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CHAMPIONS DUBAI-ABU DHABI – OMAN! OCT 17 -28, 2024

Day1: 17 OCT 2024 – THURSDAY [Meal In Flight]

Today we will board Emirates Air departing Dulles International Airport at TBA, approximate flying time is 13 hours. Our expected arrival time to Dubai is 8:00AM the next morning (Oct. 18th) United Arab Emirates (UAE) time. Meals included in flight. (2024 Schedules & Fees are subject to change)

Day2: 18 OCT 2024 – THURSDAY [No meals]

Arrival to Dubai International Airport - **Flight TBA**

Meet & Greet by Airport representative at arrival hall, Transfer from Dubai Airport to selected Dubai hotel by Luxury Coach and English-speaking guide. Overnight at the Marriott Marquis Hotel

Day3: 19 OCT 2024 – SATURDAY [B/-/D]

Breakfast at hotel - **Full day Modern Dubai City with Burj Khalifa visit "At the Top"**



This tour will be conducted by Coach Bus with professional English speaking guide.

Depart from Hotel drive towards the **Burj Al Arab** (outside visit only), the luxury hotel built on a manmade island, where you will pause for photographs.

Drive to the new marina for more photo opportunities - **Dubai Marina** – the world's largest master planned waterfront development of its kind. Next we drive around Emirates Hills, offering the ultimate lifestyle experience.

Our next stop is **The Palm Jumeirah**- 8th wonder of the world, an artificial island in the shape of a palm tree. Driving across its trunk, we take a closer look at its themed boutique hotels, signature villas, apartment buildings. Photo stop at **Atlantis the Palm** We then continue **Souk Al Bahar** (market of the sailor), an Arabesque shopping mall and entertainment destination located in the heart of the prestigious Downtown Burj Khalifa, on the Old Town Island. The cultural theme flows throughout, with boutique shops showcasing the Arabian heritage through a mix of authentic handicrafts, fashion wear, perfumes, carpets and furnishings.

VISIT DUBAI MALL – AT THE TOP -BURJ KHALIFA

The Dubai Mall is one of the largest shopping malls in the world. It covers a total area of 12.1 million square feet, with 10 - 15 individual smaller malls built inside it, consisting of 9 million square feet of shopping retail space (comprising of a total of 1200 stores). Featured attractions include the world's largest gold souk with 220 retailers; the 850,000 square feet Fashion Island, with 70 flagship stores dedicated to haute couture as well as the Middle East's first Galleries Lafayette department store; one of the world's largest aquariums; an Olympic-sized ice-skating rink; Oasis Fountain Waterfall; Waterfront Atrium; a view of the world's tallest building, Burj Khalifa.

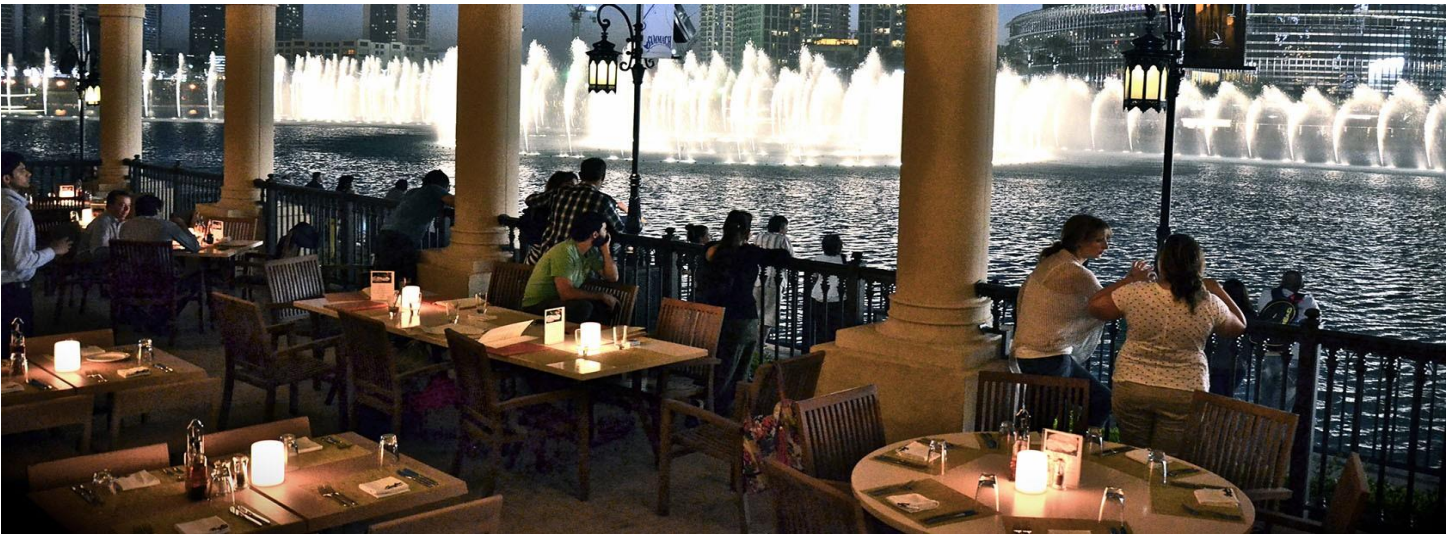
Visit Burj Khalifa, the tallest tower in the world. – Level 124 – Observation Deck

