

SIGHT-SEEING TOURS FROM ABU DHABI 2009

1. THE ARABIAN JEWEL....(AM) Mon/Wed ABU DHABI CITY TOUR

\$ 65.00

Discover the wonders of Abu Dhabi, capital of the Emirates, known as the Arabian Jewel. We visit the Women's Handicraft Centre, admire the skill and dexterity of local ladies making traditional handicrafts. The tour proceeds to Abu Dhabi's oldest building, Al Husn Palace built in the 18th century. Enjoy a magnificent view of the city after driving along the beautiful Corniche to the Breakwater. We then visit the Heritage Village and journey to the past to explore the life before oil was discovered. Return to your Abu Dhabi accommodation at the conclusion of the tour.

2. THE GARDEN CITY....(full day) Wed AL AIN SIGHTSEEING

\$ 148.00

Depart from Abu Dhabi to Al Ain to enjoy a great day out taking the sights and sounds of the beautiful Garden City of Al Ain. Drive through the fascinating and ever changing desert scenery before reaching the Hajar Mountains. In Al Ain we visit the museum and the renovated Old Palace of H.H. Sheikh Zayed, the late ruler of Abu Dhabi and the late President of the UAE. The next destination is the camel market, the largest in the U.A.E. Step back in time at the Hili Gardens, famous for the archaeological excavations from the third millennium B.C.

3. A PORTRAIT OF PAST AND PRESENT....(full day) Wed SHARJAH & DUBAI CITY TOUR

\$ 179.00

Drive from Abu Dhabi to Sharjah to see, the 'Pearl of the Gulf'. One of the many landmarks to see during the tour is King Faisal Mosque, one of the largest mosques in the Emirates. We visit the renovated Fort of Sharjah, former residence of the ruling family originally built in 1820, then continue to the Heritage Museum and proceed to wander through the adjacent souk 'Al Arsa'. Before proceeding to Dubai, you have time to wander and shop at souk 'Al Markazi' – a treasure trove of carpets, jewellery and handicrafts. In Dubai we start with a photo-stop at the famous landmark of Dubai, Burj Al Arab. Proceed to Jumeirah, the picturesque palace and residential area of Dubai, also home to the famous Jumeirah Mosque. The tour continues to Al Bastakiya, the old part of Dubai, to reach the museum located in Al Fahidi Fort. All aboard the Abra (water taxi) to cross the Creek to the spice souk. On your return, there is time to shop in the most famous landmark of Dubai - the gold souk.



4. THE GOLDEN CITY....(pm) Sun/Tue **\$ 114.00**

DUBAI CITY TOUR

Drive from Abu Dhabi to sample the historic sites and vibrant cosmopolitan life of Dubai on this comprehensive tour. In Dubai we start with a photostop at the famous landmark of Dubai, Burj Al Arab. Proceed to Jumeirah, the picturesque palace and residential area of Dubai, also home to the famous Jumeirah Mosque. The tour continues to Al Bastakiya, the old part of Dubai, to reach the museum located in Al Fahidi Fort. All aboard the Abra (water taxi) to cross the Creek to the spice souk. On your return, there is time to shop in the most famous landmark of Dubai - the gold souk.



5. THE PEARL OF THE GULF....(am) Wed **\$ 114.00**

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6. A WINDOW TO THE PAST....(pm) **\$ 131.00**

on request

DUBAI HERITAGE TOUR

Drive from Abu Dhabi to Dubai to experience the traditions and heritage that shaped Dubai. Visit Majlis Al Ghorafa, built in the mid-1950's as a summer retreat for the late Ruler of Dubai, Sheikh Rashed. Stop at Al Bastakiya area to admire the old wind-tower houses. Stroll through the renovated old Souq at Bur Dubai. Abra ride (water taxi) to reach Sheikh Saeed House, where we cherish a rare collection of old photographs, coins and stamps. At the Heritage Village we witness the old traditions come alive.



7. THE COASTAL CARAVAN.... **\$ 148.00**

(full day) on request

RAS AL KHAIMAH SIGHTSEEING

Drive from Abu Dhabi to join the excursion to Umm Al Quwain and Ras Al Khaimah in the Northern Emirates. We stop at the old fort of Umm Al Quwain, before driving along the coast – with beautiful views of the ever changing scenery of sea and sand dunes – to Jazirat Al Hamra, an old abandoned village. You then proceed to Ras Al Khaimah where you visit the museum. The next stop is Fulayya, the former 'headquarters' of the Al Qasimi tribe. On our return journey, we stop at the Falaj Al Mualla camel race track.



