

Desert Days

Excursions Dec 2026 - Mar 2027





Explore with us

You'd expect us to say it, but trust us, the places we visit on a Celestyal cruise are seriously something else. And now we've gone even further.

We're talking one of the most mind blowing, jaw dropping and legendary destinations in the world. Get ready for Arabian adventures that will blow your socks off.

We know how to create the most sensorially stunning cruises that our guests can't get enough of, and now with our new Desert Days itinerary we're the go-to guides for this epic region as well. Whether you're into soaking up history, absorbing different cultures, or you're all about stunning natural landscapes and pristine golden beaches, this is one not to miss.

Our specially crafted excursions are the heart and soul of the Celestyal experience. Led by our incredibly knowledgeable team, every time we step ashore it's like a real-life storybook unfolding before us.

Join us as we fire up the imagination and delve into the mystical magic of the middle east.

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Our Desert Days itineraries are absolutely packed with things to do onshore. Our incredible excursions will take you to places you never imagined - far beyond the skyscrapers and shopping malls (but those are great too). We're talking safaris, snorkelling, sailing trips and much more. You won't want to miss out on these experiences, so get ahead and plan your excursions in advance - the more you book, the more you save.

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10%

when you book
2 tours

Save up to

15%

when you book
3 tours

Save up to

20%

when you book
4+ tours

Our top picks



Bahrain
Mosques, museums and mezze in Manama



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The Dubai grand tour



Sir Bani Yas
Get closer to nature



Abu Dhabi
Explore the icons of Abu Dhabi

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Dubai

at night



See Dubai from its tallest tower

📍 Burj Khalifa



📍 Dubai Fountain



📍 Dubai Mall

Standing at 828 metres, the Burj Khalifa is the world's tallest building and one of Dubai's most iconic landmarks. It's part of the Dubai Mall, and a must-visit for anyone spending time in the city.

On this tour, you can take a moment to marvel at its awe-inspiring architecture before you ascend to the 'At The Top' observation decks on level 124, using the world's fastest double-decker elevators. With a 360-degree panoramic vista and high-powered telescopes to get a closer look at the world below, you'll experience views like no other across Dubai. You'll even have access to an outdoor terrace for a thrilling perspective of the dramatic skyline.

Once you're ready to leave, you can indulge in the luxury shopping and entertainment experience of the Dubai Mall. Browse an array of boutiques, visit one of the many cafes and restaurants, and admire the waters of the Dubai Fountain before heading back to the ship.



Duration: Half day (morning)

Tour code: DUB-06M

Duration: Half day (afternoon)

Tour code: DUB-06E

Prices

Sunset and stars among the sand dunes

📍 Dubai dunes



Journey into the heart of the desert for an unforgettable evening of exhilaration and entertainment amongst the Arabian dunescape.

Your adventure begins with a thrilling ride in a 4x4 over the undulating sand dunes. You'll pause at the top of the dunes to witness the peerless splendour of a desert sunset, made more spectacular by the clean dry air that makes the red golden hues even more vivid.

Then it's time to make your way to a traditional desert camp, where, as night falls, you'll enjoy an authentic taste of the local cuisine with a delicious barbecue dinner under the stars. And get a culture fix with traditional dance and music to entertain you. If you're looking for some extra fun, there'll be a chance to try sandboarding or even take a camel ride.



Duration: Half day

Tour code: DUB-07

Prices

La Perle - The Magic of Dubai Night

📍 La Perle - the region's first ever water-themed theater show



📍 Featuring a cast of 65 artists from 23 countries



📍 Unbelievable aqua and aerial feats

In this tour will enjoy the Magic of Dubai night, will start with a Panoramic drive that leads us to a short photo stop of the only World's Seven stars hotel Burj Al Arab and Burj Khalifa. Continue to Al Habtoor city, with its one-of-a-kind theatre built in the heart of Dubai City, La Perle is an extraordinary live show staged in Dubai that blends the elements of water, technology, and artistry to create a breathtaking experience. The performance features a combination of acrobatics, aerial stunts, and visual effects set against a backdrop of a massive aqua-stage. The show is known for its stunning choreography, dazzling special effects, and immersive storytelling, creating an unforgettable experience for spectators of all ages.



📍 Burj Al Arab, Dubai's most iconic hotel

**Authentic
Encounters**

Experiences just for
you and a few



Duration: Half day
limited availability - for 4-15 Guests
Tour code: DUB-11

Prices

City tour of Dubai with Bustronomy experience

📍 Al Bastakiya neighbourhood



📍 Dubai Creek



📍 Abra - wooden water taxi

Join us for an unforgettable journey through Dubai, where the past and future blend seamlessly. From the hidden treasures of the city's souqs to the breathtaking grandeur of its modern skyline, this tour promises a truly immersive experience.

Your adventure begins with a scenic drive from the port to Dubai's historical district at the mouth of the Dubai Creek. A guided walk through the charming Al Bastakiya neighbourhood gives you a glimpse into Dubai's traditional culture and lifestyle. Take some time to appreciate the original architecture before crossing the Creek in an Abra – a wooden water taxi that was once the only way to cross the river!

On the other side of the Creek you'll explore the bustling Spice and Gold souqs, where you can browse exotic spices, jewelry, souvenirs and gifts and practise the ancient art of haggling.

Then it's time to indulge. Settle into the comfort of a luxurious double decker bus for the unique Bustronomy experience, where a delightful afternoon tea awaits. Sit back and enjoy the view through the bus's panoramic glass roof as you're spirited through the heart of Dubai and past some of its most iconic landmarks.



Duration: Half day

Tour code: DUB-13

[Prices](#)

Yacht Sunset Cruise



Explore Dubai in style, with a sunset tour that showcases the city's most iconic landmarks from the best vantage point: the deck of a luxury private yacht.

Your evening starts with a leisurely stroll along the harbour, absorbing the atmosphere of the vibrant seafront as you make your way to the boat jetty. Then it's time to set sail through the tranquil waters of Dubai's stunning coastline. Against the backdrop of the setting sun, you'll see the famous skyline transform in front of your eyes, with illuminated landmarks such as the Burj Al Arab and the Palm Jumeirah taking on a magical quality.



The evening continues with a delicious BBQ, with a selection of freshly grilled delicacies served with plenty of soft drinks and water for refreshment.

This is the perfect trip for a special occasion, a romantic evening, or simply to see Dubai glittering against the night sky. It's an unforgettable sunset experience that will give you a new perspective on this unique destination.



Duration: Half day

Tour code: DUB-14

[Prices](#)

Sunset Cruise on traditional Dhow boat

📍 Traditional Dhow boat



📍 Souk Madinat



Step aboard a traditional dhow, a wooden boat used for centuries throughout the Arabian Gulf for trade, fishing and pearl diving. In this unforgettable sunset cruise, you'll experience a blend of history and modern luxury as you embark on a captivating tour.

Your evening begins with a scenic drive to Dubai Harbour jetty, where the city's skyscrapers contrast beautifully with the timeless craftsmanship of your dhow. As you set sail around the marina, you'll have time to relax on deck and enjoy stunning panoramic views.

Gliding through the waters, you'll see world-famous landmarks lit by the golden hues of sunset, including the Ain Dubai - the world's tallest observation wheel - and the exclusive Bluewaters Island, known for its luxury residences and high-end boutiques.

After the cruise, your adventure continues at the vibrant Souk Madinat where you'll have free time to shop and explore. Wander through its maze-like walkways and browse the stalls for souvenirs, jewelry and all sorts of other local treasures.

As the evening comes to a close, you'll return to port, completing a memorable night filled with sights, shopping and the enchanting glow of Dubai's skyline under the stars.



Duration: Half day

Tour code: DUB-15

[Prices](#)

Global Village

📍 Dubai Global Village



Dubai Global Village is an extraordinary destination that brings together the best of the world in one vibrant, multicultural park.

