United Arab Emirates

featuring the Dubai Expo

Inspiring Moments

- Expand your understanding of UAE history, culture and religion during a wide-ranging, open discussion with a scholar at Dubai’s Sheikh Mohammed Centre for Cultural Understanding.
- Relish authentic Emirati cuisine and customs over lunch at a private home in Abu Dhabi.
- Delight in a magical night under the desert stars, complete with traditional Arabian dishes, music and belly dancing.
- Witness the juxtaposition of traditional and modern Dubai on engaging tours.
- Explore World Expo Dubai, a global extravaganza of culture, innovation and entertainment with more than 190 participating countries.
- Delve into the cultural heritage of the UAE’s glittering capital, Abu Dhabi.
- Learn why falcons are revered by the Emirati people at a falcon hospital.

INCLUDED FEATURES

Accommodations (with baggage handling)
- 4 nights in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, at the first-class Al Seef Heritage Hotel Dubai.
- 1 night in the Arabian Desert at the first-class Bab Al Shams Desert Resort & Spa.
- 3 nights in Abu Dhabi at the deluxe Le Royal Méridien Abu Dhabi.

Transfers (with baggage handling)
- Deluxe motor coach transfers during the Land Program.

Extensive Meal Program
- 8 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 4 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey
- Discovery excursions highlight the local culture, heritage and history.
- Expert-led Enrichment programs enhance your insight into the region.
- AHI Sustainability Promise: We strive to make a positive, purposeful impact in the communities we visit.
- AHI Connects: Local immersion.
- Free time to pursue your own interests.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.

Itinerary

Day 1: Depart gateway city
Day 2: Arrive in Dubai and transfer to hotel
Day 3: Dubai
Day 4: Dubai
Day 5: Dubai
Day 6: Arabian Desert
Day 7: Arabian Desert | Al Ain | Abu Dhabi
Day 8: Abu Dhabi
Day 9: Abu Dhabi
Day 10: Transfer to Abu Dhabi airport and depart for gateway city

Flights and transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.
Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions.
Activity Level: We have rated all of our excursions with activity levels to help you assess this program’s physical expectations. Please call or visit our website for full details.

Spice and Gold Souks Market

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**Discovery**

**AHI Connects: UAE Cultural Exchange.** Participate in an enlightening, expansive discussion with a scholar at a cultural center, followed by a traditional meal.

**AHI Connects: Local Emirati House.** Enjoy the hospitality and fellowship of a homemade meal in an Emirati home.

**Traditional Dubai.** Dubai originated as a fishing village, then grew and thrived due to its pearl diving industry. Examine this rich history on a visit to the Dubai Museum inside the city’s oldest building, the Al Fahidi Fort, built in 1787. Walk with your guide in the Al Fahidi Historic Neighborhood, known for its well-preserved merchant homes built with wind towers, an ancient ventilation method. Cross Dubai Creek aboard a traditional abra water taxi and meander through the colorful, bustling aisles of the Spice and Gold Souks.

**Modern Dubai.** Take in spectacular views from the skydeck of the iconic Dubai Frame in Zabeel Park. Next, see the grand Zabeel Palace and the Jumeirah Mosque, then visit the man-made archipelago, Palm Jumeirah. After lunch in Dubai Marina, spend time at the Dubai Mall, renowned for its retail shops and the Dubai Aquarium and Underwater Zoo. Gaze upward at nearby Burj Khalifa, the world’s tallest building! *(Active)*

**World Expo Dubai.** Dubai is the first city in the Middle East to host the six-month Expo, the modern version of the World’s Fair. On your full-day visit, discover pavilions hosted by nearly 200 countries; a dining scene of more than 50 enticing cuisines; amazing architecture; cultural events and much more!

**Arabian Days.** In the Arabian Desert, delve into ancient history and Bedouin culture at the Mleiha Archaeological Center. Later, at the hotel, take a thrilling desert drive. *(Active)*

**Arabian Nights.** Enjoy traditional food and live entertainment under starry desert skies.

**Desert Oasis.** Journey inland to the Hill Archaeological Park and the Al Ain Oasis. See Bronze and Iron Age ruins and stroll in the Oasis’ beautiful date palm plantations.

**Abu Dhabi.** Watch traditions come to life at the Heritage Village. Afterward, step inside stunning Qasr al Watan, a modern palace that pays homage to traditional Arabian artistry. Admire the Arabian Gulf from the Abu Dhabi Corniche and visit Qasr al Hosn, the city’s oldest and finest heritage site.

**Abu Dhabi Falcon Hospital & Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque.** At a hospital devoted to the UAE’s national bird, learn about falcons and falconry, plus see birds being treated. Later, tour one of the world’s largest and most breathtaking mosques.

**UNESCO World Heritage Cultural Sites of Al Ain**

**Accommodations**

- **Al Seef Heritage Hotel Dubai**
- **Bab al Shams Desert Resort & Spa**
- **Le Royal Méridien Abu Dhabi**

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**Enrichment**

- **Arabian Desert Life**
- **The Emirates**

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**AHI Sustainability Promise**

We strive to make a positive, purposeful impact in the communities we visit, whenever possible.

**Environmental Impact** | Thoughtful choices to minimize our environmental footprint: eco-friendly transportation, guided walks in lieu of bus tours and less plastic waste.

**Social Impact** | Ongoing initiatives to support local businesses that employ and benefit people in the community. Curating meaningful experiences by staying in intimately sized locales instead of cities affected by overtourism.

**Economic Impact** | Community-based tourism using expert local guides and lecturers, plus program scheduling during quieter, “shoulder seasons.”

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**AHI Travel Expertise**

**Passenger Service Representative** | Helps with everything from arranging flights to fulfilling special requests.

**Travel Director** | Manages all details to ensure a memorable trip.

**Travel information** | Prepares you fully for your journey.

**Expert local guides and lecturers** | Provide friendly, knowledgeable service and share their passion for their country.

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**DATES & PRICES**

**March 4-13, 2022**

**From Price** $3,845

**Special Price** $3,595

**VAT is an additional $395 per person.**

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

Single supplement waived for solo travelers! This offer is limited, capacity-controlled and tends to sell out quickly.