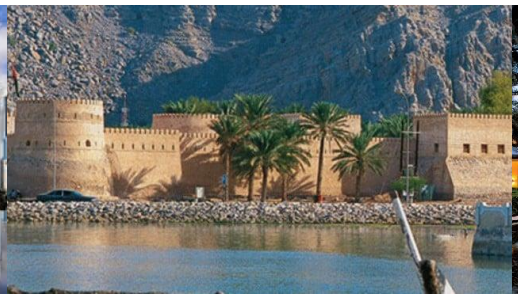
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DUBAI & ARABIAN CRUISE

Nov 22nd to Dec 5th 2023

5 Days in Dubai and 7 nights Arabian Gulf Cruise





Tour Highlights:

Discover the marvels of Dubai on our exclusive tour and Gulf cruise! Experience a city like no other, which has transformed from a small Gulf trading center into one of the world's most glamorous, spectacular, and futuristic urban destinations. Marvel at the soaring Burj Khalifa, admire the beautiful Burj al Arab, and explore the vast Palm Jumeirah Island - all testament to the ruling sheik's vision and determination to make Dubai a must-visit destination for the 21st century.
But that's not all - our tour takes you beyond the famous landmarks to explore Dubai's rich cultural offerings. Visit the Global Village, the leading family cultural, shopping, and entertainment destination in the region. With 30 pavilions representing over 75 countries and their unique cultures, it's an unparalleled shopping experience. And at the Museum of the Future, get a glimpse of what lies ahead with cutting-edge exhibits that showcase the latest innovations in technology and design. After Spending four days in Dubai sightseeing. We will embark on a Gulf cruise on MSC Liner.
Our cruise will take us to the picturesque towns of Kasabh and Muscat in Oman, where we'll have a full day to explore the local culture, cuisine, and natural beauty. Next, we'll head to Abu Dhabi, where we'll marvel at the magnificent Sheik Zayad Grand Mosque and spend a full day experiencing the city's many attractions.
Our next stop will be Sir Yas Island, a paradise for adventure seekers, where we'll have the option to embark on a thrilling wildlife safari. Finally, we'll return to Dubai, where we'll conclude our journey with a lifetime of memories.





Getting there: Our journey to Dubai will begin from one of the four US Airports: New York, Chicago, Washington DC, or Atlanta on Tuesday, November 21st. We will get to Dubai on Thursday 23rd. A bus will take us from the airport to a luxurious Five Star hotel. We will check into the hotel and relax there.



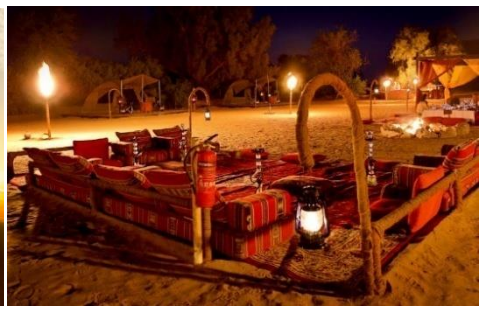
Park Regis Hotel

Day 4, Friday, 24th of November:

In the morning we will gather in the hotel's restaurant where breakfast will be served. After breakfast you may want to retire to their rooms to get some rest or explore the hotel. You may also want to take a stroll outside the hotel to enjoy the magnificent surroundings and the picturesque location of the hotel. If you are into swimming, you have a beautiful pool or you may want to try-out their state-of-the-art gym.

In the afternoon four-wheeler Cars will take us to Desert Safari. Included in this will be 45 minutes dune basing, sunset stop, camel rides, henna painting, traditional costume room, sheesha smoking, and tanoura dance show. The evening will end with an Arabian BBQ dinner in a restaurant with a Belly dancing show. At the end of the show, we will come back to the hotel for the overnight stay.





DESERT SAFARI, CAMEL RIDES AND DESERT FUN

Day 5, Saturday, 25th of November:

After Breakfast we will proceed to see the Museum of The Future dubbed as the most beautiful Building in the World. This Museum is a state-of-the-art installation, the attraction provides space for exhibitions focusing on futuristic science and technology; here, patrons are exposed to captivating theatrical experiences and amusing attractions pertaining to the future. The imposing structure is a one-of-a-kind building, an attempt to revolutionize skyscrapers around the world. After visiting this magnificent building, we will have lunch at a local restaurant after which we will go back to our hotel to get some rest. In the afternoon we will be going to the Global Village. See the whole world in one place. Visit India, Africa, Pakistan, Kuwait, Turkey, Iran, France, and many other countries while walking from one pavilion to another. This magnificent collection of the mock-up of the world's famous monuments and attractions is truly worth seeing. The Global Village is a literally a world bazar, where you can buy merchandise from almost all countries in the world. Along with that you can eat the food from these countries. For this reason, the members of the group are free roam by themselves and to dine anywhere they like.