Take a tour of the globe as you journey through 27 themed pavilions showcasing the history, landmarks and cuisine of over 90 countries. Immerse yourself in the sights, sounds and smells of each country and discover something new around every corner - including memorable selfie spots.

As you tour the pavilions, pick up some unique souvenirs and gifts. Browse Qatari pearl jewelry to Japanese Kabuki masks, Yemeni Sidr honey to Mexican sombreros. Discover soaps, spices and oils from all over the world, as well as textiles and home decor.



When you get hungry, there are over 200 restaurants, cafes and kiosks to choose from. With specialist vendors from all over the world, you're sure to find something to tempt your tastebuds.

You'll get the chance to watch incredible performances, including dancing, stunts and dedicated kids shows. There's a fairground with more than 195 rides, and over 125 arcade games to play on. Dubai Global Village is a creative and diverse cultural melting pot, and a truly memorable experience for all ages.



Duration: Half day

Tour code: DUB-16

[Prices](#)

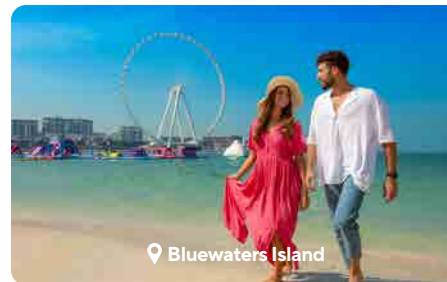
Dubai

during the day



The Dubai grand tour

📍 Palm Jumeirah



📍 Bluewaters Island



📍 Souk Madinat

Upon arrival at the port, you'll start with a scenic drive to the iconic Palm Island, where the opulent Atlantis hotel awaits. Explore the maze-like tunnels of the Lost Chambers aquarium, home to over 65,000 marine animals. Continue to Nakheel Mall and ascend to Level 52 of the 'View of the Palm' for breathtaking vistas. Next, journey to Souk Madinat Jumeirah for a photo stop of the luxurious Burj Al Arab and indulge in some shopping at the vibrant Souk where traditional charm and modern elegance are intertwined. Finally, conclude the day with a leisurely drive back to the port.

Begin your second day with a stop outside the majestic Zabeel Palace, capturing its grandeur with a photo. Continue to the Museum of the Future, celebrated for its innovative architecture, followed by a visit to the towering Burj Khalifa. Ascend to Level 124/125 for panoramic views and enjoy free time in the vast halls of the Dubai Mall. Next, proceed to the Dubai Frame for another striking photo opportunity where Dubai's rich past and dynamic present are gracefully juxtaposed. Delve deeper into Dubai's history with a journey

to Al Seef and the Al Fahidi District on a guided walk. Experience a traditional Abra Watertaxi crossing over the Dubai Creek, and meander through the Spice and Gold Souqs, taking in the lively atmosphere and fragrant aromas with some leisure time for shopping. Conclude the tour with a photo stop at the Jumeirah Mosque to appreciate its elegant minarets and domes before returning to the port, enriched with the vibrant sights and experiences of Dubai. This itinerary promises a blend of modern marvels and cultural richness, offering an unforgettable glimpse into the dynamic city of Dubai.

We can also include lunch on this tour - DUB-10L.



Duration: Two days

Tour code: DUB-10

Prices

The new wonders of Dubai

📍 Burj Al-Arab



📍 Souk Al Bahar



📍 Palm Jumeirah

Embark on an unforgettable journey through Dubai, blending breathtaking sights with cultural charm. Your adventure begins with a scenic drive to the Miracle Garden, a kaleidoscope of vibrant floral displays and stunningly creative arrangements. Wander among the blooming pathways and capture unforgettable moments in this botanical wonderland.

Next, travel along the iconic Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Road to the elegant Souk Al Bahar, nestled in the heart of Downtown Dubai. Enjoy some free time to explore the traditional Arabian marketplace, where you can shop for unique souvenirs, indulge in local delicacies, or simply soak in the charm of its waterfront setting.

The tour continues with a stop at the world-renowned Burj Al Arab, an architectural marvel that epitomizes luxury. Snap the perfect photo with the iconic sail-shaped hotel as your backdrop.

From there, head to Palm Jumeirah, the stunning man-made island shaped like a palm tree. Take in spectacular views of the coastline and capture memories at a photo stop overlooking the grandeur of this engineering feat.

Your journey concludes with a stop at the Dubai Marina, where sleek skyscrapers and yachts line the glittering waterfront.

After a day filled with awe-inspiring sights, you'll return to the ship with unforgettable memories of Dubai's wonders.



Duration: Half day

Tour code: DUB-01

Prices

Explore old and new Dubai



📍 Lost Chambers Aquarium



📍 Al Seef

Explore the contrasting facets of Dubai on this comprehensive tour, blending traditional roots with futuristic marvels. Departing from the port, your journey begins with a scenic drive and visit to the iconic Dubai Frame, a stunning architectural landmark bridging the city's humble past with its extravagant present. After soaking in the panoramic views, we head to Al Seef, where old-world charm meets contemporary allure. Meander through this vibrant waterfront area, lined with traditional souks and modern cafes, before continuing to the historic Al Fahidi district. Here, immerse yourself in the labyrinthine lanes of Dubai's oldest neighbourhood. A guided walk unveils its rich history, punctuated with visits to the Dagger and Coffee Museum, offering insights into Emirati culture and traditions. Next, a short drive takes us to the Abra Water station for a classic boat ride across Dubai Creek, where bustling markets beckon. Wander through the fragrant alleys of the Gold and Spice Souq, where exotic spices and perfumes fill the air and precious treasures from around the world await. Our journey then shifts gears into showcasing Dubai's pioneering spirit, with a stop outside the Museum of the Future, an avant-garde testament to innovation and technology.

Capture photos of this architectural spectacle before continuing to the nearby Dubai Mall. At this colossal retail and entertainment hub, marvel at the world's tallest building, the Burj Khalifa, during a photo stop that promises to leave you in awe. Here, enjoy some leisure time amidst the myriad shopping and entertainment options. As the day winds down, ascend to the Sky Views Observatory for breathtaking views of the city skyline and Burj Khalifa. Finally, we return to the port, enriched with memories of old and new Dubai, a city that effortlessly marries innovation and tradition.



Duration: Full day

Tour code: DUB-08

Prices

Conquer the dunes

📍 Safari adventure



Enjoy the thrill of a lifetime with our action-packed dune safari adventure.

Leave the bustle of the city behind and get ready to experience the delights of the Arabian dunes. You'll start with an exciting roller coaster ride over the soft golden sands outside Dubai, speeding up and down the ever-shifting dunes in a modern 4x4 vehicle. Hold on tight as you slide, spin and skid your way towards a secluded desert campsite.

The campsite is nestled in majestic sand dunes and decorated in authentic Arabic style, perfect for some Insta-worthy snaps. It's the ideal place to relax after your fast-paced ride, but if you're ready for more, you'll also have the option to ride a camel.



No trip to Dubai is truly complete without a camel-riding experience, which promises to be a relatively gentle experience. So sit comfortably, sway across the desert and connect with ancient traditions on your short trek across the stunning windswept landscape. There's no better way to complete your dune experience.



Duration: Half day

Tour code: DUB-02

Prices

Historic Dubai

☛ Coffee Museum



☛ Bayt Al Khanyar Museum



☛ Spice Souk

Would you like to know what Dubai looked like before the skyscrapers? Find out as we take you on a journey into Dubai's past and traditions.

You'll start in Deira, Dubai's Old Town, one of the oldest parts of the city. Mingle with the crowds at the Gold Souk and Spice Souk before boarding an abra – a traditional merchant's boat made of wood – and crossing the bustling Dubai Creek.

On the other side, you'll find the Al Fahidi Historical Neighbourhood. The winding alleyways are lined with traditional buildings, many of which have been restored to museums. Take time to explore the Bayt Al Khanyar Museum, or Dagger Museum, dedicated to the 'khanjar' dagger: a traditional symbol of strength and bravery.

