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**ICCA Accompanying Person Tours**   
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## ICCA Accompanying Person Tours

Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November 2018
Aerial Tour of Dubai	Abu Dhabi Orientation Tour	Traditional Dubai with Cultural Lunch	Falcon Experience in the Desert
			

# Aerial Tour of Dubai - Seawings

## Itinerary includes:

- ▶ *Return Transfer to and from the departure point*
- ▶ *Seaplane Orientation Tour over the biggest attractions of Dubai*

# Aerial Tour of Dubai

## Tour Itinerary

- ▶ **Batch 1**            **11:30 – 14:00\***
- ▶ **Batch 2**            **12:30 – 15:15\***
- ▶ **Batch 3**            **13:30 – 16:30\***

*\*departure batches will be allocated on first come first serve basis during the Accompanying Guests Meeting on Sunday*



## Seawings – Seaplane

This journey is a birds eye view of Dubai's many wonders. The magnitude of Dubai's mega developments is best viewed from the air, which is why a seaplane tour of Dubai is considered a must. Prepare to be wowed as you take to the skies, swooping close to global icons such as the Burj Al Arab and Burj Dubai, as well as famous manmade offshore developments including The Palm Jumeirah and The World. Dubai's transformation into a modern metropolis is truly revealed as your skilful pilot guides you over some of Dubai's most vibrant districts, from Dubai Marina to Sheikh Zayed Road.

### Additional information:

- The tour runs for 30 to 45 minutes
- Maximum capacity 9 pax based on weight
- Three planes at a time
- Departure location - Dubai Creek
- Can enjoy the golf club while waiting for your flight



# Abu Dhabi Orientation Tour

## Itinerary includes:

- ▶ *Visit Heritage Village Abu Dhabi*
- ▶ *Corniche Drive Through and Emirates Palace photo stop*
- ▶ *Lunch at Rosewater – Jumeirah Etihad Towers*
- ▶ *Visit Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque*

# Abu Dhabi Orientation Tour

## Tour Itinerary

- ▶ 09:00 Pick up from DWTC
- ▶ 09:00 – 11:00 Transfer to Heritage Village Abu Dhabi
- ▶ 11:00 – 11:45 Visit Heritage Village
- ▶ 11:45 – 12:00 Drive through Corniche and Emirates Palace photo stop
- ▶ 12:00 – 12:15 Transfer to Jumeirah Etihad Towers
- ▶ 12:15 – 13:30 Lunch at Rosewater – Jumeirah Etihad Towers
- ▶ 13:30 – 14:00 Transfer to Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque
- ▶ 14:00 – 15:00 Visit Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque
- ▶ 15:00 – 17:00 Transfer back to DWTC



# Abu Dhabi Orientation Tour

## A Capital Adventure

**Abu Dhabi** is the capital of the UAE and consists of 80% of the total land area of the UAE. Many of its striking examples of modern architecture show intriguing interpretations of Islamic themes captured in today's materials. Shimmering skyscrapers, villas and palaces line our route along the Riviera – style Corniche with its blue Gulf waters and enticing offshore islands.





## Heritage Village Abu Dhabi

Visit the Heritage village to experience the traditional aspects of the desert way of life, and immerse yourself in the time capsule that brings to life a souk, a mosque and an encampment from pre-modernized Abu Dhabi. You can shop, explore artifacts and watch artisans making pottery, blowing glass and weaving fabric on a loom.

Run by the Emirates Heritage Club, this reconstruction of a traditional oasis village provides an interesting glimpse into the emirate's past and features public workshops where craftsmen demonstrate traditional skills such as metal work, pottery, weaving and spinning. The craftsmen share their skills with visitors, and occasionally offer them a chance to try them out. The little spice shop within the village offers a range of dried herbs, handmade soaps and plenty of souvenirs to collect.





