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

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Bahrain



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Get your adrenaline pumping on this actionpacked 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.







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.







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

Our first call will be the AI 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 at Athar, a beautiful structure in the heart of Manama, which celebrates the contribution of Bahraini women to their country and its culture.

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 AI 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.



Thrills and spills at a world-class karting track



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 stateof-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.









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 Al Fateh Grand Mosque. With its combination of architectural styles and huge fibreglass dome, its scale is something to behold.

Next stop, 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.

The Bahrain Fort will be our next photo opportunity. 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, we'll make our way to the 25-kilometre-long King Fahd causeway – an impressive series of bridges and causeways connecting Bahrain and Saudi Arabia. Capture its grandeur as it stretches into the distance across the Gulf of Bahrain

Our tour concludes at Bahrain's World Trade Centre – the second tallest building in Bahrain. 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.



Retrace the historic pearling pathway



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 Muharrag.

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.







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 manmade 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

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Dubai







With its heady mix of the traditional and the ultra modern, Dubai offers a seemingly endless list of things to see and do. But we aim to fit a lot of them into this two-day tour of this most populous city of the seven emirates.

Day one will see you exploring the modern part of Dubai, where everything has been built this millennium. First stop will be the Souk Madinat Jumeirah where you can enjoy the traditional Arabian bazaar feel as you wander along the interconnected waterways and lose yourself in the stalls selling perfumes, jewellery, spices and pottery. It also offers the perfect vantage point to see the iconic luxury Burj Al Arab hotel in its full splendour, so cameras at the ready!

Next up is the distinctive Palm Jumeirah – a striking archipelago of man made islands reclaimed from the Arabian Gulf. There'll be time to take photos of the island's breathtaking hotels, including Atlantis The Palm and its new sister hotel, Atlantis The Royal. Then we'll finish the day at the Bluewaters Island, where you can see the Ain Dubai, the world's biggest ferris wheel.



Day two of the tour starts with a trip to the Jumeirah Mosque, said to be the most photographed mosque in Dubai. Take your own pictures of this architectural treasure as your guide gives you a glimpse into the daily life of practising Muslims, before we move on to the nearby Etihad Museum.

Built on the site where the UAE was founded in 1971, the museum's iconic architecture pays homage to that auspicious day. The rise and fall of the pavilion roof call to mind the curves of the unification manuscript, while its seven columns represent the pens used by the nation's founding fathers to sign the agreement. Take some time looking around the museum's exhibits and experiences to learn more about the history of the nation.







Dubai has undergone a huge transformation over the last three centuries, evolving from a small fishing village to an internationallyrenowned centre for trade and tourism. Now home to some of the most ambitious property developments in the world, it offers some incredible new sights for you to explore.

You'll start with a photo stop at one the most iconic buildings in Dubai, the sail-shaped Burj Al-Arab Hotel. Then you'll drive through the Palm Jumeirah, an artificial archipelago in the shape of a palm tree, and the location of the magnificent Atlantis Hotel.

Next, we'll visit the beautiful Dubai Marina, a vibrant waterfront hub that's become a very popular spot for leisure and entertainment. From here, we'll drive along Sheikh Zayed Road to spend some time in Souk Al Bahar, which translates to 'The Market of the Sailor'.



Located on a man made island in Lake Burj, at the foot of the Burj Khalifa, this is a modern interpretation of the traditional Arabian marketplace. Wander through more than 100 shops; browse textiles, jewellery, fragrance, fashion and more; or stop at one of the many restaurants, cafes and lounges to soak up the atmosphere and enjoy the view over the water.







Gazing at its ultra modern skyline, it's difficult to believe that Dubai started life as a small fishing village. Today, alongside the luxury and glamour of modern Dubai, there's still plenty to see from those early days. It is these contrasting sides of the city that you'll experience on this full day exploration of old and new Dubai.

