



A BOUTIQUE TRAVEL AGENCY

Maldives Escape

Day 1: Arrival to Dubai

On arrival at Dubai International Airport your group will be met by our local representative and transferred to your hotel for check in for 3 nights. Check in time: 3pm. Early Check in is not included.

Day 2: Adventure Begins

This morning, after breakfast, your English speaking Guide will meet you in the lobby of your hotel. Depart the hotel at approximately 9am. You will have the opportunity to discover the spectacular and lively metropolis of Dubai on your city tour. The city, developed from a small fishing village at the Dubai Creek, nowadays presents itself as a glamorous metropolis in the Arabian Gulf. Drive by Jumeirah Mosque and the Jumeirah Coastline with a stunning view of Burj Al Arab, the world's luxury hotel. We will then drive on the largest man-made Island "The Palm Jumeirah" where we will have a photo stop opposite the luxurious Atlantis the Palm Hotel: a magnificent oceanic tribute to mythological age.

You will then take a walking tour in the Bastakiah area - step back in time and enjoy the atmosphere of Bastakiah, one of the oldest traditional Emirati neighborhoods set in Bur Dubai. Then visit the Dubai Museum, which depicts the traditional and developmental history of Dubai. After the museum, the group will transfer to the Abra station to take a water taxi to the Spice souk. Walking further the group will discover a great selection of authentic spices, incense and traditional perfumes.

The big entrance of the Gold souk welcomes you to see for yourself why Dubai is called the City of Gold and this is just the beginning. It is a good opportunity to bargain and purchase some personal gold and diamonds. Then we will head to Dubai Mall for a photo stop outside the world's tallest tower, the Burj Khalifah. Take the high speed elevator to the 124th /125th levels of the Burj Khalifa from where you can have a magnificent view of Modern Dubai. You will then have some free time at Dubai Mall to explore on your own, before your transfer back to the hotel.

Day 3: Jumeirah Mosque & Desert Safari

After breakfast, you will visit the Jumeirah Mosque. The iconic Jumeirah Mosque is one of the only 2 mosques in Dubai which are open to non-Muslims. Head towards the fountain outside where our presenter will demonstrate and explain the 'wudu' – cleansing process before prayers, followed by a guided tour of the inside of the mosque to learn about the religion and



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culture of Emiratis. Your questions will be answered over light refreshments.

Required Dress Code to visit Jumeirah Mosque:

- Men have to wear long trousers and no sleeveless shirts
- Women have to cover their arms till the wrists with a long-sleeved shirt, cover their hair, shoulders and neck with a headscarf and wear long trousers covering their ankles. No white or tight clothing.

Return to the hotel after the visit. This afternoon at approximately 3pm, you will be picked up for your desert safari. The mysterious desert beckons us for a magical evening out - an adventure we'll never forget. Leaving behind the bustle of the city in the afternoon, our safari guides will transport you, by four-wheel drive vehicles, for a thrilling journey over rolling dunes through the Dubai Desert Sands, deep into the heart of the desert. From the crest of a high dune, watch the sun cast its orange glow over the vast expanse of rippling sand all round us as it sets.

Like a shimmering mirage in the distance you will see the flickering lights of your camp where a traditional Arabian welcome awaits you. The encampment conjures up images of the Arabian nights. Relax on comfortable low cushions in Beduoin tents and quench our thirst, have our hands painted with intricate henna designs, experience a short camel ride, or just enjoy the aromatic shisha. A feast of grilled meats, fresh salads and delectable Arab sweets is served and under a galaxy of stars, we will be entertained by the bewitching belly dancer swaying to the haunting strains of Arabian music. We won't want this enchanting evening to end. Return to the hotel at approximately 10.30pm

Day 4: Depart Dubai for The Maldives

Today, check out and transfer to the Dubai airport for the flight to the Maldives. (*Flight not included*) On arrival at Male International airport, our local representative will meet you on arrival and transfer you by domestic flight & speedboat to the resort. Check into the hotel for 5 nights.

Day 5-8: Beach / Relaxation Day

After breakfast each day, enjoy the beach and all the facilities at the resort.

Day 9: Departure

Today, after breakfast, check out and transfer by speedboat & domestic flight to the International airport for your departing flight.