Our final stop is the Coffee Museum. Here you'll have a lesson in coffee etiquette, learning how guests are honoured in Arabic culture. In this silent ritual, every gesture – such as how the cup is held – has a deep meaning. You'll leave with a memento of your day: a pouch of real Arabic coffee, so you can try and recreate what you've learned once you're back at home.



Duration: Half day

Tour code: DUB-04

Prices

Scented Elegance: Dubai Traditions & Perfume Experience



Luqaimat

By attending this tour, you will discover the history, varieties, and etiquette of this Emirati tradition as you catch up over an assortment of specialty "Qahwa" with dates and tastes and get familiar with the most famous Emirati dessert "luqaimat"! Enjoy a delightful coffee and dessert pairing and explore a display of the various spices used to flavour Arabic coffee, including cardamom and cloves. Engage in a fascinating Q&A session where you'll have the opportunity to learn more about UAE culture, customs, and daily life. This hands-on experience offers a unique insight into the essence of Emirati hospitality and traditions.



Perfume Making Experience

During the Perfume Making Experience, each guest will receive an empty perfume bottle and will be guided by our Emirati host through the art of blending and customizing their own unique fragrance. A selection of exquisite perfume oils will be available, including popular Emirati scents like saffron, amber, and musk, allowing you to create a personalized perfume that captures the essence of traditional Emirati aromas. The tour ends with a dhow cruise on Dubai Creek which offers a scenic and relaxing way to explore the city. As you sail on a traditional wooden dhow, enjoy views of historic Dubai before returning to port.

Authentic Encounters

Experiences just for
you and a few



Duration: Half day
limited availability - for 20-30 Guests

Tour code: DUB-03

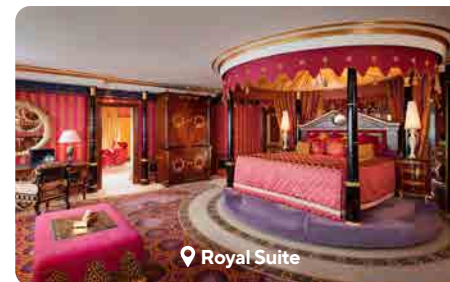
Prices

Inside Burj al Arab

📍 Burj Al Arab, Dubai's most iconic hotel



📍 Welcome to inside Burj Al Arab



📍 Royal Suite

Step into the luxurious realm of the Burj Al Arab, often hailed as the world's only seven-star hotel. Your journey begins with a warm welcome at the iconic sail-shaped structure, where every detail exudes elegance and sophistication. Embark on a guided tour of the Burj Al Arab's lavish interiors, where you'll discover unparalleled luxury at every turn. Gain exclusive insights into the history, design philosophy, and remarkable anecdotes behind the creation of the Burj Al Arab.

Learn about the legendary service and unparalleled hospitality that have made it a global icon of luxury and explore the Jewel in the Crown of The Burj Al Arab for yourself, the Royal Suite, located on the 25th floor of this iconic landmark. After that be prepared for a shopping journey in Souk Madinat Jumeirah which is home to a diverse array of boutiques, galleries, and souvenir shops.

Authentic Encounters

Experiences just for you and a few



Duration: Half day
limited availability - for 15-30 Guests

Tour code: DUB-12

Prices

Sir Bani Yas



Get closer to nature



Discover the story behind the stunning wildlife of Sir Bani Yas Island with a guided tour in a specially designed Land Cruiser.

The Arabian Wildlife Park is a beautiful nature reserve that occupies more than half of the island. It was established in 1977 by Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan when he passed a law preventing hunting on the island. His vision was to create a haven for animals – both local and foreign – to roam free and live naturally.

It's now home to thousands of animals, and your local expert guide will help you spot many different species as you explore – and give you plenty of photo stops along the way. Look out for gazelles, llamas, giraffes, ostriches and one of the world's largest herds of endangered Arabian oryx. There are cheetahs, hyenas, and more than 100 species of indigenous wild birds, while the waters around the island are home to sea turtles and dolphins.



All developmental work on the island has been carried out with a view to conserving its fragile ecosystem. You'll return to the ship having enjoyed time alongside some wonderful creatures you may otherwise never see in such a natural setting.

If you're in a larger group, you can tour the nature reserve together in a truck instead of a 4x4.



Duration: Half day

Tour code: SBY-01

Duration: Half day

Tour code: SBY-15 (large group)

Prices

Dig into ancient history

📍 Sir Bani Yas Island



Gain a unique insight into life on Sir Bani Yas island as it was hundreds of years ago, in this guided tour around the remains of an early-Christian monastery site.

The monastery dates back to the end of the 6th century, and is the only early Christian site in the UAE. Buried over time, it was rediscovered on the eastern side of the island in the early 1990s, and excavations have been taking place ever since.

During your guided walking tour, you'll learn more about the history of the area and the lifestyle of its inhabitants. You'll also be able to view artefacts unearthed by the archaeologists.

Following your tour, you'll re-board your coach for a visit to the Majlis, at the centre and highest point of the island. This was where many dignitaries were welcomed and entertained during Sheik Zayed's lifetime, and offers spectacular views. From there, we'll take a drive around the rest of this beautiful island before heading back to the pier.



Duration: Half day

Tour code: SBY-02

Prices

Enjoy some watery fun - only sold on board

Get ready for some floating fun

Tour code: SBY-09

The perfect way to spend a sunny day! With a floating mat, you can enjoy hours of fun on the ocean. Paddle around, jump on and off, or simply lay back and enjoy the splashing and laughter around you.

Wheels on the water

Tour code: SBY-07

This water trike will be one of the most fun ways to get around the sparkling waters of Sir Bani Yas Island. Suitable for up to two people, they have three huge plastic wheels to keep you afloat.

Explore the waterways on a water bike

Tour code: SBY-06

A waterbike is a fun and sustainable way to explore the quiet waterways and mangrove forests of Sir Bani Yas Island. Ride your way around the area, enjoying the natural world around you.

Kayaking Adventure

Tour code: SBY-12S (Single), SBY-12D (Double)

Sir Bani Yas Island's calm waters are perfect for kayaking. Glide effortlessly at a relaxed pace, surrounded by breathtaking coastal scenery and an array of exotic wildlife, making it an unforgettable experience.

Sightseeing by swan boat

Tour code: SBY-10

Explore the beautiful natural surroundings of Sir Bani Yas Island, on board a swan boat. Using your own pedal power, navigate your way through the mangrove lagoons and admire the wildlife.



Duration: Half day

Please ask our Shore Excursion experts for more information and activities

Abu Dhabi



The best of Abu Dhabi

📍 Sheikh Zayed Mosque



📍 Corniche Road



📍 The dates market

Get a taste for opulent Abu Dhabi in this half day introduction to some of the city's most famous landmarks and attractions.

First destination of the day will be the Sheikh Zayed Mosque – the largest in the UAE and a stunning example of neo-Islamic architecture. 1,000 pillars support 82 marble domes and four minarets in this sprawling complex that covers more than 30 acres. Capture the dramatic contrast between its startling white marble exterior and the bright blue Middle Eastern sky that is its backdrop.

Next we'll drive along the Corniche Road, which sweeps around the main Abu Dhabi island, with its distinctive skyline of futuristic glass skyscrapers. There'll be plenty of opportunities to take photos of these spectacular buildings, including the famous Emirates Palace Hotel with its 114 domes and 1.3km of private beach.

Then it's off to the dates market, passing the Manarat Al Saadyat arts and cultural centre and its arresting honeycomb exterior on the way. Sample and stock up on a variety of delicious dates at the market. With thousands to choose from, alongside other traditional Arabic produce, you're bound to find a few gifts and souvenirs before we head back to port.



Duration: Half day

Tour code: AUH-01

Prices

A champion day out

📍 Ferrari World



Rev up the excitement levels as you race off for a full day at the first Ferrari-branded theme park.

