

DUBAI & OMAN

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

10-Night Escorted Tour



Sweetwine Travel Services invites you to join us on a 10-night escorted tour to

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December 2 – 14, 2018



Package Price Per Person*:

\$3,795

Roundtrip from New York City (JFK)†

** Packaged price per person based on double occupancy.*

† Other departure cities available. The airfare may be an instant purchase fare.

Includes:

- Roundtrip airfare from New York (JFK) to Dubai, Muscat, and back to New York
- Airline taxes & fuel surcharges
- 10 nights first class accommodations:
 - 3 nights Dubai
 - 2 nights Abu Dhabi
 - 1 night Al Ain
 - 1 night Al Hamra
 - 1 night Desert Camp
 - 2 nights Muscat
- Hotel taxes, fees & services charges including Dubai tourism fee
- Hotel portorage
- All transfers
- All transfers and sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned vehicle
- 23 meals: 10 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 6 dinners (including welcome & farewell dinners)
- Services of local English-speaking tour manager throughout
- Comprehensive, guided sightseeing and entrance fees per itinerary

Not Included: gratuities.



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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS & TRAVEL ITINERARY

Discover Dubai, the quintessential land of striking opulence that stands beside ancient mosques

Specially arranged lunch and meeting at Dubai's important Sheikh Mohammed Centre

Admire the glitter of the gold souk with its dazzling displays

Board a traditional abra for a ride on Dubail Creek

An inside look at world-class horse racing on a private visit to the Meydan Stables

A fascinating visit to Camelicious Farm, the first and only camel dairy farm in the UAE

Tour the world- renowned AJmal Perfume Factory and learn about the perfume-making process.

Visit the world's tallest building Burj Khalifa and enjoy panoramic views from level 124 of the building

Enjoy buffet lunch and breathtaking views on a double decker dhow boat cruise on the Gulf

Visit Al Hosn Palace , the oldest stone structure in the city and former official residence of the Royal Family

Travel to futuristic Masdar, the world's first zero-waste city powered by renewable energy

In Al Ain, tour one of the oldest permanently inhabited settlements

View Jabreen Castle in Oman, specially designed to imitate grand European palaces of the 1600's

Drive through stark seas of sand dunes in the desert wilderness of Wahiba Sands

Overnight at a desert camp accented by a glowing sunset and a BBQ dinner under the stars

Stop at the Bimmah Sinkhole, a spectacular limestone crater with cool blue green waters

In the white walled city of Muscat visit to the exquisite Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque

Farewell Dinner in Muscat enriched by a discussion on the status of women in Omani society

Mark your calendar and make plans to join us. This a small group escorted tour maximum 14 travelers.

Is this trip right for you?

This is an active program that covers a good amount of ground each day. Expect from two to three hours walking on some touring days. The pace is moderate, however you will encounter some uneven surfaces, stairs, steps. Expect the longest time spent on the bus to be the 2 hour drive to and from Abu Dhabi. The weather is very pleasant during the day from October through April but sometimes becomes a little cold and windy in the evenings.

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Day 1: Sunday — Depart for the United Arab Emirates

Depart for Dubai in the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

Day 2: Monday — Arrive in Dubai

Arrive in Dubai, the quintessential land of opulence, wealth and astonishing glass and steel skyscrapers that stand alongside mosques. Balance of the day is at leisure to rest, relax and acclimate to the adrenaline-charged tempo of this dynamic city and your new time zone.

