



Arabian Connection
Dubai



DUBAI



One of the seven Emirates that make up the United Arab Emirates on the Persian Gulf is the most populous (2.2 million) among the other Emirates. It is the second largest emirate of the U.A.E

after Abu Dhabi. Historically, there are records of the town of Dubai from 1799. Earlier in the 18th century the Bani Yas clan established itself in Dubai which was a dependent of the settlement of Abu Dhabi until 1833.

Dubai came under the protection of the United Kingdom by the Exclusive Agreement of 1892. The sheikhs agreed not to dispose of any territory except to the United Kingdom and not to enter into relationships with any foreign government other than the United Kingdom without its consent. In return, the British promised to protect the Trucial Coast (consisting of the other Emirates) from all aggression by sea and to help out in case of land attack. Like four of its neighbors, Abu Dhabi, Ras Al Khaimah, Sharjah and Umm Al-Qaiwain, Dubai's position on the route to India made it an important trade location.

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Dubai is unusual in that its population is comprised mainly of expatriates (80%), with UAE nationals (Emiratis) constituting the minority (20%). The majority of these expatriates come from South Asia and South East Asia. A quarter of the population reportedly traces their origins to neighboring Iran. The aspirations of the ruling sheikh are reflected by the ultra-modern architecture of the city; home to iconic skyscrapers such as Emirates Towers, which are the 12th and 24th tallest buildings in the world and the Burj al Arab located on its very own island in the Persian Gulf. Emaar Properties has just finished constructing the world's tallest structure, the Burj Dubai / Burj Khalifa – 828 Meters. Burj Dubai's neighbour is another behemoth: the world's largest shopping mall - the Dubai Mall.

Dubai is a place of fascinating contrasts, a distinctive blend of modern city and timeless desert, of East and West, of old and new. Lying on the calm, blue waters of the southern Arabian Gulf and flanked by the majestic desert on three sides and a mountain range towards Oman. Dubai offers year-round sunshine, five star luxury as well as the adventure of a unique Arabian experience. Where else can you spend a vacation that combines sand dunes and Middle Eastern culture with stunning high rise hotels overlooking pristine beaches and the warm turquoise waters of the Arabian Gulf (also known as the Persian Gulf). If that's not enough, Dubai is a shopper's paradise. The tiny emirate is a duty-free zone and during its Shopping Festival, two million visitors arrive looking for discounts on gold, electronics, clothing, and Persian carpets. Known in the region as 'the city of merchants', Dubai has welcomed seafarers and traders to its shores for generations. Today, this tradition of courtesy and hospitality lives on. Dubai's streets are clean and safe, it's desert climate and it's convenient location in the Arabian Gulf has endowed it with warm seas and cozy beaches. Its state of the art MICE infrastructure with numerous world-class hotels, meeting venues, incentive locations, international restaurants, unique programs activities, and shopping spectacles ensures its position as the Middle East's number one MICE destination. Dubai provides a full calendar of world class sporting events throughout the season.



HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum

The Vice President & Prime Minister of UAE & Ruler of Dubai

DUBAI CLIMATE

The summer months, from June to September, are too hot for comfort. Midday temperatures range from 35°C to 42°C, and occasionally top 49°C at the peak of summer. During this period there is a sharp drop in night time temperatures, with these falling to roughly half the midday readings, i.e. 20°C to 28°C, and providing a welcome respite from the searing heat of the day. Gulf waters exert a modifying influence on coastal zones, which experience less dramatic diurnal fluctuations in temperature, and higher humidity than inland regions.

Although the evenings are not so cool, coastal towns do have the advantage of pleasantly refreshing sea-breeze. Mountainous regions are also cooler and less humid. From December to March, the climate is considerably more equable with midday temperatures ranging from 25 to 35°C and falling to as low as 9°C at night.