## Rosewater – Jumeirah Etihad Towers

The wonderful range of cuisines at Rosewater restaurant's buffet will make you wonder how on earth they keep the standards so high across such a wide offering. Whether it's seafood or steak, Indian curry or Arabian salad, every last dish at this award-winning buffet is lovingly and expertly prepared. You can also visit the live cooking stations. From a lamb fillet to a tuna steak, Rosewater's expert chefs will prepare it for you just the way you like it.

Location	Etihad Towers
Cuisine	International
Venue capacity	170indoor/50outdoor



# Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque

## An architectural marvel

This architectural work of art is one of the world's largest mosques, with a capacity for an astonishing 41,000 worshippers. It features 82 domes, over a 1,000 columns, 24 carat gold gilded chandeliers and the world's largest hand knotted carpet. The main prayer hall is dominated by one of the world's largest chandeliers – 10 metres in diameter, 15 metres in height and weighing twelve tonnes. The mosque's first ceremony was the funeral of its namesake, Sheikh Zayed, who is buried at the site. Reflective pools surround the mosque, amplifying its beauty. The striking white and gold colours shining in the sun are transformed at night by a unique lighting system which reflects the phases of the moon.





## MOSQUE MANNERS DRESS CODE

### What to wear?

There a specific and strict dress code for visiting the Mosque and in case guests are not dressed accordingly the entrance can be refused. Please make sure you respect the mosque manners.



• No transparent (see through) clothing.

• No shorts and skirts

• No sleeveless shirts

• No clothing with profanity

• No tight clothing, no swimwear  
and no beachwear

• يرجى عدم ارتداء الملابس الشفافة

• يرجى عدم ارتداء الملابس والتنانير القصيرة

• يرجى عدم ارتداء قميص بدون أكمام

• يرجى عدم ارتداء ملابس برسومات غير لائقة

• يرجى عدم ارتداء الملابس الضيقة أو  
ملابس السباحة



# Traditional Dubai with Cultural Lunch

## Itinerary includes:

- ▶ *Cultural lunch with Q&A session at SMCCU*
- ▶ *Al Fahidi Heritage Area Visit*
- ▶ *Textile Souk Visit*
- ▶ *Abra Crossing*
- ▶ *Spice & Gold Souk*

# Traditional Dubai Tour

## Tour Itinerary

- ▶ 09:00 – 09:30 Pick up from DWTC and transfer to Gold Souk
- ▶ 09:30 – 10:30 Visit Gold & Spice Souks – time for shopping
- ▶ 10:30 – 10:45 Abra Crossing of Dubai Creek
- ▶ 10:45 – 11:15 Walk through visit to Textile Souk
- ▶ 11:15 – 11:30 Walk to Bastakiya Heritage District
- ▶ 11:30 – 12:00 Visit Bastakiya Heritage District
- ▶ 12:00 – 13:30 Cultural Lunch at SMCCU
- ▶ 13:30 – 14:00 Transfer back to DWTC

# Sheikh Mohammed Centre For Cultural Understanding

## Open Doors Open Minds

Founded in 1998 under the banner 'Open Door. Open Minds', the Sheikh Mohammed Centre for Cultural Understanding provides a venue for residents and visitors of all backgrounds, cultures and religions to come together to learn about the traditions, values, culture and religion of the people of the UAE. Located in the historical Bastakiya district of 'Old Dubai', the centre offers groups the chance to meet and dine with local Emiratis. A private cultural breakfast or lunch experience can be arranged where guests can sample traditional food and ask questions about the Emirati way of life in modern times and days gone by.

- The visit includes a presentation and Q&A session
- A Bastakiya Heritage Tour is also included
- A Bastakiya Mosque visit is optional
- This program can be tailor-made according to your agenda.





## Emirati Cultural Encounter

Interactive Breakfast and Lunch to experience Emirati Hospitality

We stop for lunch at Sheikh Mohamed center of cultural understanding – here we are met by an Emirati host who introduces guests to local cuisine and talk to participants of their way of life. Hot and cold traditional Items will be served.

