

WONDERS OF ARABIA
7 NIGHTS/8 DAYS
FROM \$4,195 PER PERSON



DAY 1 – DUBAI

Upon arrival in Dubai, you will be met by our representative and transferred to your hotel for overnight.

DAY 2 – DUBAI

Learn about Emirati culture with a traditional breakfast at Shiekh Mohamed Center for Cultural Understanding (SMCCU)**, a non-profit organization formed by Shiekh Mohamed Bin Rashid, housed in a typical wind-tower house in the heart of the old Bastakia area. An Emirati guide will accompany you for an open discussion about the local traditions and religion.

After breakfast, take a walking tour in Bastakia - visit the Dubai Museum in Al Fahidi Fort and then cross the creek by Abras (water Taxi) to the spice souk. Continue walking to Al Ahmadiya School, established in 1912 as the first school in Dubai. Then stop at the gold souk, where you'll have a chance to practice your bargaining skills.

Next, we'll drive to the world's tallest tower Burj Khalifah. Take the At The Top tour, a multi-media presentation on the history of Dubai as well as the story of this incredible building. Begin in the reception area and end on the observation deck on the 124th floor. Continue to the world's most prestigious hotel, Burj Al Arab, for a photo stop.

Then drive on the beach road past to Jumeirah Palm Island, the man-made island built in the shape of a palm tree and home to residential buildings and luxury resorts.

Our last stop will be in downtown Dubai to see the world's largest musical fountain.

Overnight at your hotel in Dubai.

DAY 3 – DUBAI

In the early morning, drive to the polo club for a tour of the stables followed by breakfast at the club house.

Afterwards, we'll drive to Jebel Ali for a 40-minute seaplane tour over the wonders of Dubai.

In the afternoon, tour a variety of art galleries showing Arabic, Islamic, Persian and Middle East influenced art.

Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 4 – DUBAI

After a free morning, take a shuttle to the Dubai Marina around 1pm. Board a catamaran for a 3-4 hour cruise tour of the gulf. Cruise around Palm Jumeirah, Burj Al Arab and the World Islands. On board, enjoy a BBQ lunch. Return to the marina and transfer back to your hotel by shuttle.

DAY 5 – ARABIAN DESERT
DIAMOND CATEGORY ONLY

Leave Dubai and drive to Al Maha Desert Resort for check-in and lunch. After lunch, choose two of the following activities:

- Wild Life Drive
- Nature Reserve Walk
- Archery
- Falconry
- Horseback Riding
- Camel Trekking

DAY 5 – ARABIAN DESERT (continued)
BRONZE, SILVER, GOLD, PLATINUM

After a morning at leisure, head to the desert for a thrilling "Dune Bashing" ride in a 4X4 vehicle with a professional driver.

Continue to Bab Al Shams Desert Resort for check-in. Dine under the stars at the resort's Hadheerah Restaurant, where Arabian culture is captured in the lively entertainment and mouth-watering Arabic cuisine.

DAY 6 – ABU DHABI

Drive to Al Ain, the Garden City of the UAE and one of its oldest settlements. A green city with an incredible number of public parks, it is also the birthplace of H.H. Sheikh Zayed, the former president of the UAE. Visit Sheikh Zayed Palace Museum, the residence of Sheikh Zayed and his family 1937-1966. Then visit Al Ain National Museum, which houses ancient artifacts discovered in and around the city, ancient Arabic manuscripts and royal treasures.

Stop at the traditional camel market, a great chance to have a close-up look at these "ships of the desert." The last stop on our tour today is the Hili Archaeological Garden, a combination public garden and excavation site of a Bronze Age settlement, with some discoveries over 4,000 years old.

Continue to Abu Dhabi, the capital of UAE, for overnight.

DAY 7 – ABU DHABI

Our first stop today is the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque, one of the largest mosques in the world and an architectural treasure of contemporary UAE society.

Continue to Zayed House for a fascinating peek into the life of the late Sheikh Zayed, known as the "Father of the Nation." This museum, housed in an Emirati heritage village, includes the late President's cherished vehicles and gifts he received from all over the world.

Then take a drive along the Corniche Road, with a photo stop at the breakwater and the iconic hotel Abu Dhabi Emirates Palace.

Lunch at Emirates Palace in Le Vandome Restaurant.

After lunch, visit the Falcon Hospital for some insight into the tradition of falconry and the care of falcons, a deeply revered symbol of the UAE. Meet a falcon or two and have your picture taken with one perched on your arm.

If time permits we will drive through Yas Island for a photo stop at the Ferrari World Park and the famous new Formula 1 circuit.

Overnight in Abu Dhabi or Dubai.

DAY 8 –

After breakfast, you will be transferred to the airport for your departure flight.

**The Sheikh Mohamed Center for Cultural Understanding is closed on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. If your visit to Dubai falls on one of these days, a substitute visit will be arranged.

Package Includes:

- 7 nights hotel.
- Daily breakfast.
- 2 lunches and 1 dinner (Diamond category - 3 lunches, 1 dinner).
- Private transfers.
- 6 days of private touring in an air-conditioned car or van, with a licensed, English-speaking guide
- Bottled water in the touring car or van.
- Entrance fees, as per itinerary.
- Airport meet & greet and baggage assistance.
- Hotel service fees and taxes.
- Travel bag.

Package excludes:

- Travel insurance, highly recommended.
- Airfare.
- Meals other than specified.
- Personal expenses.
- Departure taxes.
- Tips to guides, drivers, hotel porters, etc.

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