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While Dubai is often known for its glitz and glamour there is a lot more to the United Arab Emirates. While it is true that the shopping in Dubai is second to none, and dropping in to the Mall of Emirates is a must with a visit to the Ski park or Magic Planet entertainment centre high on the list, I find that leaving the lights behind and heading in to the dessert for a Bedouin feast and night camping under the stars is a great way to recharge and relax. The food alone is a must try, but learning more about the culture behind the region is fascinating.

Of course, just a short drive away is Abu Dhabi, which is home to the amazing Formula One track, and Ferrari World with one of the fastest rollercoasters in the world! And while in the region there is nothing like taking a walk through the ancient outdoor Souq Waqif in Doha, in the state of Qatar.

When planning your next holiday The UAE is definitely a destination to add to the list. I'd love to talk to you about all it has to offer.

Halina Kubica, Managing Director

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# What Sets Us Apart

# Let Greece & Mediterranean Travel Centre show you the most amazing way to see UAE.

"Don't think what's the cheapest way to do it or what's the fastest way to do it... think 'what's the most amazing way to do it."

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We offer quality that you can afford, service you expect, inclusions you want and memories that last forever. We are passionate about providing our guests with the very best of, regardless of their budget.

- We are an Australian based, owned and operated company. We been operating in Australia for more than 14 years.
- We source our product from the best suppliers, hotels, coach operators cruise operators etc.
- We are a destination specialist and we know Mediterranean extremely well with our staff having travelled extensively throughout the area.
- We have knowledge and product that is unique and not easy to find elsewhere, including online!
- We offer a selection of itineraries, choice of vessels, group sizes and most of our itineraries can be tailor-made to suit your needs.
- We provide great service as we rely on repeat business and therefore want you to recommend us and to travel with us again in the future.

# Local Knowledge

Unlike websites we are ready to answer any question you may have based on your individual requirements. Would you like someone to tell you when is the best time to go, how long to stay, sites to visit, must do's, how to get there? What option of travel will best suite you: a coach tour, ferry, a train, cruise or combination of all? We know the destination, ferry connections, flight schedules, distances and can answer all the above. We can compare the cruise vessels, hotels and even the room categories based on our personal experiences.

# **Discounted & Flexible Package Deals**

Our customers do not have to communicate and coordinate with multiply companies. Save money and take advantage of our package prices that include combination of services such as hotels, ferry tickets, tours, transfers etc. Unlike many websites we are able to combine services into the time and cost effective itinerary. We can also arrange car rental and self-drive programs, yacht charter, special interest tours such as food tours, wine tasting etc. We offer our customers flexibility of purchasing individual services, the whole itinerary, and a combination of services. Due to space limitation in this brochure we present only limited selection of packages, we offer additional programs as well as customised itineraries.

# **Emergency Phone Number** 24 Hours 7 Days A Week

When booking with us you have the peace of mind of knowing that our professional and specially selected ground operators are available any time day or night regardless of what time it is in Australia! With your documents you will be supplied with their 24 hour emergency contact number.

# **Credit Card Payments Without Surcharge**

We accept VISA and MasterCard without any surcharge. Take advantage of rewards programs that your card might offer you while paying in an easy and convenient way for your travel.

"By using the services of a Travel Agent you are supporting the local economy, saving countless hours surfing the net and most importantly of all, travelling with the peace of mind that you have someone to call should any unforeseen problems arise."

# United Arab Emirates General Information

## Introduction

The United Arab Emirates consists of seven states known as Abu Dhabi. Ajman, Dubai, Fujairah, Ras Al-Khaimah, Sharjar and Umm al-Quwain. Dubai is the Emirate's most popular city known for its innovation and surrounded by exotic and mysterious mountains, deserts and seas. Enjoy the delights of first class shopping at great prices, have fun bargaining in the Arabic Souks, admire the pioneering feats by the Emirati. Take a desert safari or be amazed at the country where the traditional Bedouin culture meets Western consumerism and big ideas. Travel to a country with the only 7 star hotel in the world; the Burj Al Arab, the World's tallest building and amazing man-made islands like Palm and the World.

## **Population**

The population of the United Arab Emirates is estimated to be around 9.34 million people while Dubai and Abu Dhabi are estimated at 2.6 and 1.5 million respectively.

## **Electricity**

220/240 volts, 50 hertz. A two-prong cylindrical plug adapter is required.

## Climate

The climate during the summer months of May to September is generally hot with temperatures ranging from 38 - 48 degrees Celsius. In addition humidity levels vary from 30 - 100 percent. The winter months are much cooler with minimum temperatures averaging 25 degrees Celsius. And the best time to travel is generally considered to be from November to April.

# Average Monthly Temperatures (Degrees celcius):

## Currency

The United Arab Emirates currency is the Dirham, which is divided into 100 fils, however US Dollars are also accepted in major retailers. All credit cards are also widely accepted and ATMs are available.

## Time Zone

United Arab Emirates has a local time being 4 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time. During Australian Summer, United Arab Emirates is approximately 7 hours behind, while being 6 hours behind during winter.

# **Official Language**

Arabic is the official language however; English is also widely spoken, particularly in tourist areas.

#### Food

Most restaurants in UAE are located within the hotels, however there are some street-side cafes, coffee lounges and other restaurants featuring authentic Arabic, international and fine dining cuisines. Most hotels feature both Arab, Asian and European food. National specialties and popular dishes include Hummus, Tabbouleh, Ghuzi (roast lamb with rice and nuts).

Ghuzi (roast lamb with rice and nuts), Warak Enab (stuffed vine leaves) and Koussa Mashi (stuffed zucchinis).

#### Visas

A visa is not required for Australian Passport holders for stays of up to 30 days provided their passports have minimum six months validity on their passports.

## **Getting There**

By Air: Although Abu Dhabi is the capital of the Emirates; Dubai is a larger and more popular gateway for travellers. Emirates Airlines have daily flights from

Average	Temps	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Dubai	Low	14	15	17	20	24	27	29	30	27	23	19	16
Dubai	High	22	23	27	31	36	38	39	29	38	34	30	25

Australia to Dubai and Etihad has daily direct flights from Australia to Abu Dhabi with coach service to Dubai. Most airlines have flights to Dubai and Abu Dhabi.

**By Sea:** There is a main port at Abu Dhabi and a cruise terminal at Dubai. Several cruise companies incorporate Dubai in the itineraries either as a stopover point or as a starting/ finishing point.

## **Getting Around**

There are no internal flights in UAE except between Dubai and Abu Dhabi. However there is a regular bus service between every city. Car rental is available but nor recommended, while the roads and highways are all in excellent shape, the traffic can be heavy in the main cities, especially Dubai. Be sure to hold an international driver's license. Dubai taxis are a popular method of transport as it is measured on a kilometre basis. The Dubai Metro is a driverless, fully automated metro rail network.

# Shopping

Try to find a bargain in one of the many traditional Arab Souks or spend time at a world-class shopping malls such as Dubai Mall or Mall of the Emirates. Most shopping malls in Dubai are open from 10am to 10pm and longer during weekend (usually Thursdays nights).

#### Accommodation

Any type of accommodation can be found in Dubai and Abu Dhabi. Generally the hotels and apartments are well priced but the rates vary greatly between the seasons. Dubai prided itself of offering one of the World's most luxurious hotels and resorts particular the famous The Burj Al Arab.

#### Tipping

Tipping within the UAE is similar to those done elsewhere in Western World. Generally, a 10% service fee is included onto the bill. Drivers and guides usually appreciate tips.

# National Holidays 2018

1 Jan – New Years' Day 13 Apr – Leilat al-Miraj (Ascension of the Prophet) 15-14 Jun – Ramadan 14 May-15 Jun – End of Ramadan 21 Aug – Arafat (Haj) Day 22-26 Aug – Eid AL Adha 11 Sep – Al Hijira (Islamic New Year) 20 Nov – The Prophet Muhammad's Birthday 30 Nov – Martyrs' Day 2-3 Dec – UAE National Day

UAE Weekends are Friday-Saturday

Ramadan: During the month of Ramadan Muslim abstain from eating and drinking during daytime. Tourists travelling during this time are generally not affected.

## **Things To Do**

Dubai: Dubai is now known for its architectural marvels and famous for the luxury hotels lining the coast, including the Burj Al Arab. Ensure you set your sights on a visit on the Burj Khalifa, currently the tallest building in the world. Visit one of the many Souks or perhaps experience the desert from the air in a balloon ride or take a four-wheel drive in the Dunes followed by dinner in Bedouin Camp. Go deep-sea fishing or try your hand at the Emirates Golf Club. For those interested in history or culture a visit to the Grand Mosque and White Fort, as well as the Al-Fahidi Fort (which is also the Dubai Museum) is a must. Seaplane trip over the city offers the best possible view.

Abu Dhabi: As Abu Dhabi establishes itself as a cultural centre, highlights include the Heritage Village, the Corniche, and the Qasr al-Hosn or White Fort are a must. Visit the spectacular Sheikh Zayed Mosque towering over the city, where no expense was spared. Admire the interior designed with different coloured marble, Swarovski crystal chandeliers and the world's largest hand woven carpet.



# **Our Recommended Hotels**

Dubai's hotels, resorts and apartments are one of the main reason why Dubai is one of the world's premier destination. Visitors can experience spectacular locations, record-breaking architecture and impeccable service, as well as accommodation for every taste and budget. There are currently over 600 properties in Dubai and nearby from economical self-service hotel apartments to luxurious hotels and desert resorts. Although we are able to book hundreds of hotel/apartments in the region we have selected some for this brochure which we think represent the best value for money in each category and location. Please look for the specific logos throughout the brochures indicating the special benefits that our guests will receive. Please ask your travel agents to make your booking with Greece and Mediterranean Travel Centre in order to receive the benefits advertised.



# 24 Hour Check-In

Take advantage of this offer which allow check in at any time. Most hotels in Dubai have a standard check in 2 or 3 pm hence guests arriving at 6 or 7am have to pay for a night before in order to be able to check in the room immediately. With this offer they can check in for example at 7am and check out at 7 am and they will be charged only 1 night.



# **Guests Benefits**

Stay at the hotel with Guests Benefits logo and take advantage of the special benefits included at no extra charge. The benefits vary between the hotels, seasons and even room types and they may include such services as free shuttle bus to the mall, free minibar or even free entrance to Wild Wadi Waterpark<sup>™</sup> valued at \$440 for family of 4.



# **Kids Benefits**

Dubai is a great family destination. Stay at the hotel that offer Kids benefits and save. There are kids stay free offers as well as free entry to waterparks and free or discounted meals options. We also offer tickets to the parks, Ferrari world, Kidzmania and other must see attractions.



# **Early Bird**

With Dubai attracting millions of tourists every year, occupancy levels are high. We recommend to book well in advance not only to secure the rooms but often take advantage of discounted early bird rates. Most of our recommended hotel offer an early bird in the range of 10 to 30% off.

# Jumeirah's Flavours - Dine Around

Take advantage of the meal package available to the guests of any of Jumeirah chain of Hotels and Resorts in Dubai. This package not only allows guests to use the hotel restaurant for dinner at a reduced price but also allows you to dine in over 50 other restaurants for the fraction of the regular price.

Jumeirah Hotels and Resorts are among the most luxurious and innovative in the world and have won numerous international travel and tourism awards. The hotels offer authentic Arabic hospitality and a range of properties to suit all travelers' needs.

The sheer variety will astound you with each restaurant offering their own distinct theme, location and style. Whether you feel like an evening of Mexican food at Tortuga in Madinat Jumeirah's Mina A'Salam or a night of the finest cocktails at Ocean Blue at the Jumeirah Beach Hotel, you'll find your tastes fully satisfied! The package even allows taking in the ultimate view of Dubai from the 27th floor of Burj Al Arab enjoying three-courses at Al Muntaha (supplements apply). With all the restaurants just a short cab or Abra ride away, we guarantee you won't go hungry and you will save a lot of money with the 'Dine Around' package.



Dubai is a destination in itself. Whether you travelling as a family, on a honeymoon, wanting an authentic cultural experience of seeking the thrills of adventure, Dubai offers something for everyone.

Dubai is the city of world records: go up the Burj Khalifa, the world's tallest tower, and take in the bird-eye view of Dubai from level 124 At The Top, venture out in the Arabian desert on a dune bashing safari, shop till your heart's content at Dubai Mall, the world's largest shopping centre or immerse yourself in the authentic flavours in the areas of Deira and Bastakiya.

Whether on a budget or wishing to splurge, Dubai will leave you breathless.

# **Best Locations**

There is no one destination to stay in when visiting Dubai. Each offers its own landmarks and reasons for staying. Ultimately it comes down to your preference and what you would like to experience in Dubai.

#### Deira:

Located north of the creek, Deira is cradle of Dubai's trading roots. A fusion of where the old meets the new, it is an area bustling with activity where visitors can immerse themselves in the atmospheric souk life. The must dos are the Gold Souk and Spice Markets, and take an abra to cross the Creek. Deira is conveniently located ten minutes from Dubai International Airport.

#### **Bur Dubai:**

Located on the Western bank of the Creek, 15-20 minutes away from Dubai Airport, it is the home of the historic quarter of Bastakiya. Several renovated historic buildings, the Dubai Museum and the Sheikh Mohammed Centre for Cultural Understanding are located here. This district is full of shopping streets and souks, including the textile souk.

#### Jumeirah Beach:

Approximately 30 minutes away from Dubai Airport, Jumeirah is spread out on the beachfront and is considered to be one of the most exclusive areas within Dubai. Home to the iconic sail shaped Burj Al Arab, the majority of the existing hotels in this area are five-star. These luxurious properties feature pools, swim up bars, spas, a wide range of leisure facilities.

#### Al Barsha:

One of the newest areas developed, located in west Dubai and approximately 30 minutes from the airport, Al Barsha is conveniently located close to the infamous Mall of the Emirates, which is best known due to Ski Dubai. This area is easily accessible by metro, on the red line and caters for visitors with a wide range of different accommodation budgets, ranging from 2 to 5 stars.

#### Downtown:

Located 20 minutes away from Dubai Airport, the Downtown area is home to some of the city's most important landmarks including Burj Khalifa – the world's tallest building, Dubai Mall – the world's largest shopping mall and the Dubai Fountains. A very cosmopolitan and vibrant area, it comes to life at nights.

# Transport

#### Taxis:

Allowing you to get from door to door, taxis in Dubai are extremely inexpensive and one of the best ways to get around. They are metered and the payment is only accepted in cash and only in the local currency dirhams. Ladies also have the option of pink taxis which are also available and driven by female drivers. Modern Water Taxis are also available and the tariff's are pre-determined from point to point, prior to embarkation.

#### Metro:

Dubai metro currently has 2 Metro lines: the Red line and the Green Line, connecting old with new Dubai. It is the world's longest fully automated metro network spanning at 75 kilometres. To travel on the Metro, a Noll card or a Noll ticket must be purchased. Cards can be recharged at vending machines (tickets can be purchased at station)

#### Bus:

There are 2500 air conditioned buses and the bus stops are all air-conditioned. The average fare is approximately AED 2 (dirhams)

#### Abra:

Abras are the wooden boats which allow visitors to cross from the eastern to the western banks of Dubai Creek, and vice versa. Abra stations service 18 locations and the cost per trip is AED 1 per person per trip (AUD 0.30 cents). The crossing takes approximately 10 minutes.







# Short Stop in Dubai

Dubai & Abu Dhabi are great stopover destinations for passengers who are travelling to Europe and enduring a long flight. Enjoy a break and stop for a night either on the way to or from Europe. Below are some examples of hotels. For example when using 6am Emirates flight from Sydney, the flight arrives to Dubai at 1:30 or 2:30 in the afternoon depending on the season. Most flights to Europe depart Dubai in the morning so this option gives you afternoon and night in Dubai to relax before ongoing flight. It is also great way to adjust to time change.



