



United Arab Emirates: Dubai 2020 World Expo & Abu Dhabi

10 days | 13 days with Oman extension

The World Expo is famous for bringing us iconic monuments (ever heard of a little landmark called the Eiffel Tower?) and celebrating cross-cultural connections. Discover the symbolism and cutting-edge architecture of installations created by countries across the globe, all centered around the motto "Connecting Minds, Creating the Future," while attending the 2020 World Expo in Dubai—now scheduled to start in 2021. Then, set off into the desert to discover how civilizations lived for centuries, long before the UAE was a mecca of culture, finance, and innovation.



Your tour package includes

7 nights in handpicked hotels
7 breakfasts
1 lunch
3 dinners, select meals with beer or wine
1 tasting
5 sightseeing tours
Expert Tour Director & local guides
Private deluxe motor coach

Included highlights

Dubai Creek cruise
Sheikh Mohammed Centre
Burj Al Arab
World Expo in Dubai
Abu Dhabi Falcon Hospital
Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque
Al Ain Oasis

Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for at least 2 hours daily across moderately uneven terrain, including unpaved roads and desert paths, with some hills and stairs.

Group size

15–35

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Overnight Flight → 1 night

Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Dubai today.

Dubai → 4 nights

Day 2: Arrival in Dubai

Welcome to the United Arab Emirates! Take tonight to get settled in to your hotel.

Day 3: Sightseeing tour of Dubai

Included meals: breakfast, lunch, welcome dinner

Discover both Dubai's traditional and ultramodern sides on today's guided sightseeing tour.

- Walk through the Dubai souk, a traditional marketplace that sells everything from jewelry to textiles
- Hop aboard an *abra*, a traditional water taxi, for a cruise along Dubai Creek
- Get a taste of Emirati cuisine during lunch at the Sheikh Mohammed Centre for Cultural Understanding
- Drive down Sheikh Zayed Road to New Dubai and admire the Burj Khalifa, the tallest tower in the world
- Travel along the coastline, stopping to snap photos at Burj Al Arab, the iconic sail-shaped hotel, and the man-made island of Palm Jumeirah

Tonight, gather with your Tour Director and fellow travelers at a welcome dinner.

Day 4: Sightseeing tour of the World Expo in Dubai

Included meals: breakfast

Head to the World Expo and spend the day visiting the Opportunity District and Mobility District on guided tours.

- Walk through the Opportunity District, which focuses on how human development impacts the world
- Learn about the symbolism behind the architecturally intriguing pavilions created by the United Kingdom and Saudi Arabia

- View the impressive 360-degree projection dome at Al Wasl Plaza, which connects each of the Expo's three districts
- Take a self-guided tour of the United Arab Emirates pavilion to discover the country's history and forward-thinking mentality
- Enjoy free time for lunch before visiting the Mobility District to learn how movement plays an important role in the spread of goods and ideas
- See how light became the focus of the design for France's pavilion
- Enter the U.S. pavilion for a test ride in a simulation hyperloop capsule, an innovative pod that transports people through a frictionless tube at 600mph
- Spend free time exploring pavilions of countries such as Finland, Oman, and Peru

Later, enjoy a free evening in Dubai or add an excursion.

+ Burj Khalifa Observation Deck & Dinner

Day 5: Sightseeing tour of the World Expo in Dubai

Included meals: breakfast

Explore the Sustainability District to learn about the ways humans play a role in the future of the planet.

- Hear about the World Expo's net-zero energy use
- Tour one of the country's pavilions to see how they chose to interpret and represent sustainability

Spend a free evening in Dubai or add an excursion.

+ Desert Safari & Bedouin Camp Dinner

Abu Dhabi → 2 nights

Day 6: Abu Dhabi via Abu Dhabi Falcon Hospital

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

On your way to Abu Dhabi, stop at the Abu Dhabi Falcon Hospital to learn about rehabilitation efforts and enjoy a demonstration of the ancient hunting technique of falconry. Continue on to Abu Dhabi and sit down for an included dinner.

Day 7: Sightseeing tour of Abu Dhabi

Included meals: breakfast

Set out to explore Abu Dhabi on a guided tour.

- Pass by Saadiyat Island cultural district
- Pass the Emirates Palace and the Corniche, a five-mile waterfront walkway with incredible views of the Persian Gulf
- Enter the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque, one of the largest in the world, and marvel at its detailed marble work and magnificent interiors

Then, spend a free afternoon in Abu Dhabi or add an excursion.

+ Louvre Abu Dhabi

Al Ain → 1 night

Day 8: Transfer to Al Ain & sightseeing tour

Included meals: breakfast, tasting, farewell dinner

Travel through the desert to serene Al Ain. When you arrive, get to know the "Garden City" on a guided sightseeing tour.

- Stop at the Al Ain Oasis to enjoy the lush greenery of the surrounding date palm plantations and farms
- Visit a date palmery where you'll learn about the irrigation, production and growth of local foods followed by a date tasting
- Enter the Sheikh Zayed Palace Museum and Al Jahili Fort, which was built to protect the city in 1891

Tonight, celebrate your trip with your fellow travelers at a farewell dinner.

Overnight Flight → 1 night

Day 9: Transfer to Dubai & departure

Included meals: breakfast

Head to Dubai this morning to relax in a dayroom before boarding your flight home late tonight or early tomorrow morning.