Visit the Observation Deck "At the Top" located on the 124th Floor of the tallest building in the world. Over 828 meters (2,716.5 feet) and more than 160 stories, Burj Khalifa holds many worlds' records. **Dubai Fountain Show** - also referred to as the "Dancing Fountains". You see the fountains turn & twirl at the sound of music. Each show lasts about 2 to 3 minutes but is truly a spectacle.



Dinner at Abd El Wahab restaurant – with the view of the fountains

Abd El Wahab, named after the street where it's located in Beirut, Lebanon. True to its name, it takes pride in its Lebanese roots and is well known for its authentic Lebanese cuisine. In addition to serving the authentic flavors of Lebanon, Abd el Wahab's menu also features a variety of delicious Middle Eastern dishes. Abd el Wahab offers a unique & memorable dining experience with exceptional views of the Dubai Fountains. A great venue that offers exceptional food & hospitality. Cuisine - Lebanese / Family style



Day4: 20 OCT 2024 - SUNDAY

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Breakfast at hotel

Full Day Abu Dhabi City Tour



This tour will be conducted by Coach Bus with professional English speaking guide and the duration of the tour is about 08 hours Abu Dhabi, the capital city of the United Arab Emirates, is situated on a small peninsula surrounded by a cluster of islands. The city was founded in 1761 by a Sheikh of the Bani Yas tribe. This tour offers an ideal introduction to the heritage and culture of Abu Dhabi city. Visit **Sheikh Zayed Mosque** in Abu Dhabi is the largest mosque in the United Arab Emirates and the eighth largest mosque in the world. The Mosque is large enough to accommodate 40,000 worshippers. The main prayer hall can accommodate up to 9,000 worshippers.

Entrance to Grand Mosque is closed on Friday Morning and can be visited after 4.30pm

Slip-on shoes are recommended for this tour. Respectful attire is recommended when going ashore in a Muslim country. Women visiting the mosque must cover their entire body with including their head with a scarf, leaving their hands and face exposed. Food, drinks and smoking are strictly prohibited at the mosque. Guests not following the dress code will not be allowed to enter the mosque. The mosque will not be providing the abayas.

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After your mosque visit group continue to see the **Heritage Village** which houses a small museum and depicts the daily activities of the Arab community prior to the discovery of oil. Drive past the beautiful **Abu Dhabi Corniche** and interesting sights around the city of Abu Dhabi. Group will pass by **Emirates Palace** for a brief photo stop from outside.

