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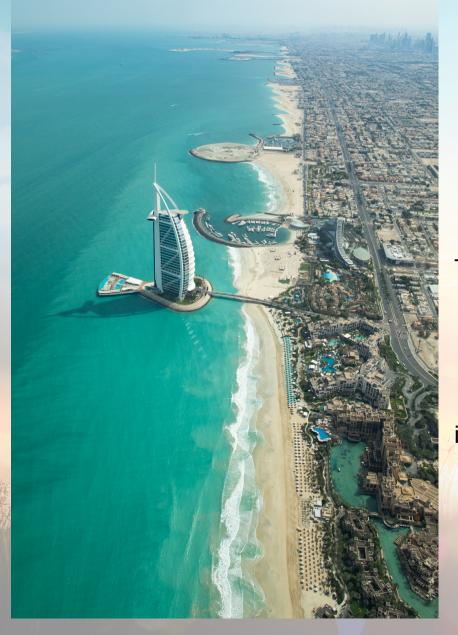
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# DUBAI



# Geography

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) is an Arabian
Peninsula nation, a federation of seven emirates: Abu
Dhabi, Dubai, Sharjah, Ajman, Umm Al Quwain,
Ras Al Khaimah, and Fujairah.

# **Climate**

Predominantly arid. In the summer months temperatures can reach as high as 113°C, but in the winter the climate is milder, with temperatures ranging from 55F to 85F. In October temperature tend to be in the 90s during the day, going to mid-70s at night.

# **Population**

The UAE's population is 9.2 million, of which 1.4 million are Emirati citizens and 7.8 million are expatriates.

# **Heritage and Culture**

Emirati culture is based on wider Arabian culture, but includes Persian influences. Arabian and Persian inspired architecture dominate throughout UAE. Emirati clothing is a notably important part of UAE history and heritage, and is a source of great pride. Men wear a white cloak ('kandura', 'dishdash', or 'thawb'). The women wear a long flowing black gown ('abaya').

# FYI, BEFORE YOU GO...

The Emiratis are a friendly, welcoming people – open-minded and tolerant of the more than 8 million annual tourists. But local culture and values should always be understood and respected, to ensure that you get the most out of your visit and enjoy a trouble-free experience-rich experience

Medication: Check your medication before your trip. Like many countries around the world, narcotic drugs that are available as painkillers in the US are illegal in UAE, unless you have evidence that they are required for a medical condition. If you are traveling with any medications: (1) make sure you have a doctor's note or prescription; (2) keep medicines in original packaging; and (3) only take as much as you need for the duration of your trip based on your prescription.

**Alcohol:** You need to be 21 or over to drink alcohol legally in UAE. Alcohol abuse, drinking in non-licensed areas, or being drunk are all misdemeanors.

**Public Behavior:** UAE's laws promote modesty and respect. For example, offensive language, spitting, aggressive behavior, and public displays of affection are frowned upon. The streets are safe and pleasantly free of litter and must be kept that way.

**Attire:** Wear respectful clothing. Swim wear is only considered appropriate by the pool or on the beach.

**Travel Insurance:** It is absolutely imperative that travelers take out sufficient travel insurance, including coverage in case of COVID-related delays, quarantines or hospitalizations.

Health and Safety Measures: The health and safety of Kosher Travelers clients is an uppermost priority. In addition to government guidelines, Kosher Travelers has implemented additional precautionary measures to meet the highest standards as global service providers.





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Our YINBH-Kosher Travelers tour to the UAE will be a high-level "mission", involving meetings with Emirati community leaders and strategic thinkers; unique access to diplomats and dignitaries; introductions to business innovators and trailblazers; visiting exceptional museums and architectural world wonders VIP-style; luxuriating in the beauty of Dubai's palaces, oases, gardens, pools and beaches; camel riding and 4x4 jeep rides through the desert; mingling with locals in the gold and spice souks; cruising on Dubai Creek; and shopping in the world's largest and most exclusive mega- malls.

We will closely explore the diplomatic, defense and economic issues that draw UAE and Israel together, and explore the common heritage of Moslems and Jews that underpins the historic "Abraham Accords".

We will be staying at the 5\* Hilton Conrad Hotel (or equivalent), dine on the finest kosher cuisine (Glatt Mehadrin), and spend time with the Dubai Jewish community – including community president Mr. Ross Kriell, and UAE Chief Rabbi Elie Abadie.