Holiday Inn Express Dubai Airport is located opposite the Dubai International Airport Terminal 3, and is a short walk from Emirates Metro Station. Rooms include air conditioning and satellite TV. Holiday Inn Express also provides an airport transfer service on request. *Transfers provided by hotel shuttle service*.

# 2 Hilton Garden Inn Dubai Al Muraqabat

1 Night



Located in Deira, just 3km from the airport. A contemporary base in the heart of city, easy access to Downtown Dubai and Dubai Creek. Offers a rooftop swimming pool and 24-hour fitness centre. Each room features a mini-fridge, adjustable A/C and tea/coffee facilities. Hotel offers complimentary shuttle buses to beach and Dubai Mall.





# **General Information**

- Dubai International Airport is located in the Garhoud area 4km from the centre of Dubai. Transfer takes 10 min by car to the Creekside area of Dubai and about 20-30 min to Dubai Mall 30 min to 1 hour (depending on traffic) to the Dubai Marina area.
- Terminal 3 is dedicated to Emirates Airline with Terminal 1 services the major international airlines.
- Transferring between flights can be made by walking between Terminal 1 and Emirates Terminal 3. Walk takes approximately 20 minutes with use of travelators and escalators.





Located in the heart of Dubai, just moments away from the international airport, Jumeirah Creekside is a contemporary lifestyle destination. Offering 24 hour check-in facilities all year round, guests can check in straight from their flight.

# Dubai Hotel Tax

The Government of Dubai has introduced a Tourist tax on all hotels in Dubai effective from 31 March 2014. **This charge is paid locally.** The Tourism Dirham is a new minimal charge applied to guests staying in all hotels and hotel apartments in the Emirate of Dubai. The small fee will be payable per room, per night and added to guests' bills and collected at the hotel property at check-out. The Fees and approximate \$AUD conversions are as follows:

- AED 20.00 (AUD \$6) PER ROOM PER NIGHT for stays in 5 star hotels and deluxe hotel apartments.
- AED 15.00 (AUD \$4.50) PER ROOM PER NIGHT for stays in 4 star hotels, superior hotel apartments and deluxe holiday homes.
- AED 10.00 (AUD \$3) PER ROOM PER NIGHT for stays in 3 star hotels, standard hotel apartments and standard holidays homes.

This tax is to be paid by the GUESTS directly at the hotel before the end of their stay.



Great location on Sheikh Zayed Road, short drive from Dubai International Airport and Dubai Mall. All rooms feature a sleek and modern décor include a marble bathroom, a separate bath and rain shower, luxurious toiletries and HD TV. The hotel also has an outdoor pool and gym.

# Package Deals



We've made it easier for you to enjoy every moment of your stay with this money and time saving programs that combine a number of exciting tours and experiences with accommodation. These specially designed packages allow you to experience the UAE with their must-see's and the must-do's including your hotel stay, tours and return airport transfers. These crowd favourites and best sellers featured on page 10 & 11 also include meet and assist on arrival as well as an assistance of a local representative while in Dubai to assure that your holiday runs smoothly. They are guaranteed departures with a minimum of two travellers. These programs can also be arrange using different hotels. Other programs using different experiences also available. Just contact us and we will arrange hassle free package for you. One of our special, affordable package could be all it takes to have a fantastic stay in the UAE!

# **Dubai Essentials**

#### Itinerary

Inclusions

Day 1: Arrival. Transfer to Arabian Courtyard Hotel & Spa for overnight. Day 2: Half Day traditional Dubai sightseeing tour. (B) Day 3: Day at leisure. Afternoon half day Dune Dinner Safari tour. (B, D) Day 4: Departure. Transfer to Dubai Airport, (B)

• Return airport transfers • 3 nights' accommodation at Arabian Courtyard Hotel & Spa • meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner) • Sightseeing tours as per itinerary





from A\$499 per person twin share

# Modern Dubai

## 4 Days

#### Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival. Transfer to Conrad Hotel for overnight. Day 2: Half Day New Dubai tour. (B)

Day 3: Day at leisure. Afternoon half Day Dune Dinner Safari tour. (B, D) Day 4: Departure. Transfer to Dubai Airport, (B) Inclusions

 Return airport transfers
 3 nights' accommodation at Conrad Hotel • meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner) . Sightseeing tours as per itinerary





# **Family Fun**

#### Itinerary

Inclusions

Day 1: Arrival. Transfer to your selected hotel in Dubai for overnight. Day 2: Full Day at Aquaventure Waterpark. (B) Day 3: Full Day Family time at Dubai Parks (B) Day 4: Departure. Transfer to Dubai Airport. (B)

• Return airport transfers • 3 nights' accommodation at selected from hotel • Breakfast daily • Dubai Parks ticket - choice between A\$1284 Motiongate, Legoland, Legoland Waterpark or Bollywood park per person shall be made upon booking • 1 day pass to Aquaventure twin share waterpark. Note: 1 day, 3 parks pass tickets available at additional cost.

# **UAE Essentials**

#### Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival. Transfer to Arabian Courtvard Hotel & Spa for overnight. Day 2: Morning, half day traditional Dubai sightseeing tour. Afternoon, half day Dune dinner safari tour. (B, D)

Day 3: Full Day Abu Dhabi city tour. (B)

Day 4: Departure. Transfer to Dubai Airport. (B)

Inclusions

A\$599 Beturn airport transfers
 3 nights' accommodation at Arabian per person twin share Courtyard Hotel & Spa • Meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner) • Sightseeing tours as per itinerary

# **UAE Explorer**

#### Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival. Transfer to Conrad Hotel for overnight.

Day 2: Morning, half day New Dubai tour. Rest of day at leisure. (B) Day 3: Full Day Abu Dhabi city tour.

(B) Day 4: Departure. Transfer to Dubai

Airport, (B)

#### Inclusions

• Return airport transfers • 3 nights' accommodation at Conrad Hotel • Meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner) · Sightseeing tours as per itinerary





# UAE Experience

#### Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival. Transfer to Arabian Courtyard Hotel & Spa for overnight. Day 2: Morning, traditional Dubai sightseeing tour. Afternoon, dune dinner safari. (B, D) Day 3: Full Day Abu Dhabi city tour.

(B) Day 4: Morning, New Dubai

sightseeing tour. Afternoon, Dhow

Cruise with dinner. (B, D) Day 5: Departure. Transfer to Dubai Airport. (B) Inclusions

• Return airport transfers • 4 nights' accommodation at Arabian Courtyard Hotel & Spa • Meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner) • Sightseeing tours as per itinerary

# Dubai Explorer

#### Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival. Transfer to Conrad Hotel for overnight. Day 2: Morning, New Dubai sightseeing tour. Afternoon, day at leisure. (B)

Day 3: Morning, traditional Dubai sightseeing tour. Afternoon, High Tea at the Burj Al Arab. (B)

Day 4: Optional: Full Day Abu Dhabi City tour or Afternoon, Night Safari. (B) Day 5: Departure. Transfer to Dubai Airport. (B)

Inclusions

• Return airport transfers • 4 nights' accommodation at Conrad Hotel • Meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner) · Sightseeing tours as per itinerary

# Dubai in Style

#### Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival. Transfer to Conrad Hotel for overnight. Day 2: Morning, New Dubai sightseeing tour. Afternoon, Sea wings Silver experience for 25 minutes. (B)

Day 3: Morning at leisure. Afternoon, Heritage Safari tour. (B)

Day 4: Day at leisure. Afternoon, high tea at the Burj Al Arab. (B)

Day 5: Departure. Transfer to Dubai Airport. (B) Inclusions

• Return airport transfers • 4 nights' accommodation at Conrad Hotel • Meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner) Sightseeing tours as per itinerary





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from

A\$1080

per person

win share



A\$590

per person

twin share

from





4 Days

4 Days

# Samples of our Recommended Hotels

Contact us for more

5 Arabian Courtyard Hotel & Spa \*\*\*\*



An award-winning hotel features unique Arabian architecture in the heart of Bur Dubai. This deluxe Four Star themed hotel is centrally located in downtown Al Fahidi historical area opposite Dubai per person per night Museum. This Boutique hotel offers 173 classily furnished rooms, including 41 executive rooms and 23 suites; family rooms with

interconnecting rooms are also available. The hotel offers a variety of dining options including the Sherlock Holmes English Pub, the Silk Route Chinese and Thai Restaurant and the Mumtaz Mahal Indian Restaurant. Enjoy and relax with a fully equipped health club, temperature controlled swimming pool, sauna, Jacuzzi and a Wellness Spa. Guests can enjoy free WiFi throughout the hotel. Breakfast: Optional Child: First child 0-10 years free with existing bedding.

# 2 Hilton Garden Inn Al Muragabat \*\*\*\*



Located in Deira, one of the most desired districts of old Dubai, just three kilometres from the airport. This hotel offers a contemporary base in the heart of this lively city, with easy access to Downtown Dubai and Dubai Creek. Enjoy delicious local and international cuisine at the Garden Grille & Bar or order a meal from room service



A\$65

for the ultimate convenience. Hilton Garden Inn Dubai Al Muraqabat offers a rooftop swimming pool with views of Deira and 24-hour fitness centre. Relax in a fresh, stylish, air conditioned rooms, where you can enjoy a restful night's sleep in the luxurious Serta Suite Dreams bed, watch movies on the 32-inch LCD TV and surf the web with free WiFi. Each room features homelike comforts such as a mini-fridge, adjustable air- conditioning and tea/coffee facilities. The hotel offers complimentary shuttle buses to beach and Dubai Mall. Breakfast: Optional Child: One child under 12 years free using existing beds.

# 6 Rove Downtown Hotel



Set in the heart of Dubai the Rove Downtown is a contemporary, urban high-rise hotel designed for the tech-savvy in mind, including self check-in stations to eliminate wait times. The relaxed, modern rooms feature rainfall showers, and come with free Wi-Fi and flat-screen TVs, plus mini fridges, and tea and coffee making



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facilities. Upgraded rooms offer Burj Khalifa views. There's a hip international bar/restaurant that has terrace seating. Other amenities include an outdoor swimming pool and a sundeck and a 24-hour gym, plus a trendy lobby lounge and 24/7 guest laundry facilities. Late check out at 2pm is standard. Downtown Dubai is a great choice for travellers interested in food, luxury-brand shopping and clothes shopping. Dubai International Airport is a 20-minute drive while Burj Khalifa Metro Station is only a 4-minute drive from the property. Breakfast: Optional Child: One child under 15 years free using existing beds.

#### Golden Sands Hotel Apartments \*\*\*1



In the heart of Bur Dubai, and only 20 minutes away from Dubai airport, the Golden Sands Apartments are the perfect base for families, longer stays and those wishing to explore the older parts of Dubai such as Bastakiya. Located behind Burjuman Shopping Centre, it is divided into separate sections: the Golden Sands 3



has one room and two room studios, whereas the Golden Sands 10 offers two bedroom and three bedroom apartments. All units include a fully equipped kitchen/kitchenette, microwave, large refrigerator, washing machine, digital safe, sitting area with a satellite TV and direct dial telephone. Free Wi-fi connectivity is available in every room; lobby and in the restaurant. Facilities include a fitness centre and swimming pool. Breakfast: Optional Child: 0-11 years free with existing bedding.

Jumeirah Creekside Hotel



# 8 Hyatt Regency Hotel

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Located in Deira, the heritage area of Dubai, this world-class hotel is close to the popular gold, spice and textile souks. It is also just eight kilometres from the Dubai International airport. There are four restaurants in the hotel, including Al Dawar, Hyatt Regency Dubai's revolving restaurant. The Bar has a large selection of beverages



and Hibiki features karaoke. Hyatt Regency's Club Olympus Spa and Fitness has a modern gym, private ice-skating rink and tennis courts. There is also a nine-hole golf course and the spa offers a range of relaxing massages. The 421 guest rooms offer elegant furnishings with scenic views, mini bar, satellite TV and free WiFi. Breakfast: Optional Child: First child 0-11 years free with existing bedding.



Located in the heart of Dubai, just moments away from the international airport, Jumeirah Creekside Hotel is a contemporary lifestyle destination. Offering 24-hour check-in facilities guests can check in straight from their flight. The hotel has 14 spa treatment rooms where guests can unwind, complimented by the gym and

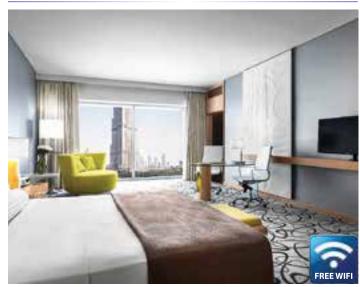


the tennis court at The Aviation Club. Just a 3 minutes' walk away, Dubai Creek Golf features an 18-hole course. All guests also receive complimentary entry to Wild Wadi Waterpark™. The 292 rooms and suites include iPod dock, flatscreen TV, complimentary soft mini-bar, tea and coffee making facilities, phone, air conditioning and electronic safe. Breakfast: Optional Child: 0-11 years free with existing bedding.

#### **Guests Benefits:**

- Breakfast daily/Room only rates available
- 24-hour check-in
- > Unlimited daily access to Wild Wadi Waterpark™
   > One-day private Beach access per person per stay
- Complimentary daily shuttle bus to Dubai Mall Complimentary soft mini bar replenished daily
- Daily complimentary amenity trolley service, 17:00 19:00.

#### 9 Sofitel Dubai Downtown \*\*\*\*\*



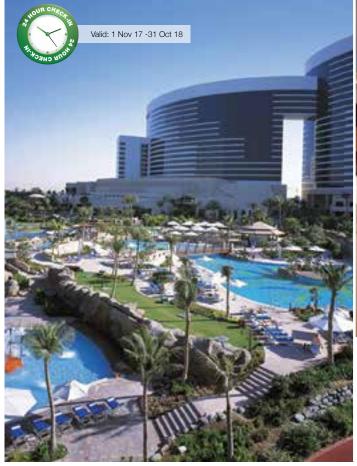
The finest in French luxury is on offer at the Sofitel Dubai Downtown hotel. This five-star destination offers panoramic views of Burj Khalifa, the world's tallest building, and the epic Dubai Fountain and is connected via an air-conditioned walkway to Dubai Mall, the world's largest, with over 600 shopping destinations. The modern



rooms and suites come with free Wi-Fi, flat-screen TVs, and tea and coffee making facilities. They also include Bose entertainment systems. Upgraded rooms and suites have access to a lounge. Suites add separate sitting areas, scenic views, dining rooms and/or butler service. Room service is available 24/7. Savour international cuisines at one of the five fine restaurants, and enjoy cocktails and Lebanese delicacies at the Mosaic Pool and Lounge, which offers live music. There's also an outdoor pool, hot tub, sauna and gym. Breakfast: Optional Child: 0-2 years free in cot.



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Conveniently located within a glorious landscaped garden in downtown area of Bur Dubai. Close to the entertainment district and backing onto Dubai's Historic Creek. An exceptional choice of restaurants for your dining pleasure. With both indoor or outdoor pools, and fitness facilities. All rooms are immaculately furnished



in a contemporary style with classical Arabic touches and are equipped with an extensive array of modern luxury including A/C, phone, safe, mini bar, TV, hair dryer and private bathroom with bath and shower. **Breakfast:** American Buffet Breakfast. **Child:** 0- 5 years free with existing bedding.