Lunch at a local restaurant with soft beverage. Drive around **Yas Island** and a photo stop at **Ferrari World**

Visit Louvre Museum

Louvre Abu Dhabi is a new cultural beacon, bringing different cultures together to shine fresh light on the shared stories of humanity. It is the testing ground for new ideas in a globalised world and champions new generations of cultural leaders. The origins of Louvre Abu Dhabi date back to 2007, when France and UAE came together to develop a new kind of cultural institution. The result is a museum rooted in Universal human values, the first of its kind in the region. Louvre Abu Dhabi represents the dynamic nature of the contemporary Arab World, while celebrating the regions vibrant multicultural heritage

With support and contributions from Agence France-Museums – gathering seventeen of France’s most renowned cultural institutions -Louvre Abu Dhabi represents a unique opportunity to combine the UAE’s bold vision of cultural progression and openness with France’s expertise in the world of art and museums.



Dinner on own arrangement - Overnight at selected Dubai Hotel

Day5: 21 OCT 2024 MONDAY

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Breakfast at hotel - Morning at leisure

Classic Dubai City Tour – Half day



This tour will be conducted by Coach Bus with professional English speaking guide and the duration of the tour is about 04 hours driving along “the beach road” we’ll stop for photo at the **Jumeirah Mosque** – a magnificent example of Islamic architecture, we then continue to the **Al Fahidi Historical District (Bastakia area)** – the oldest part of the city, where we’ll see the Wind Towers which served as air-conditioners in bygone days.

We then enjoy a ride across the famed **Dubai creek** in a local water taxi which is called “**Abra**” to see the bustling activities on the waterfront and move on to the Deira side of Dubai. You can truly admire the spectacle of old and new Dubai from the traditional houses, towers and minarets that you pass by on an abra. This will be followed by a visit to the aromatic **Spice souq** and the vast glittering **Gold souq** where you can buy exquisite gold jewelry at prices lower than in Europe.

Dhow Cruise Dinner at Dubai Marina (02 Hours)

Guests will be transferred to the quay at Dubai Marina to board the traditional wooden boat (Dhow) for a 2 hour sharing dinner cruise giving guests the opportunity to view and experience Dubai during the night time.



Slipping softly and silently along the **Dubai Creek** on a traditional wooden vessel, invites you to delight in charmingly different perspectives of this city of contrasts. Modern and traditional views display the rather fast pace from a time-honored centre of trade to a focal point of commerce over just a few decades. Explore the breath-taking Dubai skyline as you sail past the Marina for an unforgettable experience, especially when paired with a gourmet 5-star dinner and delightful atmospheric music to set the tone. Experience the authentic

delight of this majestic city, all from the deck of a traditional wooden dhow. The ideal way to celebrate Dubai's rich heritage. A sumptuous buffet dinner adds to the enchanting atmosphere in the dimmed far-distant light of the city. Water and soft drinks are included. ***Based on non-exclusive dhow**

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Day6: 22 OCT 2024 TUESDAY

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Breakfast at hotel - Morning Free at Leisure

Half Day Sharjah City Tour



This tour will be conducted by Coach Bus with professional English speaking guide and the duration of the tour is about 04.5 hours

Sharjah, the third largest Emirate of UAE has been crowned as the Cultural Capital of the Arab World by UNESCO for its dedication in preserving the art, culture, heritage and history. It is the only Emirate to have land on both the Arabian Gulf Coast and the Gulf of Oman.

Begin your Sharjah sightseeing with a photo stop at the **Cultural Square** or the **Quran Roundabout**. Here you will find a sculpture with verses carved out from Holy Quran. Then, you will visit the **Sharjah Museum of Islamic Civilization**, which is home to exquisite Islamic artefacts from around the world. The building which houses the museum was once Al Majarra Souk. The building now houses more than 5,000 exquisite artifacts from all over the Islamic World. Next stop is the **Sharjah Calligraphy museum** which is a fascinating journey of discovery across centuries of Arabian heritage in the form of beautifully written script created by local artists and well-known international calligraphers, significant works of art from the Arab world demonstrate the complexity of this vibrant art form and its historical and Islamic foundations.