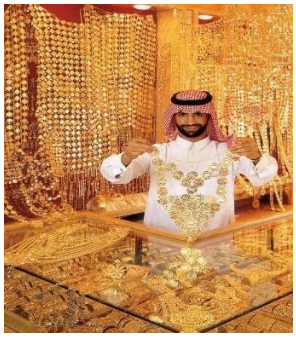
THE MUSEUM OF THE FUTURE AND THE GLOBAL VILLAGE

Day 6, Sunday, 26th of November:

After Breakfast we will check-out from the hotel and proceed to see The Dubai Frame. This the biggest picture frame on the planet, is 492 feet high, from here you can view old and new Dubai from two sides of the frame. You will also learn about the history and culture of the people of UAE and get a glimpse of what the future is likely to look like for this country. After this, it is time for shopping. They say when in Dubai DO BUY. Especially when it comes to Gold and other jewellery. We will visit the famous Gold Souk. You can shop to your heart's content. At the Gold Souk, everyone will be free to go by themselves and do their shopping and have lunch if they want to. We will all meet at a designated meeting point at 4 PM and proceed to embark our Cruise Ship.







THE DUBAI FRAME AND THE GOLD SOUK

THE MSC OPERA CRUISE LINER





This ship is named after the quintessential Italian art form, Opera. And the *MSC Opera* is a work of art in her own right. The ship is filled with stunning spaces that inspire fun and excitement in the lounges and disco. Spaces like the spa convey an understated elegance with the use of natural stones and tiles. The restaurants like La Caravella Restaurant and L'Approdo Restaurant have a formal atmosphere where the food is the real centerpiece. It's amazing how the *MSC Opera's* design elements compliment the entire feel of your cruise from the fun you have at the casino to the rejuvenation you get at the Aurea Spa.

We will board this magnificent liner at around 5 PM. After going through the registration process, we can go to our cabins. This cruise liner has three types of cabins, ones that are internal with no windows, the second that have a window for the ocean view and the third that come with a balcony. After getting settled in our cabins, we will proceed to one of the restaurants for our dinner. After dinner we may choose to enjoy the theatrical act in the beautiful theater of the ship. The theater will present different items every evening to satisfy the taste of diverse audience.

At around 9 PM, the ship will start sailing to the next destination. As it moves out of the lights and the glimmer of Dubai, we will see the stars in the night sky and the distant flicker of lights coming from different types of vessels in the ocean making a spectacular display. When we wake up from our sleep, we will be nearing the next destination, picturesque town of Khasab in Oman.

Day 7, Monday, 27th of November:

After Breakfast we will gather at a designated spot. From here we will be escorted out of the ship to a waiting luxury bus ready to take us on a sightseeing excursion of Khasab. Khasab, the city, which is the capital of Musandam Governorate, an exclave of Oman. It borders UAE, Persian Gulf, Arabian Sea and at the tip of the peninsula by the strait of Hormuz. It is surrounded by the northern mountains of the Western Hajar Range. Khasab has a fully functional hospital and several hotels, beaches and parks across the city. The city's population is dominated by ethnic Omanis from the mainland. Khasab also has a fort which is known as Khasab Fort. The sea port is dominated by the dhows which take tourists for a cruise across the natural, dry "fjords".

The Portuguese built Khasab at the beginning of the 17th century, at the height of their naval presence in the region. The natural harbor gave shelter from rough seas. Unlike many forts, which were built on high ground for defensive purposes, Khasab was designed as a supply point for dates and water for Portuguese ships sailing through the strait. Today, Khasab is protected from floods by three large dams.

After the excursion we head back to the ship. In the evening we will watch the ship sail to the next destination. As the ship moves out, we will watch it navigate the narrow strip of water known as the strait of Hormuz, through which majority of the world's crude oil flows carried by the giant oil tankers. The Western countries such as USA and UK have their Navel vessels present here to protect this strategic waterway.



THE KHASAB FORT

Day 8, Tuesday, 28th of November:

Today we will wake up and find our ship docked in another town, the beautiful city of Muscat. Just like the previous day, after breakfast we will gather at a designated spot. From here we will be escorted out of the ship to another luxury bus for another sightseeing excursion. This time it is of the city of Muscat, the capital city of Oman. Muscat is a popular tourist destination that offers a mix of traditional and modern attractions. Some of the top attractions are Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque, Mattrah Souq, Royal Opera House, Al Alam Palace, and Bait Al Zubair Museum. The city also has two Forts, Al Jalali and Al Mirani that are noteworthy, and an attractive beach, named Qurum, which is very popular with the western tourist.

Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque: This magnificent mosque is a must-visit attraction in Muscat, with its stunning architecture, intricate details, and the largest chandelier in the world.
Muttrah Souq: This traditional market is a great place to shop for souvenirs, spices, and Omani handicrafts. It's a bustling place with a lot of character and charm.
Royal Opera House Muscat: This modern architectural masterpiece is an excellent venue for cultural events and performances. It's also a great place to appreciate the beauty of Muscat's contemporary architecture.
Al Alam Palace: This is the official residence of the Sultan of Oman and is a stunning example of Omani architecture. While the palace is not open to the public, visitors can admire the exterior and take photos.
Bait Al Zubair Museum: This museum showcases Oman's rich history and culture, with a collection of traditional Omani clothing, jewellery, and artifacts.
Qurum Beach: This is a popular beach in Muscat, where visitors can enjoy swimming, sunbathing, and various water sports.
Al Jalali Fort and Al Mirani Fort: These two forts are located on either side of the Al Alam Palace and are excellent examples of Omani military architecture.
At the end of the sightseeing tour, we will head back to the ship.



THE SIGHTSEEING TOUR OF THE CITY OF MUSCAT

Day 9, Wednesday, 29th of November:

Today We will be at the Sea as the ship turns back and heads towards the city of Abu Dhabi in UAE. This is a perfect day to explore and enjoy the facilities that this ship offers. Swimming, Sauna, Jacuzzi Spa, gym, theatre, casino, sunbathing, beauty salon, health Spa are some of the facilities that you can use every day. The ship also has many shops to allow you to shop if you choose to do so.

Day 10, Thursday, 30th of November:

When we wake up this morning our ship would already be docked in Abu Dhabi, another modern metropolis built on a strip of land jutting out into the Persian Gulf. As per usual, we will setoff for sightseeing of this city starting as early as 9 AM. In the morning we will visit to Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque of Abu Dhabi, regarded as one of the most beautiful mosques in the world. After spending the full morning there, we will get back to the ship for lunch. After lunch the coach will take us on the tour of this city. The landmarks we will see are Emirates Palace, Marina Mall, Dates Markets, Abu Dhabi Cornicle and Dhow Wharfage. We will stop at many of the landmarks and some we will just pass by. In the evening we will head back to the Ship after exploring the ancient and the modern sights of this unique city.





THE SIGHTSEEING TOUR OF THE CITY OF ABU DHABI

Day 11, Friday, 1st of December:

The next destination of the ship is Bani Yes Island. This 87 square kilometres Island is the largest natural Island in UAE and is located off the coast of Abu Dhabi. Initially developed as a private natural reserve by Sheikh Zayed, the late ruler of Abu Dhabi, it is open to the public as a popular tourist destination. The island is home to more than 10,000 free-roaming animals, including Arabian oryx, gazelles, giraffes, and cheetahs. The activities such as wildlife safaris, birdwatching, nature walk, horse riding is popular with tourists, as are swimming, snorkelling, and kayaking in the islands several beaches. We will have a sightseeing excursion on this Islands to explore all that it has to offer.





BEACH AND WILDLIFE ON SIR BANI ISLAND

Day 12, Saturday, 2nd of November:

This morning we will watch our ship get back to Dubai. After breakfast, we will get off the ship and get on a coach for a morning excursion of Dubai. We will see many of the popular attraction before returning to the ship for lunch. After Lunch we will continue with the city tour of Dubai. In the afternoon we will visit the Dubai Mall, here we will watch the famous dancing fountains before going up to the 124th storey of the Burj Khalifa. From here we can see the whole of Dubai. Afterwards, we will go for our farewell dinner at one of Dubai's finest, Armani Mediterrano Restaurant inside the Burj Khalifa. This will be an experience that you will not forget. The coach will take us back to the ship for the last night stay.





DUBAI SKYLINE, JUMEIRAH WALK, THE DANCING FOUNTAINS

Day 13, Sunday, 3rd of December:

Finally, we get to the end of the tour. This morning, after breakfast, we will disembark the cruise liner. The coach will take us to Palm Jumeirah Island. You can take an optional Abra Ride to enjoy the ambiance of this place. Later we will pass Burj Al Arab hotel as we take a photo stop at the Jumeirah Beach. We will get back to the hotel that we had stayed in prior to the Cruise and check-in for a day. Here, people can spend the rest of the day at the hotel, enjoying its facilities or go outside for shopping and dining experience. For those people who want to do more shopping at Gold Souk, the coach will take them to the Souk. It will bring them back to the hotel by 5 PM. We will checkout of the hotel at 9 PM and board the bus for transfer to the Dubai Airport for our flight back to the USA.





PALM JUMEIRAH ISLAND AND BEACH

We will be taking back a lot of great memories of Dubai and the other destinations on the tour.