Ferrari World is dedicated to high-octane excitement, with 20 state-of-the-art rides to suit all ages. Experience an immersive 5D rollercoaster with the world's first sideways drop; take your seat for a vertical climb followed by a zero gravity drop; or give your adrenaline levels a rest with a tour of a mini Italy in a scaled down Ferrari classic. Ready for more? Try the 63m-high ride that will get your pulse racing as you reach speeds of up to 120 kph.

There's plenty of other activities too. Get up close to amazing displays of Ferrari cars, see if you can beat the clock in a pit stop challenge, race friends and family on a 290-long karting track, watch a 4D Ferrari adventure like no other, and much more.

Whether you're looking for the thrill of adrenaline, or just a fun day out with the family, you'll find it here. And when the chequered flag comes down on your day, it's just a short ride back to port.



Duration: Full day

Tour code: AUH-02

Prices

Delicious dates and tasty cakes

📍 Sheikh Zayed Mosque



📍 The dates market



📍 Etihad Towers

Explore the food and culture in Abu Dhabi, as we spend half a day touring the must-see highlights of the city.

First is a visit to the dates market. Dates are a significant part of Middle Eastern culture, and you'll find thousands on offer here. In an array of colours and flavours, you'll find them fresh, dried, made into syrup or jam, covered in chocolate or stuffed with nuts. Pick a few different treats as snacks, gifts and souvenirs.

From here, we'll drive down the Corniche, one of the most iconic roads in Abu Dhabi, on our way to the Sheikh Zayed Mosque. This majestic building is one of the largest mosques in the world, and has 82 domes of various sizes – a photo opportunity that's not to be missed.

Our final stop is Etihad Towers, a complex of five towers that are some of the most famous skyscrapers in Abu Dhabi. You'll head up to the Observation Deck at 300, in Tower 2, for a decadent afternoon tea with the most perfect outlook – uninterrupted views across the city skyline.



Duration: Half day

Tour code: AUH-03

Prices



Go VIP at the beach

📍 Radisson Blu Beach Club & Spa



Relax and experience the VIP lifestyle with a full day at the 5-star Radisson Blu Beach Club and Spa.

Stretch out on the spacious sun loungers that are ready and waiting for you on the private sandy beach. Swim and splash in the warm sea or in the swimming pools: choose between the adult pool or the family pool with toddler area. Meander around the lazy river, grab a flotation ring for the wave pool, or experience the thrill of catching a wave in the ultra-modern surf pool. There's also an assortment of bars and lounges to keep you well fed and refreshed throughout the day.

Don't forget to take plenty of photos of the stunning views across the Arabian Gulf and check out the nearby peacock garden and duck pond, too. After a day of fun with family and friends, you'll head back to the ship feeling relaxed and revived.



Duration: Full day

Tour code: AUH-04

Prices

Explore the icons of Abu Dhabi

📍 Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque



📍 Qasr Al Watan Palace



Join us on a cultural tour of discovery through magnificent Abu Dhabi, with a closer look at two of the city's most iconic landmarks.

After a quick photo stop to capture the grandeur of Abu Dhabi's iconic skyline, we'll head to our first destination: Qasr Al Watan Palace. The presidential palace of the United Arab Emirates is not only spectacular to look at, it is a celebration of the UAE's heritage.

Made of granite and limestone, this mainly white palace is very intricately designed. Walk through the Great Hall and the extensive gardens and you cannot help but be impressed by its opulence and splendour. A 37 metre dome tops the central chamber and a magnificent chandelier includes no fewer than 350,000 pieces of crystal.

From the seat of state power to the realm of the spiritual; our second stop is the stunning Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque. Rising out of beautifully manicured gardens and tranquil pools, the mosque's architecture is a carefully considered combination of Middle Eastern styles. Covering more than 30 acres, it is the country's largest mosque and boasts 1,000 pillars supporting 82 marble domes and four minarets.

Keep your cameras close at hand as you enjoy a glimpse into the rich tapestry of Abu Dhabi's cultural legacy.



Duration: Half day

Tour code: AUH-05

Prices

The ultimate F1 Grand Prix experience



Calling all Formula 1 fans! Line up on the starting grid and get ready for an up-close look at the Yas Marina Circuit.

Your expert guide will take you behind the scenes of one of the world's most advanced racetracks, home of the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix. You'll get a deeper insight into the circuit and its role in motorsport events, Formula 1 racing, and race-day preparations.

Visit the pit lane, where you can learn how crews perform their high-speed seamless wheel changes. Marvel at the high-tech control room, where teams monitor every aspect of practice sessions, qualifiers and races. See the 500-seat media centre, where the stars of Formula 1 speak to the world's press, and take a look around the imposing grandstands. You may even get access to some of the more restricted areas, depending on what's happening at the track on the day of your tour.



📍 Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque

With plenty of photo opportunities throughout the day, including the iconic Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque on your way to the circuit, and the luxurious Emirates Palace on the way back, this thrilling experience is a must for any fan of motorsport.



Duration: Half day

Tour code: AUH-O6

Prices

Feel the thrill of the daytime desert safari



📍 Al Khatim Desert



📍 Sheikh Zayed Mosque

Embark on an action-packed 4x4 safari adventure into the heart of the enchanting Al Khatim Desert.

Feel the rush of adrenaline as your expert driver navigates the rolling hills and valleys of the towering sand dunes. You'll slip and skid your way through clouds of billowing sand on this exhilarating ride.

In the calmer moments of the journey, immerse yourself in the mesmerising landscape that surrounds you. You'll have plenty of strategic photo stops, so you can take a moment to capture the desert's vast beauty. And you'll be spoilt for choice: every moment is a frame-worthy experience, whether it's the golden hues of the dunes or the serene desert panoramas.

This safari promises an unforgettable blend of excitement and stunning visuals, making it a must for adventure and nature enthusiasts alike. Just keep your cameras ready, as you'll have one more stop at the incredible Sheikh Zayed Mosque on the way back to the ship.



Duration: Half day

Tour code: AUH-07

Prices



Get up close and personal with more than 100,000 sea creatures and marine animals at SeaWorld on Yas Island, the region's first marine life theme park.

Be guided through the park's eight carefully considered realms, where a different marine environment is brought to life – from the poles to the tropics. You'll watch penguins at play, dolphins and sea lions demonstrating their agility, not to mention sea otters, sharks, turtles, and the 68,000 inhabitants of the world's largest multi-species marine life aquarium.

As well as this dazzling array of sea life, there are expert presentations, where you can learn more about the marine animals and their habitats, plus SeaWorld's admirable conservation efforts. And for the kids and young at heart there are thrilling rides and interactive experiences.

Join us for what promises to be a day full of fun and new discoveries for the whole family.



Duration: Full day

Tour code: AUH-08

Prices



Abu Dhabi by dhow

Abu Dhabi Island



Abu Dhabi cityscape

The dhow is a traditional Arabian wooden cargo vessel, usually with one or two masts and distinctive sloping triangular sails. As well as being a striking symbol of Abu Dhabi's trading past, it's one of the best ways to see the splendour of the city.

You're in for a treat on board. As you glide along the city's sparkling waterways, enchanted by the magic of the dazzling cityscape, you'll pass some of the city's most iconic landmarks, including the famous Corniche, which sweeps around the main island of Abu Dhabi.



Relax in the soothing ambience and take in mesmerising views as you enjoy a delicious mix of local and international cuisine. This trip promises to be an enticing blend of cultural tradition, culinary treats and breathtaking scenery, for an unmissable journey of discovery.



Duration: Half day

Tour code: AUH-09

Prices

Coffee Etiquette & Abu Dhabi Heritage

📍 Fort Qasr Al Hosn

Authentic Encounters

Experiences just for you and a few



Embark on an exclusive small group tour of Abu Dhabi, designed to offer an intimate and insightful experience of the UAE's capital. Your journey begins with a visit to Qasr Al Hosn, the oldest stone building in the city, where you'll explore its historical significance as a royal residence and military fort. Here, enjoy a unique Coffee Etiquette session, learning about the traditional Emirati coffee rituals and the cultural significance behind them. Next, capture the essence of the city with a photo stop at Union Square. This landmark, known for its striking architecture and historical importance, offers a perfect backdrop for memorable snapshots.

