



United Arab Emirates

Jan. 30-Feb. 8, 2024



LAND JOURNEY

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
for Solo Travelers

Included Features

- Accommodations** (with baggage handling)
- **4 nights** in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, at the first-class Canopy by Hilton Dubai Al Seef.
 - **3 nights** in Abu Dhabi at the deluxe Le Royal Méridien Abu Dhabi.
 - **1 night** in the Arabian Desert at the first-class Bab Al Shams Desert Resort & Spa.
- Transfers** (with baggage handling)
- Deluxe motor coach transfers during the Land Program.

Extensive Meal Program

- 8 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 4 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Opportunities to sample local cuisine.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **AHI Travel Assurance** plan covers Accident and Sickness Medical Expense, Trip Delay and Emergency Evacuation for U.S. residents.
- **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history.
- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
- **Electives** and **free time** to pursue your individual interests.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- **AHI Sustainability Promise:** We strive to make a positive impact wherever we travel.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.



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 at a desert resort**, complete with traditional dishes, music and belly dancing.
- ▶ Witness the juxtaposition of **traditional and modern Dubai** on engaging tours.
- ▶ Delve into the cultural heritage of the UAE's **glittering capital, Abu Dhabi**.
- ▶ Visit the magnificent **Louvre Abu Dhabi**.
- ▶ Learn why falcons are revered by the Emirati people at a **falcon hospital**.

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** Abu Dhabi
- Day 7** Abu Dhabi
- Day 8** Abu Dhabi
- Day 9** Arabian Desert
- Day 10** Transfer 🚌 to Abu Dhabi or Dubai airport and depart for gateway city ✈

Flights ✈ and transfers 🚌 provided for AHI FlexAir participants.

Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions.



Above left: Dubai Marina | Above: Dubai Creek area





Discovery

AHI Connects: UAE Cultural Exchange. Enjoy an expansive discussion with a scholar, where no question is off limits and dialogue is encouraged. Share a meal of delicious Emirati specialties afterward.

AHI Connects: Local Emirati House. Relish the hospitality and fellowship of a homemade lunch in an Emirati home.

Traditional Dubai. Dubai began as a fishing village and later thrived due to its pearl diving industry. Examine this rich history at the Al Shindagha Museum and take a guided walk in the Al Fahidi Historic Neighborhood, known for its well-preserved merchant homes featuring wind towers, an ancient ventilation method. Cross Dubai Creek on an abra water taxi and meander through the bustling Spice and Gold Souks, two traditional, colorful bazaars.

Modern Dubai. Discover Dubai's new identity as a cosmopolitan, international center of commerce and finance. Take in spectacular views from the skydeck of the iconic Dubai Frame in Zabeel Park. Next, see the sleek Burj Al Arab and 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!

Abu Dhabi Falcon Hospital & Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque. Learn about the falcon, the UAE's national bird, at a hospital devoted to these majestic creatures. Later, tour one of the world's largest mosques with room for 55,000 worshippers, which welcomes people of all faiths. Marvel at the awe-inspiring marble courtyard, columns inlaid with amethyst and jasper, reflective pools and more on a guided tour.

Abu Dhabi. Delight in scenic gulf views and see well-known landmarks including the Emirates Palace, Etihad Towers and the lovely Corniche waterfront. Next, tour the Qasr al Watan, the UAE's impressive, modern presidential palace, magnificently decorated in homage to traditional Arabian artistry. Afterward, visit Qasr al Hosn, the city's oldest heritage site.

Louvre Abu Dhabi. Visit this breathtaking museum by architect Jean Nouvel with a splendid dome that creates an enchanting, dappled light below. Enjoy a guided tour in the galleries and wander on the outer walkways to appreciate how the architecture is connected to the surrounding water.

Arabian Nights. Savor a wonderful dinner beneath starry skies featuring delectable cuisine, live music and belly dancing.



Sheikh Zayed Mosque, Abu Dhabi

Enrichment

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

Electives | Go further afield

Dubai Desert Conservation Reserve. Head into the Arabian Desert for a guided drive through this protected desert habitat to see indigenous plants and wildlife like the recently reintroduced Arabian Oryx.

(At an additional cost.)

Accommodations

Canopy by Hilton Dubai Al Seef | Dubai



Le Royal Méridien | Abu Dhabi



Bab Al Shams Desert Resort & Spa |

Arabian Desert



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.



AHI Travel Expertise

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

Travel Director | Manages all details to ensure a safe and 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.

Travel with Confidence

For six decades, our dedicated team has helped travelers explore the world safely and securely. We provide:

- **Included AHI Travel Assurance Plan.**
- Increased booking **flexibility** and relaxed cancellation penalties.
- **Home support staff and ground team.**
- **A global network of trusted partners.**

Let us arrange your flights!

AHI FlexAir | Our personalized air program features transfers, assistance and flexibility.



Oryx, Dubai Desert Conservation Area