

Dubai, Oman, Sharjah and Abu Dhabi March 6-16 2021

Depart US/Canada March 6* 2021

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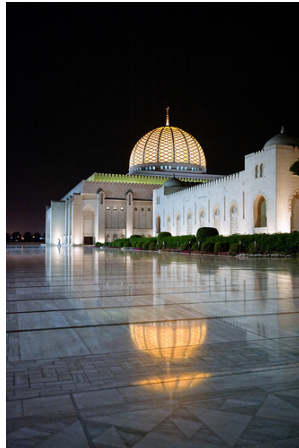
Price \$ 4449

Single: \$695

Deposit: \$600 of which \$350 non refundable.

Limited singles available.

Welcome to the most fabulous scenery and architecture in the world. From desert castles to modern museums. This is a special departure for women who love new destinations with good food and fine hotels. Flights from many cities are direct to Dubai. Weather is ideal. We combine Bedouins, souks, museums, camels, markets, gold, oases, mountains... for trip you will talk about forever. (Photos: official government tourism sites. Oman Tourism, VisitDubai, VisitAbuDhabi etc).



Suggested flights for Group Transfers. Our hotel is booked from 4 PM March 6. If you want an extra day, fly March 5, arrive March 6. The room will be available from 4PM on March 6. Optional transfers available if not on group flights.

GROUP FLIGHTS FOR INCLUDED TRANSFERS

JFK-DXB Emirates 204 Depart 3/6/2021 mid morning. Arrive Dubai 3/7/2021 early AM.

DXB-JFK Emirates 201 & 203 Leave Dubai March 16 early AM Arrive JFK AM same day.

Flight schedules might change from those above. Ask us for help on air tickets.

March 7 (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Arrival Dubai International Airport. Meet, greet and assist. Transfer to hotel. **(Rooms are booked from previous night for immediate check in).** After breakfast and a



quick rest: **12:30 PM** Full Day Tour of Old & New Dubai We start in Old Dubai, Al Bastakiya, with narrow lanes and tall wind towers (Barjeels). Continue to Dubai Museum in Al Fahidi Fort and stroll the Old Souk. Visit Sheikh Saeed's house built in 1894, preserved as a museum. This museum is a has historic documents, photographs and furnishings of the ruling family.

Next is the Heritage and Diving Village celebrating maritime heritage and showcasing traditional coastal lives and rich history of the UAE's pearl diving and fishing. Get aboard the Abra (water taxi) to cross the Creek to the Spice Souk. It is a traditional market of narrow lanes with open and closed-roof stores. Stores in the Spice Souk sell

fragrances and spices from frankincense and shisha to herbs. The trip to the Gold Souk demonstrates why Dubai is City of Gold. It's worth the visit even if you have no intention of buying, for atmosphere of shop glinting with 18, 21, 22 & 24 carat gold, showing-off the abundant riches of this part of the world.

Lunch in Al Dawar Revolving restaurant

The restaurant offers stunning views and international food. After lunch, continue to New Dubai. Proceed to Jumeirah Area. Photo stop at iconic Burj Al Arab Hotel. We continue to Palm Jumeirah, a fully reclaimed palm shaped island home to the magnificent Atlantis The Palm (Photo Stop). The next stop brings us to Dubai Marina, the largest man-made marina in the world with eye popping luxury yachts. Next stop is the base of what is currently the world's tallest building, Burj Khalifa. Here time to admire the Dubai Fountain, one of the world's largest performing fountains.

