



Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Oman: The Trip of Your Lifetime January 2023

Photos are from our 2021 trip

Why? Dubai is now the center of the globe. Modern skyscrapers yet traditional markets, sophisticated yet surrounded by endless dunes and aqua waters. Food excellent- European and Lebanese style. Each day is dramatically different. Highlights include our Desert Safari, Oman's forts, compelling souks for jewelry and crafts, stunning Louvre Museum Abu Dhabi, high mountains and green oases, wildlife and falcons. One night we dine with fascinating Emirati women; other meals are in top restaurants with views, authentic ambiance and choices. From start to finish, we are with excellent guides. **Pre Day Jan 11 Rooms are booked from 4PM today private transfers available.**

This trip was highly rated in 2021. Ask us for more photos. We upgraded our Dubai hotel so we are now near the world famous Dubai Mall-Largest in the world.

Price: \$4599 Single \$900 Deposit \$600 Balance Due 75 days prior to departure. For bookings within 75 days there can be a late booking handling fee.

Day 01 Jan 12

Arrival Dubai. Ask us for flights. We have one group transfer and optional private transfers. Flights usually arrive after 8/9PM. Our flights will be coordinated as closely as possible. Meet our Representative at Dubai International Airport, at the exit of the terminal outside. You will have specific instructions and a cell number for transfer staff. Transfer to hotel in Dubai. Check in. Overnight Dubai. Most flights arrive late at night; therefore we do not include dinner. There is a restaurant in our hotel, we are walkable to the Dubai Mall.

Day 02 BLD (breakfast/lunch/dinner)

Late departure today as you will have arrived late on Day 1. Depart from **Hilton Garden Inn** for Dubai City Tour (Old Dubai). Transfer to the lunch venue. Spectacular buffet lunch, in Al Dawaar Revolving Restaurant- Hyatt Regency Deira (+soft



beverages) After lunch proceed for the Dubai City Tour. Dubai City Tour Includes photo stop at Jumeirah Mosque, Walk through textile Market, Abra Creek Crossing, Visit Gold & Spice Souk . Tonight Dinner at Bait Al Qadeem historic house, with several young Emirati women who will share their lives with us. Depart from Bait Al Qadeem Transfer back to Hotel. Overnight in Dubai

Day 03 B, D at Safari (optional)

Breakfast in Dubai Depart for Sharjah City Tour - The 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, the King Faisal Mosque. We then visit the Islamic Civilization Museum. Galleries display carefully restored artifacts from the Muslim world, celebrating Islamic contribution to World Heritage. Here we get an excellent introduction to the areas we will visit: religion, customs, crafts. There is a nice museum shop for gifts. We drive to Sharjah's 'Old Town'. Stroll through the restored traditional market Souk Al Arsa. Transfer back to hotel in Dubai. Lunch on own.

Desert Wonder - OPTIONAL \$150 DESERT SAFARI, ENTERTAINMENT & DINNER

This tour takes us across the Arabian Desert with photo-stops during an exciting dune drive. Stop at a camel farm to learn about 'Ships of the Desert'. A spectacular sunset welcomes us at a traditional Arabian Campsite with 'Gahwa' Arabic coffee and local dates. Experience a brief camel ride if you want, try sand boarding and get a henna tattoo then relax. Whet your appetite with a Shawarma or Falafil sandwich, both popular local snacks before settling in to watch the evening's live entertainment. A mesmerizing Tanoura traditional folk dance is followed by an enthralling fire blower show. Enjoy a delicious barbecue dinner. Later a belly dance performed under the starlit sky brings the evening to a close. Transfer Hotel by 4wd's. Overnight Dubai

Day 04 B, D

Breakfast Dubai 12:00 – check out. We proceed by road to Muscat, the capital of Oman. Check in to hotel in Muscat. Dinner at **Hormuz Grand Muscat**. We are in the Sultanate of Oman, with authentic architecture, wonderful old forts, desert scenes. Overnight with dinner at our hotel.

Day 05 B, D

Depart for Muscat City Tour The tour begins by driving through the beautiful embassy quarter of Muscat en route to Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque. Visit the mosque, a religious landmark of Muscat and splendor of unique Islamic architecture. The tour continues to the Old Town where we proceed 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 the country's culture, tradition and heritage. We drive to Muttrah, a delightful quarter of Muscat. Visit to Mutrah Souq & Royal Opera House – some extra time at Souq ***Dress Code during Mosque Visit:** Loose long trousers or long skirts, long sleeves and a head scarf. Optional lunch. Rest of the day is leisure or spend it in the souk. Depart from hotel to Bait Al Luban Restaurant, traditional and exotic. Dinner Return to hotel with guide. Overnight in Muscat.