Overnight: Dubai

Day 3: Tuesday — A Day of Discovery in Dubai

Today, discover one of the world's most futuristic cities, once a tiny fishing village and Bedouin port. Begin with a visit to the Dubai Museum at the Al Fahidi Fort — view this realistic replica of a desert fort, complete with cannons and battlements. After, board a traditional wooden *abra* (water taxi) for a ride on Dubai Creek, a perfect snapshot of the city's startling contrasts between old and new; view traditional houses and minarets against a backdrop of dramatic glass high rises. In Old Dubai walk along the narrow lanes of the bustling *souk* to tiny shops selling traditional robes and aromatic spices. Stop to admire the glitter of the gold souk, with its dazzling displays. Afterward, you're invited to the important Sheikh Mohammed Centre in the heart of the old Bastakiya area for a specially arranged lunch and meeting. Enjoy an open discussion and learn more about Emirati culture and local traditions. Continue to the Dubai Mall, one of the largest malls in the world. Visit the world's tallest building Burj Khalifa. While at the top, a guide will help answer all your questions from your vantage point on level 124 of the building. Pause to delight your senses at the Dubai Fountain's dancing waters performance accompanied by colorful syncing lights and music. In the evening, join your Tour Manager and fellow travelers at a Welcome Dinner and briefing on the extraordinary journey that lies ahead.

Overnight: Dubai

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4: Wednesday — Meydan Stables, Camelicious Farm, Ajmal Perfume Factory

A special breakfast this early morning at the Meydan Stables Private Club, home of the thoroughbred stars of racing. Here, experience an inside-look at world-class horse racing with an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of the stables, grandstand, and racecourse — host to the \$10 million Dubai World Cup, the world's richest horse race. Observe the horses during morning track work and walk through the stables where the horses are groomed. You'll even see horses exercise in the equine swimming pool; visit the jockey's rooms, saddling paddock and parade ring. Afterward, tour Camelicious Farm, the first and only camel dairy farm and major research center. Learn about camels, their milk, and many sub-products, with samples to taste, followed by lunch. Your choices include burger (made of camel meat), chicken and vegetarian options. Enjoy a special treat for dessert, ice cream made out of camel milk. Then, a drive to the world-renowned Ajmal Perfume Factory for a fragrant tour of the facility and receive a bottle of perfume as a gift. Learn about the perfume-making process; hear the story of the company's success and its rich heritage. A photo stop at Burj Al Arab, the distinctive sail-shaped hotel and iconic symbol of Dubai, before continuing on a monorail tour of Palm Island. Return to your hotel, with time to explore the city's extraordinary restaurants and nightlife on your own.

Overnight: Dubai

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 5: Thursday — Abu Dhabi, Futuristic Masdar, Yas Mall, Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque

An exciting day awaits you in ultra-sophisticated Abu Dhabi, the capital of the UAE — an intriguing city that combines a hospitable mix of new and old! Here, visit the renowned Falcon Hospital, a pioneer in the nurturing and rescue of these super-intelligent birds. Gain insight into traditions of falconry, a deeply revered tradition of the country. Continue to the futuristic eco-city of Masdar, the world's first carbon-neutral, zero-waste city powered entirely by renewable energy built on inhospitable terrain, similar to living on the moon. A change of pace as you arrive at the gigantic Yas Mall on Yas Island, a vibrant shopping experience with three floors of exciting, leading international and regional retail

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and restaurant brands, a family entertainment zone and a lively urban oasis known as Town Square. End the day at the opulent Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque, an iconic symbol of Abu Dhabi, one of the world's largest with a capacity for an astonishing 40,000 worshippers, featuring 82 domes, over 1,000 columns and 24 karat gold gilded chandeliers. Stand before the gorgeous reflective pools surrounding the mosque, amplifying its beauty. Tonight, dinner is at your hotel.

Overnight: Abu Dhabi

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 6: Friday — Al Hosn Palace, Dhow Boat Cruise, Etihad Tower Observation Deck

This morning visit the splendid Al Hosn Palace, the oldest stone structure in the city, former official residence of the Royal Family to Zayed House, where you hear about the fascinating life of the late Sheikh Zayed, "Father of the Nation". Afterward, head to the Date Market to view all the different varieties of dates from across the Middle East. Drive through Al Bateen on the way to the Marina. Here, board a traditional double-decker *dhow* boat that takes you on a cruise around the city — enjoy breathtaking views and a lavish buffet lunch. Disembark and head to the Etihad Tower Observation Deck for uninterrupted bird's eye view of the city's skyline. On your way back to your hotel, a photo stop at Emirates Palace. Tonight, perhaps stroll along the glamorous waterfront or sip coffee at a seaside café and just people-watch.