### Cultural Awareness Program

Accompanied by an Emirati national, we walk through one of the oldest traditional Emirati neighborhoods and take a stroll into the past, through the unique narrow sikkas (alleys) and beautiful wind towers that adorn these original residences.





### Historical Icons

The tour begins with a drive along Dubai's Beach Road where guests can catch a glimpse of the magnificent Jumeirah Mosque and the glamorous beachside royal palaces, before heading to the city's historical heartland, Al Fahidi Neighbourhood. It ranks as Dubai's oldest district and is home to many buildings and experiences that tell the story of this captivating city.

### Highlights include:

- The old wind tower and red sand houses built by wealthy merchants during the early 20th Century.
- Artistic walls of the neighbourhood
- An Abra (water taxi) ride across Dubai Creek.



## Al Fahidi Heritage Area





## Textile Souk – Old Souk

### Textile Souk

On the Bur Dubai side of the Creek you'll discover the colourful Textile Souk. A favourite haunt of the city's in-demand tailors and emerging fashion designers, the Souk's vast array of shops are crowded with rolls of fabric, including fine silks, airy cottons, exotic palm frond weaves, and dazzling sari fabrics. Choose from your favourite materials and pop into one of the surrounding tailors to be measured for a dress, abaya (traditional womenswear), kandoura (traditional menswear) or suit made to your design. Most can turn around orders in mere days.





## Gold & Spice Souks

### Dubai Creek

The creek remains the lifeblood of Dubai - a bustling waterway that merges the past and present. On one side modern skyscrapers tell the story of 'New Dubai' while on the other, souks (marketplaces) and dhows (wooden sailing boats) laden with cargo, keep tradition alive.

### Highlights include:

- A stroll along the vibrant creek.
- The gold souk – be dazzled by endless shop windows filled with gold, diamonds and gemstones and barter for fine jewelry at knock-down prices.
- Take in the heady fragrances of the aromatic spice souk.

### Top tip

Bargaining is expected and most shops offer discounts. Merchants love bartering banter – it's all part of Dubai's souk experience.



# Falcon Experience in the Desert

## Itinerary includes:

- ▶ *Transfer by 4x4 to and from the Dubai Desert Conservation Reserve*
- ▶ *Dune Drive in the DDCR with wildlife spotting*
- ▶ *Private Falcon Show in the Amphitheatre*
- ▶ *Visit Camel Farm*



# Falcon Experience in DDCR

## Tour Itinerary:

- ▶ 09:00 Pick up from DWTC
- ▶ 09:00 – 09:45 Transfer to DDCR
- ▶ 09:45 – 10:00 Deflate tires and arrive to Amphitheatre
- ▶ 10:00 – 10:20 Falcon Show
- ▶ 10:20 – 11:00 Dune Drive with wildlife spotting
- ▶ 11:00 – 11:20 Visit Camel Farm
- ▶ 11:30 – 12:15 Transfer back to the hotel

## A Journey into true Arabia

### The adventure begins

Our fleet of modern 4WD Jeeps, driven by our team of expert safari guides, will whisk you away from DWTC and the bustling metropolis of Dubai into the serene desert where endless dunes are the awe-inspiring setting for an evening of once-in-a-lifetime experiences.

### Get back to nature

Be prepared to be wowed by Dubai's beautiful desert habitat when you arrive at the Dubai Desert Conservation Reserve (DDCR), it is 45kms from the city and is the UAE's first national park covering the largest area of protected land. It's your chance to spot Arabian Oryx, gazelles, and some of the 30 natural species indigenous to the Arabian Peninsula.



## Falcon Show

### Falconry fun

Falconry is integral to desert life and has been practiced in the UAE for centuries. Our professional falconry display provides a unique insight into this revered form of hunting. A trained falconer explains how the birds are trained to hunt and the historic connection with Emirati people before orchestrating a thrilling live demonstration. After experiencing first hand this excitement as the falcon pursues its live prey, you have the chance to meet this fascinating bird up close and personal.