The Burj Khalifa skyscraper is a world-class destination and magnificent centerpiece of Downtown Burj Khalifa, Dubai's new urban masterpiece. The building is surrounded by hotels, must-visit shopping and entertainment options. **Dinner in a historic house,** with a speaker about social media in the Emirates. **(NOTE: we will move some sites to the last day depending on air schedules.)**

March 8 (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Check out and proceed to Sharjah, Culture Capital of UAE, also known as the 'Pearl of the Gulf'. We start with a photo-stop at the magnificent Al Noor Mosque on Al Buhaira Corniche and proceed to the largest mosque in Sharjah, King Faisal Mosque. We visit the Islamic Civilization Museum. Several galleries display restored artifacts celebrating Islamic contributions to World Heritage. We drive to 'Old Town'. Stroll through the

restored traditional market Souk Al Arsa. We proceed to Hatta. **Lunch served in Hatta Fort Hotel.**) We proceed to Muscat, Oman Overnight Muscat with dinner at our hotel.

March 9 (Breakfast, Dinner)

Oman looks and feels like the Past; the Sultan has conserved local architecture yet you see women working everywhere. The tour of Muscat begins through the beautiful embassy quarter en route to Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque. Visit the mosque, a splendor of unique Islamic architecture. The tour continues to Old Town on foot, strolling around Portuguese forts Jalali and Mirani and Qasr Al Alam, the Palace of HM Sultan Qaboos. Our next stop is Bait Al Zubair Museum with its wealth of information and exhibits on culture, tradition and heritage. We drive to Muttrah, a delightful quarter. Next stop is the amazing Royal Opera House. The Royal Opera House is Oman's premier venue for musical arts and culture. Discover the history and genesis in its structural boldness, technical innovation; and perhaps most of all, ROHM's breathtaking decorative artistry with motifs derived from Islamic, Mughal, Oriental and European art. One of the important highlights is the very fine collection of rare instruments here.

We will visit the ancient souk for shopping and photo ops. (Dress Code during Mosque Loose long trousers or long skirts, long sleeves, head scarf). Overnight Muscat. **Dinner Bait Al Luban Restaurant- one of the finest in Oman.**

March 10 (Breakfast,Dinner)

Day free for shopping at the colorful souk, or enjoy leisure time.

Optional Tour \$159 FULL DAY SAFARI WAHIBA AND WADI BANI KHALID with lunch (4WD)

Our 4WD vehicles take us through the fascinating Hajar Mountains and the town of Ibra to Wadi Bani Khalid, one of Oman's most beautiful wadis (dry river bed), famous for its



lush green oases, water pools and deep canyons. The tour proceeds to the Wahiba desert for an exciting dune drive. Visit a camel camp and gain an unforgettable experience of the Bedouins way of life. Picnic lunch en route. On the way back to Muscat there is a final stop at the village of Mudairib to see its traditional watch towers. Overnight Muscat **Dinner at our hotel.**

March 11 (Breakfast,Dinner)

Check out & proceed to Nizwa- Bahla- Jabreen. (8 hrs.) We start with a spectacular drive through the mountains via oases of Fanjahand Birkat AlMauz to reach Nizwa

UNESCO Heritage site, and the impressive 17th century Fort. On to Nizwa Souk famous for Bedouin silver jewelry. We continue via Tanuf and Bahla to Jabreen, to one of Oman's most beautiful forts. Check in to hotel in Nizwa and overnight. Dinner at Hotel.

March 12 (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Leave Oman and transfer to Al Ain (UAE) (Approximately 4 hrs. Including border formalities). Enjoy a day out taking in the sights of the beautiful garden city of Al Ain. En route to Al Ain, watch the fascinating and ever changing desert scenery on both sides. The tour continues with a visit of the renovated Old Palace of H.H. Sheikh Zayed, (Photo Stop) late ruler of Abu Dhabi and President of the U.A.E. Visit 'Falaj', the underground irrigation system at the Oasis. We stop at hot springs at Jebel Hafeet. Visit famous camel market Lunch and Dinner at Hotel Overnight at hotel in Al Ain.

