**10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY** 

**21 - 23 NOVEMBER 2025** 



**INFORMATION PACK** 

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21 NOV

#### Friday

#### Arrival in Dubai

Check in at your hotel. Choose to rest or enjoy the beach, shop at one of Dubai's many malls or visit a tourist attraction on your free time...

Our weekend of activities kicks off with a sunset yacht cruise around Dubai's magical coastline taking in the sights whilst the sun sets dining on nibbles and a selection of drinks.

**Price = AED 400 / EUR 95** 

22 NOV

#### Saturday

#### Tours around Dubaí

Choose to explore the **Shindagha Heritage Village** or visit the Al Nasma Camel Milk Chocolate Factory (courtesy of SI Dubai sister, Hanan).

**Price = AED 100 / EUR 25** 

#### Gala Dínner

Our flagship event of the weekend. We welcome you to the Dubai Polo and Equestrian Club for a magical evening overlooking the polo fields. An evening of firsts celebrating the first Soroptimist Club in the GCC region and recognising inspiring and trailblazing Emirati women who hold claim to being the first in their field.

> Early bird Gald Dinner price if paid before 1 Septembe

is AED 600 / EUR

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Price = AED 750\* / EUR 175



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event website

#### Sunday

#### Tours to Abu Dhabí

Visit the UAE's capital city and explore either the Grand Mosque Abu Dhabi, Abrahamic House or Le Louvre by guided tour. After visiting one of the tourist locations we will all meet again for lunch, where special guest historian, Dr Frauke Heard-Bey who has lived in the UAE since 1967 will be presenting a talk on the history of the UAE, before departing back to Dubai.

Price = AED 160 / EUR 40 for Le Louvre

Price = AED 100 / EUR 25 for Abrahamic House/Grand Mosque

# EVENT PROGRAMME

FRIDAY 21 NOVEMBER

5:00 - 8:00 PM

SUNSET YACHT CRUISE

### **SATURDAY 22 NOVEMBER**

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

AL SHINDAGHA HERITAGE VILLAGE

AL NASSMA CHOCOLATE FACTORY

6:00 - 11:00 PM

**GALA DINNER** 

#### **SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER**

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM ABRAHAMIC HOUSE

OR

**GRAND MOSQUE** 

OF

LOUVRE MUSEUM





#### <u>Hotel Boulevard</u> <u>Downtown Dubai</u>



<u>Adagio Premium</u> <u>The Palm</u>



<u>Vida Dubai</u> <u>Marina & Yacht</u> <u>Club</u> We have selected three recommended hotels situated in the city's prime touristic areas— the Palm, Downtown, and the Marina. We are pleased to provide coach pick-up and drop-off services for all excursions and the Gala Dinner from these hotels. Should you prefer to stay elsewhere you are more than welcome to choose alternative accommodations.

However, please note that if you wish to tak advantage of the pre-booked coach services, you will need to make your way to one of these designated hotels for pick-up.

## FRIDAY 21 NOVEMBER

## **Arrival and Welcome Cruise**

Welcome to the start of our unforgettable weekend! We invite you and your guests to arrive on or before Friday, November 21st, so you can hop aboard our 'Welcome Cruise' and explore the enchanting coastline of Dubai.

You will be collected from one of the three hotels (see page 4) at approximately 4 pm and driven to the Dubai Marina where you will board a yacht. The Yacht Cruise will be three hours long and food and beverages will be provided. The cruise will end at 8 pm where a coach will be waiting to take you back to your hotel.





## SATURDAY 22 NOVEMBER

After enjoying breakfast in your hotel or at a nearby venue, you will be collected by coach at approx. 10 am to visit either the **Shindahga Heritage Village** or the **Al Nassma Camel Milk Chocolate Factory.** These tours are only available for Soroptimist Sisters.

The tours will end at approx. 1 pm and guests will be collected and taken back to their hotels. Lunch will not be provided on this day.

You will have free time from 1 - 5 pm before the coach will return to collect guests to take them to the Dubai Polo and Equestrian Club for the Gala Dinner.

Soroptimist Sisters and their Guests will arrive at the Dubai Polo and Equestrian Club for 6 pm and will be collected and returned to the three hotels once the Gala event ends at 11 pm.

## Al Nassma Chocolate

We are delighted to offer a unique and private tour of the first chocolate camel milk factory, courtesy of our Soroptimist Sister, Hanan Saad.

Guests will be welcomed at the Al Nassma showroom, where they will discover the brand's unique story, heritage, and commitment to excellence in camel milk chocolate.

The guided tour continues through the production facility, offering insights into every step of the cocoa journey—from bean roasting and grinding to conching, moulding, and final packaging. Visitors will witness the craftsmanship behind each bar and learn about the meticulous process that defines Al Nassma's quality.



Throughout the tour, guests will have the opportunity to taste chocolate at various stages of production, experiencing its evolving texture and flavor firsthand.







## Al Shindagha Museum

Al Shindagha Museum is a heritage museum located along the historic Dubai Creek, offering visitors a unique opportunity to explore the rich cultural traditions and history of the United Arab Emirates. Housed in beautifully restored buildings, the museum features interactive exhibits and immersive storytelling that bring to life Dubai's transformation from a small trading port to a modern global city.

Visitors can learn about Emirati customs, maritime history, perfumery, and traditional crafts through engaging displays and multimedia experiences. Al Shindagha Museum is a must-visit for those looking to gain a deeper understanding of Dubai's roots and cultural identity.





## Gala Dinner at Dubai Polo & Equestrian Club

After enjoying free time following on from the tours this morning, you will be collected from the recommended hotels to arrive at the Dubai Polo & Equestrian Club for 6 pm.