Starting with a photo stop at the iconic Palm Jumeirah, the striking palm shaped archipelago, we'll move on to the Lost Chambers Aquarium at the Atlantis hotel. A mesmerising underwater realm, home to more than 65,000 fish and marine animals.

From here, you'll leave the splendour of the modern city to delve into the rich history of the Old Town. Cross the Dubai Creek in a traditional boat to reach the historic AI Fahidi neighbourhood, where much of the mid-19th century infrastructure has been preserved. Enjoy the vibes of the AI Seef waterfront where an old-world heritage area meets the modern world of restaurants, malls and hotels.



Then, as we cruise the Dubai International Financial Center Road, take in Dubai's contemporary skyline and reflect on the area's dramatic rise, before taking the scenic route back to the port.



Dubai





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

Prices

Q Dubai dunes





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





Enjoy the thrill of a lifetime with our actionpacked 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.



Conquer the dunes







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.





Khasab









Musandam's mountainous backdrop and craggy, fjord-like inlets inspired its reputation as the Norway of Arabia. On this spectacular half-day excursion, you'll cruise along Khawr Shamm, the region's longest fjord, in a traditional Arabian dhow.

Sit back and be awed by the majestic white limestone cliffs soaring out of calm turquoise waters to heights of up to 1,000 metres. Then soak up the atmosphere as you make your way past small islands, peninsulas, coral reefs and fishing villages. You may even spot some dolphins swimming alongside the boat.

Towards the centre of Khawr Shamm you'll see a small, flat island rising out of the water. This is Telegraph Island, home in 1864 to a British telegraph station which oversaw the telegraph cable running between India and Iraq. It was abandoned five years later as the Europeans manning the station struggled to cope with the overpowering heat and humidity. There'll be no such hardships for you as you enjoy this breathtaking landscape from the cool of the water.







Immerse yourself in the rugged beauty of the Musandam Peninsula and its capital Khasab with a coach and boat tour round some of the region's most beautiful sights.

Your day will begin with a coach trip around Khasab and its surrounding areas to whet your appetite for the sights to come. Our first scheduled stop will be the picturesque Khasab Fort, built in the 17th century by the Portuguese. The structure you see today is the result of extensive restoration work, but inside its low crenellated walls you'll see a large central tower that is thought to pre-date the fort itself.

Next we'll head to Khasab city centre and its Grand Mosque, where there'll be plenty of photo opportunities before boarding the coach to Bukha, about an hour away. You'll be treated to some spectacular scenery on the coastal road and various stops along the way to add to your holiday album.

Overlooking the Arabian Gulf, Bukha's impressive fort is beautifully preserved and well worth a look, as is the imposing watchtower perched in the mountains above.



From Bukha, we'll drive to Khasab Port and swap the open road for tranquil waters. Your traditional Arabian dhow will take you along Khasab's scenic coastline then anchor for a spot of lunch on board, and snorkelling for those who want to explore the world underwater. After which, it's back to the Marina with wonderful, newly forged memories.









At almost 7,000 feet, Jebel Al-Harim (Mountain of Women) is the highest peak on the Musandam Peninsula. So just imagine how spectacular the views will be on this jeep safari to the mountain's summit.

As you journey to the mountain top in a 4x4, you'll feast your eyes on terraced mountain villages, lush forests and winding dry river beds. While a stop at the stunning viewpoint at Khawr Najid will reward you with panoramic views over the Indian Ocean.

We'll make a stop en route at the Bedouin village of Sayah, where the inhabitants live at an elevation of 3,000 feet. Surrounded by palm groves and almond trees, this is a truly idyllic setting. And a chance to steep yourself in the traditional Bedouin way of life.

Then it's the final drive to Jebel Al-Harim's summit and the breathtaking view over the rugged grandeur of the Hajar mountain range. A suitably awe-inspiring end to an experience packed with striking scenery.







Khawr Shamm is Musandam's longest and arguably most spectacular fjord, home to Telegraph Island and your destination for this blissful half day trip.