TRAVEL TIPS

***Dubai** is a unique experience of Arabian desert traditions in one of the world's most modern cities. The residents are a blend of international cultures that provide gracious hospitality to a wide diversity of visitors who come for business and pleasure.*

***Travel:** Most travelers to Dubai pass through the Dubai International Airport. Being the regions' busiest and major transportation hub, it provides the world's best shopping experience at its DUTY FREE. One can easily arrange for transportation to the nearby city center or your hotel from the Arrival Terminal. Numerous car rentals have offices just beyond the baggage collection.*

***Money:** The currency of the country is the U.A.E. dirham (DH). It replaced the "Gulf Rupee" in 1971. Currently the exchange rate is US\$1=Dh3.65. There are many locations available to exchange currencies.*

***Communication:** Arabic is the official language of the U.A.E. However, only about 15% of Dubai residents are native Emiratis or Arabs from neighboring countries. English is actually the most widely spoken language. The majority of the expatriate community is composed of residents*

from Asian countries like India, Pakistan, or the Philippines. German and French are also widely spoken in hotels. Dubai has an effective telecommunications system. Most large hotels now provide business centers with full Internet services.

Health: *For most people, the most serious health care problem they will face in Dubai will be the effect of jet lag. This of course passes within a couple days with rest and adjustment to the local time zone and weather. Most people in Dubai drink bottled water as the main supply comes from desalination plants which is safe and has a distinct taste to it. Whenever one is in a location with extreme temperatures, one should be sure to wear adequate head covering, drink lots of fluids and use sunscreen lotion frequently.*

Security: *Although one should always take standard precautions, theft does not seem to be as much of an issue in Dubai as it is in other parts of the world. Hotel safes are provided in most rooms and it is always a good idea to take advantage of available security. Always take a copy of tickets, passports, credit cards, etc and pack in a separate location to minimize any problems if you should lose them.*

Activities: *People do come to Dubai for a variety of reasons. Increasingly Dubai hosts many professional sporting events as well as their annual Shopping Festival. It goes without saying that almost everyone who journeys here will take advantage of the scenic sights found on the beautiful beaches, Dubai Creek or the desert landscapes. While there are many family activities, at night the town comes alive in a variety of venues. Dubai does really provide something special for everyone from different walks of life.*

VISA REGULATIONS

The following nationalities holding below mentioned national passports with 6 months validity from the date of arrival in UAE, do not require a prior visa to travel to the United Arab Emirates as they can obtain it upon arrival (the visit visa will be stamped directly in the traveler's passport by immigration officials at the port of entry).

Europe	<i>United Kingdom, France, Italy, Germany, Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Austria, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Portugal, Ireland, Greece, Finland, Spain, Monaco, Vatican City, Iceland, Andorra, San Marino, Liechtenstein.</i>
America	<i>USA</i>
Oceania	<i>Australia, New Zealand.</i>
Asia	<i>Japan, Brunei, Singapore, Malaysia, Hong-Kong, South Korea.</i>
GCC	<i>(Gulf Cooperation Council Countries) Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Bahrain, Oman, Kuwait.</i>

All citizens of other nationalities not mentioned above require Visa prior to arrival.

DAY 1

Group arrives aboard at Dubai international airport.

Ahlan VIP meet and greet inside the airport.

Arabian Connection representatives will meet the group outside the airport terminal and escort them to air-conditioned luxury 45seater coaches waiting in the airport parking. We recommend max 35pax + 35pcs of luggage per 45seater. We will require 2 x 45seater coaches.

Transfer to the selected hotel.



Check-in at the hotel in a designated check-in area exclusively for the group. Keys will be ready for the group with prefilled registration cards. Guests will only sign the cards and proceed to the rooms. Concierge will take care of the baggage to drop them to the rooms.