Continue your exploration with a visit to the Heritage Village, where you'll step into a living museum that showcases traditional Emirati life through reconstructed Bedouin tents, artisan displays, and historical artifacts. Pause for another photo opportunity at the opulent Emirates Palace. This iconic hotel, renowned for its grandeur, provides a stunning setting for photos of its majestic facade and lush surroundings.



Finally, immerse yourself in the tranquility of the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque, one of the world's most breathtaking places of worship. Marvel at its intricate design, serene courtyards, and majestic prayer halls, and gain valuable insights into Islamic art and culture from your knowledgeable guide. This carefully curated tour promises a blend of historical exploration, cultural immersion, and stunning photo opportunities, all in a personalized small group setting.



Duration: Full day
limited availability - for 10-25 Guests
Tour code: AUH-10

Prices

Louvre Abu Dhabi & House of Artisans

📍 Louvre Abu Dhabi



📍 House of Artisans

Our journey begins with a scenic drive along the Corniche, offering breathtaking views of the Arabian Gulf and the city skyline. Our next stop is the House of Artisans, a hidden gem celebrating Emirati craftsmanship and traditional arts. Here, local artisans showcase their talents, crafting exquisite pottery, intricate textiles, and vibrant carpets using age-old techniques passed down through generations.

Finally, we visit the world-renowned Louvre Abu Dhabi with its architectural marvel, where light filters through the iconic dome. Explore the museum's vast collection, spanning ancient artifacts to contemporary masterpieces. As we conclude our tour, reflect on the beauty and diversity of Abu Dhabi's cultural landscape, from the tranquil shores of the Corniche to the vibrant creativity of the House of Artisans and the global treasures of the Louvre Abu Dhabi.



📍 Louvre Abu Dhabi



Duration: Half day

Tour code: AUH-11

Prices

Bahrain



Off-road adventures at the Bahrain International Circuit

📍 Sakhir Desert



Get your adrenaline pumping on this action-packed off-road driving experience at Bahrain's International Circuit – the ultra modern motorsport facility located in the heart of the Sakhir Desert.

Sit back and enjoy the sights as you travel by coach from the port, through Bahrain's capital, Manama. Catch the distinctive dome of the Al Fateh Grand Mosque, the stunning architecture of the Bahrain National Museum and the impressive twin towers of both the Bahrain World Trade Centre and the Financial Harbour, before joining the Sheikh Salman Highway to the Bahrain International Circuit.

This \$150 million facility offers some unbeatable features. As well as its famous Formula One race track, it boasts a dramatic off-road course built into the desert landscape. Designed to put the world's leading 4x4s through their paces, the course includes 32 natural and man made obstacles, including the aptly named



Rocky Road, Camel Humps and Boomerang Climb. Buckle up as you, and up to three other passengers, navigate different terrains with a qualified rally driver behind the wheel of a Nissan Patrol. Then it's back to the port after what promises to be an adventure to remember.



Duration: Half day

Tour code: BAH-06

Prices

Mosques, museums and mezze in Manama

📍 Bahrain Fort



📍 Al Fateh Grand Mosque



📍 Traditional Arabic mezze

Enjoy a whirlwind tour of Arabian culture and cuisine in this fun-packed day that takes in some of Bahrain's most enchanting sights.

Your tour begins with a visit to the majestic Al Fateh Grand Mosque, one of the largest in the world. Named after Bahrain's 18th century founder, the mosque can accommodate up to 7,000 worshippers at a time. Its architecture reflects a combination of Middle Eastern styles, but its crowning glory is a giant fibreglass dome, weighing more than 60 tonnes.

Next, it's on to the Bahrain National Museum, the country's most popular tourist destination. With exhibits depicting life in Bahrain through the ages – including a reassembled ancient burial ground dating back to 2,800 BC – the museum's nine halls are a treasure trove of information and insight into the region.

Our next stop will be Manama's bazaar, located in the heart of Bahrain's capital. Split into new and old sections, you'll find everything from clothes and antiques to spices and traditional medicines in stalls spread across the souq's labyrinthine lanes and alleyways. Just make sure you've left space in your luggage!

From bazaar to Bahrain Fort, one of the country's most important historical sites. The fort itself was built by the Portuguese in the 16th century, but excavations of the site have revealed evidence of six other eras, including that of the Dilmun civilization in around 3,000 BC.

You'll conclude your Bahrain adventure at the 4-star Novotel Al Dana boutique hotel and resort for some well-deserved relaxation and a bite to eat. Enjoy a non-alcoholic welcome drink on arrival, followed by a delicious array of traditional Arabic mezze, kebabs and dishes from the grill. All washed down with a glass of wine. Then it's back to the port to reboard the ship.



Duration: Full day

Tour code: BAH-07

Prices

The Bahrain grand tour

📍 Al Fateh Grand Mosque



📍 Bahrain Fort



📍 Pottery carving

Join us on this tour round Bahrain's most famous sights and landmarks in just one day.

Our first call will be the Al Fateh Grand Mosque with its iconic fibreglass dome – one of the largest in the world. As well as its importance as a place of worship, it is also home to the Islamic Center library with a collection of more than 7,000 religious texts, reference books and periodicals

Then it's on to the country's most popular tourist destination: the Bahrain National Museum. This beautiful postmodern building overlooking the waterfront houses artefacts and exhibits spanning 5,000 years of Bahrain's history, from the ancient Dilmun civilisation onwards. A truly immersive introduction to the region and its people.

On the way to our next destination, we'll make a photo stop outside the Bahrain National Theater, which is world's third largest opera house after the Cairo Opera House and the Royal Opera House Muscat.

Next is the historic Bahrain Fort, a site steeped in ancient history. Although the fort itself dates back to the 16th century, when it was built by

the Portuguese, excavations of the site have shown that the area has been populated since 2,300 BC and it may well have been the capital of the ancient Dimun empire.

The Al Jasra Handicraft Centre is our penultimate stop, located in the village of the same name. As you move through the Centre's rooms, you'll see examples of some of the country's traditional crafts, including palm weaving, pottery and woodwork.

Before we head back to the ship we'll make a final stop at the impressive King Fahd causeway – 25 kilometres of bridges and causeways completed in 1986 and connecting Bahrain and Saudi Arabia for the first time in 25,000 years.



Duration: Full day

Tour code: BAH-08

Prices

Thrills and spills at a world-class karting track

📍 Bahrain International Circuit



Strap yourself in for an exhilarating karting experience at the world-class karting facility at Bahrain International Circuit.

The excitement begins on your coach trip from the port through Manama, Bahrain's capital city. Soak up the sights as you pass the famous landmarks of the Al Fateh Grand Mosque, the Bahrain National Museum, the Bahrain World Trade Centre and the Financial Harbour. Then it's on to the Sheikh Salman Highway and straight to the Bahrain International Circuit.

The Karting Circuit is part of the larger International Circuit, which is home to one of the world's best Formula One race tracks. The karting track was the first in the world to host a championship-level race at night but its state-of-the-art facilities are open to enthusiasts as well as die-hard racers. You'll get to put one of their agile karts through its paces as you navigate the 1.4 km track, designed to the highest international standards and catering to different experience and confidence levels. Enjoy a true taste of the fast-paced life of motorsport before heading back to the port and rejoining the ship.



Duration: Half day

Tour code: BAH-09

Prices

See all the sights of the city

📍 Bahrain's World Trade Centre



📍 King Fahd causeway



📍 Al Fateh Grand Mosque

Join us as we take a whistlestop tour round Bahrain's most famous and photo-worthy sights and landmarks.

