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Dubai, Oman, Sharjah & Abu Dhabi October 16-26 2021

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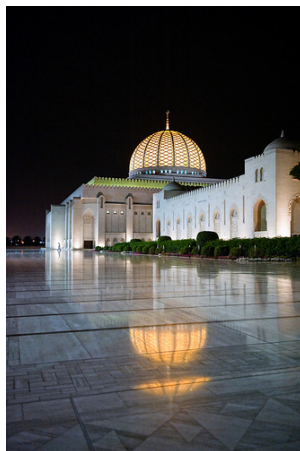
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Depart US/Canada Oct. 16 arrive Oct 17 2021
Depart Dubai Oct. 26**

**Price \$ 4449 Single: + \$850
Deposit: \$600 of which \$350 non refundable.**

Welcome to the most fabulous scenery and architecture. From desert castles to modern museums. **This is a special departure with Dubai Expo.** Flights are discounted, direct to Dubai. We combine Bedouins, souks, museums, camels, markets, gold, oases, mountains. (Photos: official government tourism sites. Oman Tourism, VisitDubai, VisitAbuDhabi etc).



Flights for Group Transfers (schedules can change)

JFK-DXB Emirates EK204 Depart 10/16/21 arrive Dubai 7:05AM on 10/17/202.

Rooms are available from 4PM on 10/16/21 if you arrive a day early.

DXB-JFK Emirates 201 Leave Dubai 10/26/21 early AM. Arrive JFK AM same day.

Oct. 17 (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Group arrival Dubai International Airport. Be met by our staff. Transfer to hotel.



(Rooms booked from 10/16 for immediate check in). After breakfast and a quick rest: Full Day Tour of Old & New Dubai We start in Old Dubai, Al Bastakiya, with narrow lanes and tall wind towers (Barjeels). Continue to Dubai Museum in Al Fahidi Fort and stroll the Old Souk. Visit Sheikh Saeed's house (1894), now a museum. This museum has historic documents, photographs and furnishings of the ruling family.

If open, we visit Heritage and Diving Village celebrating maritime heritage and traditional coastal lives and rich history of the UAE's pearl diving and fishing. Get aboard the Abra (water taxi) to cross the Creek to the Spice Souk. It is a traditional market of narrow lanes with open and closed-roof stores. Stores sell fragrances and spices from frankincense and shisha to herbs. The trip to the Gold Souk shows why Dubai is City of Gold. It's worth the visit even if you don't shop, for an atmosphere glinting with 18, 21, 22 & 24 carat gold.

Lunch in Al Dawar Revolving restaurant

The restaurant offers stunning views and international food. After lunch, continue to New Dubai. Proceed to Jumeirah Area. Photo stop at iconic Burj Al Arab Hotel. Continue to Palm Jumeirah, a fully reclaimed palm shaped island home to the magnificent Atlantis The Palm (Photo Stop). Next to Dubai Marina, the largest man-made marina in the world with eye popping luxury yachts. Then the base of what is currently the world's tallest building, Burj Khalifa. Here time to admire the Dubai Fountain, one of the world's largest performing fountains.

The Burj Khalifa skyscraper is a world-class destination and magnificent centerpiece of Downtown Burj Khalifa, Dubai's new urban masterpiece. The building is surrounded by hotels, shopping and entertainment. Dinner in a historic house, with a well known social media speaker **(NOTE: depending on flights, we might move sites to Oct 25.)**

Oct 18 (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Check out and proceed to Sharjah, Culture Capital of UAE, known as the 'Pearl of the Gulf'. We start with a photo-stop at the magnificent Al Noor Mosque on Al Buhaira Corniche then to largest mosque in Sharjah, King Faisal Mosque. We visit the Islamic Civilization Museum. Galleries display restored artifacts celebrating Islamic contributions to World Heritage. We drive to 'Old Town'. Stroll through the restored traditional market Souk Al Arsa. We proceed to Hatta. Lunch served in **Hatta Fort Hotel.** We proceed to Muscat, Oman Overnight Muscat with **dinner at our hotel.**

Oct 19 (Breakfast, Dinner)

Oman looks like the Past; with local architecture. The tour of Muscat begins via the beautiful embassy quarter en route to Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque. Visit the mosque, a splendor of unique Islamic architecture. The tour continues to Old Town on foot, strolling Portuguese forts Jalali and Mirani and Qasr Al Alam, Palace of HM Sultan Qaboos. Our next stop is Bait Al Zubair Museum with exhibits on culture, tradition and heritage. We drive to Muttrah, a delightful quarter. Next stop is the amazing Royal Opera House, Oman's premier venue for musical arts and culture. Discover its structural boldness, technical innovation; and perhaps most of all, ROHM's breathtaking decorative artistry with motifs derived from Islamic, Mughal, Oriental and European art. One of the important highlights is the very fine collection of rare instruments. We visit the souk for shopping and photo ops. (Dress Code in Mosque loose long trousers or long skirts, long sleeves, head scarf). Overnight Muscat. **Dinner Bait Al Luban Restaurant-** one of the finest in Oman.

Oct 20 (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day free for the colorful souk, or enjoy leisure time.