Manzil Downtown Hotel

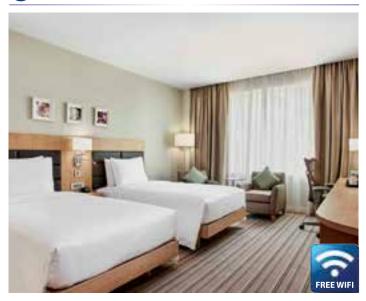
Manzil Downtown Dubai is located in the heart of Downtown Dubai, which is home to numerous activities and attractions. The hotel gives guests direct access to Souk Al Manzil, which has coffee shops, restaurants and shops. Reopened in 2015 after complete renovation. All rooms offer free bottled water and coffee and tea



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facilities and include Wall-mounted satellite LCD TVs, guest robes, slippers and free amenities, and 24-hour room service is available. Manzil Downtown Dubai also has a state-of-the-art fitness centre and business centre along with a pool with sun loungers. Mediterranean, Arabic and French cuisine are served at this Australian friendly hotel. **Breakfast:** Buffet **Child:** First child 0-3 years free.

# 12 Hilton Garden Inn Dubai Mall \*\*\*\*



This new hotel is just metres away from one of the Emirates Mall and offering fantastic connectivity to all major leisure attractions, including beaches, skydiving, golf courses and more. Downtown Dubai and the iconic Burj Khalifa and the Dubai Mall are only a 15-minute drive away. Each modern guest room features a 47-inch



HDTV with premium channels, DVD player, mini-refrigerator, coffeemaker and laptop-sized safe. Check email with the complimentary WiFi and print remotely at the desk with ergonomic chair. Family-friendly connecting rooms are also available. Enjoy the buffet at The Garden Grille, unwind with a beer in The Garden Bar, or check out the grab-and-go options at The Garden Café. The hotel has an outdoor infinity pool and a kid's pool, complimentary 24-hour fitness centre, and spa for facials or pedicures. **Breakfast:** Buffet. **Child:** 0-5 years sharing room with 2 adults free of charge. 6-11 years sharing with 2 adults will pay breakfast supplement of A\$15.

**13** Address Boulevard Hotel



14 The Palace Downtown

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Traditional palatial residence, The Palace Downtown overlooks Dubai Fountain and the lake surrounding Burj Khalifa. The Palace Downtown is a 5 minute walk from the Dubai Mall and the Souk Al Bahar shopping and entertainment centre. It features an Arabianstyle spa and a gym with personal trainer, outdoor pool and body



treatments and four different restaurants providing fine dining opportunities and all-day eateries serving a buffet of Mediterranean and Middle Eastern dishes. The guest rooms of The Palace Downtown hotel are decorated in a contemporary Middle Eastern style and offer balconies and luxury bathrooms. All rooms come with an interactive TV system, DVD player and Wi-Fi. **Breakfast:** Buffet Breakfast. **Child:** 0-6years free sharing with 2 adults using existing bedding.



Address Boulevard is a 72-storey 368 m skyscraper in Downtown Dubai. The building consist of hotel section and above serviced residences. The hotel opened in March 2017. A city lifestyle resort set in the prestigious Downtown Dubai area, connected by passage with The Dubai Mall, Address Boulevard offers world-



class views of the magnificent Burj Khalifa - the world's tallest building and an iconic symbol of Dubai. The hotel's cascading outside swimming pool is a sight to behold - and the perfect way to cool off during a warm day. For the younger family members, there is a Qix kids' club. From the convenience of our Business lounges to our 24-hour in-room dining services, the selection of amenities available at Address Boulevard are simply endless. Inside our urban resort lies an exceptional selection of alluring hotel rooms and marvellous suites. These exclusively designed rooms are filled with calm, neutral tones and hues, yet reflect the luxurious ambience of the vibrant Downtown Dubai lifestyle with their attention to each sophisticated detail. Spacious living and sleeping areas blend perfectly with each other, complemented by elegant architecture, immaculate technology and fine furnishings that make stay at Address Boulevard a signature experience. **Breakfast:** Buffet

# 15 The Address Dubai Mall 👘 材





Located at the heart of trendy Downtown Dubai, overlooking the world's tallest tower, Burj Khalifa, and attached to the Dubai Mall, one of the largest shopping and entertainment destinations in the world. Elegant and chic, this glamorous hotel offers guests a unique blend of traditional Arab hospitality in the most contemporary

and cosmopolitan environment. This trendy getaway in the heart of the city features 5 restaurants and lounges, world class spa & fitness centre, kids club, swimming pool, hair salon and business facilities. All 244 rooms have been created with a fusion of Middle Eastern traditions and contemporary design with high tech facilities such as flat screen TV, iPod docking station and free wireless internet, mini bar and tea & coffee making facilities. **Breakfast:** Buffet Breakfast. **Child:** 0-3 years free with existing bedding.

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A\$198

per person per night



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Nestled within 225 square kilometres of desert oasis, Al Maha is from the epitome of a luxurious hideaway. Located just 45 minutes from A\$757 Dubai, and resembling a Bedouin camp, the resort is decorated with per person per night elegant furnishings, original artwork and portraying a sophisticated and relaxing atmosphere. All the individual suites are spread across the dunes with views of Hajar Mountain. Hotel facilities include restaurants, bars,

swimming pool, fitness centre, spa, Jacuzzi, massage and sauna. For the added experience, dining options include a sophisticated restaurant, dune dinners, private deck dining and room service. Each of the 40 secluded and luxurious suites include a private pool, wooden deck and handcrafted furnishings. Enjoy the graceful and majestic surroundings making every guest feel as if they're in a private resort. Breakfast: Full Board (3 meals) included Child: Children under 10 not permitted.



doors, Atlantis, The Palm provides thrills, relaxation and a truly unique experience while staying in Dubai. With unlimited access to Aquaventure Waterpark and The Lost Chambers Aquarium, over 20 restaurants, cafes, bars and nightclub, as well as an array of

Up to 2 children under 12 years of age sharing the room

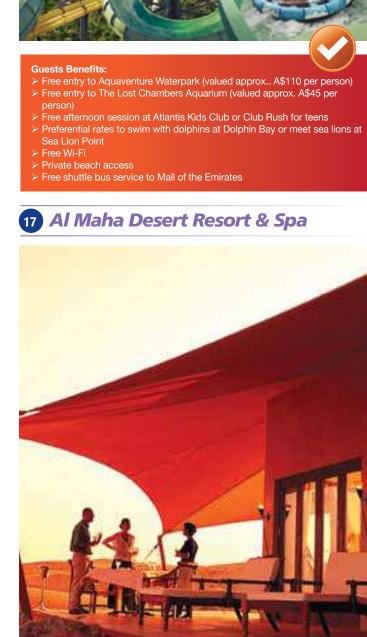
Kids Stay Free! Valid 1 May-30 Sep 18

with 2 adults



luxury boutiques, it is a destination on its own. Other resort facilities include tennis courts, the ShuiQi Spa & Fitness Centre, two amazing swimming pools, Atlantis Kids Club, Club Rush for teens, health and beauty services, private beach, room service and babysitting services. Each of the 1539 rooms and suites are furnished to the highest quality and feature a contemporary style with A/C, WiFi, satellite TV, minibar, phone, bathrobes and complimentary toiletries, and a private bathroom with hairdryer. Breakfast: Buffet Breakfast. Child: 0-3 years free with existing bedding. Summer Child Policy: (Valid 7 May-30 Sep 17): Up to 2 children below 16 years free when sharing with two adults.

# 16) Atlantis The Palm, DUBAI





18 Madinat Jumeirah





This luxurious resort is styled like an ancient Arabian citadel and combines lavishness with a strong sense of cultural heritage. Located next to Burj Al Arab Jumeirah, on the Arabian Gulf shores with a fabulous private beach, the Madinat Jumeirah encompasses spectacular views and the complex consists of four properties;



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Jumeirah Mina A' Salam, Jumeirah Al Qasr, Jumeirah Dar Al Masyaf and the newly opened Jumeirah Al Naseem. A network of 3.7km of meandering waterways and abras (traditional wooden boats) transport guests to over 50 restaurants, bars and lounges, pool, tennis courts, and the bright and colourful Souk Madinat Jumeirah. All of the large rooms are designed with Arabia in mind and offer balcony, A/C, hairdryer, mini bar, complimentary internet access, private bathroom with separate shower and bath. Prices shown are for Jumeirah Mina A'Salam. Breakfast: Buffet Breakfast. Child: 0-11 years free with existing bedding.

#### **Guests Benefits:**

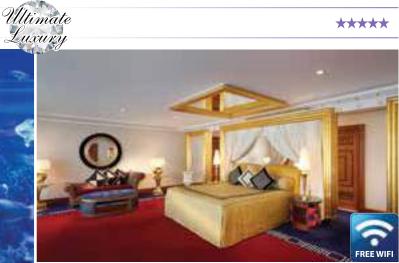
- Complimentary daily Wi-Fi access throughout the resort
- Complimentary access to the private 2km beach with views of the Burj Al Arab Jumeirah
- Complimentary daily access to Sinbad's kids club
- ➤ Complimentary unlimited access to Wild Wadi Waterpark<sup>™</sup>
- > Complimentary daily shuttle service to Mall of the Emirates



19 Burj Al Arab JUMEIRAH

Try afternoon tea, breakfast and other dining options which can be pre booked. Please contact us for details.





The Burj Al Arab Jumeirah, one of the world's most luxurious hotels, will encase you in absolute opulence as you enjoy outstanding guest attention and taste sumptuous cuisines from nine first-class award-winning restaurants and bars. Located on the shores of the spectacular Jumeirah Beach, each duplex suite has private business facilities and spacious dining area. Take advantage of reception desks on every floor, rain showers and Jacuzzis in every suite, butlers on call around the clock and dining under the sea and stars. You'll even have access to a private shopper to help you find little treasures. Enjoy the Talise Spa & Fitness Club, pools and unlimited access to Wild Wadi Waterpark™. With attention lavished into every detail and the latest technology including Wi-Fi throughout the building the Burj Al Arab Jumeirah is the ultimate getaway experience. Breakfast: Buffet Breakfast. Child: 0-11 years free (up to three children) in one bedroom suite.

#### **Guests Benefits:**

- Breakfast daily
- Full Size His & Hers "Hermes" Amenities set per suite
- Complimentary unlimited Wild Wadi Waterpark™ entry
- Complimentary access to Burj Al Arab Terrace and private beach



We offer a large selection of tours that can be added to almost any itinerary. We have tours visiting old and new Dubai, Safaris and special interest tours such as the Dubai fun parks. Due to space shortage not all tours are displayed within our brochure, but to see the complete range of tours available please refer to our website www.greecemedtravel.com.au. We can also customise tours to suit any taste, budget and duration.

# Traditional Dubai City Tour

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#### Departs: Daily Afternoon 1 Jan-31 Oct 18

This fascinating half day tour provides an insight into Dubai's rich history. Tour takes in the historical sites and the vibrant cosmopolitan life. Enjoy a photo stop at the 7 Star Burj Al Arab Hotel and Jumeirah mosque; visit the Al Fahidi Cultural Neighbourhood, art district and Dubai Museum. Enjoy a trip across the creek in a traditional abra (water taxi) to the Spice Bazaar and the famous Gold souk before returning to your hotel. Visit to Majilis Ghorfat included during winter. Return hotel transfer included.

Price Per Person A\$	75



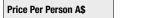
# New Dubai Tour

Morning



#### Departs: Daily 1 Jan-31 Oct 18

Experience the future of Dubai. From Dubai's rich traditional Bedouin heritage to today's futuristic skyline of Dubai which continues to amaze the world. You'll be picked up from your hotel to admire the Atlantis, The Palm and walk through The Lost Chambers. Then experience a ride on The Palm Jumeirah monorail through to a drive through the Jumeriah Beach Residence, walk through the Souk Al Bahar and ticket to view Dubai from the observation deck of the Burj Khalifa included. Concludes at Dubai Mall. No transfer back to hotel.



Abu Dhabi City from Dubai

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**Departs:** Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Saturdays 1 Jan-31 Oct 18 Morning pick-up from your hotel and drive south to the Nation's Capital. Visit the Corniche, to admire the local surroundings Highlights of this tour also include driving past the iconic Emirates Palace, visiting the Zayed Mosque which both display examples of Arabic and Islamic Architecture in the growing capital and can accommodate a potential 40,000 worshippers, (Dress code policy applies) and Manarat Al Saadiyat cultural centre. (There will be a stop for refreshment at Yas Island, close to the Yas Marina F1 circuit. Return transfer to hotel in Dubai included. *Note: option of extension with Ferrari World departs only Sundays and Thursdays*.

Price Per Person A\$	Abu Dhabi City	With Ferrari World
1 Jan-31 Oct 18	111	230

# Burj Khalifa Experience



#### Departs: Daily 1 Jan-31 Oct 18

Choose between two options when visiting the Burj Khalifa, the world's tallest building at 828 metres high with 160 floors. Choose to visit the surveillance deck on the 124th floor or Level 148, the Sky level, which is the world's highest observation deck. Relax on the luxury lounges and enjoy its 360-degree views and 'Dubai—A Falcon's Eye View' video attraction. Either level offers the most spectacular views. Indoor and outdoor observation areas. Transfers from hotel not included. *Bookings are only available 30 day prior.* 

Price Per Person A\$	08:30-16:00 18:30-00:00	09:30-18:00	16:30-18:00	19:00-23:00
Level 124	60	-	91	-
Level 148	-	234	-	166

# **Essential Dubai**

Full Day



#### Departs: Daily Afternoon 1 Jan-31 Oct 18

Experience the future of Dubai. From Dubai's rich traditional Bedouin heritage to today's futuristic skyline of Dubai which continues to amaze the world. You'll be picked up from your hotel to admire the Atlantis, The Palm and walk through The Lost Chambers. Then experience a ride on The Palm Jumeirah monorail through to a drive through the Jumeriah Beach Residence, walk through the Souk Al Bahar and ticket to view Dubai from the observation deck of the Burj Khalifa included. Continue in the historical sites and the vibrant cosmopolitan life. Enjoy a photo stop at the 7 Star Burj Al Arab Hotel and Jumeirah mosque; visit the Al Fahidi Cultural Neighbourhood, art district and Dubai Museum. Enjoy a trip across the creek in a traditional abra (water taxi) to the Spice Bazaar and the famous Gold souk before returning to your hotel. Visit to Majilis Ghorfat included during winter. Return hotel transfer included.

Price Per Person A\$	218
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# Flavours of Dubai

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#### Departs: 1 Jan-30 Apr; 1 Oct-31 Oct 18

Savour a variety of flavours as you stroll along the historic 2nd December Street of Dubai. Learn more about the culture and heritage of the middle east as you walk through this old neighbourhood. Hear interesting facts from the knowledgeable and entertaining guide. Stop for a traditional Arabic fruit cocktail and middle eastern bites, take in a short drive to Jumeirah for a traditional Emirati meal. Minimum 2 people required for tour to operate.

Price Per Person A\$

118

# Hop On, Hop Off City Sightseeing



#### Departs: Daily 09:00-17:30

City Sightseeing Dubai is the leading hop on hop off operator in the world. The buses are brand new Volvo Double-deckers manufactured for Dubai operations specially. They guarantee the highest quality of service on board the buses. There are 47 stops with four routes available, including not only traditional routes in Deira, Bur Dubai, Jumeira and SZR but also Global Village and Miracle Garden, Palm Crescent, Dubai Marina, and many more. Hop on and off the bus and see Burj al Arab, Atlantis Hotel, the Palm, Burj Khalifa and other landmarks.