DAY 2

07:00 – 08:00 Buffet breakfast in the hotel

09:00 Depart to experience traditional Dubai area, which is one of the most beautiful and original experience. Discover the history starting with the traditional heritage village, located near the mouth of Dubai Creek in the Shindagha district, features potters and weavers practicing traditional crafts, as well as exhibits and demonstrations of pearl diving. It is a place where the visitor can take a step back in time and experience some of Dubai's culture and heritage. Also a visit to the beautiful Dubai museum located in Al Fahidi Fort, which was built around 1787, and once guarded the landward approaches to the town. Galleries recreate scenes from the Creek, traditional Arab houses, mosques, the souk, date farms and desert and marine life. One of the more spectacular exhibits portrays pearl diving, including sets of pearl merchants' weights, scales and sieves. Also on display, are artefacts from several excavations in the emirate, recovered from graves that date back to the third millennium BC.



Walk through textile market and hop on to one of the **“Abra”** – the water taxis & get on to the Deira side of town. Walk down to the **Spice Souk** (**Souk** is the term often used to designate a market in any Arab city) near the mouth of the Creek. Visit one of the traditional spice shops trading some of the herbs and spices which are far cheaper than in Europe, and are routinely used to spice up Middle-Eastern salads, eggs and meat. The friendly shop keepers would be eager to explain you about the aromatic spice & their specialties.



The spice souk leads you to another interesting one: The **Gold Souk**. One of the largest retail gold markets in the world the Gold Souk sells Every-thing from ingots to intricately-worked jewelry, as well as precious stones and pearls, at bargain prices. This souk is a gold lover’s heaven. You’ll find the very latest designs in gold jewelry and are definitely spoilt for choice. This is a street full of jewelers & you have to see it to believe the quantity of gold stacked here.

12:00 – 13:00 Buffet international lunch at AL DAWAR REVOLVING RESTAURANT is located on 25th floor of Hyatt Regency, Dubai's only revolving restaurant giving an excellent view of 360 degree from the city of gold Dubai to the city of heritage Sharjah. The restaurant serves international buffet. Dress code is casual.



15:00 Transfer back to hotel to relax and refresh for the unique evening experience. Dress code for evening is smart casual.

18:00 Depart to experience the new Dubai and world's tallest tower Burj Khalifa.

Exclusive welcome cocktail with an exclusive view of Burj Khalifa and Dubai's musical dancing fountains.

Bajjah terrace: *located in Address hotel overlooking Dubai fountains and Burj Khalifa. Serves only finger food with lounge seating. An exclusive venue with unique view. Proceed for dining experience on TOP of the world @MOSPHERE restaurant located on the 122nd floor of the Burj Khalifa.*





DAY 3

07:00 – 08:00 Buffet breakfast in the hotel

08:00 Depart for Abu Dhabi city tour. This excursion takes you on a 1hr 30minutes drive from Dubai passing the Jebel Ali Port - which is the largest man made seaport in the world. The Capital City of UAE is Abu Dhabi & houses most embassies & oil companies. It is the richest city in the world. We drive through the vast coastal desert. Our first stop – Sheikh Zayed Mosque which is the third largest mosque in the world (tourists are not allowed inside after 11 noon). Proceed for a quick orientation tour of the palaces of the sheikhs of Abu Dhabi. Abu Dhabi is the largest of the seven emirates and the Federal and financial capital of the United Arab Emirates. Its long coastline was once the world's best water for pearl diving.

12:00 - 13:00 Buffet Lunch during excursion. Beverages charged as per consumption.



14:00 Depart to experience Ferrari theme park located at Yas Island. Please refer the attached fact sheet about Ferrari theme park for further reference and visit <http://www.ferrariworldabudhabi.com>. We recommend premium tickets for the group to get preference at the rides.



14:00-16:00 Enjoy rides and attraction in this unique Ferrari theme park. **(Closed on Mondays)**

16:00 Transfer back to hotel

17:00 Arrive back to hotel for change and to get refresh.

DAY 4

07:00 – 09:00 Buffet breakfast in the hotel

09:00 – 12:00 Shopping experience at some of the biggest malls like Mall of Emirates or Dubai Mall.

12:30 – 13:30 Buffet lunch in hotel.

14:00 Depart from for an encounter with desert and bedouin life. Guests to board 4x4 land-cruisers (4 pax per 4x4) and proceed.

