



domestic & international **tours+travel**

Dubai—Sharjah—Abu Dhabi

10 days, 7 nights hotel and 2 nights on the plane



Day 1:

Depart

Depart on your evening flight from a major local airport, such as Newark or JFK, to Dubai. Exact departure time will be subject to airline and flight schedule. Expect a departure between 6:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. Overnight accommodations on the plane.

Day 2:

Arrive

Meals: Dinner

Arrival in Dubai. Meet your local guide, who will welcome you outside of the airport and will walk with you to board your bus and transfer to your hotel. Relax after a long day of international travel. Dubai is 8 hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time.

Day 3:

Full Day Guided Tour of Old and New Dubai

Entrance to Dubai Museum

Visit Dubai Spice Souk (Traditional Market)

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

After breakfast, depart from your hotel in a luxury coach with professional tour guide to experience down town Dubai, the “City of Gold.” You will experience the Jumeirah coastline, then transfer to the creek side to witness Dubai’s impressive skyline. Your coach will drop you off at the entrance of Dubai Museum, which depicts the traditional and developmental history of Dubai. After the museum, transfer to the Abra station (water taxi), and make your way to the Spice Souk. This traditional market has an incredible range of local Arab spices of crafts—scents, sights, and sounds unlike any you have experienced await you in this bustling market. The entrance of the Gold Souk welcomes you—discover for yourself why Dubai is called the “City of Gold!”

After visiting the traditional market, depart for a guided tour of modern Dubai. A drive through Marina Projects, Internet City, Media City and then to the Emirates Hills project will paint an unforgettable picture of this ultra-modern oasis in the middle of the desert. Your next stop is Downtown Dubai, where you have the opportunity for a photo stop at the world's tallest building, Burj Khalifa. No building in modern history has aroused as much curiosity and intrigue as the Burj Khalifa. Entrance to the building is an additional fee. Burj Khalifa Peak Hours: 3pm till 7 pm. The entrance fee is higher during peak hours

Day 4:

Full Day Guided Tour of Sharjah

Visit Mall of the Emirates

Ski Experience at Ski Dubai

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

After breakfast at your hotel, depart for a full day guided tour of Sharjah. Sharjah is the place to visit to explore and discover the secrets of the unique Arabian lifestyle and Islamic culture. This emirate takes great pride in its commitment to art and preserving the local heritage. Begin by heading towards Sharjah and passing its beautiful lagoon and green parks. Stop at the Blue Mosque for a photo opportunity, after which you will visit the famous Blue Souk, renowned for its mosaic work. Your route then takes you through the heart of the city, passing by the majestic King Faisal Mosque, the unique pearl monument and symbol of Sharjah.

You will then visit the Islamic Civilization Museum. Several galleries display carefully restored artifacts from around the Muslim world, celebrating Islamic contribution to the World Heritage. Drive to Sharjah’s ‘Old Town’. After a stroll through the restored traditional market Souk Al Arsa, visit Sharjah Heritage Museum for a glimpse of a traditional family home and typical Arabian Gulf architecture. Before returning, you have time to explore Souk Al Markazi – a treasure trove of carpets, jewelry and handicrafts. End your tour by heading back to Dubai and visit the Mall of the Emirates to shop and relax.

Your visit also includes a thrilling ski experience at Ski Dubai. Ski Dubai features an amazing 22,500 square meters covered with real snow all year round. 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. You don't have to worry about ski clothing or equipment either—Ski Dubai has winter clothing, ski and snowboard equipment available for use. Your skis will carry you down the slope, and the quad-chairlift and tow lift will promptly carry you back to the top for another run. Return to your hotel and relax for the evening after a thrilling day of snow and sun!