8. ORIENT EXPRESS....(full day) Tue
EAST COAST SIGHTSEEING

\$ 148.00

Drive from Abu Dhabi to join the excursion to East Coast. The tour begins with a drive through the lush oasis of Al Dhaid, renowned for its fruit and vegetable plantations. Then onto Masafi, and the picturesque Hajar mountains before reaching the village of Dibba, for a wander around the small port. The drive continues along the coast, through fishing villages. During your lunch break enjoy a relaxing swim in the Indian Ocean. You drive to Al Badiyah, the oldest mosque in the Emirates. In Fujairah you stop at the renovated Fort. Before returning to Abu Dhabi there is a last stop at the oasis of Bithnah and then time to browse around the 'Friday Market' in Masafi.
 Lunch not included



9. EMIRATES MOUNTAINS....(full day) Sun
EAST COAST & HATTA

\$ 148.00

Drive from Abu Dhabi to experience a visit to UAE's fabulous East Coast and Hatta. Our first stop is the magnificent Lehab sand dunes. We proceed to Hatta to pay a visit to the Heritage Village. Entering the UAE's longest tunnel carved straight through the mountain, we reach the coastal village of Kalba. In Kalba, we stop at Khor Kalba, a reserved area famous for its mangrove marsh. We then proceed to visit Sheikh Saeed House that bears witness to an exciting past. In Fujairah stop at the renovated 17th century Fort built on a hilltop overlooking the old village of Fujairah. On our return, we stop to browse around the lively "Friday Market" set in the midst of the mountain landscape.

10. DUBAI DEVELOPMENT TOUR....(pm) Sun \$ 114.00

Drive from Abu Dhabi to join an exciting tour to witness first-hand, the painstakingly planned growth of the multi-cultural metropolis of Dubai. Our first stop is the prestigious Jumeirah area, home to the upscale Jumeirah Beach Residence as well as the world's largest artificially created Marina. Visit the Sales Office of 'Nakheel', developers of the fascinating Palm Islands. Take a close look at the scale models of this astounding project; unofficially named as the 'Eighth wonder of the world'. Drive next to souk Madinat Jumeirah, an Arabian-themed marketplace where the history and heritage of the region comes alive. Continue to Emirates Hills, boasting opulent villas, lakes and The Montgomerie – a world class golf course. Before returning, make a last photo-stop at Ski Dubai and see the first indoor ski resort in the Middle East, offering an amazing snow setting for skiing, snowboarding and tobogganing or just playing in the snow all year round.



11. JUMANA....(pm) Tue to Sat
SECRET OF THE DESERT SHOW

\$ 270.00

Drive from Abu Dhabi to Dubai. Jumana – 'Secrets of the Desert' is an Arabian love story that celebrates the Middle Eastern region's rich history and culture, weaving the rich fabric of fables and folkloric themes into a spellbinding fantasy. Performed by dozens of dancers and acrobats, mainly from the region, and using magnificent audiovisual, pyrotechnics, water and laser effects, some of them never seen here before, this 65-minutes display of passion, skill and creativity will hold you spellbound till the very end. Venue: Al Sahara Desert Resort, the unique eco-tourism resort, which is part of Dubailand





12. MYSTIC MUSANDAM....(full day) Sun/Wed including lunch \$ 216.00

MUSANDAM SEA SAFARI

Depart from Abu Dhabi by road to join our fascinating Musandam leisure trip starting from Omani Dibba Port. Board the wooden dhow/speed boat and sail through the beautiful fjords of Musandam. Pass by the Haffa Beach and Haffa Village and enjoy a relaxing swim in the Gulf of Oman and basic snorkeling. A picnic lunch is served. The tour continues viewing the famous stone houses, village of Zeke, spectacular white mountains, cutting rocks and other beautiful bays of Musandam. Return to the port with memories of "mystic Musandam".



13. SUNSET CRUISE....(pm) daily \$ 105.00

EVENING DHOW CRUISE ABU DHABI (Minimum 2 Adults Per Booking)

For a pleasant and fabulous relaxing evening, cruise aboard a traditional Arabian Dhow for an evening's cruise on the spectacular Abu Dhabi Corniche. Enjoy a sumptuous feast of Arabic and International cuisine while gliding past the fully

14. SINBAD'S JOURNEY....(pm) daily \$ 179.00

EVENING DHOW CRUISE DINNER DUBAI

Depart from Abu Dhabi to Dubai, for a fabulous relaxing evening, join our traditional Arabian dhow for an evening's cruise on Dubai Creek. Enjoy a sumptuous feast of Arabic and International cuisine while gently gliding past illuminated souks, banks and palaces

15. CREEK MAGIC....(pm) daily \$ 270.00

DINNER ON BATEAUX DUBAI

Drive from Abu Dhabi to Dubai for an elegant dining and a unique sightseeing, join the "Al Minsaf" Panoramic Cruise. The restaurant deck is made entirely of glass and offers unobstructed views of the bustling life on the Creek of Dubai. The menu selection combines Eastern and Western specialties, freshly prepared by the Chef on board. Enjoy live music entertainment whilst dining in this enchanting atmosphere. Cruise the entire length of the Creek and indulge in optimal guest comfort.



