

Dubai, United Arab Emirates - Middle East Cruises

Dubai is a place of fascinating contrasts, a distinctive blend of East and West, old and new. Gaze upon astounding extravagance at man-made resorts and delve into a culture that has long drawn globe-trotting visitors. The Jumeira Mosque, glittering Gold Souq, or a Heritage Village showcasing ancient Bedouin craftsmanship.

Excursions

Please note: The shore excursions listed are typical for this port. The full programme of shore excursions available for your cruise will be displayed on Cruise Personaliser at least 12 weeks prior to departure.

- **Dubai Dinner Cruise**

For a fabulous, relaxing evening, step aboard a traditional Arabian dhow for a cruise on the creek with dinner and live entertainment.

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Sit back and relax, on a short drive to the Al Bastakiya district, dating back to the early 1900's. Enjoy a brief photo stop to admire its narrow lanes and tall wind-towers known as 'Barajeels', which provide a unique glimpse into the region's cultural past.

Then it's time to board the beautifully restored, teak Arabian dhow, the 'Rustar', reputedly one of the world's largest floating restaurants. Sip a refreshing welcome soft drink, as the luxury dhow quietly slips its moorings and glides along the creek. Admire the breathtaking Dubai skyline, whilst passing artfully illuminated heritage buildings, banks and modern-day palaces.

Whilst sampling a wide array of delicious dishes from the buffet, tap your feet to the beat of the live entertainment. Enjoy a medley of international songs, followed by the dance of the Whirling Dervishes and a comical local horse dance.

Finally, after dinner why not take a leisurely stroll upon the upper deck and take in the balmy evening air.

Tour code

DXB_022

Features



ACTIVITY LEVEL: MEDIUM



MEAL INCLUDED

Duration

3½ HOURS

- **Panoramic Dubai**

View Dubai's principle attractions from the comfort of your coach; ideal for those who prefer less walking.

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The tour commences with a drive along Sheikh Zayed Road to reach the iconic Burj Al Arab, currently the world's tallest water-based, all-suite hotel. Continue to Jumeirah, the picturesque residential area of Dubai that is home to modern-day palaces as well as the famous Jumeirah Mosque, a superb example of Islamic architecture and one of Dubai's most photographed monuments.

Enjoy some refreshment at a local restaurant before driving to Al Bastakiya, the old part of Dubai. See the beautifully preserved old merchants' homes with their 'Barajeels,' wind towers that served to cool homes during the hot summers before the advent of electricity and air-conditioning.

Your fascinating journey culminates with a short drive to the twin city of Deira via an underwater tunnel to visit the most famous landmark of Dubai – the Gold Souk.

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ACTIVITY LEVEL: MEDIUM

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REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED

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SHOPPING

Duration

3¼ HOURS

• Desert Safari & BBQ under the Stars

Soak up the extraordinary atmosphere of the desert and enjoy a BBQ under the stars.

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Your exciting journey starts across the desert taking in the sights during a thrilling dune drive to stop at a camel farm.

Continue across the desert and watch the beautiful sunset, before reaching the camp where you will have the opportunity to participate in activities such as camel riding, sand boarding and trying out a henna design on your hands or feet.

Having worked up an appetite, sit down to a delicious BBQ dinner, followed by a chance to try out a shisha - the famous Arabic water pipe. The evening entertainment includes a belly dancer performing her show around the campfire by starlight.

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ACTIVITY LEVEL: MEDIUM

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MEAL INCLUDED

Duration

5½ HOURS

• Dubai, The Golden City

See Dubai's major sights, both old and new, on this panoramic tour which includes visits to the Dubai Museum and Gold Souk.

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Your tour starts with a view of the world-renowned luxury Burj Al Arab Hotel - a fantastic photograph opportunity. Continue to the Jumeirah Mosque, a magnificent example of modern Islamic architecture. This is followed by a drive along Sheikh Zayed Road, which is considered to be the 'Manhattan' of Dubai with its high-rise glass buildings. In complete contrast is the Bastakiya area - one of the oldest areas of Dubai, where you will see ancient houses bedecked with wind towers. These towers were designed to provide ventilation in the days before air-conditioning.

Your journey through the Bastakiya area includes a visit to the Dubai Museum, housed in the 18th century Al Fahidi Fort. The Museum features realistic displays, which provide a fascinating glimpse of the historical links of the city with trading and pearl diving.