Optional Tour \$159 FULL DAY SAFARI WAHIBA AND WADI BANI KHALID with picnic lunch (4WD) Our 4WD vehicles take us through the fascinating Hajar Mountains and the town of Ibra to Wadi Bani Khalid, one of Oman's most beautiful wadis (dry river beds), famous for its lush green oases, water pools and deep canyons. The tour



proceeds to the Wahiba desert for an exciting dune drive. Visit a camel camp and gain an unforgettable experience of the Bedouins way of life. Picnic lunch en route. On the way back to Muscat there is a final stop at the village of Mudairib to see its traditional watch towers. Overnight Muscat **Dinner at hotel.**

Oct 21 (Breakfast, Dinner)

Check out & proceed to Nizwa- Bahla- Jabreen. (8 hrs.) We start with a spectacular drive through the mountains via oases to reach Nizwa UNESCO Heritage site, and the impressive 17th century Fort. On to Nizwa Souk famous for Bedouin silver jewelry. We continue via Tanuf and Bahla to Jabreen, to one of Oman's most beautiful forts. Check in to hotel in Nizwa and overnight. **Dinner at Hotel.**

Oct 22 (Breakfast, Dinner)

Leave Oman and transfer to Al Ain (UAE) (Approximately 4 hrs. Including border formalities). Enjoy the sights of the beautiful garden city of Al Ain. En route to Al Ain, watch the fascinating and ever changing desert scenery on both sides. The tour continues with a visit of the renovated Old Palace of H.H. Sheikh Zayed, (Photo Stop) late ruler of Abu Dhabi and President of the U.A.E. Visit 'Falaj', the underground

irrigation system at the Oasis. We stop at hot springs at Jebel Hafeet. Visit famous camel market **Dinner at Hotel** Overnight at hotel in Al Ain.

Oct 23 (Breakfast, Lunch)

Transfer to Abu Dhabi City. Discover highlights of Abu Dhabi, capital of the Emirates, the Arabian Jewel. The first destination is Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque, one of the largest in the world. Continue to visit the Sheikh Zayed Centre to get a glimpse into the private life of H.H. Sheikh Zayed. Next is Heritage Village where we are taken to the past to explore life before oil was discovered. A drive along the beautiful Corniche. .

Lunch at le Vendome -Emirates Palace Hotel (with water/1 glass of juice or soft drink or wine/beer). Using seasonal and carefully sourced produce, each dish is precisely fashioned by talented chefs to stand. Check in hotel in Abu Dhabi Overnight Abu Dhabi. Dress Code for mosque Visit: loose long trousers or long skirts & sleeves to ankle/wrist.No tight/ transparent clothes, no visible tattoos. Women must cover head with a scarf.

Oct 24 (Breakfast)

Visit to Louvre Museum, 90 minutes sightseeing speed boat with Jaalboat. Panoramic drive. Louvre Abu Dhabi is a universal museum in the Arab world. Louvre Abu Dhabi is said to be a place of discovery, exchange and education. It plays an important social and social role in the United Arab Emirates. The museum presents important objects from archeology, art and arts and crafts from all regions, including contemporary art and art history. 90 minutes private guided tour. We finish with the Date Market. Rest of day free for individual activities. Overnight in Abu Dhabi.

Oct 25 (Breakfast, Farewell Dinner) Depart for Dubai AM. We stop en route at a Falcon Hospital. Arrival Dubai. Sites missed on Day 1 added here. **Farewell Dinner Al Hadeerah Restaurant, in Bab Al Shams Desert Resort, with entertainment.**



Oct. 26 (Boxed Breakfast if available)

Early AM departure for Emirates flight above. One group transfer included. Optional transfers available.

OPTIONAL DUBAI EXPO TO BEGIN ON OCT 26-29. Will include hotel, breakfast, tickets to fair, transfers seat in bus, hotel taxes. Price TBA.

Included:

One Group Transfer in each direction; meet and greet staff wait outside the airport.
Hotels as listed or similar
English speaking guide
All sightseeing on the itinerary with entrance fees included
Meals as listed with service charges. Water or beverages listed above.
Water on our bus
Farewell Dinner
Entry and departure taxes of \$85 per person
Modern air conditioned bus (45 seater)
Porterage at hotels, 1 bag per person
Tips to group transfer driver in/out bound.

Not Included:

Oman visa(might not be required) UAE visa for non US/Canadian visitors
Tips to guide and drivers
Personal items, beverages not listed
Optional airport transfers if not on group Flights.
Any item or meal not on our itinerary
Extra nights pre or post or private transfers in Dubai

2 nights at Metropolitan Hotel Dubai (**Deluxe Rooms**)

For more information about this hotel, please visit <http://metropolitanhoteldubai.com/>

3 nights Hormuz Grand Muscat (**Standard rooms**)

For more information about this hotel, please visit: <https://www.radissoncollection.com/en/hormuz-grand-hotel>

1 night Golden tulip, Nizwa (**Standard rooms**)

For more information about this hotel, please visit <http://www.goldentulipnizwa.com/>

1 night at Radisson BLU Al Ain (**Guest rooms**)

For more information about this hotel, please visit <https://www.radissonblu.com/en/resort-al-ain>

2 nights Novotel Abu Dhabi Al Bustan (**Superior rooms**) For more information about this hotel, please visit <https://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-6533-novotel-abu-dhabi-al-bustan/index.shtml>

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