16. DESERT WONDER....(pm) daily \$ 190.00

DESERT SAFARI (including dinner)

This tour departs in the afternoon across the desert with photo-stops during an exciting dune drive and visit the camel farm. The drive continues across the desert. Watch the beautiful sunset in the desert. Reach our campsite, where you have the opportunity to do camel riding, sand boarding and try out a henna design on hands or feet. After working up an appetite enjoy a delicious barbecue dinner and a shisha (the famous Arabic water pipe). Before returning, watch our belly dancer performing her show around the campfire by starlight. Note: During Ramadan (20Aug-22Sep 09 approx) entertainment is suspended)



17. THE ADVENTURER....(am) daily \$ 145.00

SAND BOARDING (Minimum 2 Adults Per Booking)

Our drive takes you to some of the most beautiful sand dunes of the desert. Upon reaching those dunes you have the opportunity to try one of the most popular sports in the desert: sand boarding.



18. MOUNTAIN SPRINGS....(full day) Mon/Wed **\$ 190.00**

HATTA SAFARI (including lunch)

Drive from Abu Dhabi towards Dubai to join this tour. The Four-Wheel drive vehicles cross a variety of terrain on their way to Hatta, with spectacular views across rocky mountain passes. The first stop is at Hatta Heritage Village. The Hatta Wadi (dry river bed), winds through the mountains revealing lush green oases and refreshing water pools. Enjoy a picnic lunch en-route. After lunch, the drive continues passing by the sand dunes on the way back.

19. A TASTE OF THE DESERT(full day) Tue **\$ 202.00**

DESERT SAFARI (including lunch)

Drive from Abu Dhabi to join this tour. The tour heads out East of Sharjah towards the village of Falaj Al Mualla, passing by fruit and vegetable farms en route to a hidden mountain wadi. After a picnic lunch the drive continues across the desert to Camel Rock, an unusual rock formation hidden among the dunes.

20. MOUNTAIN FASCINATION....(full day) Sun **\$ 208.00**

MUSANDAM MOUNTAIN SAFARI (including picnic lunch)

Drive from Abu Dhabi to join the Musandam Mountain Safari. The excursion begins with a drive through the oases of Al Dhaid and Masafi, then reaches the village and port of Dibba, located at the base of the magnificent Hajar Mountains. To view the fascinating cliffs and deep canyons the drive crosses the Musandam Peninsula on off-road tracks through winding gorges up to a height of nearly 1200 metres. A Picnic lunch is served en route. We continue through Wadi Bih with its steep walls of rock and pass by Ras Al Khaimah on the way back.

21. AN OCEAN OF DUNES....(full day) on request **On apply**

LIWA SAFARI (lunch included) (Maximum 4 Adults Per 4WD)

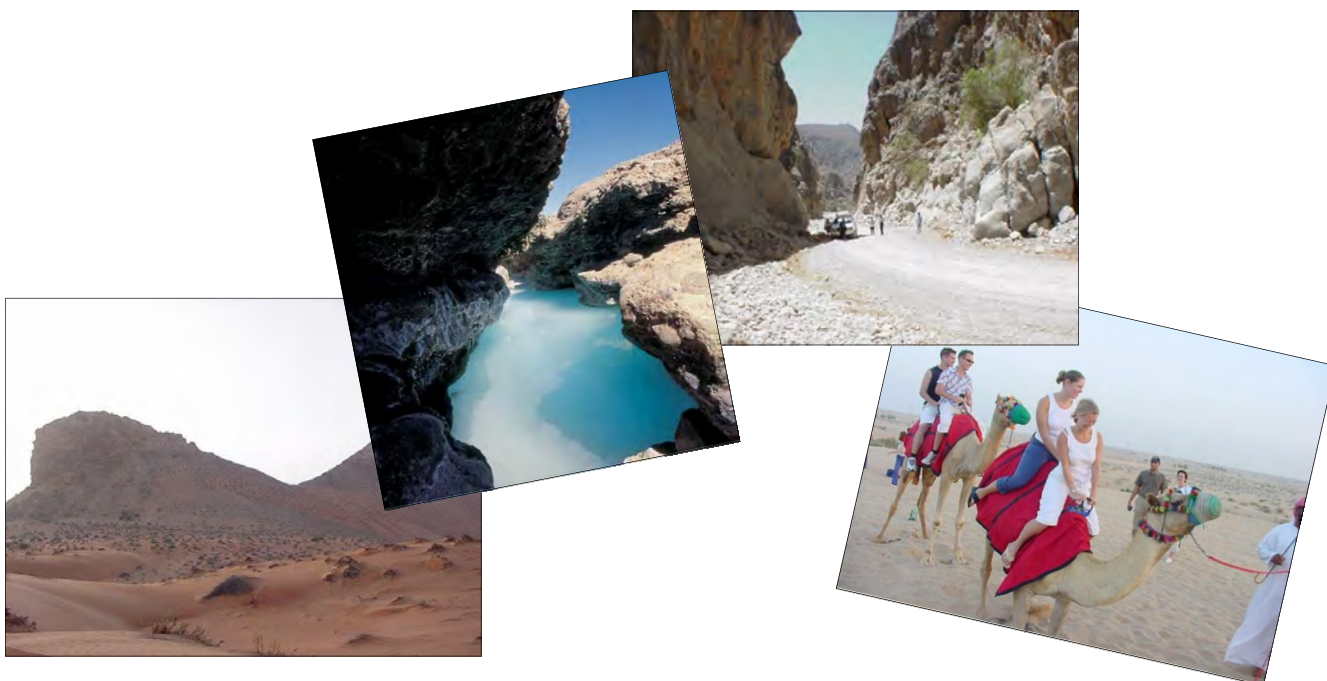
The Liwa Oasis is located south-west of Abu Dhabi on the outskirts of the biggest sand desert of the world, the Rub Al Khali. This area was the home of the original tribes who settled on the island of Abu Dhabi in the 18th Century. Famed for its magnificent and pure, red sand dunes you will enjoy an unforgettable day out with plenty of opportunity for photo-stops. A picnic lunch is served en route.