Day 5

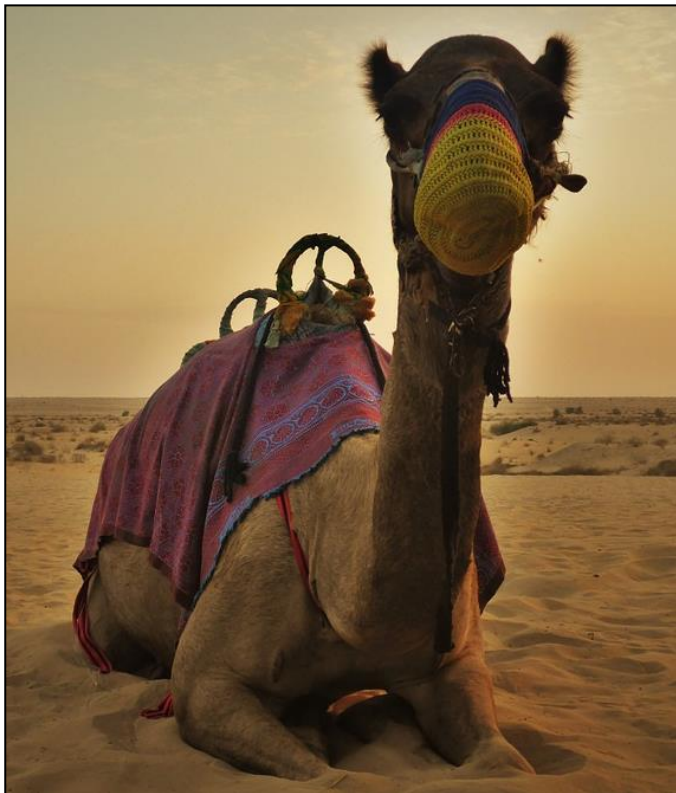
Full Day Guided Tour of the East Coast UAE

Dhow Dinner Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel, then drive through the oasis city of Al Dhaid, renowned for its fruit and vegetable plantations. Then onto Masafi, where you will have time to browse the 'Friday Market'. A drive through the picturesque Hajar Mountains will bring you to the village of Dibba, for a wander around the small port. 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. The last stop is at the oasis of Bithnah. Note: Please carry your swimwear.

In the evening, enjoy a Dhow Dinner Cruise Wind down with a cruise along the Dubai creek in a unique vessel called a dhow. Cruise aboard one of these traditional wooden vessels, which offers an intriguingly different view of this amazing city. You will see the splendid architecture of Dubai, as well as the Sheikh Saeed's house, the birthplace of Sheikh Rashid. This and the Heritage village are reminiscent of days gone by. Return to your Dubai accommodation.



Day 6

Desert Safari Tour

Bedouin Camp Visit and Camel Ride

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel, then depart for a day at the dunes. This tour departs in the afternoon across the desert with photo-stops during an exciting dune drive and a stop at a 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. Witness the traditional folk dance Tanoura that is sure to mesmerize you. After working up an appetite enjoy a delicious barbecue dinner. Before returning, watch our belly dancer perform her show around the campfire by starlight.

Day 7:**Visit the Louvre Abu Dhabi****Visit Mangrove National Park with Kayaking****Visit a Public Beach****Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

After breakfast, depart for Abu Dhabi, which is approximately two hours away. You will visit the newly opened Louvre Abu Dhabi, an art and civilization museum that was opened in 2017. Explore its cutting edge facilities and galleries. Follow your museum visit with time at the Mangrove National Park, complete with kayaking through the trees. Visit a public beach for a swim and lunch on your own. In the evening, check into your Abu Dhabi hotel for dinner and overnight accommodations.

Day 8:**Guided Tour of Abu Dhabi City****Half-Day of Classes/Lectures at NYU Abu Dhabi Campus, subject to availability****NYU Visit****Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

After breakfast, embark on a tour of the city. This place creates a space for both tradition and modernity. This tour will allow you to visit a selection of carefully-chosen highlights of the UAE's lovely capital. From its remarkable buildings, featuring some of the most stunning architecture to be found anywhere, to glimpses into the past. You will be able to sample Abu Dhabi's unique blend of culture and fine traditional arts and crafts in the oriental markets and handicrafts center. Enter a world where Islamic designs and elements feature on modern architecture, blending the new with ancient traditions of the East and the West, in this city where the glorious greens of its gardens vie with the blues of the sea and sky. Including: Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque, Masdar City Tour and a Souk. Instead of souk, other options include: Falcon Museum, Heritage Village and Saadiyat Island. During your time in Abu Dhabi, you will visit the New York University satellite campus for a series of classes or lectures. NYUAD has a distinct, diverse community of students and faculty that is sure to create an unforgettable educational experience for your group. Return to your Abu Dhabi hotel for dinner and overnight accommodation.

Day 9:**Day at Leisure in Abu Dhabi****Meals: Breakfast**

Subject to airline and flight schedule, prepare to depart for your evening flight out of Abu Dhabi International Airport. Make sure all your belongings—including souvenirs from your trip—are accounted for. It is important to arrive at the airport at least three hours before your international flight is scheduled to depart. Overnight on the plane.

Day 10:

Subject to your flight schedule, return to the United States with vivid memories of your trek through a unique portion of the Middle East.