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\$2,174*

PLUS AIRFARE

* Price is for the LAND PROGRAM ONLY and is per person, double occupancy.

Optional Airfare Program is available!!

(Other departure cities are available upon request)

DUBAI

United Arab Emirates

Nestled between the Mediterranean Sea and the Indian Ocean, the United Arab Emirates has a history that spans 5,000 years and a future that seems already here. The country offers an alluring mix of Bedouin and Western cultures, and with its warm climate, beaches, coral reefs and stunning man-made islands it has become one of the world's top tourist destinations.

Dubai

Once a sleepy desert town home to pearl fishermen and Persian traders, Dubai is now a modern wonderland of fantasy architecture, glamorous shopping malls and first-class golf courses. Yet much of its old charm remains. Follow the Dubai Creek and find a whirlwind of colors, sounds, flavors and aromas amid ancient souks (covered markets). Immerse yourself in textiles, crafts, spices, gold and pearls, Dubai is a shopper's paradise. Follow narrow winding alleys to vibrant art galleries, impressive mosques and scenic parks. Dubai is truly a sparkling oasis on the sands.

INCLUDED TOUR OF DUBAI

This is an exciting overview of a breathtaking city. Travel past the magnificent Jumeirah Mosque and the modern palaces of the current ruler sprawled along the coast to arrive at the Bastakia, where you'll be intrigued by the old wind-towered houses built by wealthy merchants years ago. Next take an Abra-ride (water taxi) across the Dubai Creek and enjoy spectacular views of Dubai's splendid architecture. Then it's on to a tour through the souks. Breathe in the aroma of old Dubai as you walk alleys laden with spice souks and end up at the modern gold souk. Here you'll see some of the finest and purest gold on earth. Continue to the distinctive Dubai Creek Golf & Yacht Club for an enjoyable lunch. The club's centerpiece is its striking two-story salt-water aquarium filled with tropical fish.



This map represents approximate locations.



Create the trip that's perfect for you.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

Abu Dhabi – A Capital Adventure

Drive past the largest man-made port at Jebel Ali and then on past stunning coastal desert scenery en route to Abu Dhabi. When you arrive at the capital city of the United Arab Emirates you'll be taken with the way the modern architecture interprets Islamic themes in today's materials. Shimmering skyscrapers, villas and palaces line your route along the Riviera-styled cornice overlooking the waters of the Gulf and enticing offshore islands. Visit the Heritage Village and the ancient Al Husn Fort before moving on to the Abu Dhabi Cultural Foundation. After a buffet lunch (included), see an old dhow (boat) yard and the charming Batinah harbor. On your return journey you'll drive past Sports City, the biggest stadium in the Middle East. Today is an engrossing view of an Emirates that is so like Dubai and yet so different.

New Developments Tour

There is only once place on earth where the world's most extensive entertainment complex, tallest structure, and largest artificial islands can be found. Welcome to Dubai, city of the future. The New Development tour is a groundbreaking excursion providing travelers access to the most prestigious architectural and technological marvels found anywhere on the globe. Begin with a tour of the Tatweer headquarters, where you'll be privy to the plans of Dubailand, which at 3 billion square feet is twice the size of Walt Disney World. From here it's off to the Emaar offices, developers of the Burj Dubai, soon to be tallest man-made structure in the world. Gain thoughtful insight into the feats of engineering that building projects of this magnitude require. Next visit the offices of Nakheel, where the plans for the revolutionary Palms were born. Considered to be the 8th wonder of the world, these man-made islands can be seen from space and will encompass first-class hotels, luxury villas and apartments, beaches, marinas, boutiques, restaurants, and cafes. Through this in-depth visit, you will see first-hand how these leaps of the imagination became a reality. Continue on a panoramic drive of the Palm Jumeirah islands and Marina, followed by lunch (included) at the prestigious World Trade Club. Enjoy a meal accompanied by stunning panoramic views of Dubai from high above the city.

East Coast – Fujairah

En route to the East Coast, drive past the Sharjah International Airport. Designed by the ruler of Sharjah, its mosque shape is unique and eye catching. Continue through the multihued desert landscape to the oasis of Dhaid. Browse the local market for crafts, pottery and carpets. Then it's on to a drive through Dibba, a picturesque fishing village on the way to the Bidiya mosque, the oldest and smallest in the U.A.E. Continue along the coast through the lovely green town of Khor Fakkan. Enjoy lunch (included) near the Indian Ocean in Fujairah. See its 300-year-old fort before exploring the rest of Fujairah, a town abandoned when mountain dwellers moved away from oil exploration to start a fishing village.

Jumeirah Mosque

This is an opportunity to visit one of the largest and most beautiful mosques in Dubai. Generally, non-Muslims are not permitted to enter a mosque. However, the Jumeirah Grand Mosque is the first and only mosque in the U.A.E. to open its doors to non-Muslims, so this is a rare and fascinating experience. This unique tour will enable participants to learn about the "five pillars" of Islam, the Emirati culture and its traditions.

Desert Safari Evening

The evening begins with an exciting four-wheel-drive ride across the desert. Witness the skills needed to navigate through the Arabian Desert! Your desert drive will take you through the world-class Al Maha nature reserve and includes a visit to a camel farm. There will be a sunset photo stop before arriving at a desert camp where you will enjoy a traditional Arabian feast featuring BBQ meats and sumptuous Arabic Mezza (Arabian hors d'oeuvres). During this fascinating evening you will have the opportunity to ride a camel and listen to mystical Arabian music, all under a blanket of brightly shining stars.

Excursions are an additional cost and subject to change

A color brochure will be available in the spring of 2009!

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