If you are continuing on the tour extension to Oman, you'll travel to Muscat, Oman where you'll spend the night.

Arrive Home

Day 10: Arrive at home

Arrive home today.

+ Oman extension

Filled with rich history and stunning landscapes, Oman stands out among its often-flashier neighbors because of its long-standing traditions. Travel to the ancient capital of Muscat, explore Nizwa, and set out over the sand dunes to see a new side of the Arabian Peninsula.

Muscat → 4 nights

Day 9: Transfer to Muscat

Included meals: breakfast, lunch

Cross the border into Oman as you make your way to the capital city of Muscat. En route, sit down for an included lunch and make a photo stop at Nakhal Fort. When you arrive, enjoy an evening guided sightseeing tour.

- Take a panoramic drive through the city, stopping along the Corniche Waterfront for photos
- Stop at the Muttrah Souk and spend free time exploring the traditional market's varied stalls

Day 10: Nizwa & Desert Forts

Included meals: breakfast

Set out into the desert for a full-day excursion.

- Explore the souks in the center of Nizwa, the oldest city in Oman
- Sample locally grown dates at the souk's famous date market
- Enter Nizwa Fort, which dates back to the 1650s
- Visit Jabrin Castle, once an important academic center for students of astronomy, medicine and Islamic law

Day 11: Free day in Muscat

Included meals: breakfast

Spend a free day in Oman or add an excursion.

+ Wahiba Sands

Day 12: Sightseeing tour of Muscat

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Take a closer look at Muscat this morning on a guided sightseeing tour.

- Enter the Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque, the main mosque in the Sultanate of Oman and marvel at its minarets, intricately decorated interior, and sprawling grounds
- Pass by Fort Al Jalali, Fort Al Mirani and the Al Alam Palace, the ceremonial palace of the Sultan of Oman

This evening, gather with your group for a farewell toast and light dinner.

Overnight Flight → 1 night

Day 13: Departure

Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Arrive Home

Day 14: Arrive at home

Arrive home today.

Customize your experience

Customize your tour by adding excursion options. Excursions offered on the same day will occur at different times, so there's no need to choose. Save \$10 when you book your excursion up to three days before your tour departs.* Excursions requiring advance reservation only list this discounted price. Call or go online to customize your tour: goaheadtours.ca/UXP | 1-800-754-5066

Day 4: Burj Khalifa Observation Deck & Dinner

\$219CAD (4 hours, departs in the evening, dinner included)

Get an unparalleled look at the city of Dubai from the Burj Khalifa, the tallest tower in the world. Soak in the view from observation decks on the 124th and 125th stories, and learn about the engineering and architectural prowess it took to build the Burj Khalifa. Then, head back to ground level to enjoy a walk along the Dubai Mall fountains, followed by dinner. Please note: In accordance with local laws, alcoholic beverages cannot be served at your meal. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 20 days prior to departure.

Day 5: Desert Safari & Bedouin Camp Dinner

\$115CAD/\$125CAD* (7 hours, departs in the afternoon with dinner)

Explore the deserts around Dubai, spotting exotic wildlife as you travel over the dunes in a Land Rover 4x4. Then, learn about traditional desert transportation on a camel trek. You'll end your day with group of modern Bedouins. Taste Arabic coffee and dates, then relax and enjoy activities such as henna painting or hookah, a multi-stemmed tobacco pipe. Sit down to a barbecue dinner with the group at a desert retreat and take in a belly dancing performance after your meal. Please note: The terrain while driving over the sand dunes is bumpy and rough. Take the proper precautions if you experience motion sickness.

Day 7: Louvre Abu Dhabi

\$109CAD (2 hours, departs in the afternoon)

Make your way to Saadiyat Island where you'll pay a visit to the largest museum on the Arabian Peninsula: the Louvre Abu Dhabi. Here, join a local art expert for a guided tour of the museum, which is a partner to the Louvre Museum in Paris and contains art from all over the world. After your guided tour, enjoy free time to continue exploring the museum at your leisure. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 20 days prior to departure.

Extension excursion options

Day 11: Wahiba Sands

\$199CAD (10 hours, departs in the morning with lunch)

Discover the incredible landscapes and ancient cultures of Oman. Set out over the Western Hajar Mountains in a Jeep 4x4, admiring rock formations that are colored green and red by iron ore. Stop in the town of Al Mudhaireb to see the ruins of ancient watchtowers and villages, then visit Wadi Bani Khalid to enjoy a picnic lunch in the oasis-like valley. Continue on to a dune drive in the stark and stunning Wahiba Sands, where you'll meet a group of Bedouins living as their ancestors have for centuries. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 20 days prior to departure.

*Optional excursions may be purchased up to three days prior to departure or while on tour. Pre-purchased optional excursions cannot be canceled within three days prior to departure or while on tour. Select optional excursions require advance booking and cannot be purchased or canceled after the advanced reservation deadline. GAT accepts payment by cash, Visa or MasterCard for optional excursions purchased on tour. Additional fees may apply for optional excursions purchased on tour. Excursions require a minimum number of participants to operate. Details and prices are subject to change. Due to seasonal hours of operation and availability, some excursions may not operate. If this occurs, you will be refunded any payments made for that excursion post-tour. Learn more at goaheadtours.ca/terms