



TRAVELLING TO NEW PLACES WITH CONFIDENCE

## Dubai & Abu Dhabi – semi-self-guided

### 7-Day, 5-Night Journey

*Dubai, Abu Dhabi*

This semi-self-guided adventure offers you an excellent UAE experience and value. It provides all private transfers, from your airport arrival to airport departure according to the trip itinerary. Your driver walks you to the entrance of each attraction for self-guided tour and picks you up afterwards. You won't have to deal with Dubai traffic that could be mind boggling. We've used our years of UAE travel experience to design this economical semi-self-guided adventure. We handle the logistics and provide on-the-ground support leaving you free to enjoy every attraction.

On this tour there's something for every type of traveler to enjoy. Dubai features unbelievably tall and majestic buildings that rise dominantly out of the desert sands and gleam beside the sparkling blue Persian Gulf. Just to name a few of the iconic landmarks – Burj Al Arab (most luxurious hotel in the world), Burj Khalifa (world's tallest building) while Abu Dhabi showcases 24-carat gold gilded chandeliers in its national mosque and a unique heritage village.

Experience amazing desert adventures and delicious Arabic cuisine on a memorable trip.

#### ♦ Small Group or Private Tour

### Trip Overview

- ▶ Desert Safari
- ▶ Abu Dhabi City
- ▶ Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque
- ▶ Abu Dhabi Heritage Village
- ▶ Dubai City Tour
- ▶ Gold Souk (Gold Market)
- ▶ Spice Souk (Spice Market)
- ▶ Burj Khalifa (Observation Deck)

# Why You'll Love This Tour



## **UNIQUE ARCHITECTURE**

Dubai is known worldwide for its architecture. It's hard to believe that only four decades ago, the city did not have a single skyscraper. Now, the Dubai skyline is full of unique skyscrapers designed by some of the best architects in the world. Don't miss the sprawling views from the tallest building in the world, the Burj Khalifa.



## **LIFESTYLES IN THE DESERT**

Venture on the sand dunes in a modern 4-wheel drive vehicle and on the traditional 'ships of the desert', a camel. Wrap up this Bedouin-inspired desert adventure with folk dancing and a delicious sunset BBQ dinner.



## **TIES TO CULTURE AND TRADITION DESPITE ITS RAPID MODERNIZATION**

A trip to Dubai isn't complete without visiting the famous Gold Souk, which is one of the oldest and most fascinating traditional market for gold jewelry and gemstones. Visit the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque in Abu Dhabi with 24-carat gold gilded chandeliers and the world's largest hand-knotted carpet.

## **Inclusions**

- ▶ Air Fare & Hotel Accommodations
- ▶ Private Airport Transfers
- ▶ Daily Breakfast & Selected Meals  
(See tour plan for details)
- ▶ English-Speaking Private Driver & Transfer per Itinerary
- ▶ Entrance Fees to Monuments and Attractions per Itinerary

## **Exclusions**

- ▶ Tourism Fee (about US\$5) per room per night paid directly to the hotel
- ▶ Travel Insurance
- ▶ Medical Expenses
- ▶ Visa Fee (Free, On Arrival)
- ▶ Gratuity
- ▶ Personal Expenses

## Nearby Airport

Dubai - Dubai International Airport (DXB)

## Itinerary

(B)-Breakfast, (L)-Lunch, (D)-Dinner

### DAY 1: N. AMERICA AIRPORT - DUBAI (DXB)

Depart from your North America airport to fly to Dubai.

Night on board the aircraft.

\*If your flight departs in the early morning hours, you must arrive at the airport the night before the indicated departure day i.e. early Friday morning means Thursday night!

### DAY 2: ARRIVE DUBAI, UAE

Upon arrival into **Dubai**, you'll be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is free.

\*Hotel check-in time is generally 4 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.

### DAY 3: DUBAI | FREE MORNING, AFTERNOON DESERT SAFARI (B, D)

This morning is free.

Around mid-afternoon, your driver will take you to a **desert sand dune bashing experience** ('safari') through the golden dunes with photo stops. Then transfer to a traditional Arabian **desert campsite**. Enjoy a brief camel ride, get a henna tattoo and experience a falconry photo op. Watch the picturesque desert sunset, traditional tannora and belly dance performances, and cap it off with a barbecue buffet under the starry night sky. Return to your hotel in the late evening.

### DAY 4: DUBAI | ABU DHABI CITY TOUR (B)

Breakfast at the hotel.

Proceed for a full day excursion to explore the splendid city of **Abu Dhabi**, the federal capital of the UAE. A self-guided visit to 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 chandeliers and the world's largest hand-knotted carpet. Visit **Abu Dhabi Heritage Village**. A traditional oasis village offers a glimpse into the emirate's past, here you can shop, discover artefacts and watch artisans making pottery, blowing glass and weaving fabric on a loom.



Please note the following dress code for **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.

### **DAY 5: DUBAI | DUBAI CITY TOUR (B)**

Breakfast at the hotel.

Dubai city tour. Your driver will take you to Burj Khalifa and provide instructions for this self-guided tour at **Burj Khalifa** (world's tallest building). Proceed to **Burj Khalifa At-the-Top** entrance at the reservation time of your ticket. Take the elevator to 124<sup>th</sup> 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 125<sup>th</sup> floor. Afterwards, meet your driver to continue the city tour.

Shop in the most famous shopping landmark of Dubai – the **Gold Souk**. Visit **spice souk** where the fragrances of the orient come together and you will see saffron, a variety of local dates and more.

Drive to **Jumeirah district** for a photo-stop at the iconic sail-shaped **Burj Al Arab hotel**.

### **DAY 6: DUBAI (B)**

Full day at leisure.

- Optional Add-on: Visit Bastakiya, Enjoy an authentic interactive Heritage experience as you visit culturally historic spots with a professional Emirati guide & later visit Museum of the future.

### **DAY 7: DEPART DUBAI (B)**

Your tour ends today. Please provide details of your flight home so we can schedule your transfer to Dubai International Airport (DXB). Arrive in the USA the same day.

\*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.

## **Hotels**

We carefully handpick our hotels to ensure they provide you with the best comfort and experience. For Private Tours, you may request a specific hotel as one of the customizable options.