# ITINERARY

## **DAY 1: THURSDAY 3 MARCH**

'Welcome and Assist' by your Kosher Travelers representative. Hotel check in.

### DAY 2: FRIDAY 4 MARCH- SPECTACULAR DUBAI

Visit to the Dubai **Miracle Garden**: see 150 million flowers arranged in extraordinary arches and patterns. Dubai Miracle Garden has earned two Guinness World Records: as the largest vertical garden and the world's largest floral sculpture.

Visit to the **Dubai Frame**, an iconic structure that 'frames' impressive views of old and new Dubai, while serving as a metaphorical bridge connecting the emirate's rich past with its magnificent present. Dubai Frame offers spectacular panoramic views across the city.

Afternoon shopping at the Mall of the Emirates, the world's largest mall, with 630 retail outlets and the acclaimed **Ski Dubai:** the world's first 400-metre indoor ski run. Afternoon at leisure. Prepare for Shabbat.

# DAY 3: SHABBAT 5 MARCH - REST AND RELAX SHABBAT EXPERIENCE

Enjoy Shabbat in a beautiful and traditional ambiance, with tefilla and singing, gourmet meals, fascinating lectures and shiurim.

### SATURDAY NIGHT GLOBAL VILLAGE EXPERIENCE

After our Motzei Shabbat Dinner we will drive to Dubai's unique Global Village Experience attraction where every moment is filled with excitement and fascinating experiences. You will meet people and explore cultures from around the world, with over 200 countries represented on magnificently built exhibits of culture, religion, architecture, religion, music, and more.

# DAY 4: SUNDAY 6 MARCH VISIT TO THE EMIRATE OF ABU DHABI\*

As the world's richest city, Abu Dhabi breaks all the records. Embark on an exciting journey through Abu Dhabi, the capital city of the UAE and the hub for some of the most spectacular and iconic landmark attractions that the region has to offer.

Our day will begin with a panoramic **Abu Dhabi City Tour** and a picture stop at the world-famous **Sheikh Zayed Mosque** with minarets over 100 meters tall, 82 domes of white marble. The tour will continue with a visit to the **Presidential Palace**. Lunch on the Corniche Beach promenade. Visit to the **Louvre Abu Dhabi**, an art and civilization museum located on the **Saadiyat Island Cultural District** with 85,000 sq/f of galleries, making it the largest art museum in the Arabian Peninsula.

Free time at Abu Dhabi's **Yas Mall** or **Ferrari World**, the world's largest indoor theme park.

Dinner and program at the hotel.

\*or Sharjah if Abu Dhabi is restricted







# DAY 5: MONDAY 7 MARCH GREATER DUBAI & DESERT EXPERIENCE

Dubai is a city that provides a new setting at every turn, richly mixing the old and the new. Today we will visit **Al Seef**, an area rich in historical sites rooted in Dubai's culture and heritage, adjacent to the **Al Fahidi** historical neighborhood.

We will continue the journey by **Abra**, a traditional boat, crossing **Dubai Creek** to visit the **Spice Market** and **Gold Souk.** Learn about Emirati culture, customs, and religion at the **Sheikh Mohammed Centre for Cultural Understanding**, located in the **Al Bastakiya** trading village.

Drive to the desert in a 4x 4 Jeep over the sand dunes for unique activities at our **Bedouin Camp Experience** with water pipes, camel riding, music and folk dancers.

At sunset, witness an extraordinary falcon show. Watch as these hunting birds soar to the skies and then dive for their prey. Guests can view various species up close and handle the magnificent birds. Followed by BBQ Dinner in the Desert



# DAY 6: TUESDAY 8 MARCH WORLD EXPO 2020 What is Expo 2020 Dubai?

This is the first **World Expo** ever held in the region, welcoming exhibitors from across the world to the UAE for six months, from 1 October 2021 until 31 March 2022. The Expo celebrates culture, collaboration and innovation.

# **Connecting Minds, Creating the Future**

Our once-in-a-lifetime celebration – the largest event ever staged in the Arab world – is set to welcome 190 participating countries, and 25 million visitors from across the globe. Here they will experience warm Emirati hospitality at its finest, as well as the UAE's values of inclusion, tolerance and cooperation. Youth are at the heart of our World Expo. That's why Expo 2020 aspires to create a meaningful legacy that will benefit generations to come, both locally and globally, spanning everything from innovations and architecture to friendships and business opportunities.