Overnight: Abu Dhabi

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 7: Saturday — The "Garden City" of Al Ain, a UNESCO World Heritage Site

In the garden city of Al Ain, visit one of the world's oldest permanently inhabited settlements; this UNESCO World Heritage Site was once a vital green oasis on the caravan route. Al Ain's World Heritage locations include its six oases and the archaeological sites of Bida bint Saud, Hafeet and Hili, all testimonies to the human occupation of this desert region dating back to the Neolithic period with vestiges of many prehistoric cultures. Here, visit the Sheikh Zayed Palace Museum, the residence of the Sheikh and his family, and the Al Ain National Museum, housing artifacts discovered around the city, ancient Arabic manuscripts and royal treasures. After lunch at a local restaurant, visit the Al Hili Archaeological Park, en route to your hotel. The park is a public garden and excavation site of a Bronze Age settlement, with discoveries dating back over 4,000 years! Tonight's dinner together at the hotel recaps an enlightening day.

Overnight: Al Ain

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 8: Sunday — Oman's Jabreen Castle, Bahia Fort, Al Hamra

The journey today takes you to culturally rich Oman. A mountainous expanse marks your way to Jabreen Castle, designed to imitate the most beautiful grand European palaces of the 1600s. On the visit, you'll be enchanted by the stunning decorative inscriptions, frescoes, and magnificent carvings — truly an authentic expression of Omani craftsmanship. In the Sun and Moon Room, reserved for important visitors, admire the majestic Islamic calligraphy, colorful eye drawings and rows of decorative windows. Afterward, on to Bahia, best known for its gigantic ancient fort with towers of unbaked bricks, a remarkable example of this type of fortification that sits adjacent to the Friday Mosque with its decoratively sculptured prayer niche dominating the surrounding mud brick settlement and palm grove. On to the hotel located in the hills above the town of Al Hamra, with spectacular views of the entire countryside. Tonight, enjoy dinner at the hotel.

Overnight: Al Hamra

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 9: Monday — Misfah, Nizwa Souk and Fort, Wahiba Sands Desert Camp

Morning visit to Misfah, a traditional old mountain village nestled on a sheer slope, surrounded by rows of palm trees. The inhabited village with its mud brick homes offers a glimpse of playful brightly dressed children and traditionally dressed adults in long black garments. Afterward, arrive in the town of Nizwa, nestled on a stark plain surrounded by a

thick palm oasis and some of Oman's highest mountains. At the souk, stroll the narrow lanes past vendors selling their colorful wares. Next, on to the striking 17th century Nizwa Fort, with its 125 foot round tower affording panoramas of the Hajar Mountains! After lunch at a local restaurant, your Omani journey continues via the mountain village of Mudarib with its traditional watchtowers and past picturesque villages clinging to the mountainside. Get ready for a remarkable experience! Arrive in the stark desert wilderness of the Wahiba Sands, a vast mass of undulating red and white seas of sand and dunes that rise over 650 feet. The ever-changing patterns of the dunes are a photographer's delight! After settling in at your delightful desert camp, enjoy the glowing sunset and a traditional barbecue dinner under the starry skies accented by sweeping vistas across the golden sands.

