



TRAVELLING TO NEW PLACES WITH CONFIDENCE

Dubai, Abu Dhabi & Maldives

10-Day, 9-Night Journey

Embark on the perfect, well-rounded vacation that blends thrilling desert adventure and great cultural exploration with a fabulous tropical island escape.

Begin your journey by roaming free in the vast desert, feeling the thrill of the sands as you explore its beauty. Marvel at Dubai's architectural wonders. Glance up at the Burj Al Arab (the most luxurious hotel in the world), and the Burj Khalifa (the tallest building globally) then stroll through the Dubai Mall (the second-largest shopping mall in the world), all set against the backdrop of the sparkling blue Persian Gulf. Venture into neighboring Abu Dhabi to see the grandeur of its national mosque and visit the Louvre Abu Dhabi Museum, showcasing ancient artifacts and the rich heritage of the Middle East.

Finally, unwind, recharge, and rejuvenate on a perfect getaway island in the Maldives. Treat yourself to a well-deserved stay on a stunning private island in the middle of the great Indian Ocean.



Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque



Sand Dune Bashing on ATV



Falcon Experience, Dubai



64 kg Gold Ring at Gold Souk



You deserve a treat at a private island resort



Enjoy water activities like snorkeling, canoeing or just relax on the beach

Inclusions

- ▶ Hotel Accommodations
- ▶ Daily Breakfast & Selected Meals
(See Dubai tour plan for details)
- ▶ All-inclusive in Maldives (see inclusion details)
- ▶ English-speaking driver and guide per itinerary
- ▶ Entrance Fees to Monuments and Attractions per itinerary
- ▶ Airport Transfer (Dubai & Maldives)

Exclusions

- ▶ International Air Fare
- ▶ Government Tourism Fee
- ▶ Travel Insurance
- ▶ Medical Expenses
- ▶ Visa Fee (If applicable. Visa is not required for Americans and Canadians)
- ▶ Gratuities
- ▶ Personal Expenses

Nearby Airport

Dubai - Dubai International Airport (DXB)

Male – Velana International Airport (MLE)

Itinerary

DAY 1: ARRIVE DUBAI, UAE

After arriving at **Dubai International Airport (DXB)**, you will be transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is free.

*Hotel check-in time is generally 3 pm or later. If your flight arrives in the early morning (e.g. midnight or 7 am) we suggest you add a pre-tour hotel night during booking for a well-deserved rest before starting your tour.

[6 nights in Dubai. Meals: None]



DAY 2: GUIDED DUBAI CITY TOUR & BURJ KHALIFA

Full day guided excursion of **Modern Dubai** (group, 8 hours @9am):

- Photo stop at Jumeirah beach.
- Visit Madinat Jumeirah Souk
- Ride the Palm Monorail for a scenic view of the Palm Islands
- Photo stop at Palm Jumeirah, Museum of the Future, Dubai Frame
- Marina Walk
- Dubai Mall
- Proceed to **Burj Khalifa At-the-Top** entrance at the reservation time of your ticket (at non-prime hours). Take the elevator to 124th floor. Step out onto the highest outdoor observation deck in the world, soaring at 452 meters (1,483 ft) high, and then walk up the spiral staircase to the 125th floor (at non-prime hours).

[Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 3: ABU DHABI EXCURSION

Full day guided excursion to explore the splendid city of **Abu Dhabi**, the federal capital of the **United Arab Emirates** or UAE. (group, 10 hours @8am)

Visit the **Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque**, one of the largest mosques in the world. It features 82 domes, more than 1,000 columns, 24-carat-gold gilded Swarovski chandeliers and the world's largest hand-knotted carpet.

Visit the iconic **Louvre Abu Dhabi Museum** (showcasing ancient artifacts and heritage from the Middle East).

Visit **Heritage Village**.

Photo stop at Emirates Palace.

Enjoy a scrumptious Buffet Lunch.

Please note the required dress code for visiting **Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque**:

- Women: Loose, long trousers or skirts reaching ankles and long sleeves reaching wrists. Shoulders must be covered. No shorts, tight or transparent clothing and no visible tattoos. Women must cover their heads and hair with a scarf.
- Men: Long pants and shirts with sleeves.

[Meals: Breakfast, Lunch]

DAY 4: SUNRISE DESERT SAFARI & OLD DUBAI CITY TOUR WITH LUNCH

An 8-hour adventure beginning at 8am (group experience).