You'll travel by dhow from Kashab's port to the narrow opening of the Khawr Shamm fjord, where the soaring cliffs will seem to part and allow you entrance. Then you'll cruise to the middle of the fjord, where Telegraph Island rises from the water and the remains of the telegraph station can be seen. Five years after it was established to protect the telegraph cable running from India to Iraq it was abandoned, the Eurpoean's in charge unable to bear the climate.

An hour's snorkelling in the pristine waters around the island will set you up for the return to Kashab Marina with photo stops on the way. Keep your fingers crossed for the dolphins that often accompany the boats sailing along Khasab's coastline. The perfect end to a relaxing day.



Duration: Half day Tour code: KHS-04

Prices

Majestic mountains and coastal calm



From mountain peaks to coastal scenery, this full day's excursion explores the splendour of Musandam's varied terrain.

Your day will start with a 4x4 drive to the top of Jebel Al-Harim – Musandam's highest mountain. Enjoy the terraced mountain villages, lush forests and winding dry river beds you'll see en route. Not to mention the panoramic views over the Indian Ocean from the Khawr Najid viewpoint. A stop at the idyllic Bedouin village of Sayah, located 3,000 feet above sea level will give you an insight into their traditional way of life, before you make your final ascent. A breathtaking view over the Hajar mountain range awaits you at the mountain's peak.

From the grandeur of the mountains to the calm of the coast. We'll drive from Jebel Al-Harim to the port at Kashab, where you'll board a dhow for a soothing sail along Khasab's scenic coastline. We'll put down anchor for lunch on board, then swimming and snorkelling for those with energy left to burn. On the way back to the Kashab port you might just be lucky enough to see some dolphins, topping off an adventure to remember.







Brace yourself for an adrenaline-fuelled experience like no other when you ride the Flying Fox, the world's longest zipline over water.

You will be picked up from the port at Kashab and taken to the Oman Adventures Centre where you'll be given a safety briefing and a harness. Then you're all set to experience 1,800 metres of exhilarating zipline – from a platform on Jebel Fitt, towards the coast of the Wilayat of Kashab and ending at the Atana Khasab Hotel.

Not only will you travel at up to 80kph - a heart-stopping experience in itself - but you'll be travelling over the beautiful Musandam shoreline, with incomparable aerial views of Khor Qadi and the Mokhi region.

Authentic Encounters Experiences just for you and a few



Participants: Minimum 5-12 people Duration: Half day Tour code: KHS-06

Prices



Sir Bani Yas







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





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.



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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

Enjoy some watery fun -

only sold

on board

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.

An eye-catching way to travel

Tour code: SBY-11

Enjoy the freedom of the water on a stylish Red Shark bike. All you need to do is pump up the board and attach the frame using the fastening straps, then away you go!

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.



Please ask our Shore Excursion experts for more information and activities



Abu Dhabi





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 AI 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.



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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

A champion day out

9 Ferrari World





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





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.



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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 500seat 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.



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.









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 frameworthy 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.









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.





Q Abu Dhabi Island





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











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 purposebuilt 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.







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.



Off-road quest to an inland sea







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.

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.







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.









From modern architecture to traditional spice blends, this tour offers an insight into the diverse mix of history and culture in Doha.

The tour starts with some incredible photo opportunities at the luxurious Pearl-Qatar Island. Reclaimed from former pearl diving beds, this man-made island is divided into architecturally-distinct areas. See if you can spot influences from Paris, the French Riviera, Spain, Venice, Morocco and more.

Our next stop is Katara Cultural Village, a hive of activity bursting with architectural gems, art galleries, seaside restaurants and cafes, and public art pieces. With the help of your guide, you'll discover its many wonders, including the Katara Mosque, the Golden Masjid, beautiful theatres and concert halls.





Your final stop is the Souq Wakra, where you'll be taken on a guided tour to discover more about the spice trade in the Gulf. Spices hold a special place in every Qatari household, and you'll even get the chance to learn first hand how to create your own unique mix – a souvenir to treasure as you head back to the ship.