Overnight: Desert Camp, Wahiba Sands

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 10: Tuesday — *Wadis* of Oman, Visit a Bedouin House, Ancient & Modern Muscat

Awake this morning to breakfast under the desert dawn before departing on the scenic journey to Muscat. En route, stop to visit an authentic Bedouin house in the desert and meet the proud tribespeople who embrace their ancient Bedouin traditions and culture. The drive then takes you between the contorted slopes to the desert paradise of Wadi Bani Khalid, an oasis of shaded palms and stunning water pools and to Wadi Tiwi, with its string of emerald pools and thick plantations, known as the "Wadi of Nine Villages". As you approach Muscat, shining white beaches nestle under rocky overhangs. Here, stop at the unique Bimah Sinkhole, a spectacular limestone crater with inviting cool blue-green waters. Created by erosion, or perhaps a meteorite, this sinkhole is thought to be one of the most beautiful sinkholes on the planet! This natural landmark is surely a place of refreshment on the long coastal road of Oman. After, continue to Muscat, the ancient capital of Oman and one of the oldest cities in the Middle East, characterized by a unique civilization that reflects both Arabian and Islamic influences. Upon arrival, fantastic vistas of the city's beautifully manicured parks, unspoiled stretches of beach and striking azure blue coastline. Welcome to this city that fuses the traditions of the past with the achievements of modern civilization. Tonight, relax together over a traditional dinner at the hotel.

Overnight: Muscat

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 11: Wednesday — Sultan Qaboos Mosque, Muttrah Quarter, Farewell Dinner & Discussion

The discovery of the white-walled city of Muscat begins at the exquisite Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque, one of the most extravagant modern mosques in the world — considered an architectural masterpiece! Admire the magnificent blend of Islamic, Middle Eastern, and Omani architectural styles along with the world's largest handmade Persian rug. Here, an Omani guide offers an overview of Islamic culture as you walk through the mosque that holds over 20,000 worshippers. View Al Alam Palace, the ceremonial palace of His Majesty the Sultan in the heart of the Old Muscat, surrounded by two 16th century Portuguese fortresses, Al Jalali and Al Mirani. Lunch at a local restaurant before proceeding to the Beit Zubair Museum that celebrates the culture and heritage of Oman with extensive permanent collections and jewelry and costumes from different regions of Oman. A drive along the corniche takes you to Muttrah, a delightful quarter of the city with ancient buildings, narrow winding streets, Arabesque gates and beautiful engravings, evoking a unique medieval charm. Time to explore the picturesque narrow alleyways of the souk, filled with locals busy with daily shopping, dressed in typical Omani style and enjoying the air filled with scents of sandalwood. Tonight's Farewell Dinner is enriched by an informative lecture and discussion on the heritage, culture, and status of women in Omani society. Bid a fond farewell to your newfound friends and share memories of an illuminating journey together.

Overnight: Muscat

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 12: Thursday — Depart Oman

Transfer to the airport in Muscat for your departure flight

Meals: Breakfast

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Program Terms and Conditions

All passengers are responsible for assuring they have the proper (legal) documents required for travel. A valid U.S. Passport is required. The passport must be valid for six months beyond your travel date. A visa is required for Oman.

This is an Escorted Tour a signed and completed registration form must accompany the initial deposit. All prices are quoted per person based on double occupancy.

Deposit & Final Payment

A non-refundable deposit of \$300.00 is due on January 10, 2018

2nd Deposit of \$600.00 is due March 7, 2018

3rd Deposit of \$600.00 is due June 7, 2018

Final Payment is due August 20, 2018

Single supplement is \$910.

Additional payments are accepted at any time.

Airfare

Tour package price includes airfare from New York. Other city departures will be additional cost. Airfare, once purchased, is non-refundable.

Cancellation Policy

All request for cancellation must be made in writing to Sweetwine Travel Services. Initial deposits are non-refundable. For cancellations, the following per person cancellation fees apply.

120-90 business days prior to departure 50% of total price

89-30 business days prior to departure 75% of total price

29-1 business days prior to departure 100% of total price

If a guest cancels within 90 days to departure resulting in a single supplement charge, the Guest, who is cancelling will be responsible for that charge.