Price Per Person A\$	1 Day	Pass	2 Day	Pass
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1 Jan-31 Oct 18	106	254	128	314

# **East Coast Tour**

Full Day

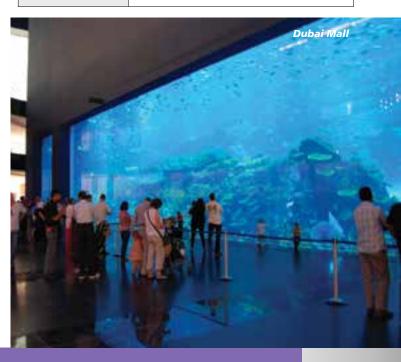


#### Departs: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 1 Jan-31 Oct 18

Take a day to explore the picturesque East Coast of the United Arab Emirates. Drive through the canyon vista through a multi-hued desert landscape to the oasis of Dhaid. Just before Masafi, you can shop at the local crafts, pottery and carpet market. Once in the mountains, the tour will stop for a stunning view of the canyon and the wadis showing tracks used by nomads in early days. After lunch, visit the Bidiyah Mosque, the oldest and smallest in the United Arab Emirates, before following the coast to drive through the lovely green town of Khor Fakkan. Visit a 300-year-old fort before proceeding to the transferred to your hotel. Please take swimwear as there is a chance to swim during the lunch stop.

Price Per Person A\$

110



# Safari Day Tours

# **Dune Dinner Safari**

#### Departs: Daily 1 Jan-31 Oct 18

Pick up from the hotel in the afternoon for a drive to the desert. In a 4x4 vehicle a safari driver takes you into the desert for a magical and memorable evening to the Dubai Desert Conservation Reserve. Along the way stop for a falcon viewing and a sunset photo stop, on arrival enjoy a feast in a cushioned Bedouin tent,



Afternoon

Morning

Overnight

Afternoon

while you are served a feast of Arabian delights, including Grilled meats, fresh salads, delectable sweets. Have your hands painted in traditional henna, take a short camel ride, try smoking the shisha and be entertained by a belly dancer moving to the sounds of traditional Arabic music.

**Price Per Person A\$** 

160

# Nature Safari

Departs: Daily 1 Jan-31 Oct 18 In a world where maps are updated every day, the desert presents a unique opportunity to explore a natural habitat and a fragile ecosystem. Pick up from the hotel and enjoy a morning drive to the Dubai Desert Conservation Reserve where you can take a camel ride, take the opportunity to take photos of the magical wildlife

and feast on a traditional breakfast in the shaded palm grove. Return transfer back to hotel included.

## Price Per Person A\$

100

# **Overnight Safari**

Departs: Daily (except 1 May-30 Sep 18) The ultimate glamping experience in the heart of the Dubai Desert Conservation Reserve. Leave your worries behind for a tranquil overnight getaway under the stars. Pick up from the hotel to enjoy a 4x4 dune drive into the Conservation Reserve, where you'll spend the night in a comfortably furnished tented camp. Take a camel

ride and watch a falconry display, relax, unwind in the tranquillity of the desert. In the evening enjoy a barbeque desert dinner includes grilled meats, fresh salads, delectable sweets and hand-picked beverages. In the morning after a hot breakfast take a wildlife viewing in the Dubai Desert Conservation Reserve before returning to the hotel.

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Price Per Person A\$	448	575

# Night Safari

#### Departs: Daily 1 Jan-31 Oct 18

Pick up and drop off at the hotel. A night-time nature drive through the Dubai Desert Conservation Reserve Your guide will point out and discuss the animals sighted stop to look for scorpions with a black light. End the night safari with hot chocolate served as you stargazing through the telescope at the desert night sky. Pick up and drop off at your hotel included.



Price Per Person A\$

116

# Morning Dune Drive

#### Departs: Daily 1 Jan-31 Oct 18

The Arabian desert's beauty is magical to behold. There is no better time to experience its many charms than the early hours of the morning. This tour includes pick up from your hotel for a guided trip to the Dubai Desert Conversation Reserve, where you can admire the real desert, visit a camel farm and opportunity for a



chance of spotting some of the Arabian wildlife. Stop and take the time to photograph the wildlife, flora and migratory birds of this amazing desert. After the tour drop off at your hotel.

Price Per Person A\$	100
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# Mountain Safari

#### Departs: Sundays, Tuesdays & Thursdays 1 Jan-31 Oct 18

through the Hajar Mountains, head along the desert highways to the archaeological sites, explore the valley of caves. Drive in to the majestic Hajar Mountains and continue on through



lunch in the wadis and continue in the coastal area of Al Agah. On you way back to Dubai stop at the Friday Market. Return transfer, picnic lunch and soft drinks included.

Price Per Person A\$

198

Morning

#### Departs: Daily 1 Jan-31 Oct 18

Heritage Safari

Take a step back in time and experience Dubai as it was 50 years ago. Your professional English speaking guide will escort you on a fascinating journey in a classic 1950's Land Rover. Drive through the pristine Dubai Desert Conservation Reserve taking in the local exotic wildlife. As the sun goes down watch a falcon

soar and enjoy dinner at a Bedouin Camp. The area is lit with traditional lamps and you'll be immersed in local culture as you enjoy local dance, music, Henna tattoos. History comes to life in this once in a lifetime heritage experience, as you enjoy a sumptuous dinner under the stars. Return transfers from hotel included.

Price Per Person A\$

292

# **Camel Trek**

Departs: Daily except 1 May-30 Sep 18 Experience the desert in the best possible light on a monring camel ride through the Dubai Desert Conservation Reserve. A trail-style, guided camel ride in the morning through the Dubai Desert Conservation Reserve. Learn about the remarkable dromedary camel and desert wildlife Stop for a picnic breakfast on the shores of a

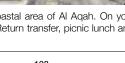


lake, with a glass of bubbly, Great photo opportunities.

Price Per Person A\$

128

Take an off -road adventure on a trail the Masafi Canyons. Stop for a picnic





# Special Interest Tours

# Afternoon Tea at Burj Al Arab Afternoon

#### Departs: Daily (Except Fridays)

As entry to visitors from outside is not allowed to Burj Al Arab this tour gives exclusive opportunity to experience this unique property. Enjoy afternoon tea at Sky View Bar. Suspended 200 metres above sea level, on the 27th floor where spectacular views are guaranteed. Gentlemen are requested to wear a shirt with collar, long trousers or smart



jeans and closed shoes (no trainers). Guests below the age of 21 years are not allowed at the Skyview Bar. Price includes one glass of Champagne. **Transfers not included**.

Price Per Person A\$

# 299

**Dhow Cruise with Dinner** 

#### Departs: Daily 1 Jan-31 Oct 18

Enjoy a cruise on board one of Dubai's traditional wooden fishing vessels. Sail along the moonlit Dubai Creek and pass by the city's sights that host traditional and modern. See old wooden dhows and luxury yachts, Sheikh Saeed's House, the Heritage Village, and some fine examples of modern architecture. Dinner will be



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served on board as well as traditional Arabic coffee. A glass-enclosed and modern interior, freshly prepared gourmet cuisine and personalised service makes this luxury cruise as inspiring as the city itself. Return transfers are not included.

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Price Per Person A\$	78	124

# Desert Dune Buggies Morning or Afternoon

#### Departs: Daily 1 Jan-31 Oct 18

Tame the dunes in a dune buggy. Try a truly exhilarating adventure driving across the dunes on the latest, fully automatic, four-seater, off-road dune buggies. Each dune buggy is fully automatic with suspension, a fourpoint safety harness and roll cage. Option to have your own buggy that can accommodate up to 4 people,



share the buggy or be the passenger in a buggy.

Price Per Person A\$ - Shared Basis	298
Price Per Person A\$ - Passenger Experience	130
Price Per Person A\$ - Private Basis	646

# Seawings Silver Experience

## Departs: Daily 1 Jan-31 Oct 18

Seawings is a thrilling aerial experience providing flights over Dubai's scenic city and coastline. Take off on water and ascend to 1,500 feet for panoramic city views. View The Palm, Jumeirah, Burj Al Arab and the tallest building in the world Burj Khalifa, Seawings. Departure from the Jebel Ali Golf Resort & Spa or Dubai Creek Golf and Yacht Club. Transfers not included.



20 or 40 Minutes

392

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# Bateaux Dubai Dinner Cruise

#### Departs: Daily 1 Jan-31 Oct 18

In the evening enjoy a 360-degree view of Dubai Creek from the sleek, all-glass, Seine-designed Bateaux Dubai boat. This elegant two-and-ahalf hour dinner cruise offers the best sightseeing with fine dining including a delicious four course a-la-carte menu freshly prepared onboard and a selection of beverages including



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unlimited beer, wine and soft drinks. You'll be offered personalised service and a resident DJ will play contemporary classical tunes. Take the time to enjoy the view and stop for spectacular photo opportunities of Dubai Creek at night. Hotel transfers not included.

Price Per Person A\$	1 Jan-31 May; 1 Sep-31 Oct 18	1 Jun-31 Aug 18
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# Ferrari World Abu Dhabi

## Departs: Sundays & Wednesdays

The fast lane to family fun. Ferrari World Abu Dhabi is the world's first Ferrari-branded theme park and the largest attraction of its kind. Global attraction and over 20 state-of-theart attractions for the entire family, the world's fastest roller coaster - Formula Rossa, 62 metres adrenaline G-Force ride above the height of the root.



Change pace with the more relaxed tour of miniature Italy aboard Bell'Italia or a Ferrari factory tour at Made in Maranello, Italian dining and café delicacies throughout, Ferrari-themed shopping opportunities. *Includes: 1 day park pass in Bronze class and return transfers from Dubai selected hotels (Ibis City Centre, Grand Hyatt or Jumeirah beach)* 

Price Per Person A\$

190

# Dubai Parks & Resorts

Departs: Daily

Features Leogoland, Motiongate and Bollywood Park. Dubai Parks and Resorts is a magical mega amusement complex spanning 2.3 million square metre. Leogoland, has themed rides, shows and attaractions. Motiongate you can meet the troops from Madagascar, Shrek and wonder around the smurf village. Bollywood is



a glitzy town where Bollywood blockbusters are made.

Price Per Person A\$	1 Day Pass
Bollywood	68
Motiongate / Legoland / Legoland Water Park	92
Any 2 Parks	111
All 4 Parks Valid for 7 Days	192

Note: Multi day passes also available, contact us for prices

# **Other Special Interest Tours**

- Kidzmania
- Aquaventure & Lost Chambers
- Ski Dubai Experience
- Dubai Aquarium & Underwater Zoo
- IMG World of Adventure

not included.
Price Per Person A\$ - 20 Minutes
Price Per Person A\$ - 40 Minutes

Abu Dhabi, the thriving, metropolitan capital of the United Arab Emirates is a melting pot for international cultures, styles and traditions. Here contemporary styles blend with Arab values resulting in an array of beautiful sights and interesting experiences. Discover the richness of ancient Arab culture and heritage on our guided sightseeing tours.

Visitors to Abu Dhabi can experience authentic Arabian culture and heritage, and explore UNESCO World Heritage sites of the Oasis City of Al Ain. They can also enjoy impressive world class events such as the annual F1 Etihad Airways Abu Dhabi Grand Prix, the Mubadala Tennis Championship, Abu Dhabi HSBC Golf Championship and Abu Dhabi culinary festival.

The following pages are just a sample of our day tours of Abu Dhabi for more please contact our offices or visit: www.greecemedtravel.com.au

# **Best Locations**

In just over 50 years, Abu Dhabi has been transformed from little more than an empty desert inhabited by nomadic tribes into a thriving 21st century society, which remains strongly attached to its cultural roots. Made up of 200 islands there are four prime areas ideal for stopovers or to relax and enjoy the private beach resorts.

#### Yas Island:

Just 10 minutes from the Abu Dhabi International airport and home to the F1 Abu Dhabi Grand Prix at Yas Marina Circuit, Yas Island is ideal for families or the young at heart who wish to visit Yas Waterworld and Ferrari World. Its location makes it ideal for those who only have time for an overnight stopover.

#### **Saadiyat Island:**

The new resort area of Abu Dhabi with its private beaches and luxury resort accommodation will see large growth in the area over the next few years with the opening of the islands Cultural District. With on-going construction designs by five Pritzker prize winners, this district's cultural icons will include the Louvre Abu Dhabi, Guggenheim Abu Dhabi and Zayed National Museum. Perfect for families or those looking to take some time to relax at sensational properties with feature pools, swim up bars, spas, a wide range of leisure facilities.

#### The Corniche:

The Corniche Road spreads across an impressive eight kilometres of manicured waterfront that includes children's play areas, separate cycle and pedestrian pathways, cafés and restaurants, and the Corniche Beach - a lifeguarded beach park. You can easily walk from many of the Corniche hotels to Marina Mall and Heritage Village by following the Corniche pathways.

#### **Grand Canal:**

Easily accessible from the Abu Dhabi International Airport and located on charming canal this area is perfect for swimming and sunbathing. Set less than five minutes from Sheikh Zayed Grand mosque, which has a capacity for an astonishing 40,000 worshippers, the waterway at the back of the hotel has abras or water taxis to transport you to a modest souk at the other end.

# **Transport**

#### Taxis:

There are nearly 10,000 taxis in Abu Dhabi and this is the most common form of 'public' transport. You can flag down a taxi anywhere so long as it is safe for the driver to stop. Some taxi companies operate limousines from hotels (usually black in colour) are more expensive and most meters start from 20 Dhs.

#### Bus:

The network of air conditioned buses operated by the Department of Transport that cross the island of of Abu Dhabi including: Grand (Sheikh Zayed) Mosque, Abu Dhabi Mall, Marina Mall, Al Wahda Mall, Al Mina Shopping Centre, Khalidya Mall, Bain Al Jessrain (Souk at Qaryat Al Beri and Shangri-La Hotel) and Carrefour (on Street 2, aka Airport Rd). The buses around the city are priced at 2 AED per trip (need to pay in coins) and for suburbs 4 AED.

#### **Bikes:**

A fun and healthy way to tour the Corniche is to hire a bicycle. A selection of cycles - from mountain bikes, to city bikes which can fit two or three passengers on the back, and even specially designed bikes for ladies wearing abayas. There are four rental stations along the Corniche boardwalk. Hire starts at AED 30 per hour for adults and AED 20 for children.



# Abu Dhabi

**Emirates Palace** 

# Samples of our Recommended Hotels

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# 1 Centro Yas Island



Idyllic location close to the Yas, Marina Circuit, home to the Formula 1 Abu Dhabi Grand Prix, The Links Golf Course and Ferrari World. Defined by a youthful and fresh vibe, Centro is a contemporary hotel with an innovative presentation and an exceptional range of services. This 259-room hotel is designed to meet the requirements



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of a new generation of traveller, seeking finesse and functionality at reasonable rates. Providing unique living spaces in a modern setting, Centro Yas Island offers amenities specifically tailored to the needs of travellers, including a restaurant serving three-course meals, bar, 24 hours shop, business centre, and a shuttle bus with multiple trips per day to the main attractions on Yas Island. The outdoor pool, as well as the fully equipped 24 hours gym, offers guests the best of recreation during their stay. The hotel is just a 10-minute drive from Abu Dhabi International Airport. **Breakfast:** Optional. **Child:** One child under 6 years free using existing beds.



Serenely set within the Liwa Desert, part of the Empty Quarter, the largest uninterrupted sand desert in the world, this secluded retreat with stylish desert castle is located two hours from Abu Dhabi and offers a breathtaking panorama. Qasr Al Sarab's accommodation features luxury fibres and earthy hues. All rooms

from A\$257 per person per night twin share

have doors opening to a terrace with desert views. They offer a deep soaking bath, rain shower and a pillow menu. The hotel organises camel treks, dune bashing and desert walks but also offers a pool and tennis court. Alternatively, guests can enjoy a relaxing massage at the Anantara Spa or try the authentic hammam. Anantara's Al Waha restaurant serves fine Arabic cuisine, while food at the Suhail is French inspired. Light meals are served at Ghadeer restaurant. **Breakfast:** Buffet. **Child:** 0-4 years free with existing bedding.

