

Description of optional sightseeing tours.

City of Merchants – Dubai City Tour

A fascinating historical excursion. Our route takes us to the magnificent Jumeirah Mosque, past modern palaces sprawled along the coast. We visit the Majlis Al Ghorfat an old summer retreat before heading to the old quarter. Here we stop for a while to admire the old wind-towered houses built by wealthy merchants.

Close by, stands the 150-year-old Al Fahidi Fort. Here, the Dubai Museum records the city's past as an important pearl diving and trading centre. We continue our journey by abra. As we cross the Creek, we see the modern metropolis with its splendid architecture dwarfing the bustling alleys of our next destination, the gold and spice souks.

Do Buy, Dubai! – Dubai Shopping Tour

Dubai is renowned for its multitude of shopping opportunities and there's no better way of exploring them on our Do Buy, Dubai! Shopping Tour.

Visit a traditional souk area of the city where traders' wares spill out into the alleyways. We continue to a modern shopping mall where local shops and international designers rub shoulders. Finally we visit an area full of bargains, Karama where you can find excellent buys at superb prices.

A Walk Through The City Of Contrasts – Dubai Walking Tour

What better way to get to know Dubai than on this fascinating walking tour. Our journey begins along the creekside, once Dubai's main trading artery and gateway to the outside world. Across the Creek, you will see a remarkable blend of ultra-modern glass structures and charming old-world Arab architecture.

On our way, we visit a traditional old wind-towered house, now an art gallery. Our walk then takes us into the narrow lanes of the Bastakiya area a cluster of beautiful, carefully-restored, old wind-towered houses. As we pass the Ruler's office we find ourselves in a completely different world - the heart of the old souk, which is still a bustling wholesale and retail market. Revel in the sights and sounds of this quaint marketplace, before taking an abra ride from Shindagha across the Creek.

A short walk away is the exotic spice souk, which has an interesting display of Oriental and Middle Eastern spices. The alleys of the spice souk lead into the dazzling Gold Souk. Our last stop is the fish and vegetable market, from where we take a coach ride back to the hotel.

Moonlight Sonata – Dhow Cruise with Dinner

What could be more enchanting than dinner aboard a dhow as it slips silently along Dubai Creek by moonlight?

Your cruise aboard one of these traditional wooden vessels offers an intriguingly-different view of this amazing city - a portrait of the true character of Dubai, the intertwining of traditional and modern. You will see old wooden dhows and luxury yachts, splendid examples of modern architecture like the National Bank of Dubai and the spectacular Chamber of Commerce & Industry building, whilst Sheikh Saeed's House, the birthplace of Sheikh Rashid and the Heritage Village are reminiscent of days gone by.

Dinner and fragrant Arabic coffee is included - a delicious taste of true Arabian hospitality.

Rides & Slides – Camel Riding & Sand Skiing

The contrast between the ancient Bedu lifestyle and one of the world's latest sports makes this an unforgettable tour. Leaving Dubai at 0800 hours your four-wheel drive vehicle takes you far into the desert, where you meet your camel caravan for a half-hour ride across the spectacular red dunes of Margham. Here you abandon tradition for one of the world's newest and most exciting sports sand-skiing. Just strap on your sand boards, draw a deep breath and take an exhilarating rush down the steep-sided dunes to the floor of the valley below. Return to the city at around 1230 hours.

Images of Arabia – Cultural Walking Tour of Sharjah

Explore Sharjah's rich cultural heritage with a walking tour of this fascinating city. Our tour begins with a photo opportunity at Mohammed Al Quassimi Mosque followed by a stroll along the creek, past the colourful dhows laden with goods from Iran. Cross over to the modern Al Majarra Souk, a shopping centre popular with the local citizens, and then on to the Iranian market.

Our next stop is the creative Art's House, followed by the Old Souk - part of Sharjah's original settlement, offering a rich variety of spices, nuts, dates, household goods and the shisha. We continue along streets lined with exotic perfumes and ethnic garments to reach Sharjah Art Museum.