# **DAY 7: WEDNESDAY 9 MARCH - MODERN DUBAI**

# Breakfast and check-out of rooms by 11am. Luggage stored in Security.

A tour of futuristic Dubai starts at the marina, carves along a two-mile stretch of Arabian Gulf shoreline, showcasing a variety of luxury condominium towers and villas perched atop a dynamic waterfront retail promenade. Visit to **Palm Jumeriah**, the world-famous man-made islands that are shaped like a palm, forming an 11-km-long breakwater. Proceed on the monorail to downtown Dubai. Visit the **Burj Khalifa Tower**, the tallest building in the world, for panoramic vistas of the city from the 124th floor.

Shopping at the **Souk Al Bahar** and **Dubai Mall**. Watch the 500-foot-high Dubai Water Fountain, a

Early Dinner and Transfer to Dubai Airport for our flights

choreographed fountain system located on the man-made Burj Khalifa Lake.





# DUBAI PACKAGE INCLUSIONS AND EXCLUSIONS: PRICE INCLUDES:

- Six nights of deluxe accommodation at the 5\* Conrad Hilton (or equivalent).
- Three freshly prepared VIP Gourmet Glatt Mehadrin kosher meals per-day.
   Private Dining Room
- Complete touring itinerary with English- language guide, luxury coaches, and all entrance fees.
  - Kosher Travelers program.

## **PRICE EXCLUDES:**

- International flights
- Travel insurance
- Personal spending
- UAE Entry Visa (if relevant)
  - Tips (\$50 per person)
- Hotel Suite Upgrade Supplement Upon Request

### PRICES / RATES:

- Dubai Tour Price per-person 6 night (Thursday 03-Wednesday 09 March) \$3,000
  - 3rd / 4th occupants sharing \$2,750 per-person
    - Single Supplement: \$1,000

### PAYMENT / CANCELLATION / REFUND POLICY:

- \$500 deposit per person at time of reservation.
- Full balance payable 21 days prior to departure.
- Travelers who are forced to cancel their trip anytime prior to departure due to Covid 19 illness with formal medical certification, will be refunded in full, less an administration fee of \$100 per person.
  - No refund for cancellation within 21 days of departure.
  - Comprehensive Travel & Health Insurance is compulsory (proof required).

# **HEALTH AND SAFETY MEASURES [AS OF OCTOBER 2021]**

- If you are a tourist arriving in Dubai you must present a printed copy of Vaccination certificates in English. Additionally you may be required to take a COVID-19 PCR test no more than 96 hours prior to departure of your inbound flight to Dubai.
  - All travelers must comply with the current precautionary COVID-19 measures in place in UAE.
    - The health and safety of Kosher Travelers clients is an uppermost priority.
  - Every vehicle will be sanitized after each use to ensure a germ-free environment.
  - Appropriate social distancing measures will be in place throughout, including in the buses, dining areas, lecture halls, and spaces for Tefilla.



# SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE: RABBI PINI DUNNER

Rabbi Pini Dunner hails from a prominent European rabbinic family that survived the Holocaust and ended up in London, England. Following his yeshiva studies in England, the United States and Israel, Rabbi Dunner majored in Jewish History at University College London. During the early 1990s Rabbi Dunner served as the assistant rabbi at Moscow Choral Synagogue, when Jews in Russia were only just starting to publicly practice their Judaism. In 1998, Rabbi Dunner set up the trailblazing Saatchi Synagogue for post-graduate professional singles in London's West End. Weekly sell-out Friday night dinners were addressed by a range of high profile speakers, including Binyamin Netanyahu, Shimon Peres, Natan Sharansky, Chief Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, and many others. Rabbi Dunner is an acknowledged expert on antiquarian Hebrew books and manuscripts. In the Summer of 2011 Rabbi Dunner moved to Los Angeles, together with his wife and 6 children, to take up the position as Mashgiach Ruchani at Yeshiva University High School for Boys (YULA). In 2013, Rabbi Dunner was appointed Senior Rabbi at YINBH-Beverly Hills Synagogue, and he now resides in Beverly Hills.





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