Day 06 B,D

Depart from Hormuz Grand Muscat Hotel to Nizwa Full day Tour (8 hrs.) We start with a spectacular drive through the Hajar Mountains via the

oases of Fanjah and Birkat Al Mauz to reach Nizwa and the impressive 17th century Fort. Then on to the Nizwa Souk famous for its Bedouin silver jewelry. Continue our tour to Bahla to Visit Jabreen Castle, one of Oman's most beautiful forts, famous for its wall and ceiling murals. Lunch on own. Check in Golden Tulip Hotel Nizwa. **Dinner at Golden Tulip Hotel** in the traditional open air courtyard. Overnight at Golden Tulip Hotel Nizwa.

Day 07 BLD

Breakfast Depart from Golden Tulip Hotel Nizwa transfer to Al Ain (we are now back in the Emirates). Transfer time approximate 4 hrs. (Including border formalities & transfer to Al Ain) Arrive Al Ain & remeet our UAE tour guide. Transfer to hotel in Al Ain Lunch at hotel in Al Ain Check in at hotel in Al Ain (Standard Check in time: 15:00 Hrs.) Ain City Sightseeing. Enjoy a great day out taking in the sights of the beautiful Garden City of Al Ain. En route to Al Ain, watch the fascinating ever changing desert scenery on both sides, on the way to Hajar mountains. The tour continues with a visit of the renovated Old Palace of H.H. Sheikh Zayed, (Photo Stop) the late ruler of Abu Dhabi and the late President of the U.A.E Visit 'Falaj', the underground irrigation system during a stop at Al Ain Oasis. Before returning, we stop at the hot springs at the foot of Jebel Hafeet. Visit the camel market during City Tour. This original UNESCO site, camel market was one of the most popular stops on our 2021 trip. It is the only remaining 'original' camel market in the world. Dinner and overnight **Radisson Al Ain**



Day 08 B,L



Transfer to Abu Dhabi, followed by Abu Dhabi City Tour. Discover the highlights of Abu Dhabi, capital of the Emirates, known as the Arabian Jewel. On arrival, the first destination is the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque, one of the largest mosques in the world covered with semi precious stones even on the floors. We continue to the Zayed constellation to get a glimpse into the private life of H.H. Sheikh Zayed, who is referred to as "The Father of the UAE". Our next stop is the Heritage Village to explore life before oil was discovered. A drive along the beautiful Corniche. ***Dress Code during Mosque Visit:** Loose long trousers or long skirts & long sleeves to ankle/wrist. No tight & transparent Clothing, no visible tattoos. Women must cover heads with a scarf hence we suggest to bring it along. Lunch at Mezlai - Emirates Palace Hotel (Set Menu inclusive of water & 1 glass of juice or soft drink or wine or beer) This is the 6 star hotel in Abu Dhabi and and the meal is endless plates of local specialities.

after lunch transfer to **Novotel Abu Dhabi Al Bustan Overnight** in Abu Dhabi.

Day 09 B

Breakfast then depart for Abu Dhabi City Tour with 90 minutes sightseeing speed boat ending at spectacular modern Louvre Museum, where we are guided through highlights. After Louvre, we visit date market Transfer back to Hotel. Lunch and Dinner at Guest Expenses Overnight in Abu Dhabi. Our hotels all have casual dining venues.



Day 10 BLD

Breakfast Check out from Abu Dhabi Hotel. Transfer to the Falcon Hospital Visit Falcon Hospital. The Abu Dhabi Falcon Hospital (ADFH) is the first public institution in the UAE providing comprehensive health care

services for falcons. Abu Dhabi Falcon Hospital is the largest falcon hospital in the world with a more than 75,000 patients in the first 14 years. On our last tour we saw operations, handled the birds and were amazed by these birds which can cost up to \$100,000. Drive to Dubai. Lunch at hotel in Dubai. Depart to Dubai Mall the largest in the world, and our city tour which includes the following. Drive on the Palm Island. Photo stop at Pointe (Palm Island) Photo stop at Burj Al Arab (from Jumeirah beach side) Drive through Ain Dubai Visit Burj Khalifa at the top – Level 124, one of the tallest in the world. Watch Dubai Fountains (inclusions may vary based on traffic) Transfer to dinner in the souk. Dinner at Karma Kafe Restaurant in Souk Al Bahar. Overnight at Selected hotel in Dubai. **Hilton Garden Inn.**

Day 11 Jan 22 B for later departures.

Check out from Hotel in Dubai. Depart from Hotel in Dubai Transfer to Dubai International Airport. One group transfer; private shared transfers available optionally. Transfer cost is

Included:

One Group Transfer in each direction meet and greet staff wait outside the airport.
Hotels as listed or similar
English speaking guide
Transportation by 35 seater if 10 going and 45 seater if 20 going.
All sightseeing on the itinerary with entrance fees included
Meals as listed with service charges.
Water or beverages listed above.
Water on our bus
Farewell Dinner 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:

Optional Desert Safari \$150

Oman visa (might not be required in 2023)
Departure taxes of \$85 per person
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 Private transfers are \$60 for up to 2 persons one way. If more need private transfers we will arrange for sharing of a larger vehicle.