First one for the photo album will be the visit to Al Fateh Grand Mosque. With its combination of architectural styles and huge fibreglass dome, its scale is something to behold. Inside, marvel at the ornamental design, including Italian marble floors, Indian teak wood doors, and hand-blown lamps from France, plus learn more about the Islamic culture.

Next stop, a photo stop by the Bahrain National Museum. Built in 1988, this \$34 million postmodern complex overlooking the waterfront offers visitors a fascinating view of Bahrain through the ages, thanks to artefacts dating back to the ancient Dilmun civilisation.

Manama Souq awaits for some free time to explore, meandering the alleyways and shopping for souvenirs, before heading to a visit of the Bahrain Fort. Site of an ancient tell (a mound created by centuries of rebuilding) and a former Portuguese military fortification, this is one of Bahrain's most important historical locations and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Moving on from the ancient to the very modern, our tour concludes with a photo stop at Bahrain's World Trade Centre – the second tallest building in Bahrain. At 240 metres high, the World Trade Centre's twin sail-shaped, 50-storey towers are connected by wind turbines. As it's the first building in the world to include these in its design, it's well worth a snap.



Duration: Half day

Tour code: BAH-10

Prices

Retrace the historic pearling pathway



📍 Bu Maher Fort



📍 Bahrain National Museum

Pearling was central to trade in Bahrain for thousands of years and in this half-day tour you'll discover the rich history of what's known as the pearling pathway – 3.5km of walkway connecting three oyster beds, the Bu Mahir Fort and 17 buildings in the historical section of Muharraq.

Before travelling to the UNESCO World Heritage Site that is the pearling pathway, you'll be collected from the port and taken to the Bahrain National Museum, where a section dedicated to the pearl diving tradition can be found in the Hall of Traditional Trades and Crafts.

Having set the context for the next part of the tour, we'll move on to the Bu Maher Fort. This part of the pearling pathway is a tribute to famous jeweller Jacques Cartier, who travelled to Bahrain in the 1920s to source its pearls with their unequalled lustre and roundness; the result of freshwater springs in the saltwater sea surrounding Bahrain.

The old houses of Muharraq have been painstakingly renovated and retain all the charming touches of old Arabia with narrow lanes and houses clustered together. You'll visit the Shaikh Ebrahim Bin Mohammed Al Khalifa Center for Culture and Research, a Kurar house and the Iqra Children's Library before enjoying a cup of tea or coffee at the restaurant on site and departing to port.



Duration: Half day

Tour code: BAH-11

Prices

Sun, sea and tranquillity at the Art Hotel

📍 ART Hotel and Resort



Let your stresses drift away as you luxuriate in the sumptuous surroundings of the 5-star ART Hotel and Resort.

Located on the Amwaj islands, a group of man-made islands reclaimed from the crystal clear waters of the Arabian Gulf, the ART Hotel and Resort is an oasis of tranquillity and relaxation. On arrival, you'll enjoy a refreshing orange juice beside one of the hotel's beautiful pools as you decide how to spend the rest of your day. Slip on your swimsuit and soak up the sun at the poolside before cooling off with a dip. Or explore the 150 metres of pristine private beachfront that gives way to the welcoming warm waters of the Gulf Sea.

You'll have the option to access the hotel waterpark – perfect for the kids – as well as multiple restaurants serving a range of cuisines. This trip is all about lying back and lapping up the 5-star amenities on this island escape where there's something for everyone.



Duration: Full day

Tour code: BAH-13

Prices



📍 Bahrain National Museum



📍 Bahraini natural pearls

Depart from port for a panoramic drive to The Bahrain National Museum. On your way, you will see bridges, aquamarine blue water, Gulf Hotel, Grand Mosque etc.

Bahrain National Museum built in 1988, the \$34 million complex offers a comprehensive view of Bahrain through the ages. Arguably the most interesting of the exhibits in nine halls is a reconstructed ancient burial mound dating to around 2800 scathe mound was actually plucked from the desert and reassembled in the museum. This museum is a virtual treasure house of history. One of the halls is devoted to Pearl and Pearling lifestyle can see how divers use to go down in ancient times.

Since ancient times, Bahrain has been famous for pearl diving and for the finest natural pearls in the Gulf area and in the world. Divers would be let down on a weighted rope, remain submerged for about one minute, collecting an average of eight to twelve oysters, and would then be drawn up by the puller (a well-muscled man who would remain on deck). Pearl diving reached its climax during the 19th century, before its fall in the early 20th century following

the discovery of oil and the introduction of the cultured pearl from Japan. It has been documented that 35000 tons of oysters were harvested annually during the 19th century which produced 80-90 % of the natural pearls in the world.

However, the tradition lives on, and about once a year the dhows will set sail to the pearling banks in search of the 'jewels of the deep'.

Bahraini natural pearls are considered the finest in the world, and incredibly - if you find a pearl whilst diving, it's yours to keep; an excellent (and possibly valuable!) souvenir. At the end return back to port.

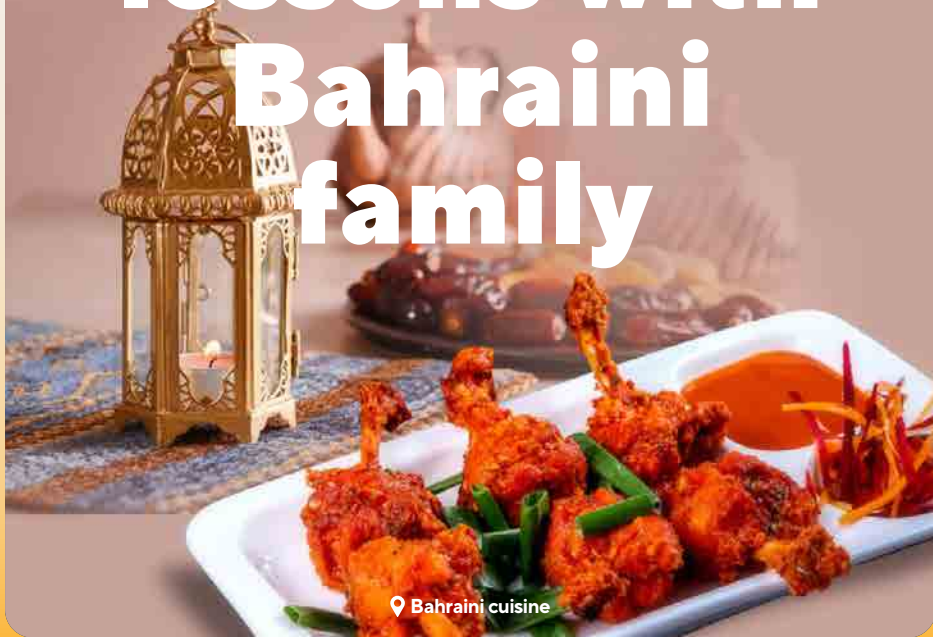


Duration: Full day
limited availability - for 10-15 Guests

Tour code: BAH-12

Prices

Cooking lessons with Bahraini family



📍 Bahraini cuisine



📍 Streetfood at its best



📍 Al Fateh Mosque

Panoramic drive through Bahrain. See the Al Fateh Mosque, Bahrain National Museum for a photo stop at the Bahrain World trade Centre. Visit and authentic Manama Souq with its flavor and scent. Visit the real fish and vegetable market. There are only a few lefts of these in Europe and it gives you a glimpse of the emphasis on freshness in Bahraini cuisine. Enjoy learning to cook Bahrain food at one of Bahrain's best restaurants called M Restaurant. Have a delicious Arabic meal from the same restaurant before going back to the port.