Next visit to Heritage Area which houses a traditional souq, an ancient school and a few small museums. Last but not the least is the fabulous Central Souk also known as **Blue Souq**. Boasting typical Arabic architecture and hundreds of shops – dealing in Leather, Fabrics, antiques etc. ** Sharjah Islamic Museum is closed on Friday Morning and can be visited after 3pm*
After the tour drive back to Dubai Lunch on own arrangement

Desert Safari with BBQ Dinner at a Bedouin Campsite



Guests depart to the Desert of Arabia for an excursion that will probably be one of the highlights of their visit to Dubai. Proceed with 4WD vehicles with **6 guests with an English speaking driver per car**.

During this excursion the guests will have the opportunity to explore the vast, silent ocean of golden-hued sand dunes with experienced drivers giving guests the opportunity to enjoy some exciting “**Dune Bashing**”. Dune bashing literally means bashing the dunes with the thrill of going up and down, provoking shrieks of laughter and tons of excitement. After a challenging ride across the desert and reaching our traditional Arabic camp, guests will have the opportunity to ride camels. Buffet Dinner with soft beverages & Belly Dance performance will be at the Campsite, clients can also enjoy hubbly bubbly & a Henna lady will be present in case any ladies want to get hand painting the traditional Arabic way.

** Alcoholic beverages are available at the campsite and are charged as per consumption.* Overnight at Marriott Marquis Hotel Dubai

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Day7: 23 OCT 2024 Wednesday
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Breakfast at hotel - Check-out from hotel and transfer to Dubai Airport by Coach and English speaking guide
Flight to Muscat on Emirates Air -- Arrival to Muscat International Airport - **Flight TBA**

Meet & Greet by Airport representative at arrival hall. Transfer from Muscat Airport to our 5 Star Shangri-La Resort by Luxury Coach and English-speaking guide. Overnight at our Hotel



Perched high above the shimmering turquoise waters of the Gulf of Oman, Shangri-La Al Husn is an adults-only clifftop sanctuary. Our private beach and cove, dramatic infinity pool and breathtaking views provide the perfect backdrops for a serene seaside escape. Enjoy a wide range of exclusive complimentary perks and immersive experiences, as well as a welcome that's as warm as the Omani sunshine. Complimentary breakfast, afternoon tea, aperitifs and minibar. Access to all facilities at Shangri-La Barr Al Jissah

Day8: 24 OCT 2024 THURSDAY
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This morning after an enjoyable breakfast we are picked up at our hotel for a Muscat City Tour. The Oldest civilizations on the Arabian Peninsula, an exciting and vibrant destination with un-spoilt landscapes, wonderful beaches, a rich culture with friendly people - all the necessary ingredients that make for a truly memorable experience! Intrepid landscapes... Breathtaking coastline... Abundance of natural beauty... Low rise towns. **Legendary Hospitality** is the essence of the Arabian Peninsula which lies in its people; good-natured haggling in souqs, sharing of sweet tea --the ancient tradition of sharing 'bread and salt', albeit given a modern context. Among many experiences; we will visit Bait Al Zubair Museum, the Grand Sultan Qaboos Mosque and a photo stop at Al Alam Palace! Our tour day will finish with a buffet lunch at Kargeen (Arabic cuisine). **Selective beverages are not included** - Return to resort and relax. Overnight at selected Hotel

Day9: 25 OCT 2024 FRIDAY
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Breakfast at hotel – Free Day at Leisure to enjoy the resorts may features and sounds, go to the Muscat market and shop their authentic items. Dine at one of their outdoor cafe's. Overnight at Hotel

Day10: 26 OCT 2024 SATURDAY
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Breakfast at hotel – Free day at leisure - Tonight CST would like to invite you as our guest for a Seafood lovers delight farewell dinner at the hotel - Overnight at Hotel

Day11/12: 27 OCT 2024 Sunday
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Leisure Breakfast at our resort this morning before pickup and transfer to the Muscat Airport to the Dubai airport for our Washington Dulles International Flight. Our Oman connection flight departs Saturday Oct. 21nd arriving late afternoon/evening and will depart Dubai early morning Sunday Oct 28th 2:20 am. Exact 2024 flight schedule will be presented at a later date if needed. **(B)**

Itinerary, taxes & fees are subject to change based on 2024 industry changes; you will be notified in advance.