March 13 (Breakfast, Lunch)

Check out. Transfer to Abu Dhabi City. Discover highlights of Abu Dhabi, capital of the Emirates, the Arabian Jewel. The first destination is the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque, one of the largest in the world. Continue to visit the Sheikh Zayed Centre to get a glimpse into the private life of H.H. Sheikh Zayed, often referred as "The Father of the UAE". Our next stop is Heritage Village where we are taken to the past to explore life before oil was discovered. A drive along the beautiful Corniche. .

Lunch at le Vendome -Emirates Palace Hotel (Lunch Buffet with water/ 1 glass of juice or soft drink or wine/beer). Using seasonal and carefully sourced produce, each dish is precisely fashioned by talented chefs to stand out as a star rather than just another in a hotel buffet. Check in to Hotel in Abu Dhabi Overnight Abu Dhabi. Dress Code for mosque Visit: loose long trousers or long skirts & sleeves to ankle/wrist.No tight/ transparent clothes, no visible tattoos. Women must cover head with a scarf.

March 14 (Breakfast)

Visit to Louvre Museum, 90 minutes sightseeing speed boat –Jalboot.
Panoramic drive. Louvre Abu Dhabi is a universal museum in the Arab world. Louvre Abu Dhabi is said to be a place of discovery, exchange and education. It plays an important social and social role in the United Arab Emirates. The museum presents important objects from archeology, art and arts and crafts. It also presents all regions, including contemporary art and the narrative of art history. 90 minutes private guided tour. Tour will continue with 90 Min. sightseeing cruise in Abu Dhabi by private speed boat. We finish with the Date Market. Rest of the day free for individual activities. Overnight in Abu Dhabi (There is a cafe in the museum for optional lunch).

March 15 (Breakfast, Farewell Dinner) Depart for Dubai AM. We stop en route at a Falcon Hospital. Arrival Dubai. **Any sites missed on arrival day will be added here.**

Farewell Dinner tonight: **Al Hadeerah Desert Camp, in Bab Al Shams Desert Resort & Spa**, with desert entertainment. Explore sights, sounds and tastes of Arabia at an authentic desert venue amidst rolling dunes. Feast under the stars with live music, dancing and traditional instruments.

March 16 (Boxed Breakfast if available)

Early AM departure for Emirates flights above. There will be one group transfer included for these early AM flights. Optional transfers available. Extra nights/transfers can be booked at optional cost.

Included:

One Group Transfer in each direction for flights arriving as above.
Hotels as listed or similar
English speaking guide
All sightseeing on the itinerary with entrance fees included
Meals as listed with service charges. Water or beverages listed above.
Water on our bus.
Desert BBQ Farewell dinner in the dunes.
Entry and departure taxes of \$85 per person
Modern air conditioned bus
Porterage at hotels, 1 bag per person
Tips to group transfer driver in/out bound.

Not Included:

Oman visa \$14 or UAE visa for non US/Canadian visitors
Tips to guide and drivers
Personal items, beverages not listed
Optional airport transfers if not on Group Flights.
Any item or meal not on our itinerary
Extra nights pre or post or private transfers in Dubai

2 nights at Metropolitan Hotel Dubai (**Deluxe Rooms**)

For more information about this hotel, please visit <http://metropolitanhoteldubai.com/>

3 nights Hormuz Grand Muscat (**Standard rooms**)

For more information about this hotel, please visit: <https://www.radissoncollection.com/en/hormuz-grand-hotel>

1 night Golden tulip, Nizwa (**Standard rooms**)

For more information about this hotel, please visit <http://www.goldentulipnizwa.com/>

1 night at Radisson BLU Al Ain (**Guest rooms**)

For more information about this hotel, please visit <https://www.radissonblu.com/en/resort-al-ain>

2 nights Novotel Abu Dhabi Al Bustan (**Superior rooms**) For more information about this hotel, please visit <https://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-6533-novotel-abu-dhabi-al-bustan/index.shtml>

1 night at Metropolitan Hotel Dubai (**Deluxe Rooms**) For more information about this hotel, please visit <http://metropolitanhoteldubai.com/>