Code of Conduct

For all tours we aim to foster an environment of respect that allows all our guests to enjoy their group vacation. Guests who are disruptive, endanger the group or the travel experience, or break local laws may be removed from the program with no refund due and at their own expense. Sweetwine Travel Services reserves the right to accept or reject any program guest.

Unused Services

No refund will be made for any service included in the Tour Price that is not utilized by the guest and in the event that the guest does not utilize any part of the scheduled itinerary for any reason whatsoever, such guest shall be responsible at own additional cost for all and any substitute arrangements.

Name Changes

No name changes can be made. In order to change participants, your original reservation must be cancelled and a new reservation made reflecting the correct configuration of guests. Any non-refundable deposits paid on the original account will not apply to the new booking. The new booking made will be subject to normal non-refundable deposit requirements.

Guest Responsibilities

Guest are required to verify that the information shown on their reservation/ registration is correct.

Guests will be responsible for any and all change fees with airlines, and other providers in result of incorrectly advised names, visa and passport information.

Special Requests

If you have a special request for a facility or service e. g. adjoining rooms or low floor, we shall pass these on to the relevant supplier but cannot guarantee that it will be met and we shall have no liability to you if it is not met.

Tour Prices

All prices are charged per person based on two persons sharing a room. Sweetwine Travel is NOT responsible for roommates or matching guests. All tour prices are based on tariffs, taxes, and rates of exchange, in effect, at the time of printing. Sweetwine Travel Services reserves the right to increase tour prices due to fluctuations in tariffs, taxes of exchange, or group reductions. These rates are subject to increase without notice. If such rates change prior to departure surcharges may also apply.

Baggage Fees

Additional fees for baggage may apply. Please contact the airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding their checked baggage policies.

Travel Insurance

We always highly recommend that all travelers purchase travel insurance for their vacation package.

Liability

Sweetwine Travel Services does NOT own or operate any entity that provides goods and or services for your travel including, without limitation: lodging facilities, motor coach or other transportation companies, guides or guide services, local ground operators, providers or organizers of optional excursions, food service providers etc. All such persons and entities are independent contractors and not affiliated with Sweetwine Travel Service. As well, Sweetwine Travel Services is not liable for any negligent or willful act or failure to act on the part of any travel service provider or any third party. Sweetwine Travel Service is not responsible for any injury, loss, death, inconvenience, delays or damages to persons or property in connection with the provisions of any goods or services, whether resulting from but not limited to acts of God or force majeure, illness, disease, acts of war or civil unrest, insurrection or revolt, animals, strike or other labor union activities, criminal or terrorist activities of any kind, overbooking or down-grading of accommodations, mechanical or other failure of airplanes or other means of transportation, or any failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart on time. If due to weather, flight schedules or other uncontrollable factors requiring you to spend additional nights you will be responsible for your own hotel, transfer fees and meal costs.

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Travel Protection

Now's the time to consider purchasing a travel protection plan to help protect your vacation investment. For more information on the available plans or to enroll, go to www.travelexinsurance.com or contact Travelex Insurance Services at 800-228-9792 and reference location number 05-1125.

Travel Insurance is underwritten by, Berkshire Hathaway Specialty Insurance Company, NAIC #22276. W20

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REGISTRATION FORM

TOUR PARTICIPANT INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phones: Mobile / Cellular: _____ Message: _____

Day: _____ Evening: _____ Fax: _____

Email Address: _____

Departure City: _____

Passport Number: _____ Issue Date: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Sex / Gender: _____

Roommate: _____

Sex / Gender: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION:

Contact Person: _____

Relationship: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone(s): _____

Method of Payment:

Personal Check

Money Order

Credit Card

SIGNATURE CONFIRMATION:

I certify that I have read and agree to all the terms and conditions related to this travel package.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Travel Protection

We recommend that all travelers purchase travel insurance for their vacation package. If you wish to purchase Travel Protection, contact us for more information.