Participants: Minimum 2-12 people
Duration: Half day
Tour code: DOH-05

Prices





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







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 manmade 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.



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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





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.



Doha

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Tour Code	Title	Adult	Child
DOH-01	A cultural journey through Doha	65	49
DOH-02	Art, culture and high tea	108	81
DOH-03	Off-road quest to an inland sea	85	85
DOH-04	A day to play on the beach	88	66
DOH-05	Mix it up in Doha	157	118
DOH-06	Doha past, present and future	65	49
DOH-07	Cruise along the coastline	108	81
DOH-08	Master the museums: art, heritage and sport	85	64
DOH-09	Discover Doha your way - half day	150	150
DOH-10	Discover Doha your way - full day	199	199

Bahrain

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Tour Code	Title	Adult	Child
BAH-06	Off-road adventures at the Bahrain International Circuit	192	-
BAH-07	Mosques, museums and mezze in Manama	130	98
BAH-08	The Bahrain grand tour	85	64
BAH-09	Thrills and spills at a world-class karting track	150	-
BAH-10	See all the sights of the city	65	49
BAH-11	Retrace the historic pearling pathway	97	73
BAH-13	Sun, sea and tranquillity at the Art Hotel	169	127

Dubai

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Tour Code	Title	Adult	Child
DUB-10	The Dubai grand tour	178	114
DUB-01	The new wonders of Dubai	115	86
DUB-07	Sunset and stars among the sand dunes	129	129
DUB-06E	See Dubai from its tallest tower - afternoon	158	119
DUB-08	Explore old and new Dubai	115	86
DUB-02	Conquer the dunes	122	92
DUB-04	Historic Dubai	65	49
DUB-06M	See Dubai from its tallest tower - morning	118	89

Prices are per person. SOB = Sold on Board.

Khasab

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Tour Code	Title	Adult	Child
KHS-01	Cruise Musandam's longest fjord	65	49
KHS-02	Explore Khasab by land and sea	160	120
KHS-03	Jebel Al-Harim by jeep	107	80
KHS-04	Snorkelling in the Khawr Shamm fjord	85	61
KHS-06	Dare to ride the Flying Fox zipline	110	-
KHS-07	Majestic mountains and coastal calm	169	135

Sir Bani Yas

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Title	Adult	Child
Get closer to nature	98	74
Dig into ancient history	65	49
Explore the waterways on a water bike	SOB	SOB
Wheels on the water	SOB	SOB
Get ready for some floating fun	SOB	SOB
Sightseeing by swan boat	SOB	SOB
An eye-catching way to travel	SOB	SOB
Get closer to nature - large group	85	64
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Abu Dhabi

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Tour Code	Title	Adult	Child
AUH-01	The best of Abu Dhabi	65	49
AUH-02	A champion day out	125	99
AUH-03	Delicious dates and tasty cakes	99	74
AUH-04	Go VIP at the beach	89	67
AUH-05	Explore the icons of Abu Dhabi	85	64
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	149	112
AUH-09	Abu Dhabi by dhow	85	61

Package 1

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Package	Adult	Child	
15% Package fare	389	276	
Experience fare	304	191	
Plus+ Experience fare	219	106	

Includes: BAH-07, DUB-10, KHS-01 and AUH-05

Package 2

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Package	Adult	Child
15% Package fare	493	-
Experience fare	408	-
Plus+ Experience fare	323	-

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Includes: BAH-06, DUB-07, KHS-07 and AUH-06

Package 3

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Package	Adult	Child	
10% Package fare	282	213	
Experience fare	197	128	
Plus+ Experience fare	112	43	

Includes: BAH-11, DUB-06M and AUH-03

Package 4				
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Package	Adult	Child		
10% Package fare	195	146		
Experience fare	110	64		
Plus+ Experience fare	25	-24		

Includes: BAH-08, DUB-01 and AUH-01

Package prices are per person with your discount applied.

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.



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.celestyalcruises.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.



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.