Early in the morning, we drive for an hour into the desert and enjoy a **sand dune** experience. Start with a Desert **Buggy Ride** (30 minutes). You'll plunge through the golden dunes with Instagram worthy photo stops. Followed by a **camel ride** (10 minutes), and then take **photos with a falcon** and its handler.

Followed by **sand boarding**.

Continue your Arabic experience with **an authentic Emirati lunch** (For example roasted meat served with nuts, raisins and spiced rice. Menu is subject to change.) at **Al Fahidi**, a prominent heritage site showcasing traditional Dubai lifestyle.

Visit **Al Bastakiya** historic neighborhood.

Visit **Gold & Spice Souks**: Get a sense of what commerce was like back in the old days, by strolling through the city's traditional souks or bazaars: Gold Souk (gold market) and Spice Souk (spice market).

Then cross the **Dubai Creek** on an **Abra boat**.

[Meals: Breakfast, Emirati Lunch]

DAY 5: DUBAI PERSONALIZED EXCURSION DAY

You choose one of the following included excursions:

OPTION 1: Desert Experience with BBQ Dinner & Entertainment (6 hours @3pm)

In the afternoon we drive for an hour into the desert and enjoy a sand dune bashing experience ('safari') driven by a professional driver trained in Dubai desert driving. You'll plunge through the golden dunes with Instagram worthy photo stops.

Transfer to a traditional Arabian desert campsite. Enjoy a brief camel ride, get a henna tattoo and Shisha Corner (Hubbly Bubbly).

Watch the picturesque desert sunset. Cultural dance performances including belly dance, tanoura dance and fire dance. Cap it off with a BBQ buffet (Vegetarian & Non-vegetarian dishes, Arabic sweets and fresh fruits) under the starry night sky. Return to your hotel in the late evening.

OPTION 2: Miracle Garden and Global Village (Including admission and shared transfers, 6 hours @2:30pm. Only available from October to April)

This is a self-guided trip. Experience the cultural entertainment and rides of Global Village. Explore their spread of international food and shop for souvenirs.

Discover the world's largest flower garden at Miracle Garden. Witness 45 million blooming flowers in stunning designs, awesome shapes and eye-catching colors in Miracle Garden.

OPTION 3: Evening Dinner Cruise including return transfers (3 hours @6:30pm)

Explore Dubai's famous waterway on a two-tier dhow boat. Its lower deck offers a glass-enclosed dining room while the upper deck provides an al fresco buffet experience. Enjoy a scrumptious international buffet dinner while soaking in the bustling evening skyline.

OPTION 4: Half Day Sharjah City Tour

Admire the breathtaking architecture of the **King Faisal Mosque** and learn more about the Islamic culture.

Travel back to the year 1820 with a stop at **Fort of Sharjah**, which was the former home of the ruling family.

Immerse yourself in the beauty of Islamic art at the **Sharjah Islamic Museum**.

Indulge in a shopping-spree at **Sharjah Central Souq**.

Explore **Sharjah Safari**, the largest safari park in the world outside of Africa and home to 120 species of animals.

[Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 6: DUBAI BEACH DAY OR SHOPPING DAY

Breakfast at the hotel. A vehicle with driver is available for 8 hours for transfers between hotel, beach and shopping malls within selected areas in Dubai City.

[Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 7: DUABI – MALDIVES

After breakfast, transfer to the Dubai airport for your flight to Male, Maldives.

Upon arrival into Velana International Airport (MLE) you will be transferred to the resort by speedboat.

[3 nights in Maldives. Meals: Breakfast, Dinner]

DAY 8: MALDIVES

Spend the day at leisure or take optional add-on excursions.

[Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner]

DAY 9: MALDIVES

Spend the day at leisure or take optional add-on excursions.

[Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner]

DAY 10: DEPART MALDIVES

Your tour ends today.

After breakfast, speedboat transfer to **Velana International Airport (MLE)** for your flight home.

[Meals: Breakfast, Lunch]

*Hotel check-out time is generally around 11 am. If your flight departs in the evening or past midnight, we suggest you consider adding a post-tour hotel night during booking, to be comfortable and well rested before your flight home.

*The duration and start time of excursions are subject to change without prior notice.