Finally, board an Abra (water taxi) to cross the creek and visit the aromatic Spice Souk and the extensive Gold Souk. Here you can purchase exquisite gold jewellery at competitive prices.

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ACTIVITY LEVEL: MEDIUM

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SHOPPING

Duration

4½ HOURS

• 4WD Desert Safari

Let the magic of the desert unfold on a thrilling exploration of the majestic dunes.

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Experience the thrill of driving over sand dunes in powerful 4WD vehicles. Enjoy the climb up the dunes and the stomach-churning drop into the valleys, skillfully handled by your very experienced desert safari drivers.

This tour departs in the morning across the desert of Dubai with photographic stops during an exciting dune drive to the first destination, the camel farm. The drive continues across the desert, stopping briefly on a dune to allow you to soak up the serene atmosphere. Reaching a beautifully set-up Arabian Camp, you will have the opportunity to try out camel riding, sand boarding or have a henna design painted on your hands or feet.

After working up an appetite, enjoy a delicious barbecue luncheon then sit back and relax with a Shisha (famous Arabic water pipe).

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ACTIVITY LEVEL: HIGH

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MEAL INCLUDED

Duration

5 HOURS

• A Walk in the Clouds

See the amazing sights and structures of Dubai from the top of the world's tallest building.

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Drive along the picturesque Jumeirah area, making a photograph stop at the famed Burj Al Arab, the iconic sail-shaped hotel. Continue along to Dubai Marina and the sky scraping condominiums of Jumeirah Beach Residence and see how the desert land has transformed into a vibrant community in a matter of years.

Continue onto Sheikh Zayed Road, Dubai's new business district, for a look at some of the stunning architectural marvels. Visit the city's 'Mall of Emirates' where a refreshment stop is made overlooking the slopes of Ski Dubai, the region's only indoor ski dome offering fresh real snow all year round.

Reach the downtown Burj Dubai district to visit Burj Khalifa, the tallest building in the world. Enter the complex and board a high-speed lift which ascends to the observation deck at 10 metres per second. As the doors open on level 124, floor-to-ceiling glass walls provide breath-taking 360-degree views of the city, desert and ocean sprawled beneath.

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ACTIVITY LEVEL: MEDIUM

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REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED

Duration

5 HOURS

• Atlantis Adventure

Experience 'Atlantis, The Palm', Dubai's most spectacular hotel development on Palm Jumeirah.

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Located on the crescent of Palm Jumeirah, a fully reclaimed island off the coast of Dubai and self-declared as the '8th Wonder of the World', Atlantis is truly a destination not to be missed. On arrival at this stunning hotel, begin your unique experience at The Lost Chambers, a labyrinth that will immerse you in an exotic array of sea creatures, mystical antiquities and ancient ruins. Explore 21 fresh water exhibits highlighting sealife from around the globe, as well as the Ambassador Lagoon, containing 65,000 fish and aquatic species in a three million gallon chamber; one of the largest in the world.

Afterwards, enjoy a relaxing buffet luncheon in Kaleidoscope, one of Atlantis' luxurious restaurants, offering a selection of food from around the world.

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ACTIVITY LEVEL: MEDIUM



MEAL INCLUDED

Duration

4 HOURS

- ## Delightful Dubai

Discover one of the largest man-made islands and take tea at one of the most amazing hotels in the world.

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This memorable tour starts off with a lavish morning tea at the Burj Al Arab, the tallest water-based, all-suite hotel in the world. Built in the shape of a towering sail, its presence on Dubai's skyline is now iconic.

Enjoy an exclusive catamaran cruise towards Palm Jumeirah, one of the most enthralling new developments in the Emirates. The project involves the creation of the world's three largest man-made islands known collectively as 'The Palm Islands'.

The development has created a virtually self-contained community within the islands, unofficially known as the '8th Wonder of the World', its body mass will be visible from the moon. Refreshments will be served onboard the catamaran during the cruise.

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Features



ACTIVITY LEVEL: HIGH



REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED

Duration

5 HOURS

- ## Sundowners & Burj Khalifa Fountains

Sip sundowners at the Burj Al Arab and experience the world's tallest performing fountains at Burj Khalifa.