There will be a welcome mocktail on arrival and dinner will start at 6:45 pm which will be a fabulous display of Arabic food for all to enjoy. Guests will also enjoy free-flow wine and beer for two-hours during dinner (all alcoholic drinks after this are to be consumed on a paid per person basis). Soft and hot drinks will be available throughout the evening.

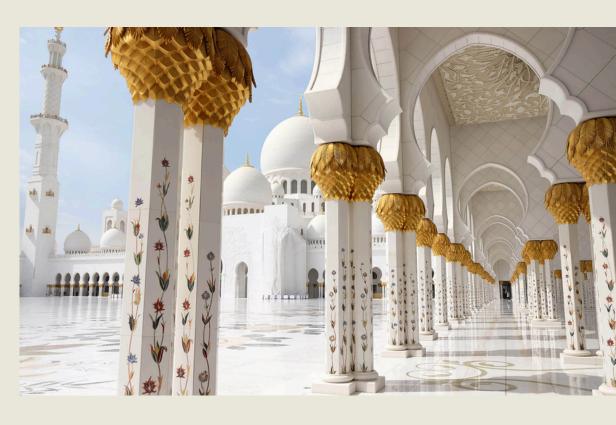
Our theme for our celebratory Gala is 'pioneering Emirati women' who have made impressive achievements throughout their careers. We will also be awarding a participant in our Orange the World campaign and discussing our projects and achievements over the last 10 years, followed by dancing of course!

## SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER

On Sunday we invite our Soroptimist Sisters to join us on a tour to the capital Emirate, Abu Dhabi, where you can choose to visit one of three historial cultural sites: The Grand Mosque Abu Dhabi, The Abrahamic House and Le Louvre. After the guided tours at these venues we will all regroup and meet up for lunch at a venue (lunch costs are not included in the ticket prices) where we will have a talk from renowned UAE historian, Dr. Frauke Heard-Bey, who will provide some insight into the history of the UAE and be available for any questions. This lunch will conclude the official tour activities of the weekend. After the lunch, we will all return to Dubai by coach to the recommended hotels.

## Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque

The Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque in Abu Dhabi is one of the world's largest and most beautiful mosques, known for its stunning white marble architecture, intricate carvings, and peaceful atmosphere.





During the guided tour you will be taken around the mosque and informed about the Islamic architecture and history as well as insights into Islamic culture and Emirati heritage.

Modest dress is required including a headscarf, please see the next page for appropriate clothing.



## ضوابط زيارة الجامع **MOSQUE MANNERS**

مسموح **ALLOWED** 























غیر مسموح

**OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING:** 

يُرْجَى الالْتِزام بالآتي:



عدم التدخين **NO SMOKING** 



عدم إدخال الأطعمة NO FOOD, NO DRINKS



عدم إظهار المشاعر الحميمية **NO OVERT DISPLAY OF AFFECTION** 



تجنب إبراز ورفع أي من الشعارات أو الرموز ذات الدلالات

KINDLY AVOID DISPLAYING AND RAISING ANY **EMBLEMS OR SYMBOLS OF ANY SIGNIFICANCE** 

• No	transparent	(see thre	ough) d	lothing

• يُرجِب عدم ارتداء الملابس الشفافة

No shorts or above the ankle skirts

يُرجم عدم ارتداء الملابس والتنانير القصيرة

• No sleevless shirts

يُرجم عدم ارتداء قميص بدون أكمام

No clothing with profanity

• يُرجَب عدم ارتداء ملابس برسومات غير لائقة

No tight clothing

• يُرجِب عدم ارتداء الملابس الضيقة

## The Abrahamic Family House

The Abrahamic Family House in Abu Dhabi is a unique interfaith complex that brings together a mosque, a church, and a synagogue in one shared space. Inspired by the values of peace, coexistence, and mutual respect, it offers visitors a chance to learn about the three Abrahamic religions—Islam, Christianity, and Judaism—through guided tours, exhibitions, and cultural programs. Open to all, it's a powerful symbol of unity and a peaceful place for reflection and connection.



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## Le Louvre Abu Dhabi



Le Louvre Abu Dhabi is a world-class art and culture museum. Designed by architect Jean Nouvel, it features a stunning dome that creates a "rain of light" effect.

The museum showcases artworks and artifacts from around the world, bridging Eastern and Western cultures and telling the shared story of humanity. With rotating exhibitions, family-friendly spaces, and a beautiful waterfront setting, it's a must-visit destination for art and history lovers.



## Additional Information

## **Travel**

We will be providing coaches to and from all of the tours and venues throughout the weekend, these will only collect from the recommended hotels on page 4. Taxis are freely available throughout the Emirate and can be ordered from 'Careem' app. We recommend you download this app. Taxi transport is cheap in comparison to European countries. Uber is also available but slightly more expensive than 'Hala' taxis. Official taxis are yellow with coloured roofs. You can pay cash or card in the taxi or order through the app.



## Trip to Musandam, Oman





For those of you spending longer in Dubai we would like to organise a trip to stay overnight on a Dhow boat in the Musandam Fjords in Oman.

We will organise a coach to take us there on Monday 24 November, returning to Dubai on Tuesday 25 November. The approximate cost is EUR 200 per person and includes travel, food and soft drinks, overnight stay on a Dhow where you can swim and snorkle at various locations and spot dolphins!

Please let us know if you are interested in attending this unique overnight experience!





#### **Bank Details**

Bank Name: First Abu Dhabi Bank PJSC (FAB)

**Account Name: Soroptimist International of Gulf** 

Account Number: 1031326017569001

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