22. 1001 ARABIAN STARS....(overnight) on request **\$ 256.00**

OVERNIGHT SAFARI (including dinner + breakfast)

This tour departs in the afternoon across the desert with photo-stops during an exciting dune drive and visit the camel farm. The drive continues across the desert. Watch the beautiful sunset in the desert. Reach our campsite, where you have the opportunity to do camel riding, sand boarding and try out a henna design on hands or feet. After working up an appetite enjoy a delicious barbecue dinner and a shisha (the famous Arabic water pipe). Watch our belly dancer performing her show around the campfire by starlight. Sleep in the dreams of the desert beneath the star studded sky in tents. Next morning, drive back after a light breakfast.

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NOTES FOR THE TOURS

VEHICLES

Buses used for the excursions are of highest standard available. All the buses are airconditioned and equipped with a microphone. 4WD vehicles used for the off-road safaris are air-conditioned with a maximum capacity of 6 passengers plus driver. Drivers are all qualified off-road professionals, first-aid trained and they carry mobile phones. All vehicles are equipped with seat-belts and passengers are requested to wear seat-belts at all times.

TOUR GUIDES AND OFF-ROAD PROFESSIONALS

All sightseeing tours are conducted by well trained, experienced multilingual guides. We are the first tour operator in the Gulf to initiate a Tour Guide Training Seminar to improve the standard of our tour guides.

REFRESHMENTS

Bottled mineral water and soft drinks are provided on board each 4WD vehicle. Meals are inclusive on all our safaris (except The Adventurer – no meals). Our sightseeing tours do not include meals and water/soft drinks (except Sinbad's Journey, Stable Tour, Mystic Musandam, Creek Magic and Sunset Cruise).

SAFARIS

Our safaris involve off-road driving through sand dunes as well as off-road tracks in mountain areas. As the drive can be rough in certain given rugged areas we are unable to accept any pregnant women, persons with back or neck problems and/or children below 4 years of age.

Days of Operation: On request

Dinner, Breakfast & camping equipments included

(Minimum 2 Adults Per Booking)

SEATING ARRANGEMENTS

Seats are not pre-allocated and therefore arranged on a first come first served basis

DRESS CODE

Lightweight summer clothing is suitable for most of the year, but sweaters or jackets may be needed for the winter months, especially in the evenings. Good quality sunglasses are advised, and photo-chromatic lenses for those who wear spectacles. Hats or some protection for the head are advisable when in direct sunlight. The United Arab Emirates has conservative dress traditions. Swimwear should be confined to the beach and hotel pools. Men and women should ensure shoulders and knees are covered when in public, especially in souks, shops and villages.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Normal tourist photography is acceptable, but it is considered offensive to photograph Arab women. It is also courteous to ask permission before photographing men. Photographs of government buildings, police or military installations are not allowed.

CONDITIONS

Both our land operator in UAE and International Destinations reserves the right to cancel any part of the scheduled programmes offered for reasons of government decisions, public holidays, weather conditions, or similar. Furthermore we reserve the right to amend and or cancel the schedule for any tour featured in part or in full.

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