# 2 Hilton Abu Dhabi



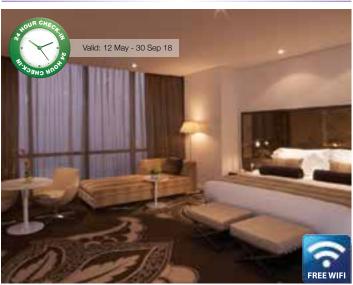


This upscale hotel overlooks the most desirable location the Corniche along the Arabian Gulf. It is located across the road from a beautiful white sand beach in the heart of Abu Dhabi. The hotel offers 10 restaurants and bars, including a trattoria, a sushi bar, Toki, and a refined pan-Asian eatery, plus a jazz club. In addition to



a private beach, there are three outdoor pools, a fitness centre and a day spa, plus a tennis court and a kids' club. Rooms at Hilton Abu Dhabi have elegant furnishings and come equipped with tea and coffeemakers, minibars and flatscreen TVs, some offer gulf views. Free Wi-Fi is available. Hilton Abu Dhabi is a short distance from drive from the Gold Souk and Marina Mall. Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque is just 20 minutes away by car. **Breakfast:** Buffet. **Child:** One child under 12 years free using existing beds.

# 4 Jumeirah At Etihad Towers ★★★★★

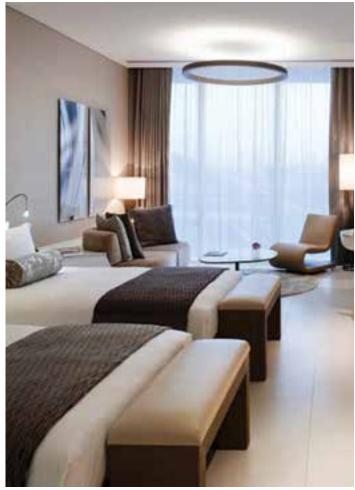


Offering the ultimate in luxury this hotel is located in Abu Dhabi's premier spot across the road from the Emirates Palace at the beginning of the famous Corniche. With a range of exceptional leisure options including a full-service spa, a fitness centre and hammam. Unwind in one of the designer rooms, suites, and

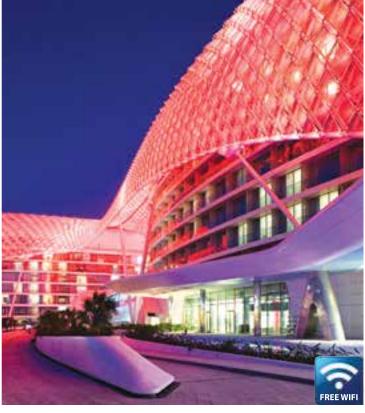


serviced residences and discover unparalleled culinary experiences in the spectacular bars or restaurants located on the 62nd and 63rd floors with stunning views. Rooms have High speed wireless, coffee/tea making facilities, media hub, spacious bathroom with walk in shower and bathtub, large size inroom safe with light and laptop charging facilities, HD-LED TV, bedside master control panel and floor to ceiling windows. **Breakfast:** Optional. **Child:** 0-12 free with existing beds. *Complimentary access to Observatory deck at 300.* 





Free shuttle bus to Ferrari World, Yas Waterworld and Shopping Mall



Set in a breathtaking position half on land and half over the water, the Yas Hotel is situated directly over the Yas Marina Circuit and provides a bird's-eye-view of this fascinating race track. Stay in a hotel which is so incredibly unique, yet embraces the environment. Offering 13 restaurants, lounges and bars, spa treatments, rooftop



swimming pool and gym as well as the nearby 18 hole golf course. The hotel features 499 contemporary and modern rooms and suites with unique furniture and custom fabrics. The rooms boast floor to ceiling windows, high tech LCD TVs, Ipod connectivity and private bathroom with rain shower. **Breakfast:** Optional **Child:** 0-5 years free when sharing with 2 adults.



# Abu Dhabi Day Tours

Abu Dhabi, the thriving, metropolitan capital of the United Arab Emirates is a melting pot for international cultures, styles and traditions. Here contemporary styles blend with Arab values resulting in an array of beautiful sights and interesting experiences. Discover the richness of ancient Arab culture and heritage on our guided sightseeing tours.Page 32 & 33 are just some samples of our day tours of Abu Dhabi, for more please contact our offices or visit our website: www.greecemedtravel.com.au

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# Abu Dhabi City Tour

Half Day



Departs Mornings: Mondays, Wednesdays & Saturdays 1 Jan-31 Oct 18 The capital of the United Arab Emirates is a fascinating mix of tradition and progression. Take a tour of the magnificent Emirates Palace Hotel. See both faces of Abu Dhabi in this introduction city tour. Visit Abu Dhabi Corniche and the vegetable, date, fish and Iranian markets of Port Zayed during this amazing tour. Dress Code for Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque is required including conservative, loose fitting clothing with long sleeves and long trousers/ skirts (ankle-length) and head scarves for ladies are required which are available prior to entry. Guests will be asked to remove their shoes prior to entering a mosque.

Price Per Person A\$

70

# Dubai City Tour From Abu Dhabi Full Day



## Departs: Thursdays and Sundays 1 Jan -31 Oct 18

A fascinating tour of Dubai's old quarter is the best way to get acquainted with the city's heritage. Arrive at historic Dubai Creek and walk through the Bastakiya area, visit the 150 year old AI Fahidi Fort, which houses the Dubai Museum. Continue the journey with a crossing of the Creek by tradition Abra (water taxi) and enjoy a short walk to the exotic spice souk. Take in the sights and spices of the markets before arriving at the Gold Souk. The next stop is the Souk AI Bahar, offering arabesque dining, shopping and entertainment with views of the Burj Khalifa superscraper and Dubai Mall. After a brief stop for lunch head to the Jumeirah Mosque and Burj AI Arab for great photo opportunities before driving back to Abu Dhabi.

**Price Per Person A\$** 

98

# Magical Abu Dhabi

Morning



#### Departs: Tuesdays & Saturdays 1 Jan-31 Oct 18

Discover the cultural heart of the United Arab Emirates stopping at the renowned sites of Abu Dhabi. Visit the spectacular Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque, the eighth largest mosque in the world, with its beautiful woven rug and Swarovski crystals chandeliers. Visit the oldest stone building in the city of Abu Dhabi, Qasr Al Hosn, known as the 'White Fort' it started out as a round watertower defending the only freshwater well on Abu Dhabi island. Afterwards indulge in a afternoon lunch at Emirates Palace Hotel - the most opulent hotel in Abu Dhabi as well as a major tourist attraction.

Price Per Person A\$

Al Ain City Tour

257





#### Departs: Tuesdays 1 Jan -31 Oct 18

Known as the 'Garden City of the Gulf', Al Ain is characterised by tree-lined avenues, oasis and traditional falaj irrigation systems. Al Ain is the birthplace of Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, the first president of the United Arab Emirates, and it has the country's highest number of Emirati nationals. Visit the Al Ain National Museum, which houses many archaeological finds of the country. Also go inside the Al Ain Palace Museum and enjoy a short oasis walk, including a falaj irrigation viewing. Stop for photos at the livestock market found nearby and Jebel Hafeet, a mountain that straddles the border with Oman and then take the time to stop at the hot springs and soak your feet in the soothing waters. Return transfers included.

Price Per Person A\$

98

# **Bedouin Dinner Tour**

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#### Departs: Daily - Afternoon 1 Jan-31 Oct 18

Pick up from the hotel in the afternoon, drive to the desert leaving behind the commotion of the city. As a safari driver takes you into the desert for a magical and memorable evening. Along the way stop at a Camel Farm and a sunset photo stop, on arrival enjoy a feast in a cushioned Bedouin tent, while you are served a feast of Arabian delights, including grilled meats, fresh salads, delectable sweets and unlimited select beverages (no alcohol). Have your hands painted in traditional henna, take a short camel ride, try smoking the shisha and be entertained by the sounds of traditional Arabic music (no belly dancing).

Price Per Person A\$	114
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# **Special Interest Tours**

# Ferrari World

Day Pass



#### Departs: Daily 1 Jan-31 Oct 18

Ferrari World Abu Dhabi is the world's first Ferrari-branded theme park and the largest attraction of its kind. The park pays tribute to the passion, excellence, performance and technical innovation that Ferrari has established over the years, and continues to symbolise today. Try this for an ideal family day out. Fans, families, and racing fanatics alike can experience an intense and impressive bout of racing culture. There are numerous restaurants serving Italian delicacies, and unique shopping experiences within the park. The VIP ticket includes the fast track lane which skips the general queue. Price is based on Bronze class. Silver & Gold also available and different cost. Transfers not included.

# Price Per Person A\$

130

# Falcon Hospital Tour

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Departs: Sundays, Tuesdays, Thursdays Morning 1 Jan-31 Oct 18 Mondays, Wednesdays Evening 1 Jan-31 Oct 18

One of nature's most awe-inspiring birds of prey, the falcon has always played a prominent role in the history and culture of the Middle East. The Abu Dhabi Falcon Hospital provides a rare opportunity to explore the world of falconry. Even learn why falcons have passports for travel in the Middle East! Conservative dress for women is required (shoulders and knees to be covered). Minimum two participants per booking. Hotel transfers are not included.

Price Per Person A\$

84

# Yas Waterworld

1 Day Pass



#### Departs: Daily 1 Jan-31 Oct 18

Create a splash on Yas Island! Situated next to the Formula 1 Grand Prix Circuit on Yas Island, this 15-hectare waterpark is an ideal attraction for a family day out. The park is perfect for the whole family with rides including the largest Flow Barrel in the Middle East, with a three metres wave. With 43 rides, slides and attractions including four one-of-a-kind waterpark rides everyone will enjoy a full day of fun with restaurants and shops in the park. Price based on Bronze class Silver & Gold also available and different cost. Transfers not included. Option to combine with Ferrari World Abu Dhabi.

Price Per Person A\$

130



Oman's beauty and unique qualities attract over a million visitors per year to this small arid country. The capital, Muscat, is endowed with beautiful traditional architecture of low rise buildings and decorative arabesque windows. Oman has 1,700 kilometres of coastline, where you can enjoy aquatic adventures including sailing and boating, game fishing and scuba diving and even turtle watching. You'll be fascinated by this unspoilt country.

Oman is a perfect blend of new and old and has an amazing amount to offer. It is a country where agriculture and fishing are still the traditional way of life, but where English is widely spoken. It is home to over 500 forts, castles and towers that were built to defend its coastline against potential invaders, but where the diverse terrain remains one of the highlights.

Whether exploring historic Nizwa or tasting the succulent foods in one of the amazing outdoor restaurants, Oman will open your eyes to a world of possibilities.

# **Private Tours**

All tours listed in our brochure are run on a private basis. Even if we have a large number of participants selecting the same tour on the same departure date each party will have their own vehicle and driver. We do not combine participants of the same tour into one group. Single people are still able to take the tour and will be charged at double the twin rate.

# **Guaranteed Departures**

Booking on our private tours gives you peace of mind. All of our tours are guaranteed departures once booked and confirmed. There is no need to be concerned that the tour may be cancelled due to lack of participants

# **Frequent Departures**

To ensure that you get the holiday that you've dreamt of during a time that suits you, most itineraries operate daily.

# **English Only**

All of our tours are conducted in English only and we choose only guides with an excellent knowledge of spoken English. Should your party wish to have a guide speaking another language instead, please contact us as so that we can arrange this as well!

# **Driver/Guides**

In Oman the drivers that we use are English speaking and they not only drive but also serve as your guide during the tours. We take extreme pride in the fact that these drivers are among the best and most experienced in Oman. Best of all, they can help make sure that your holiday is as stress-free and relaxing as possible as they understand the needs of Australian travellers.

# Transfers at No Extra Charge

Our transfer services are available 24 hours a day with no surcharge for night transfers. During transfers the services of a driver in a regular car is included. If you book additional accommodation with us before or after your package which includes transfers, then these will still be provided to you at no additional cost. We offer special deals for additional accommodation for our clients.

# **Free Water**

During tours we will provide free mineral water. Water is not included during meals at restaurants.



# Oman

# **Oman General Information**

Currency

around the country.

Visas

The Omani Rial is the official currency

of Oman. Each Rial is made up of 1000

Baiza. In most tourist areas, banks

and moneychangers are available to

exchange money. There are also ATM's

Australians can now apply for their

Oman visas online before they travel,

a convenient alternative to visa-on-

arrival. Australian passport holders can

apply online through the Royal Oman

Police website before they travel:

www.evisa.rop.gov.om Applicants must

register as a user prior to completing

the step-by-step process which is in

plain English. The different visa types

are described along with pricing and

permitted lengths of stay. To complete

your online application you will need

a scanned copy of the photo page of

your passport, as well as a digital (ipeq)

passport photo. Passengers eligible for

a visa on arrival at Muscat International

Airport can make their visa payments

at the Travelex Foreign Exchange

counter located in the immigration

arrivals hall. Payments are accepted

in most currencies or by credit card.

On payment, an automatic receipt will

be issued to the traveller. This receipt

is then presented at the immigration

desk for the visa. A 30 day tourist visa

fee is 20 Omani Rials - approximately

AU\$71.00 (subject to exchange rate on

By Air: Getting to Oman is relatively

easy as there are many airlines flying

including Emirates, Etihad, British

Airways, Lufthansa, Royal Jordanian

and Qatar Airways. There are daily

flights between the airlines with links

By Sea: While there is a port at Muscat

there are no passenger services

arriving as yet. There are however,

some cruise ships which will stop.

## Introduction

The country of Oman is something of an enigma. It borders the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia and Yemen. Oman has something for everyone, World Heritage listed ancient archaeological sites, deserts, beaches, islands, mountains, caves and springs, Oman proves it is a country full of contrasts.

#### **Time Zone**

Oman is four hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time, which means the country is approximately seven hours behind during AEST in summer and six hours behind during winter.

#### **Official Language**

Arabic is the official Language of Oman however English and some Asian languages are also widely spoken throughout tourist areas.

#### Electricity

240 volts, 50 hertz. A European or British adapter would be required.

#### Tipping

As a general rule, 10% of a bill in any restaurant is recommended. With regards to tipping guides and drivers, we suggest putting aside US\$2 per person per day.

#### Climate

The climate between November and March is widely considered to be the best time to travel due to the cooler temperatures averaging 25°C. Throughout the rest of the year, Oman can be extremely hot, particularly between May and August. However between mid-June to late-August, the rainy season in the Southern region of Dhofar and Salalah comes alive with grassy green hills and a comfortable drizzle of rain. Generally winter is cool and pleasant while summer can be very hot and humid.

# Average Monthly Temperatures (Degrees celcius):

Nov Mar Jul Average Temps Jan Feb Apr Ma Jun Aua 18 22 26 30 31 31 29 28 27 23 18 Low 17 Muscat 28 32 High 25 25 37 40 38 36 36 34 30 26 **By Land:** Arriving by land is easy as there are three 24 hour border crossings from United Arab Emirates. Visa can be arranged at the Border. Muscat lies approx 4 hrs east of Dubai. There are also daily bus services from Dubai into Oman.

## Accommodation

The majority of the hotels are modern and have a focus on luxury, exclusivity and opulence. Oman provides accommodation for every budget from city and beach hotels, apartments and even desert camps.

## National Holidays 2018

1 Jan – New Year's Day 13 Apr - Leilat al-Miraj (Ascension of the Prophet) 14 May-15 Jun - Ramadan 15-18 Jun – End of Ramadan 23 Jul - Renaissance Day 22 Aug - Arafat (Haj) Day 23-25 Aug - Eid AL Adha 11 Sep - Al Hijira (Islamic New Year) 18 Nov – Oman National Day 19 Nov - Sultan's Birthday 20 Nov - The Prophet's Birthday Ramadan: In 2018, Ramadan will be 14 May to 15 June. During this month, Muslim's abstain from eating and drinking during daylight hours. Restaurants are closed during the day and eating, drinking and smoking in public is generally forbidden between dawn and dusk.