15:00 Team building activity in desert: **OIL AND JEWEL HUNT IN DESERT**

Location 1: Group arrives at the camel farm in desert. Each team of 10 pax will be given a picture to identify their next clue location and dig the clue.



Location 2: From camel farm board the 4x4s and arrive at 2nd location to get the clue for third location following the flags and land marks. 2nd clue is hanging with your one of your team Quads.....but search it and find the clue for the location 3 and list of treasure to be hunted. 50 Quads with helmets waiting for your team to venture out for the jewels and oil. (Disclaimers to be signed before boarding quads)



Location 3: Search your treasure and be the winner!!! Find your treasure board the 4x4 and proceed for sand-boarding experience. Be the first to arrive at the Arabic tent setup where a local Bedouin will be waiting to welcome and serve a glass of refreshing sparkling date juice.

Guests will be welcomed by **a Bedouin man** to his **small tent with carpets**, cushions and Arabic setup in the heart of the desert. This is a Middle Eastern culture to offer hospitality to the tired travelers and this Bedouin man will welcome the group to his tent and offer them a glass of **local date non-alcoholic sparkling juice** and at the same time introduce about his hobby of Falconry with **a Falcon demonstration**. The Falcon man will show how they train the falcons and train as pets to catch the prey.





18:00 After sunset proceed to luxury destination in the heart of the desert. Like a scene straight out of an Arabian fairytale, Al Hadheerah Desert Restaurant is the place to experience traditional fare amid rolling sand dunes. Here the mood of old Arabia is captured perfectly through the lively entertainment of belly dancers, henna artists, live bands and falcon displays. The décor recreates the magic of an ancient fort, with natural stone, rock walls and a sunken seating area. And there's no mistaking the mouth-watering aroma of Arabic cuisine, as it drifts from the live cooking stations, wood-fired ovens and spit roasts. Experience the authentic.

This includes the following:

- *Buffet Extravaganza*
- *Still water*
- *Visit to the Heritage museum*
- *Camel and Horse Riding*
- *Horse show on the dunes*
- *Camel Caravan on the dunes*
- *Falcon Display*
- *Folkloric Dancer*
- *Belly Dancer*
- *Singer*
- *Oriental Band*
- *Arabian Spice Souk*
- *Fish market display*
- *Live cooking*



22:00 Depart from the desert restaurant !!!

DAY 5

Departure transfer to Dubai International Airport.

Board the coach and transfer to the Dubai airport. Guests to proceed to the check-in counter, passport control and the world famous Dubai duty free as the last but not least attraction.

Group departs

Bon voyages.....

SOME MORE OPTIONS :

LUXURY YACHT DEEP SEA CRUISING

10:00 – 13:00 Exclusive luxury yacht cruise in the Arabian gulf around the Palm Island, Burj al Arab, The world, and Atlantis.



HELICOPTER TOUR + AQUAVENTURE

Enjoy helicopter tour take-off and landing from the Atlantis the Palm. Enjoy a 15 minutes helicopter tour and fly over – World islands, Burj Al Arab, Union square, Sheikh Zayed road, Burj Khalifa, Mall of Emirates, Dubai Marina, Jumierah islands, and Palm Jumeirah etc etc..



AQUAVENTURE VENUTRE – WATER PARK, BEACH, SEA & SUN

Enjoy the thrill of the largest and most exciting water-park in the Middle East. Aqua-venture is overflowing with 42 fun-filled acres, Master Blasters, speed-slide, rivers, rapids, splashers play area, lush tropical landscapes and a private beach.

The Leap of Faith: 27.5m tall and 61m long, from the top of the Ziggurat the Leap of Faith catapults riders into a transparent tunnel and through a shark-filled lagoon, where guitar sharks, bow mouth sharks, white tip, black tip and grey reef sharks all reside. **Shark Attack:** Journey to the mysterious core of the Ziggurat through dark twisting tunnels before emerging slowly into the lagoon at a leisurely shark viewing pace. And much much more...



