per person, double occupancy**  
**\$1,235 single supplement**

Plus, one-way flights Abu Dhabi-Muscat, Muscat-Salah, economy class, currently \$395 per person, subject to change until ticketed.

Reservations will be confirmed based on availability and upon receipt of a \$750 per person, non-refundable deposit. Full booking conditions will be included in the reservation form.

## Included

- All accommodations based on double/twin occupancy, hotel taxes (single rooms available on request for a supplement)
- Meals per itinerary
- One group arrival/departure transfer for passengers arriving to Dubai on Dec 2 and departing from Salalah on Dec 13 (individual transfers at other times are available for a supplement)
- All internal land transportation per itinerary: by private overland vehicles (coach, minibus, van or 4WD per itinerary and group size)
- Baggage handling at hotels, water on bus
- Special cultural events and extensive sightseeing, including entrance fees
- Welcome and farewell dinners
- Local English-speaking guides throughout land main tour itinerary
- Comprehensive pre-departure information

## Not Included

- Gratuities to local guides and drivers
- Travel insurance
- Roundtrip airfare from / to your home city. MIR can assist you with reservations.
- Passport and visa fees
- Personal items such as telephone calls, laundry, excess baggage fees
- Single supplement
- Items not expressly listed as included

## Air Arrangements

Program rates do not include international airfare. Information on recommended flight itinerary will be sent by our tour operator upon confirmation.