## Things To Do

Notable areas to visit include the capital of Muscat, the desert region of Nizwa, the Hajar Mountains, Tropical Salalah, Wahiba Sands and the exclave of the Musandam Peninsula.

**Muscat:** Once 3 smaller towns, present day Muscat is a combination of the original walled city, a fishing village and the commercial and diplomatic centre. The city is features a long beach road & corniche (seafront walk) boasting kilometres of beaches, fisherman and open spaces. Highlights of Muscat include the Al

Jalali & Al Miriani Fort, built during the late 1500's by the Portuguese, Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque, known as the third largest mosque in the world and lays claim to a Swarovski crystal chandelier and the second largest hand made Persian carpet. Muscat also features museums, galleries and a number of local and national parks.

**Nizwa:** The ancient capital of Oman, Nizwa was a creative haven for all scholars, scientists and poets. Famed for the popular Nizwa Fort and souk located within the walls. Located nearby is the UNESCO World Heritage Listed Bahla Fort. Known as the biggest fort in Oman, it features 132 watch towers and a 13km long wall dating back to the ninth century.

**Musandam:** Separated from the rest of Oman by United Arab Emirates, the peninsula of Musandam is a unique enclave surrounded by mountains creating completely isolated villages only reachable by boat. Take the opportunity to enjoy some snorkelling or scuba diving to view the abundant sea life or hike the mountains to experience some of the natural wildlife.

**Salalah:** Known for being a tropical city from May to August, this city is known as the second city of Oman and famed for the Frankincense trade. Popular as the birthplace of the current Sultan. Other notable sights include the al-Hisn Souq or marketplace where bargains can be found.

Other locations: Wahiba where local Bedouins still reside and introduce visitors to camel riding, dune bashing and an overall desert experience. Another sight to be seen is Wadi Shab. Located approximately 100kms southeast of Muscat. Explore caves and discover pools of the brightest green. Hajar Mountains separates Batinah Coast from the rest of the country but offers some of the best panoramic views of the area. Hidden oasis towns dot the slopes of the mountain range.

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**Getting There** 

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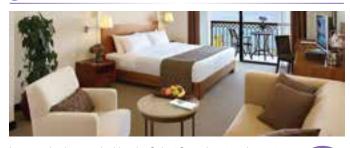


Introducing traditional Omani hospitality to guests, the Haffa House A\$105 is ideally located in the commercial business district in Muscat. per persor per night twin share Considered one of the premier hotels, the property offers the superior comfort including a buffet restaurant business centre, conference halls, café, gym, rooftop swimming pool, massage,

spa and beauty salon. Additionally the hotel features 120 comfortable and European styled rooms ranging from standard to suites. each room has been furnished with modern furniture and boasts A/C, telephone, ADSL internet, TV, mini bar, private bathroom with hairdryer. Interconnecting rooms are also available. Breakfast: American Buffet. Child: Child 0-6 years free when sharing with parents using existing bedding.

Shangri-La Muscat

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In a stunning bay overlooking the Gulf of Oman just 15-minutes from central Muscat, this ultra-luxurious resort is accessed through a A\$180 per person per night twin share private man-made tunnel in the Hajar Mountains. The resort boasts a lazy river stretching 500 metres from AI Waha to AI Bandar hotels. Shangri-La Barr Al Jissah Resort and Spa's Arabian-inspired rooms

feature private balcony, terrace, or patio facing the sea. The Barr Al Jissah Resort features 8 world-class restaurants serving a variety of international cuisine. Cool Zone and Adventure Zone are designed to offer younger guests a variety of activities. In addition to a wide range of water sports, camel and pony rides along the beach and a full-service spa complex are on offer. Free WiFi is available throughout the entire resort. Breakfast: Buffet Child: One child 0-3 vears free with cot or existing bedding.



Situated on a pristine stretch of beach in the heart of the city, the Grand Hvatt is a striking example of Arabian architecture and is A\$242 the perfect choice for any visitor. Strongly considered one of the per perso per night most luxurious and opulent hotels in Oman, the hotel features award winning facilities such as their signature restaurant Tuscany,





Conveniently situated near the city centre, the Park Inn stands out with its rooftop pool and classic modern interiors. The hotel offers easy access to the central business and shopping districts as well as the local attractions such as Al Ghubra Beach. Offering an all day buffet restaurant, an international bar, fitness centre, retail



outlets, meeting rooms and business centre. Each of the 175 rooms feature in room safe, private bathroom with hairdryer, tea/coffee facilities, wireless internet access, DD phone and LCD TVs. Breakfast: American Buffet. Child: Child 0-12 years free when sharing with parents using existing bedding.



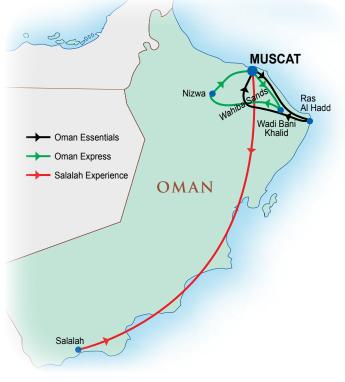
With a kilometre long private beach and an amazing reputation for its dining experience, the Al Bustan's impressive array of A\$202 restaurants offers a variety of international cuisines. The Al Marjan Restaurant has impeccable service and unique ambience and serves first-class modern European cuisine. You can also take in

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the Pool Bar for light snacks and juices; and Seblat Al Bustan, an authentic Omani night-time Bedouin tented dining experience. The hotel has a gym, swimming pool and sauna with the 250 hotel rooms and suites featuring either magnificent mountain, sea or garden views with plush accommodations, highspeed Internet access, air conditioning, Toiletries, a hairdryer, and a bathrobe are offered in the bathroom. Breakfast: Buffet. Child: 0-12 years free with existing; Breakfast payable for children 6 to 12 years.



# Tours of Oman



# Salalah Experience

4 Days

#### Journey to the capital city of Oman's southern Zufar and Dhofar region where you'll discover Salalah's famous frankincense tree, Job's tomb (prophet from the old testament), Queen of Sheba's legendary palace and view the unique, beautiful lands of the area.

#### Departs: Daily 11 Jan-31 Oct 18

#### Day 1: Muscat-Salalah

Transfer to Muscat Airport for a flight to Salalah (airfare not included). On arrival transfer to the hotel. Overnight in Salalah.

#### Day 2: Salalah

After breakfast, visit the West side of Salalah and pass by the site of the famous Frankincense trees. Drive to splendid Mughsail Bay, where the mountains rise straight up from the beach and see the blowholes. Journey to the Prophet Job's tomb, perched high up in the jebels overlooking the city of Salalah. Drive back to your hotel. In the afternoon, enjoy a sightseeing tour of Salalah passing Al-Balid archaeological dig and drive through the scenic Corniche that leads to old Salalah. Continue to gold souk, Haffa Souk and to Dhofar museum. Overnicht in Salalah. (B)

#### Day 3: Salalah

After breakfast, depart to explore East Salalah, pass by the Royal Farm and the Mamura Palace to Ayn Raza, a beautiful area surrounded by green hills. Drive through Qara Mountains to the ruins of Sumhuram at Khowr Rawri. This was a site of the Queen of Sheba's legendary palace. Continue to Mirbat, one of Salalah's best-known historic sites, Bin Ali's Mosque and Taqa villages. Afternoon at your own leisure. Overnight in Salalah. (B)

#### Day 4: Salalah-Muscat

After breakfast transfer to Salalah Airport for flight to Muscat (airfare not included). Transfer to your hotel. (B)

Additional domestic airfare Muscat-Salalah-Muscat from approx A\$430 per person. Price is subject to change.

#### Inclusions

3 night's accommodation • Transportation by air-conditioned vehicle • English speaking guide/driver • Meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner)
 • Entrance fees, service charges & local taxes

Additional domestic airfare Muscat-Salalah-Muscat from approx A\$342 per person. Price is subject to change.

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Triple	Single
Juweira Boutique Hotel			
11 Jan-31 Mar; 8 Apr-14 May; 16 Sep-31 Oct 18	1284	1212	2568
1-7 Apr 18	1630	1558	3260
15 May-13 Jun 18	975	905	1950
14 Jun-15 Sep 18	1624	1552	3248

# **Oman Essentials**



# Catch the must see sites of Oman in this 3 day package that takes you to the natural beauties and ancient sites of this unique country.

#### Departs: Daily 3 Jan-30 Apr 18

#### Day 1: Muscat-Ras Al Hadd

This morning depart by 4WD for an adventure trip of a lifetime. First stop will be Wadi Dayqah, a beautiful man-made dam. Then proceed to Wadi Arbaeen, one of the most beautiful wadis in Muscat region. Proceed to the lush green Wadi Shad. From here continue to Wadi Tiwi, a city lost under the palms. Drive to Sur, a seafaring town. Continue on the coastal road until Ras Al Hadd for our overnight stay. At night, visit Ras Al Junayz, the unique turtle reserve where turtles lay their eggs. Overnight Ras Al Hadd Beach Hotel or similar. (D)

#### Day 2: Ras Al Hadd-Wahiba Sands

Travel to Jalan Bani Bu Ali on the South Eastern coast, which dates back to the third century. Visit the unique 52 domed Jamee Al Hamoda Mosque built in eleventh century. Continue to the nearby ruins of Al Hamoda fort, dating back 300 years. Proceed to Wadi Bani Khalid, a lush green valley surrounded by rugged mountains. After lunch drive up to Al Wasil, for overnight camping. Arrive at the campsite then experience a thrilling 4x4 dune drive. Enjoy a traditional BBQ dinner. Overnight in a traditional camp at Wahiba Sands. (B, D)

#### Day 3: Wahiba Sands-Muscat

After breakfast, depart by four-wheel-drive to the town of Mudairib, a pretty village dominated by its rectangular fort. Continue to Muscat and upon arrival drop off at your hotel. (B)

#### Inclusions

2 nights accommodation • Transportation by air-conditioned vehicle • English speaking guide/driver • Meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner)
 • Entrance fees, service charges & local taxes

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Triple	Single				
Option 1: - RAS AL HADD: Ras Al Hadd Beach WAHIBA: Safari Desert Camp							
3 Jan-30 Apr 18	1304	1200	2608				
Option 2: – RAS AL HADD: Ras Al Jinz Turtle Reserve WAHIBA: Desert Night Camp							
3 Jan-30 Apr 18	1530	1422	3060				

# **Oman Express**

5 Days

#### Discover the real Muscat from the markets through to the museums before journeying to the evergreen Wadi Bani Khalid and then to the Arabian Sea. Visit Nizwa, once the capital of Oman.

#### Departs: Daily 11 Jan-30 Sep 18

Day 1: Muscat

Upon arrival at Muscat airport, transfer to your hotel. Overnight in Muscat. Day 2: Muscat

Enjoy a city tour of Muscat. Visit the Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque, wander the Corniche and visit the fish souk and Muttrah souk (Arabian market place). Visit Bait Al Zubair museum, housing a collection of antiques from all over the Sultanate. Take a walk through the old city of Muscat bordered by twin 16th century forts "Jalali" and "Mirani". Return to your hotel for overnight. (B, L)

#### Day 3: Muscat-Wadi Bani Khalid-Wahiba Sands-Nizwa

Depart by 4WD to Wadi Bani Khalid, the evergreen wadi. The blue pools are perfect for a refreshing dip. Continue to Wahiba Sands, described a sand sea, running south from the Eastern Hajjar Mountains to Arabian Sea. After the tour we proceed to Nizwa, once the capital of Oman. Overnight in Nizwa. (B, L)

#### Day 4: Nizwa-Muscat

After breakfast, visit the round tower fort and the bustling souk. Proceed to the castle of Jibreen then the ancient fort of Bahla (fort closed for renovation), famous for its pottery and included in UNESCO's list of World Heritage Sites. Drive to Al Hamra village to see the remains of old style mud brick houses. Also visit one of oldest houses of Seikh "Bait Al Safa". Overnight in Muscat. (B, L)

## Day 5: Muscat

After breakfast transfer to Muscat Airport for departure. (B)

#### Inclusions

4 nights accommodation • Transportation by air-conditioned vehicle • English speaking guide/driver • Meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner)
 • Entrance fees, service charges & local taxes

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Triple	Single						
STANDARD – MUSCAT: Haffa House NIZWA: Falaj Daris									
1 Jan-30 Apr 18	1430	1416	2630						
1 May-30 Sep 18	1330	1320	2490						
PREMIUM – MUSCAT: Grand Hyatt or Intercontinental NIZWA: Golden Tulip									
3 Jan-25 Mar; 8-30 Apr 18	2225	2122	4164						
26 Mar-7 Apr 18	2530	2430	4470						
1 May-31 Aug 18	1733	1695	3296						
1-30 Sep 18	1930	1800	3490						

# **Oman Treasures**

Travel through Muscat and discover the many wondrous locations of Oman's capital including the markets, Bait Zubair museum and the Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque, journey on to Wadi Shab to the unique Ras Al Hadd before discovering the older region of Nizwa and the mountain village of Misfah.



# Departs: Daily 1 Jan-31 Sep 18

Day 1: Muscat

Upon arrival into Muscat, transfer to your hotel for overnight. Day 2: Muscat

Enjoy a city tour of Muscat, the capital of Oman. Visit the Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque, which has a remarkable architectural achievement. Walk the Corniche and visit the fish souk and Muttrah souk. Visit Bait Al Zubair museum, which has Oman's finest and most comprehensive collections of antiques from all over the Sultanate. Take a walk through the old city flanked by twin 16th century forts "Jalali" and "Mirani". (B, L)

#### Day 3: Muscat-Wadi Shab-Sur-Ras Al Hadd

Start the day with an adventurous trip by a 4WD. Drive through one of the most thrilling sections of Oman's 1,700 km coastline. Our first stop will be the famous Sinkhole, a part of a collapsed mountain filled with sea water Continue to Wadi Shab (damaged by the cyclone), a wadi which is located between Muscat and the town of Sur and combines the attractions of coastal areas and inland wonders. Continue to Wadi TIWI, famous for one of the most beautiful wadis. Drive to Sur, a sea-faring town and a trading port bustling with activity. Continue to reach Ras Al Hadd and at night visit the unique Turtle reserve. (B, L, D)

#### Day 4: Ras Al Hadd-Nizwa

Depart to Wadi Bani Khalid - a lush green valley and famous for its natural beauty. Continue to Wahiba Sands, one of the most fascinating and mysterious regions of Oman. The Wahiba is also home to a few thousand Bedouins. Experience a thrilling ride of dune bashing with our experienced drivers. Then continue to Nizwa via Sinaw. Overnight in Nizwa. (B, L)

#### Day 5: Nizwa-Muscat

This morning we visit the 17th century round tower fort and the bustling souk known for its silver and copper handicrafts. Proceed to the magnificent castle of Jibreen and then to the ancient fort of Bahla (fort closed for renovation). Historic town of Bahla is famous for its pottery and a has become UNESCO World Heritage site. Drive to Al Hamra village, visit "Bait Al Safa - a traditional Omani house where you will see how Omanis used to live. Visit the mountain village of Misfah before returning to Muscat. (B, L)

#### Day 6: Muscat

After breakfast, transfer to the airport. (B)

#### Inclusions

5 nights accommodation • Transportation by air-conditioned vehicle • English speaking guide/driver • Meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner)
• Entrance fees, serves charges & local taxes

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Triple	Single					
STANDARD – MUSCAT: Haffa House RAS AL HADD: Ras Al Hadd Beach NIZWA: Falaj Daris								
1 Jan-30 Apr 18	1950	1922	3580					
1 May-30 Sep 18	1810	1798	3368					
PREMIUM – MUSCAT: Grand Hyatt RAS AI	JYNZ: Turtle R	leserve NIZWA:	Golden Tulip					
3 Jan-25 Mar; 8-30 Apr 18	2750	2656	5156					
26 Mar-7 Apr 18	3055	2962	5462					
1 May-31 Aug 18	2214	2174	4185					
1-30 Sep 18	2500	2461	4472					

# **Oman Prelude**

Discover Oman starting in Muscat visiting the Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque, fish souk and Muttrah souk and 16th century forts before journeying Wadi Bani Khalid, Wahiba Sands and Nizwa. You'll then visit and stay at Jebel Shams, known as the "mountain of the sun".