📍 Bahraini cuisine M Restaurant

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Duration: Full day
limited availability - for 10-20 Guests

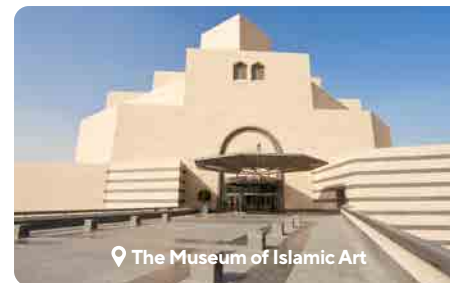
Tour code: BAH-14

Prices

Doha



A cultural journey through Doha



📍 The Museum of Islamic Art



📍 Souq Waqif

Immerse yourself in Doha's history and culture, from its traditional marketplace and picturesque harbour to its man-made island of modern luxury.

We start in Souq Waqif, with a guided tour of Doha's oldest marketplace. Soak up the atmosphere as you wander its vibrant labyrinth of alleyways, discovering spices, perfumes, souvenirs and traditional Qatari clothing.

Get your cameras ready for our next stop. The Pearl-Qatar Island is made from former pearl diving beds, reclaimed and transformed into four million square metres of relaxed luxury. With ten distinct areas, each with its own architectural style, you'll be wowed by beautiful buildings, yacht-lined marinas, lush greenery and pristine beaches.

Then it's a short hop to Katara Cultural Village, designed to celebrate art and culture from around the world. Your guided tour covers the Katara Mosque, the shimmering Golden Masjid, the stunning amphitheatre, art galleries and concert halls.

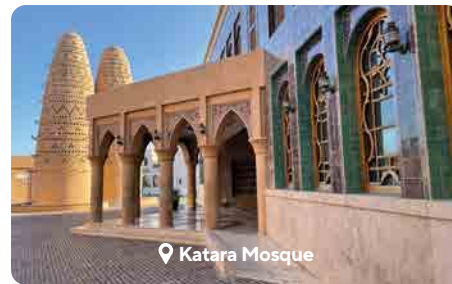
We finish our tour at the Dhow Harbour and the Museum of Islamic Art, set on its own purpose-built island. Here, you'll have the chance to take some spectacular photos of the iconic building and its surrounding parks, as well as the traditional wooden boats moored nearby.



Duration: Half day

Tour code: DOH-01

Prices



Take time to explore the architecture and vibrant exhibitions of the Katara Cultural Village, then relax with a delightfully decadent afternoon tea.

The Katara Cultural Village is a hub for art lovers, designed to bring a diverse mix of people together through a shared passion. Through this guided tour, you'll learn more about why this complex is so special, as well as exploring its highlights.

One of the top attractions is the blue and gold Katara Mosque, inspired by the Dolmabahçe Palace in Istanbul. Don't miss the Golden Mosque, shimmering with tiny gold chips, or the classical Greek-style amphitheatre which seats up to 5,000 people.

You'll see theatres, galleries, and even public art on the buildings: keep your eyes peeled for the huge picture of an Oryx, Qatar's national animal, bursting through one of the walls. Take time to stroll through the gardens or visit Katara Beach.



On top of Katara beach club, you'll find your next destination: the world renowned BOHO Social. Overlooking the beautiful skyline of Katara Cultural Village, you'll take part in a quintessential afternoon tea, surrounded by the colourful and opulent decor of this stunning social haven.



Duration: Half day

Tour code: DOH-02

Prices

Off-road quest to an inland sea

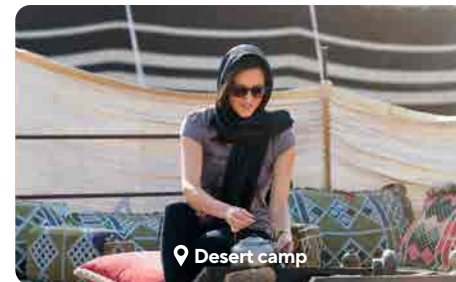
📍 Doha Desert



Get ready for adventure as you travel across the remarkable desert landscape to a picturesque inland sea.

You'll be collected from the ship and driven for about an hour in air-conditioned comfort to Sealine, the entrance of the desert. You'll pause here while the 4x4 vehicle is prepared for the sandy drive ahead. Then the fun really begins.

Your qualified driver will navigate the dramatic sand dunes, which can reach up to 40 metres high. You'll see a snapshot of local life as you travel, passing villages, camps and camels as you make your way to Khor Al Adaid, or the inland sea, where miles of golden sand spill into azure waters.



📍 Desert camp

This large tidal bay is a piece of paradise, recognised for its outstanding natural heritage. Spend time taking in the peaceful desert landscape, paddle in the warm waters, visit the towering Sheraton dune, and snap plenty of photos. Then there's a quick comfort break at the desert camp before you head back to Doha after an unforgettable trip.



Duration: Half day

Tour code: DOH-03

Prices

A day to play on the beach

📍 B12 Beach Club



Grab your swimsuit and towel and get ready for a full day of fun, sun and relaxation at the B12 Beach Club Doha.

This family-friendly gem in the heart of Doha's West Bay has activities and entertainment for all ages. There are plenty of watersports if you or the kids need to burn off some energy - try paddleboarding, kayaking, snorkelling, or conquer Doha's largest floating water park. On land, you can play beach volleyball, have a table tennis tournament, or become the champion of table football.



If your idea of the perfect beach day is a little more relaxed, stretch out on the club's iconic red and yellow beanbag loungers and soak up the sun. You'll find a range of food options on the laid-back beach deck, a VIP area, and a well-stocked bar to keep you refreshed throughout the day.

This is a day of chilled out coastal vibes, elevated with a whole new level of entertainment for a touch of Doha beachfront luxury.



Duration: Half day

Tour code: DOH-04

Prices

Mix it up in Doha

📍 Pearl-Qatar Island



📍 Katara Cultural Village



Dive into a religious and cultural odyssey in the heart of Doha, where the past and present gracefully converge, starting with a guided exploration of Bin Zaid Islamic Cultural Center, a beacon of Qatar's rich religious and educational traditions. Here we delve into the center's role in fostering learning and community engagement and gaining insights into the nation's cultural tapestry before we walk through the ancient marketplace of Souq Waquif. At a local spice shop, hear the specialty behind the taste of Qatari dishes and what makes it unique. During this experience you will participate in spice grinding and tea tasting. After some time at leisure to explore the vibrant labyrinth of alleyways we return to Doha port.

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Participants: Minimum 2-12 people

Duration: Half day

Tour code: DOH-05

Prices

Doha past, present and future



Explore the architecture of Qatar, with a look around four restored heritage homes; visit the world's first sustainable downtown regeneration project; and take a tour of Doha's oldest market.

Your journey begins with a visit to the Msheireb Museums, a series of four historic houses in the oldest part of Doha. Each one showcases different aspects of Qatar's culture and history, covering the story of slavery, the era of oil exploration, traditional Qatari family life, and the future development of Doha.

Following this, we'll walk the streets of Doha's old commercial district, which are part of the world's first sustainable downtown regeneration project. Here you'll see how sustainable design is meeting commercial objectives to shape the city of the future.

Our final stop is the Souq Waqif. As Doha's oldest market place, masterfully redeveloped to maintain its original 19th-century look, it offers a unique shopping experience. You'll explore the vibrant alleys with an expert local guide to find the best vendors and deals, while learning about Qatari culture and history along the way.



Duration: Half day

Tour code: DOH-06

Prices

Cruise along the coastline

📍 Dhow Harbour



📍 Pearl-Qatar island



📍 Katara Cultural Village

See the iconic landmarks of Doha from a different perspective, sailing along the azure coastline of the Arabian Gulf. Enjoy the warmth of the sun and a cooling sea breeze as you glide through crystal clear waters, admiring sweeping beaches backed by the city's remarkable skyline.

Your journey will take you past the Museum of Islamic Art, a striking building built on its own artificial island near the Dhow Harbour. You'll feast your eyes on the incredible designs of the skyscrapers of West Bay, including the celebrated pyramid-shaped Sheraton Hotel. You'll pass Katara, home of Doha's Cultural Village, then move onto the stunning man-made Pearl-Qatar island before heading back to port.