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Your evening begins with a scenic drive along the picturesque Jumeirah beach area, passing modern-day palaces and luxury homes, to reach the distinctive sail-shaped Burj Al Arab.

Built on an exclusive private island, the Burj Al Arab Hotel offers the ultimate in luxury. From the comfort of your private venue, enjoy unlimited drinks and canapés, whilst you admire the dramatic and iconic Dubai skyline at dusk.

As night falls and the city becomes illuminated, you'll drive along the impressive Sheikh Zayed Road, to the awe-inspiring Burj Khalifa. Towering above the city at 2,716 feet, the Burj Khalifa is the world's tallest building. Upon arrival at the 30 acre man-made Burj Khalifa Lake, you'll experience the world's largest choreographed fountain show, designed by the company responsible for the Bellagio Hotel Lake in Las Vegas. As the sound of Arabic and international music fill the air, have your camera ready as 22,000 gallons of water, shoot and dance in time to the music with a light display that can be seen for 20 miles, a sight not to be missed.

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ACTIVITY LEVEL: HIGH

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REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED

Duration

3½ HOURS

• Sharjah's Aquarium & Arabian Wildlife

A unique opportunity to visit the newly opened Sharjah Aquarium, Arabian Wildlife Centre and Desert Park.

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Visit Sharjah's newest and most exciting visitor attraction, the newly opened Sharjah Aquarium. This is the Emirates' first large scale Aquarium where you can take a dramatic underwater journey and explore the amazing marine ecosystems of Sharjah's east and west coasts. Descend 15 feet below the waves to experience the seabed through the largest underwater walkway in the Middle East. Witness a living coral reef and over 150 species of Gulf fish including sharks, stingrays, lionfish and clownfish.

Continue the tour with a drive to the Sharjah's popular Buhaira Corniche, presenting a postcard perfect view of the artificial lagoon and stopping for a photograph at the exquisite Turkish-style Al Noor Mosque. Drive into the city for photographs at the renovated Al Hisn Fort, former residence of Sharjah's ruling Al Qasimi family, first built in 1820.

Round off the tour at the Arabian Wildlife Centre and Desert Park to see Arabian animals such as baboons, cheetah and the rare Arabian Leopard in natural surroundings. This museum presents an opportunity to learn about the flora and fauna of the Arabian Desert.

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ACTIVITY LEVEL: HIGH

Duration

5 HOURS

• Seaplane over Dubai

Experience Dubai by seaplane and see the amazing buildings and highlights from a totally unique angle.

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Take a scenic 40 minute seaplane flight for a bird's eye view of the extensive new developments in the mega-polis of Dubai. See such highlights as the iconic Burj Al Arab as well as Palm Jumeirah, one of the three largest man-made islands in the world and self-declared as the '8th Wonder of the World'.

Take the opportunity to grasp the full symbolism of another astonishing project, a cluster of islands reclaimed along Dubai's coast, collectively known as 'The World' islands. Fly over Dubai Marina, the world's largest man-made marina then photograph Burj Khalifa,

which at 2600 feet is presently the tallest structure in the world. Fly over scenic Jumeirah Beach and the bustling Sheikh Zayed Road then return to port.

Tour code

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ACTIVITY LEVEL: LOW



REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED

Duration

1½ HOURS

• Sharjah Sights & Souks

A chance to see the essential sights and discover some unique shopping opportunities in the souks.

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This tour will take you to Sharjah, the 'Pearl of the Gulf', where you will see the King Faisal Mosque, one of the largest in the Emirates. A short drive then brings you to the superbly preserved Old Town area where you'll visit the Sharjah Heritage Museum for an insight into the unique local culture and traditions that are wonderfully celebrated across six galleries. The various artifacts and displays will provide a rare glimpse into the life and times of a bygone era.

A short stroll will take you to Al Arsah Souk, a quintessentially Arabic marketplace where you will have time to browse before walking to the nearby Iranian Souk. This is an open-air market with rows of shops selling nuts, spices and saffron imported from Iran by traditional dhows (sailing boats). Sharpen your negotiating technique here, before driving to Souk Al Markazi, a treasure trove of carpets, jewellery, handicrafts and much more and where you can practice your well-honed bargaining skills.

Tour code

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Features



ACTIVITY LEVEL: MEDIUM



SHOPPING

Duration

5 HOURS