

discover DUBAI



TOUR DAYS: **08 DAYS**

DEPARTURES: **24 Apr, 01 May, 08 May 2012**

TOUR COST:

Price per person based on twin sharing: **USD \$ 1799**

Single Supplement: **USD \$ 450**

Fly with award winning Emirates Airlines

PRICE INCLUDES:

- International return airfare from SEA to Dubai including departure taxes
- Superior hotel with private facilities
- Arrival and departure transfers
- Licensed English speaking guides
- Half day desert safari with BBQ dinner
- Dubai City sightseeing
- Dhow Cruise with dinner
- Daily buffet breakfast



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TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1: USA - DUBAI

Depart from USA for your flight to Dubai. Meals on board aircraft.

DAY 2: DUBAI

Arrive at Dubai International Airport and transfer to your hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure. Overnight at your hotel in Dubai.

DAY 3: DUBAI

Your morning Dubai city tour will give you a glimpse of its ancient and traditional Arabian culture and heritage mixed with the modern cosmopolitan lifestyle will give you a fascinating historical excursion and orientation of the city. First we reach the beautiful flamingo lagoon. Our route takes us to Nad Al Sheba – home of the famous camel & horse race track. We will visit the new falcon market, where you can see closely these amazing birds. Then we drive through Jumeirah and all its popular hotels until we reach the magnificent Jumeirah Mosque which shows the beauty of Islamic architecture (the mosque can only be visited on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday at 10:00am with a reservation). We move on to the Bastakiya area, where we stop to admire the old wind-tower houses built by wealthy merchants. Close by, stands the 150-years old Al Fahidi Fort, which now houses the Dubai Museum. The museum records the city's past as an important pearl diving and trading centre. We continue our journey by Abra - a local water taxi which had survived the city's modernization over the centuries and brings us the spice and gold souk. The spice trade gives the city its special oriental atmosphere. This evening you enjoy dhow dinner cruise. Overnight at your hotel in Dubai (B/D)

Dhow Dinner Cruise: Lined with dhows, the Dubai Creek offers a picturesque glimpse of Dubai's trading heritage. You will have a chance to see the traditional abras (water taxis), which provide economical transport across the Creek for local residents. You will also have an excellent view of the Heritage and Diving Villages, and the Sheikh Saeed Al Maktoum House - is a national monument that showcases the history and development of Dubai.

DAY 4: DUBAI

Breakfast at the hotel. Enjoy this morning at leisure. This afternoon travel in luxury 4x4 vehicles through the desert. Experience the Arabian and Bedouin way of life in the desert. We will travel in the desert enjoying thrilling roller-coaster rides on the sand dunes and watch the beautiful sunset before arriving at your "BEDOUIN VILLAGE camp" – a place that is practically in the middle of nowhere. Enjoy the different activities on site or just simply laze on the pillows with a Shi Sha or wander around the camp:

- **Take a short camel ride:** Camels are for the desert what cars are for the city. Everyone should enjoy the experience of a camel ride. Camels are said to be God's gift to Bedouins. People in the early days used the camels either for trading or for transporting goods from one place to another. Journeys were always done in groups known as caravans.
- **Sit around the fire, dress in traditional Bedouin robes, sip the aromatic Arabic coffee or tea and try the hubbly-bubbly, henna painting and a fortune teller.** A memorable experience and great picture of this "A la mode" way of life in the middle of the deser.
- **Experience Sand surfing:** Sand surfing, using a snowboard, on the silken dunes of the UAE is an experience you'll remember for ever. It is recommend that those wanting to participate should be relatively fit as not only will your be boarding down dunes but you will need to climb back up the sandy slope. Sand surfing has become the favorite of sport lovers both for its innovativeness and safety, as a fall only means a soft and warm embrace of the sand. With practice you become less conscious of the sport itself and begin to enjoy the wind in your face as you speed down.

A delicious BBQ dinner will be served with Middle Eastern specialties cooked on site including chicken, lamb, Shish Kebab, hummus, tabouli and many other famous Arabic dishes. Finish of your Arabic adventure with a belly dancer performing right after dinner. You are invited to join in the fun on the dance floor before winding up this evening adventure. Return to your Hotel after Belly dance show. Overnight at your hotel in Dubai (B, D)

DAY 5: DUBAI

Full day at leisure for shopping or optional tours or any other activities you may wish to do. Overnight at your hotel in Dubai (B)
Optional Half day tour to Sharjah: This tour will take you to Sharjah, the cultural capital or known as the 'Pearl of the Gulf'. You will pass by the King Faisal Mosque, one of the largest mosques in the Emirates. Then proceed to the renovated Fort of Sharjah, former residence of the ruling family. Then continue to the Heritage Museum and proceed to wander through the adjacent Souk Al Arsa, set up in a traditional way. Before returning, you have time to stroll and shop at the Blue Souk – a treasure trove of carpets, jewellery and handicrafts.

DAY 6: DUBAI

Full day at leisure for your own activities. Overnight at your hotel in Dubai (B)

Optional Polo pony Stable Tour: This behind-the-scenes tour is the perfect way for the whole family to experience the exclusive world of Polo and other equestrian pursuits. The tour with your enthusiastic and experienced guide begins as you watch the horses being trained with a guided tour of the stables that includes a visit to the walkers, feed rooms, wash rooms, tack rooms, and furrier's facilities. Along the way, you will learn all about the training and care of Polo ponies, thoroughbred, show-jumping and Arabian horses.

Optional Ski Dubai Tour (2 hrs): Dubai has a well –deserved reputation as one of the craziest places on Earth. You will discover the only Alpine skiing slope with real snow in the middle of the desert. Yes it is unique! It is located at the Mall of the Emirates. Ski Dubai has 5 runs that vary in difficulty, height and gradient, the longest run being 400 meters with a fall of over 60 meters. Test your skills on the world's first indoor black run or practice your turns on the gentle beginner slopes. Skiers and snowboarders of all skill levels will enjoy these various slopes and snowboarders can also practice their stunts in the Freestyle Zone. Kids and parents alike will have fun in the huge interactive Snow Park, which at 3000 square meters is the largest indoor snow park in the world. You don't have to worry about ski clothing or equipment either. Ski Dubai has thought of it all and offers guests the use of winter clothing, ski and snowboard equipment. Your skis will carry you down the slope, and our quad-chairlift and tow lift will promptly carry you back to the top for another run.

What's included in your Slope Pass: Jacket, Trousers, Skis Ski Boots, Snowboard, Snowboard Boots, Ski poles and disposable socks.

**Please note that guests need to meet our minimum skill requirements to be able to access the main slope. Skiers and snowboarders not meeting these skill requirements will need to take lessons.

DAY 7: DEPARTURE TO USA

Transfer to Dubai International Airport for your flight back home. (B)

End of Services

TOUR LODGING INFO:

PLACE: **Dubai**

NO. OF NIGHTS: **06 Nights**

DELUXE HOTEL:
Grand Millennium Hotel

(If the above mentioned hotel is not available we will provide a similar alternative)

OPTIONAL TOUR:

- Ski Dubai Tour - **USD\$65/USD**
- Polo Pony Stable Tour - **USD\$90/USD**
- Half day tour of Sharjah - **USD\$45/USD**

(All optional require a minimum of 10 passengers)