Doha contains some unique architectural and natural treasures, and this is a fascinating way to see these renowned sights as you cruise through breathtaking surroundings.



Duration: Half day

Tour code: DOH-07

Prices

Master the museums: art, heritage and sport

📍 National Museum of Qatar



📍 Museum of Islamic Art



📍 Qatar Olympic and Sports Museum

Discover more about the rich tapestry of Qatari culture with a visit to three fascinating museums.

Your first stop will be the Museum of Islamic Art. This stunning geometric building, designed by renowned architect I.M. Pei, contains Islamic art from all over the world. Explore 1,400 years of opulent textiles, intricate jewellery, delicate ceramics and more, showcased beautifully across 18 collection galleries.

We'll move on to the National Museum of Qatar, with its iconic architecture inspired by the desert rose. The museum holds a wealth of fascinating stories, from the formation of the land itself to its natural environments, its people, its pearl-diving history and its journey to the nation it is today.

Our final stop is the 3-2-1 Qatar Olympic and Sports Museum. Through interactive exhibits and cutting edge technology, you'll find out all about the cultural impact of sports, the role of sports in Qatar and the significance of the Olympic Games, as well as being inspired by your global sporting heroes.

These three museums combine to offer an inspirational few hours that will leave you with a deeper understanding of the Qatari land and its people.



Duration: Half day

Tour code: DOH-08

Prices

Discover Doha your way

(Half or full day option)

📍 Grand Mosque



📍 Falcon Souq



📍 Dhow Harbour

See Doha your way, spending half a day with your own private vehicle and an experienced guide. They'll be your compass and narrator, helping you get around and weaving tales of the city's grandeur, traditions, and modernity. Take your pick from our selection of recommended places of interest, or plan a personal journey that is uniquely yours.

With so much on offer, you'll have plenty of options. You could focus on the wealth of art and culture in the city's exceptional museums. You might like to add in some fine dining and other culinary delights. Perhaps you'd prefer to have fun (or get competitive!) with sports and leisure activities. Or simply indulge in some high end shopping as you browse the many luxury boutiques.

Whatever you feel like doing, your private vehicle and dedicated guide will be on hand to take you on a unique adventure. The city is yours to explore.

If half a day isn't enough for everything you'd like to see and do, you may prefer to book a full day to make the most of your private vehicle and guide.



Minimum charge: 4 guests per vehicle

Maximum vehicle capacity: 6 guests

Duration: Half day

Tour code: DOH-09

Duration: Full day

Tour code: DOH-10

Prices

Doha

Tour Code	Title	EURO	
		Adult	Child
DOH-01	A cultural journey through Doha	82	67
DOH-02	Art, culture and high tea	107	80
DOH-03	Off-road quest to an inland sea	89	89
DOH-04	A day to play on the beach	105	67
DOH-05	Mix it up in Doha	211	-
DOH-06	Doha past, present and future	65	49
DOH-07	Cruise along the coastline	107	80
DOH-08	Master the museums: art, heritage and sport	89	67
DOH-09	Discover Doha your way - half day	149	149
DOH-10	Discover Doha your way - full day	198	198

Bahrain

Tour Code	Title	EURO	
		Adult	Child
BAH-06	Off-road adventures at the Bahrain International Circuit	191	-
BAH-07	Mosques, museums and mezze in Manama	134	105
BAH-08	The Bahrain grand tour	91	67
BAH-09	Thrills and spills at a world-class karting track	149	-
BAH-10	See all the sights of the city	88	67
BAH-11	Retrace the historic pearling pathway	100	73
BAH-13	Sun, sea and tranquillity at the Art Hotel	168	112
BAH-12	Pearl Snorkeling Tour	298	-
BAH-14	Cooking lessons with Bahraini family	139	-

Sir Bani Yas

Tour Code	Title	EURO	
		Adult	Child
SBY-01	Get closer to nature	97	73
SBY-02	Dig into ancient history	65	52
SBY-06	Explore the waterways on a water bike	SOB	SOB
SBY-07	Wheels on the water	SOB	SOB
SBY-09	Get ready for some floating fun	SOB	SOB
SBY-10	Sightseeing by swan boat	SOB	SOB
SBY-12S & D	Kayaking Adventure	SOB	SOB
SBY-15	Get closer to nature - large group	85	64

Prices are per person. SOB = Sold on Board.

Dubai

Tour Code	Title	EURO	
		Adult	Child
DUB-10	The Dubai grand tour	187	124
DUB-10L	The Dubai grand tour - includes lunch	237	173
DUB-01	The new wonders of Dubai	88	67
DUB-04	Historic Dubai	82	67
DUB-08	Explore old and new Dubai	126	93
DUB-07	Sunset and stars among the sand dunes	128	128
DUB-06E	See Dubai from its tallest tower - afternoon	157	120
DUB-02	Conquer the dunes	98	71
DUB-06M	See Dubai from its tallest tower - morning	118	88
DUB-12	Inside Burj al Arab	108	-
DUB-13	City tour of Dubai with Bustronomy experience	138	-
DUB-14	Yacht Sunset Cruise	154	154
DUB-15	Sunset Cruise on traditional Dhow boat	78	67
DUB-16	Global Village	65	50
DUB-03	Scented Elegance: Dubai Traditions & Perfume Experience	158	-
DUB-11	La Perle - The Magic of Dubai Night	128	-

Abu Dhabi

Tour Code	Title	EURO	
		Adult	Child
AUH-01	The best of Abu Dhabi	82	67
AUH-02	A champion day out	124	97
AUH-03	Delicious dates and tasty cakes	105	86
AUH-04	Go VIP at the beach	91	67
AUH-05	Explore the icons of Abu Dhabi	85	67
AUH-06	The ultimate F1 Grand Prix experience	89	67
AUH-07	Feel the thrill of the daytime desert safari	89	67
AUH-08	Sensational SeaWorld	148	110
AUH-09	Abu Dhabi by dhow	85	67
AUH-10	Coffee Etiquette & Abu Dhabi Heritage	95	-
AUH-11	Louvre Abu Dhabi & House of Artisans	82	-

Guide to symbols



Short or no walking involved.



Easy walking: General walking over an even surface.



Moderate walking: Moderate amount of physical activity such as walking over uneven surfaces and climbing stairs. Might not be recommended for guests with walking difficulties.



Hard walking: High amount of physical activity for extended periods of time. Recommended only for sporting guests with good physical health.



Includes visits to religious sites, knees and shoulders must be covered.



It is recommended to bring your swimming suit and a towel.



Shopping with an experienced guide.



Meal included on this excursion.



Refreshments included on this excursion.



Please be advised it is recommended that you take a bottle of water for your journey.



Panoramic, nature, landscapes.



Cultural experience: This tour will feature art, architecture, history and religion.



Folklore: We focus on local habits, traditions, food and tasting.



Adventure and fun.



Suitable for families travelling with children.

Half day - up to 5 hours
Full day - 6 hours and above

All timings and order of visits are subject to change depending on traffic congestion of the sites and weather conditions.

Operation of tours may be subject to the time of the year - please check at time of booking.

Normal excursions require a minimum participation as per terms and conditions.

Terms and conditions are available at:
www.celestialcruises.com/shorex-conditions

What to wear

On all excursions, we ask that you dress appropriately and modestly as a sign of respect to the Arab culture.

If you're visiting a mosque, you will need to be completely covered when you enter - including shoulders, legs, and hair for women. This doesn't need to be for the entire excursion, as the mosque will provide additional coverings for your visit. However, entry will be refused entirely if you're not dressed respectfully when you arrive at the mosque, so be sure to wear an outfit that covers your shoulders and knees.

Transparent clothing, shorts, mini skirts, clothing with profanity, and swimwear are all strictly forbidden.

Authentic Encounters

Experiences just for you and a few

Pre book and cancellation period is up to two weeks prior to embarkation date.

Our Authentic excursions require a minimum participation, noted on each excursion page.