Departs: Daily 3 Jan-30 Sep 18 Day 1: Muscat

Upon arrival into Muscat, transfer to your hotel for overnight. Day 2: Muscat

Wadi Bani Awr MUSCAT Jebel Shams Nizwa Madi Bani Khalid OMAN

Enjoy a city tour of Muscat, the capital city of Oman. It is known to be one of the most attractive cities in the Gulf region. This morning we will visit the Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque, that has a remarkable architectural achievement. Wander the Corniche and visit the fish souk and Muttrah souk (Arabian market place). Visit Bait Al Zubair museum, the museum has Oman's finest and most comprehensive collections of antiques from all over the Sultanate. Alternatively the Bait Branda museum exhibits Omani heritage. Take a walk through the old city flanked by twin 16th century forts "Jalali" and "Mirani". (B, L)

#### Day 3: Muscat-Wadi Bani Khalid-Wahiba Sands-Nizwa

Depart by four-wheel drive to Wadi Bani Khalid, the evergreen wadi - Amidst stark rocky outcrops of mountains, a lush valley oasis is born on rich earth provided with plentiful water. Then continue to Wahiba Sands, enjoy a roller-coaster ride over the dunes and then proceed to Nizwa, which was once the capital of Oman. Overnight in Nizwa. (B, L)

#### Day 4: Nizwa-Jebal Shams

This morning we visit the 17th century round tower fort and the bustling souk. Proceed to visit the magnificent castle of Jibreen and continue to the ancient fort of Bahla (fort closed for renovation). Drive to Al Hamra village to see the remaining of old style mud brick houses, visit "Bait Al Safa", one of oldest house of Seikh which has been transformed into a lively museum. Photo stop at Wadi Ghul. The Wadi stands out against the brown mountains and the village nestles at the foot of the hills. Continue to Jebal Shams – also known as "the mountain of the Sun" for overnight. (B, L, D)

#### Day 5: Jebal Shams-Wadi Bani Awf-Muscat

After breakfast, drive down the mountain, cross the Hajar mountains onward to Nakhl. Bilad Sayt, a scenic oasis settlement, can be seen at the bottom of the gorge. Enter the outskirts of the village of Wadi Bani Awf, and catch a glimpse of ancient cliff side houses. Continue driving to the ancient fort of Nakhl. After a look around the fort, visit Nakhl Hot Springs then proceed to Muscat. (B, L)

# Day 6: Muscat

After breakfast transfer to Muscat Airport for departure. (B)

#### Inclusions

5 nights accommodation • Transportation by air-conditioned vehicle • English speaking guide/driver • Meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner)
 • Entrance fees, serves charges & local taxes

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Triple	Single	
STANDARD - MUSCAT: Haffa House NIZWA:	Falaj Daris <b>Jeb</b>	al Shams: Basis	Bungalow	
3 Jan-30 Apr 18	1888	1860	3420	
1 May-30 Sep 18	1750	1730	3205	
PREMIUM – MUSCAT: Grand Hyatt NIZWA:	Golden Tulip Je	bal Shams: Ba	sis Bungalow	
3 Jan-25 Mar; 8-30 Apr 18	2673	2580	4950	
26 Mar-7 Apr 18	2978	2886	5255	
1 May-31 Aug 18	2190	2144	4084	
1-30 Sep 18	2385	2340	4280	

Jebal Shams



# **Oman Experience**

Spend three days travelling through the north of Oman visiting the must see sites of this unique and ancient country. USCAT Travel through the varied terrains, while experiencing the local customs that showcase Oman at its finest. OMAN

# Wadi Shab

# Departs: Daily 3 Jan-30 Sep 18

Day 1: Muscat Upon arrival into Muscat, transfer to your hotel for overnight.

#### Day 2: Muscat

Enjoy a city tour of Muscat-undoubtedly one of the most attractive cities in the Gulf region. Visit the Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque, a remarkable architectural achievement. Wander the Corniche and visit the fish souk and Muttrah souk and Bait Al Zubair museum which has the most finest and comprehensive collections of antiques from all over the Sultanate. Take a walk through the old city of Muscat flanked by twin sixteenth century forts "Jalali" and "Mirani". Return to your hotel for overnight. (B, L)

#### Day 3: Muscat-Wadi Shab-Sur-Ras Al Hadd

Drive through one of the most thrilling sections of Oman's 1,700 kilometre coastline. First vist the famous Sinkhole, a part of a collapsed mountain filled with sea water. Proceed to Wadi Shab, known for its lush green wadis with waters flowing most of the year and continue to Wadi TIWI, a luxuriant valley. Drive to Sur which is famous for building wooden ships. After a quick tour of Sur, continue to Ras Al Hadd and at night visit the unique turtle reserve with possibility of watching turtles laying eggs at night. (B, L, D)

#### Day 4: Ras Al Hadd-Wadi Bani Khalid-Wahiba Sands

Visit Wadi Bani Khalid, a lush green valley surrounded by rugged mountains. Continue to Wahiba Sands - home to a few thousand Bedouins. Opportunity for dune bashing. Dinner and overnight Wahiba Sands during winter. During summer May-Sep overnight in Ibra due to closure of camp site. (B, L, D)

#### Day 5: Wahiba Sands-Nizwa

Depart to Mudairib, a pretty village dominated by its rectangular fort. Travel to Ibra, then continue to Birkat Al Mauz, enjoy a walk through its oasis and dense date plantations and visit the Falaj. Proceed to Nizwa, which was once the capital of Oman. (B, L)

#### Day 6: Nizwa-Muscat

Visit the 17th century round tower fort and the bustling souk known for its silver and copper handicrafts. Then visit the magnificent castle of Jibreen, continue to the ancient fort of Bahla. Bahla is now included in UNESCO's list of world heritage sites. See the remaining old style brick mud brick houses at Al Hamra village. Visit one of the oldest house of Seikh "Bait Al Safa", Overnight Muscat. (B, L)

# Day 7: Muscat

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for departure. (B)

#### Inclusions

• 6 night's accommodation • Transportation by air-conditioned vehicle • English speaking guide/driver • Meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner) • Entrance fees, serves charges & local taxes

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Triple	Single					
STANDARD – MUSCAT: Haffa House RAS AL WAHIBA SANDS: Safari Desert Camp Camp								
3 Jan-30 Apr 18 2350 2320 4294								
1 May-30 Sep 18	2210	2194	4045					
PREMIUM – MUSCAT: Grand Hyatt RAS AL WAHIBA SANDS: 1000 Night Camp NIZWA		leserve						
3 Jan-25 Mar; 8-30 Apr 18	3248	3160	6000					
26 Mar-7 Apr 18	3510	3466	6278					
1 May-31 Aug 18	2658	2620	4958					
1-30 Sep 18	2946	2820	5246					





# **Oman Highlights**

From the cosmopolitan city of Muscat, where you can wander the Corniche and ish and Muttrah Souk (markets), to the ancient city of Nizwa you'll discover the best of Oman, including a visit to the Wadi Bani Khalid an oasis in the desert, dune bashing through Wahiba and a night under the stars with the Bedouins.



#### Departs: Daily 3 Jan-30 Sep 18

#### Day 1: Muscat

Upon arrival into Muscat, transfer to your hotel for overnight. Day 2: Muscat

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Visit the Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque. Wander the Corniche and visit the fish souk and Muttrah souk, Bait Al Zubair museum, which has Oman's finest and most comprehensive collections of antiques from all over the Sultanate. Stroll through the old city surrounded by twin 16th century forts "Jalali" and "Mirani". (B, L)

## Day 3: Muscat-Wadi Shab-Sur-Ras Al Hadd

Drive to the famous Sinkhole and then to Wadi Shab known for its lush green wadis. Continue to Wadi TIWI, Sur and continue to Ras Al Hadd. At night visit turtle reserve. (B, L, D)

# Day 4: Ras Al Hadd-Wadi Bani Khalid-Wahiba Sands

Depart to Wadi Bani Khalid, -its stream maintains a constant flow of water throughout the year. Continue to Wahiba Sands – one of most fascinating and mysterious desert. Opportunity to go dune bashing. Dinner and overnight in Wahiba Sands or nearby. (B, L, D)

# Day 5: Wahiba Sands-Nizwa

Depart to Mudairib, a pretty village dominated by its fort. Then to Ibra, which was once a centre of trade, religion, education and art. Continue to Birkat Al Mauz to enjoy its oasis. Also visit the Falaj then proceed to Nizwa. (B, L)

## Day 6: Nizwa-Jebal Shams

Visit the 17th century round tower fort and the bustling souk known for its silver and copper handicrafts. Then proceed to the magnificent castle of Jibreen and the ancient fort of Bahla. Drive to the date palm groves at Al Hamra village to see the remains of old style mud brick houses. Continue for overnight at Jebal Shams, one of the highest peaks in the region also known as 'the Mountain of the Sun'. (B, L, D)

## Day 7: Jebal Shams-Wadi Bani Awf-Muscat

Drive down crossing the Hajjar mountains

onward to Nakhl. Bilad Sayt, a scenic oasis settlement, can be seen at the bottom of the gorge that plunges just beyond the rocky summit. Continue to the ancient fort of Nakhl, built in the pre-Islamic era. Visit Nakhl Hot Springs then proceed to Muscat for overnight. (B, L)

# Day 8: Muscat departure

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for departure. (B) Inclusions

- 7 night's accommodation Transportation by air-conditioned vehicle
  English speaking guide/driver Meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast,
- L-Lunch, D-Dinner) Entrance fees, serves charges & local taxes

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Triple	Single						
STANDARD – MUSCAT: Haffa House RAS AL HADD: Ras Al Hadd Beach WAHIBA SANDS: Safari Desert Camp Camp NIZWA: Falaj Daris JEBAL SHAMS: Basis Bungalow									
3 Jan-30 Apr 18	2840	2800	5140						
1 May-30 Sep 18	2693	2670	4875						
PREMIUM – MUSCAT: Grand Hyatt RAS AL JYNZ: Turtle Reserve WAHIBA SANDS: 1000 Night Camp NIZWA: Golden Tulip JEBAL SHAMS: Basis Bungalow									
3 Jan-25 Mar; 8-30 Apr 18	3740	3642	6848						
26 Mar-7 Apr 18	3998	3948	7122						
1 May-31 Aug 18	3140	3090	5790						
1-30 Sep 18	3426	3285	6075						

Explore Qatar with us, and you can be guaranteed professional and experienced services with staff that are dedicated and knowledgeable. Regardless if you are taking a short break between flights or taking a family holiday we can arrange a memorable stay. Qatar is located on a small peninsula offering a remarkable range of sights and experiences. It has 563 km of uninterrupted coastline and the capital is Doha. Doha is striking, modern, growing rapidly and offers lots to explore whether it be taking in the view from The Corniche, spending time at the State Grand and Katara Mosques or visiting The Pearl-Qatar, an artificial island home to marinas, shops and residences. While Qatar is a small country with most sights easily accessible no more than an hour or two from Doha, it is important to plan your stay in advance and take advantage of local knowledge.

# **Meet & Transfer**

Take advantage of prebook and prepaid transfer from the airport to the hotel and vice versa. Avoid airport ques, hassles with a local taxi drivers and leave the worry about exchange rates behind. Our local representative meets our guests at the Arrivals Hall of Hamad International Airport after the Immigration and Customs Control Desks, holding a placard with guests' names. Transportation is provided by modern, air conditioned vehicles.

# **Tours & Packages**

We offer a selection of day tours and package tours that combine transfers, accommodation and recommended regular or private tours. Regardless if it is your first or consecutive visit we can arrange package suitable for you. Programs can be arrange to satisfy every need and budget using different hotels and tours. Explore, discover cultural and natural treasures, try Qatari cuisine or experience traditional past time such as camel racing, falconry or art & craft.

# **Safaris**

Some 60 km from Doha in the south-eastern corner of the country lies one of Qatar's most impressive natural wonders, the 'Inland Sea' or Khor AI Adaid. A UNESCO recognized natural reserve with its own ecosystem, this is one of the few places in the world where the sea encroaches deep into the heart of the desert. Inaccessible by road, this tranquil expanse of water can only be reached by across the rolling dunes. Enjoy & experience the thrill of "dune bashing" 4 x4 drive over towering white sand dunes overlooking the seas with our experienced drivers. Chill at the tranquil and un-spoilt Inland Sea.

# **Hotels in Qatar**

Wondering which hotel in Qatar will suit your needs perfectly? Our recommended hotels are conveniently located, well priced and provide good service. We retain a wide range of hotels for you to choose from but have selected for the brochure only a few due to space limitation. Just tell us exactly what you're looking for and we will find a hotel most suited to your requirements - at the best price available!

# Corniche

A seven-kilometre long waterfront promenade around Doha Bay, the Corniche offers spectacular vistas of the city, from the dramatic high rise towers of the central business district to the bold shapes of the Museum of Islamic Art. Traditional wooden dhows lining the Bay evoke echoes of Qatar's great seafaring past. The Corniche provides a green, vehicle-free pedestrian space in the heart of the capital.

# **Tailor Made Tours**

Although regular tours are available we recommend affordable local private tours. Nothing can beat a tailor-made tour organized through highly professional tour operator. It is remarkable good value, allowing you choose where you wish to go with the convenience of knowing your own personal chauffeur is waiting whenever you're ready. Just contact us or your travel agent and we will arrange hassle free package for you. One of our special, affordable package could be all it takes to have a fantastic stay in Qatar!



# Qatar

# Qatar General Information

# Introduction

Situated halfway along the West Coast of the Arabian Gulf and east of the Arabian Peninsula is the beautiful State of Qatar full of rich history, beauty and culture. Combining old world hospitality with cosmopolitan sophistication, Qatar allows you to enjoy rich cultural tapestry, new experiences and adventures. Visit Doha Corniche, which offers spectacular views of the city or take a stroll down Souq Waqif and experience an authentic taste of traditional architecture, culture and food.

# **Population**

Qatar's population was estimated to be over 1.8 million in 2012.

# Time Zone

Qatar is 3 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time and there are no daylight savings adjustments. Australia is only 7 hours ahead of Qatar.

# **Electricity**

Qatar's current electrical system is 220/240V AC 50Hz. Socket type, which are square three-pin 13 amp adapter plugs are required.

# Climate

Qatar has a desert climate of hot summer and relatively warm winter. Rainfall in winter is minimal and on average does not exceed 75.2 mm per year. Light cotton clothing along with hats and sunglasses are recommended. Qatar is very hot in summer months between May and September where temperatures often reach 40 degree.

# Average Monthly Temperatures (Degrees celcius):

**Official Language** 

Arabic is the official language, but English is becoming more widely spoken.

#### Currency

The currency of Qatar is the Riyal (QR or QAR). The exchange rate is fixed at 1 AUD\$ = QR2.70

There are no foreign exchange controls. ATMs can be found in many locations and most shops and restaurants accept major credit cards.

# Shopping

Souqs are still very much part of modern life in Qatar. Try to find a bargain in one of the many Souks where one can bargain till their hearts are content. In contrast to the atmosphere and bustle of the Souqs, there are numerous large stand-alone retail outlets and showrooms that line the streets of Doha's main shopping districts. There are also multiple large and small malls offering an air-conditioned indoor shopping experience.

#### Visas

Australian passport holders can apply for a 30 day visa upon arrival in Qatar. The current cost is QR 55 which is approx. A\$20.

Recently new free Transit Visa has been introduced for travellers flying Qatar to allow passengers to experience Qatar for a short stopover (between 5 and 96 hours).