Next we stop by the ancient Al Hisn Fort and the nearby Al Arsah Souk where you can browse through souvenir shops. Leaving the souk we visit some old homes of local people, which are now renovated and exhibit traditional jewellery, costumes and cosmetics, giving you a glimpse of the local way of life in the past. Your coach meets you at this point to bring you back to your hotel.

Dubai Al Jadeedah – A Glimpse into Dubai’s Future

Join us for a fascinating insight into the current and future developments of one of the world’s fast growing regions. We start our journey with a visit to Emirates Hills, the new residential area of Dubai with it’s show homes on the Street of Dreams. We continue past the new Marina Complex and Internet and Media Cities to the Nakheel Offices where you can see videos and models of the Palm Island and World projects.

Our final visit will be a stop at the home to the World’s Largest Tower, Burj Dubai.

All Points East – East Coast Sightseeing Tour

Drive by the mosque shaped Sharjah International Airport, designed by HH Sheikh Dr Sultan bin Mohammed Al Qassimi, the ruler of Sharjah. Continue through a multi-hued desert landscape to the oasis town of Dhaid, before journeying through spectacular mountain scenery. Just before Masafi, you can shop at the local crafts, pottery and carpet market. In the mountains we stop for a stunning view of the canyon and the wadis showing tracks used by nomads in early days.

Drive past Dibba, a picturesque fishing village, to Bidiyah Mosque, the oldest and smallest in the UAE, before following the coast through the lovely green town of Khor Fakkan. Lunch is by the Indian Ocean in Fujairah. Stop by the town’s 300-yearold fort before exploring the village of Fujairah, abandoned when mountain dwellers moved away from oil exploration to start a fishing village. Our last stop is Bithnah oasis where you may photograph (from a distance) the impressive fort guarding the mountain pass, the only access to Fujairah earlier, before returning to Dubai.

Up the Wadi – Full Day Safari to the Hatta Mountains

We drive along a motorway cutting a swathe through the rolling desert and its changing hues. Then the real adventure begins as we turn into the Hajar Mountains where canyons line our route. We follow the trails of the wadis and stop for an alfresco picnic lunch in one of the wadis.

After lunch we drive on to the Hatta Heritage Village to visit the restored fort converted to

a museum which provides fascinating historical insight of the area. We then commence our return journey to Dubai.

REGISTRATION FOR OPTIONAL TOURS

SUNDAY				
Morning				
City of Merchants	Dubai City Tour	0900 – 1300	Dhs.90.00	
Do Buy, Dubai!	Shopping Tour	0900 – 1300	Dhs.90.00	
City of Contrasts	Walking Tour	0900 – 1300	Dhs.90.00	
WEDNESDAY				
Afternoon/Evening				
Moonlight Sonata	Dhow Cruise	1800 – 2300	Dhs.235.00	
Do Buy, Dubai!	Shopping Tour	1400 – 1900	Dhs.90.00	
THURSDAY				
Morning				
Rides & Slides	Camel and ski	0830 – 1230	Dhs.175.00	
Images of Arabia	Sharjah Walk	0830 – 1300	Dhs.90.00	
Afternoon				
Dubai Al Jadeedah	Modern Dubai	1400 – 1830	Dhs.90.00	
Full Day				
All Points East	East Coast Tour	0900 – 1800	Dhs.150.00	
Up the Wadi	Safari to Hatta	0900 – 1700	Dhs.250.00	

All tours are exclusive for Zayed University except the Dhow Cruise.

Minimum numbers on all tours are 10. Dhow cruise has no minimum, nor do Safaris.

To register for any of these tours, participants will need to indicate on the above, which they are interested in and fax it to us on 00971 4 3432299, using the following credit card form.

Service Request Form



NAME:

NUMBER OF GUESTS:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

DUBAI HOTEL:

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