## Food

The tradition of sharing food and drink is deeply ingrained in Qatari culture and the serving of Arabic coffee and dates to welcome visitors remains a symbolic expression of this hospitality. Qatar has a remarkable variety of dining possibilities. Options

Average	Temps	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Qatar	Low	14	15	17	21	28	29	31	31	29	25	21	16
Qalai	High	22	23	27	33	39	42	42	42	39	35	30	25

range from fine dining to relaxed fast food outlets and coffee shops. Many top restaurants are located in Qatar's hotels. Restaurants can also be discovered in The Pearl-Qatar, Souq Waqif and Katara Cultural Village, amongst numerous other culinary corners of the city. Over the years, many local dishes have been influenced by the cuisine of the Indian Subcontinent, Iran, the Levant and North Africa.

## **Getting There**

**By Air:** Qatar Airlines have daily flights from Australia direct, while other airlines have regular flights via Bangkok, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Singapore, Dubai and Abu Dhabi.

# Getting Around

Visitors (men as well as women) should show respect for local culture and customs in public places by avoiding excessively revealing clothing. Bikinis and beachwear are acceptable by the hotel pool but not in public places in the city. Most visitors rely on taxis to get around town, as it is measured on a kilometre basis. Chauffeured limousine hire is ideal for seamless travel and can be hired by the hour or on a daily basis. Buses are not widely used by tourists, however there is a reasonable service throughout most of Doha and across the country.

# Accommodation

Accommodation in Qatar is generally considered upper class with some of the finest facilities and highest standards of service. Many of the capital's major hotels are self-contained resorts, which are close to the CBD and major city tourist attractions. Exclusive boutique hotels and service apartments are also available downtown. Leading international hotel groups also operate in Doha as well as home grown operations offering the same impeccable standards of service and quality. Most hotels offer at least three or four restaurants as well as other outlets. The top hotels all have swimming pools, sporting and recreational facilities including tennis, squash and state of the art gyms and health clubs.

# **Tipping**

Tipping within Qatar is similar to those done elsewhere in the Western World. Generally a 10% service fee is included onto the bill; if not however, the same amount is considered adequate. Drivers and guides usually appreciate tips.

# **National Holidays 2018**

13 Feb - Second Tuesday National Sport Day 14 May-15 Jun - Ramadan 15-17 Jul - End of Ramadan 31 Aug - Arafat (Haj) Day 21-24 Aug - Eid AL Adha 11 Sep - Al Hijira (Islamic New Year) 20 Nov - The Prophet Muhammad's Birthday

18 Dec Qatar National Day

Weekends are Friday-Saturday

Ramadan: During the month of Ramadan Muslim abstain from eating and drinking during daytime. Tourists travelling during.

# Things To Do

With a pleasant mix of desert and cosmopolitan, Qatar has something to offer for everyone. Take a panoramic tour around the city or go for a heartstopping roller coaster ride over the steep dunes on a 4x4 off-road safari tour. Experience the country's seafaring heritage by cruising aboard a traditional wooden dhow. Engage in old traditional pastimes watching sports such as camel racing, falconry and horse racing. For a more relaxing time in Qatar, listen to traditional music or visit the Museum of Islamic Art. Explore the immaculately restored AI Zubarah Fort, the most extensive and best preserved examples of an 18th-19th century settlement in the region.



# Package Deals

We've made it easier for you to enjoy every moment of your stay with this money and time saving programs that combine a number of exciting tours and experiences with accommodation. These specially designed packages allow you to experience Qatar with their must-see's and the must-do's including your hotel stay, tours and return airport transfers. Our packages also include meet and assist on arrival as well as an assistance of a local representative while in Qatar to assure that your holiday runs smoothly. These programs can also be arrange using different hotels. We can also customise programs.

# **Doha Essentials**

#### Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival. Meet and assist & transfer to Saray Corniche Hotel for overnight. Day 2: Half Day Doha sightseeing tour. (B) Day 3: Departure. Transfer to Doha Airport. (B) Inclusions

• Return airport transfers • 2 nights'

accommodation at Saray Corniche Hotel • Meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast) 

Sightseeing tours as per itinerary

# **Doha Explorer**

#### Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival. Meet and assist & transfer to Saray Corniche Hotel for overnight. Day 2: Half Day Doha sightseeing tour. (B) Day 3: Dunes Discovery tour to explore the desert. (B) Day 4: Departure. Transfer to Doha Airport, (B)



Inclusions • Return airport transfers • 3 nights' accommodation at Saray Corniche Hotel • Meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast) • Sightseeing tours as per itinerary





from

A\$299

per person per night

from

# **Qatar Essentials**

Itinerary Day 1: Arrival. Meet and assist & transfer to Saray Corniche Hotel for overnight. Day 2: Full day tour Grand Doha Tour. (B) Day 3: Departure. Transfer to Doha Airport. (B)

Inclusions

• Return airport transfers • 2 nights'

accommodation at Saray Corniche Hotel • Meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast) • Sightseeing tours as per itinerary

# Doha In Style

#### Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival. Transfer to St Regis Hotel for overnight. Day 2: Private half day sightseeing tour of Doha. (B) Day 3: Departure. Transfer to Doha Airport, (B)

Inclusions

• Return airport transfers • 2 nights' accommodation at St Regis Hotel

• Meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast) • Sightseeing tours as per itinerary



from

A\$336

per person per night

from A\$499 per persor per night

A\$549 per person



# Samples of our Recommended Hotels

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Contact us for more

# 1 Kingsgate Hotel



The hotel is situated in the vibrant old city of Al Ghanim. Many of Doha's major attractions are within walking distance. The hotel is just a minute away from the Gold Souk and 5 minutes from Souk Waqif renowned for its unique atmosphere, and the famous Museum of Islamic Art. Unwind and relax at Kingsgate Hotel's gym, swimming pool or jacuzzi. Many of the 140 rooms and suites offer panoramic views of the city and marina. Well appointed rooms include in-room safe,

views of the city and marina. Well appointed rooms include in-room safe, coffee and tea making facilities, minibar and complimentary Wi-Fi. The hotel also features a gym, swimming pool and jacuzzi. **Breakfast:** American Buffet.





Conveniently located in the heart of Doha in close proximity to the city's key administrative, business and leisure attractions. The hotel is just a few minutes' drive from the airport while the Corniche is just around the corner. Best Western Plus offers a spa, fitness centre, swimming pool, night club and a variety of restaurants. The 232 regress and externation actallite TU Outdoor

227 rooms and suites include high-speed internet and satellite TV. Outdoor freshwater pool is also available. **Breakfast:** Buffet.

# 3 Intercontinental Doha



Intercontinental Doha is beautifully set in the prestigious and breathtaking West Bay Lagoon area close to the famous Doha Golf Club. Enjoying 400 metres of stunning private beach it offers the ideal places where guests can indulge in a lazy beach break or choose to explore the delights this culturally-rich city has to offer. The hotel



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is just 5 minutes from the business and diplomatic districts of the city and the centre of Doha is within easy access of the hotel. Boasting stunning views of the ocean this magnificent hotel features a perfect blend of modern and Qatari styles the hotel fits beautifully into its surroundings. The rooms feature modern amenities and Outdoor freshwater pool and well as children pool and pub are also available. **Breakfast:** Buffet.

# 4 Double Tree by Hilton

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Ideally located is just 10 minutes from Doha International Airport and 6km from Hamad International Airport. Discover lots of cafes and restaurants nearby, and enjoy easy access to the Corniche, Doha Port and the Emiri Diwan Palace. Attractions including the Museum of Islamic Art and the Souk Waqif can be easily reached.

Bright, spacious guest rooms feature high ceilings and floor-to-ceiling windows, offering wonderful city views. Relax in the comfortable seating area and stay connected with complimentary WiFi at the desk. Luxurious suites are also available at this Doha hotel, with a kitchenette and separate living and dining areas. Energize in the complimentary 24-hour fitness center or refresh in the rooftop swimming pool, as you take in magnificent views over Doha. Enjoy international and local specialties in the all-day dining restaurant, OPEN, and recharge with a coffee and a sweet treat in Barrista. Sky Lounge, Pure, is the perfect place to cool down with a fresh, healthy juice and enjoy a delicious, Mediterranean-influenced snack. **Breakfast:** Buffet.



5 Soug Wagif Boutique Special Category

Nestled in the heart of the historic Souq Waqif and just 15 minutes from the Doha Airport, Souq Waqif Boutique Hotels is a collection of nine unique buildings restored to its former glory. Souq Waqif Boutique Hotels' rooms and suites are designed with deluxe amenities for absolute comfort, convenience and independence.



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It offers free WiFi in the hotel, a spa and restaurants. Enjoy an eclectic dining experience at any one of the hotel's 8 restaurants and retreat to AVANI Spa by choosing from a range of treatments carefully crafted to fuse the ancient traditions of Arabia with cutting edge skincare All accommodation at Souq Waqif Boutique Hotels feature a traditional Arabic décor. Each suite offers a living room with plush sofa, a flat-screen TV and a minibar. Some have a balcony overlooking Souq Waqif. **Breakfast:** Buffet breakfast.



Landmark hotel in Doha's West Bay, near the Diplomatic District, borders the azure Arabian Gulf, where dramatic sand dunes, ancient architecture, and the scenic Pearl Island paint a magnificent landscape. Timeless facilities comprise a cornucopia of destination restaurants and event spaces, including a



1,850-square-meter Grand Ballroom, along with a world-class Remède Spa and direct access to the beach, where private cabanas and watersports await. Each of our 336 elegant guest rooms and suites features seductive sea views and bespoke Arabian-influenced décor, which combines with state-of-the-art technology. Whatever the request, St. Regis Butler Service is available any time, day or night. **Breakfast:** Buffet breakfast. Panana Island Resort \*\*\*\*\*

Banana Island Resort is paradise of natural exclusivity. This island resort is locate a 25 minute catamaran ferry ride away from the heart of Qatar's vibrant capital (boat ride included in the cost of stay). This paradise sanctuary features a variety of restaurants, world class facilities and extensive activities from a fully equipped divine control to 30 hole off outting course. The resort features or



diving centre to a 9-hole golf putting course. The resort features over 140luxury rooms, suites as well as unique overwater bungalows. All rooms are uniquely designed and nclude flat screen TV, iPod docking station and tea and coffee making facilities. The resort is child friendly. **Breakfast:** Buffet.

# Qatar Tours

We offer a large selection of tours that can be added to almost any itinerary. We have tours visiting Doha, Desert Safaris and special interest tours such as overnight desert Experience or History if Qatar tour. Due to space shortage not all tours are displayed within our brochure, but please contact us for more tours. Most tours operate with a minimum 4 persons, except Dhow cruise which requires 8 or 20. The dates and times of tour are indication only and are subject to change. We also offer same tours on private basis and we can also customise tours to suit any taste, budget and duration.

# **Doha City Tour**

Morning or Afternoon

**Departs:** Daily except Friday morning Duration: 09:00-13:00 or 15:00-19:00 Discover the charm of Doha in this guided tour where you visit the many attractions in this fast-changing city, which is a fascinating blend of the traditional and modern. Enjoy walking through the Museum of Islamic Art and the traditional Souq Waqif, the heritage Souq of Qatar. Soug Waqif



Price Per Person A\$	1 Person	2 Persons	<b>3 Persons</b>	4 Persons	5 Persons	
Price Per Person Aş	121	64	57	50	43	

# **Grand Doha Tour**

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#### **Departs:** Daily Duration: 09:00-18:00

Make the most of your time in Doha with this day long trip to discover how this rapidly changing city is successfully blending the old and the new. In the morning you will start with a visit to Katara Cultural Village. The next stop will be at the Equestrian Club to view some of the most beautiful



pure-bred Arab horse. Then move to a Shopping Mall for short guided tour and then free time for own exploration and shopping. Drive along the beautiful Doha Corniche and Dhow harbor before a visit to the Museum of Islamic Art. Shop for trinkets and souvenirs at the traditional Souq Waqif where you can bargain till your heart is content. 3 Course Lunch at local restaurant included.

Price Per Person A\$	1 Person	2 Persons	<b>3 Persons</b>	4 Persons	5 Persons
	214	107	100	93	79

# **Panoramic City Tour**

#### Departs: Daily

Duration: 09:00-11:30 or 15:00-17:30 Get a taste of the main attractions in Doha City on this 2 and half hours panoramic tour by coach. Drive-pass by top city attractions such as seafront Corniche promenade, Museum of Islamic Art, Souq Waqif, West Bay area, Katara Cultural Village, The Pearl-Qatar. Listen as an expert guide



Morning or Afternoon

reveals insight into Qatar's culture, heritage. This overview tour of Doha also offers both am and pm departure times plus mineral water onboard.

Price Per Person A\$	1 Person	2 Persons	<b>3 Persons</b>	4 Persons	5 Persons
	104	52	45	43	37

# **Museum Tour**

## Departs: Daily except Fri & Sat

Duration: 09:00-13:00 or 15:00-19:00 Get a glimpse at Qatar's Past & Future and Islamic Art across three continents over 1400 years with this tour to visit some of the best museums the city of Doha has to offer:

 Msheireb Enrichment Centre, a landmark destination created by Msheireb Properties to serve as an educationalportal to showcase Qatar's



educationalportal to showcase Qatar's glorious past and soaring ambitions for the future.

 Radwani House and Company House at Msheireb Museums to learn how family life actually evolved in Qatar and how it was affected when oil was first discovered / Company House used to be headquarters of Qatar's first oil company.

 Museum of Islamic Art, designed by renowned architect I.M. Pei and holding the largest collection of Islamic art in the world -a bridge from past to future of artworks dating from the 7th to the 19th century, representing the full scope of Islamic art. It includes manuscripts, ceramics, metal, glass, ivory, textiles, wood and precious stones from three continents.

Price Per Person A\$	1 Person	2 Persons	3 Persons	4 Persons	5 Persons
	123	65	58	51	44

# Inland Sea Desert Safari Morning or Afternoon

## Departs: Daily

Duration: 09:00-17:00 or 14:00-22:00 An authentic experience of an air conditioned 4-WD ride on southern Qatari desert. We touch sandy beach desert located around 45km south of Doha. Experience around 40km of trekking by 4X4 car in to the inland sea. This tour is designed to acquaint visitors with the desert by taking them



up and down over the famous sand dunes. A couple of stops for photograph during the tour and lunch or dinner included.

Price Per Person A\$	1 Person	2 Persons	<b>3 Persons</b>	4 Persons	5 Persons
	402	190	176	168	161

# **Dunes Discovery Tour**

#### Departs: Daily

Duration: 09:00-13:00 or 14:00-18:00 The adventure will start by heading towards the South of Qatar with one stop at sea line beach resort. The 4x4 professional driver will deflate the tires to make the vehicle ready for a breathtaking trip across the desert and over the sand dunes. The drive will take you to the marvellous inland



Morning or Afternoon

sea area near the border of Qatar and Saudi Arabia.

Price Per Person A\$	1 Person	2 Persons	<b>3 Persons</b>	4 Persons	5 Persons
	241	110	102	95	88

# **Qatar Explorer Tour**

# Morning or Afternoon

#### **Departs:** Daily Duration: 09:00-19:00

This tour combines the best Qatar has to offer. Start with a stunning desert safari heading out of Doha to the desert where you can experience 4x4 dune bashing where the desert meats the seas. After a traditional Arabic lunch in local restaurant continue with a fascinating tour around Doha's main



attractions. Visit Museum of Islamic art, wonder through Soug Waqif and falcon shop. Panoramic drive takes you through sea front Corniche promenade, West Bay District, The artificial Pearl island and Marina.

Price Per Person A\$	1 Person	2 Persons	<b>3 Persons</b>	4 Persons	5 Persons
	357	179	171	164	157

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