

Dubai 2017

CONEJO SKI AND SPORTS CLUB presents:

Deluxe Dubai & Abu Dhabi

**9 days = \$2,340 includes RT non-stop
airfare on Emirates Airlines, travel insurance,
and tour tips. \$399 single supplement.
Add \$40 for Non-members.**

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Additional Tour Inclusions:

- ◆ Accommodations at deluxe hotels (5-star Hyatt Regency Dubai and Southern Sun Abu Dhabi—Two doubles per room)
- ◆ 9 meals: 7 breakfasts and 2 dinners
- ◆ Comprehensive sightseeing as per itinerary on reverse
- ◆ Experienced, English speaking tour guide (one provided per bus)
- ◆ Airfare taxes, fees & fuel surcharge
- ◆ Tourism Dirham Fee in Dubai
- ◆ Ground transportation
- ◆ Pre-departure meeting to decide additional custom tours, if desired.

Why Dubai?

There's too many reasons to summarize, but ADVENTURE is where we begin in this "City of Gold" which boasts the world's largest mall, tallest tower, biggest dancing fountain, and highest-rated hotel. Ski Dubai in the Mall of the Emirates or swim with its penguins. Fueled by petrodollars and ambition, Abu Dhabi is a young gun and wise uncle rolled into one charming, if slightly schizo, personality. Motor racing, contemporary art fairs, sailing, beaches and winter sun... there has never been a better time to visit the cultural capital of the United Arab Emirates.

DETAILED CANCELTION DATES AND NON-REFUNDABLE CHARGES. REFER TO registration forms, travel insurance, and other important information about this trip on the CSSC website.

Note, optional tours are available—see itinerary for additional costs.

Sign ups begin on October 19, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the meeting.

Complete your fillable forms online and have your check in the amount of \$469 per person made payable to Smartours ready at sign up.

READ REGISTRATION FORMS CAREFULLY AS THEY CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THIS TRIP. Reservations will be personally confirmed via email upon smarTours' receipt of \$469 per person non-refundable deposit by U.S. dollars check or money order. Full payment is due 75 days before departure. Failure to make final payment on time will result in automatic cancellation of reservation and loss of deposit. Travel insurance does not cover pre-existing conditions or a change of mind. Make sure you are healthy enough for a 24 hour total travel time. **RESEARCH WEATHER INFORMATION IT MAY BE HOT AND HUMID.**

Day 1. Depart USA. Your deluxe journey to Dubai and Abu Dhabi begins as you depart Los Angeles today on Emirates Airline.

Day 2. Arrive Abu Dhabi. Your Emirates Airline flight will land in Dubai in the evening where you will be greeted and transported to your deluxe hotel in Abu Dhabi, the vibrant capital and second most populous city of the United Arab Emirates (UAE). Just 50 years ago, Abu Dhabi was best described as a fishing village, and today, thanks to enormous wealth due to the city's oil reserves, Abu Dhabi has transformed into a spectacular, attractive, and distinctly Arab city. Upon check in at one of Abu Dhabi's best reviewed hotels, you'll have the remainder of the evening at leisure to explore your beautiful hotel or the surrounding area. **Southern Sun Abu Dhabi Hotel**

Day 3. Abu Dhabi City Tour & Dhow Cruise with Dinner. You'll wake up in Abu Dhabi, one of the seven sheikhdoms of the UAE and the largest geographically, making up more than 80% of the UAE's total area. Known for its impressive skyscrapers and beautifully landscaped parks, Abu Dhabi also strikes a balance by preserving its Islamic heritage and Arab cultural roots. After breakfast at your hotel, you'll embark on a city tour where you'll become acquainted with the city's striking examples of modern architecture, which reflect distinctly Islamic themes captured using modern materials. You'll learn about the natural resource (oil) that has been so central to the development of Abu Dhabi and the rest of the UAE. You'll proceed to an authentic Fish Market comes alive with sorters and traders. Then, a drive along the beautiful Corniche will give you a breathtaking view of the city. Later, visit the magnificent Sheikh Zayed Mosque, a massive yet beautiful structure that is said to be able to accommodate more than 40,000 worshippers. This stop is an absolute "must see" for anyone visiting Abu Dhabi. In the evening, you'll enjoy a spectacular Dhow Cruise with a festive dinner — the perfect way to appreciate the beauty of the city under moonlight on a traditionally decorated wooden boat. Your vessel will slip silently across the sea overlooking Lou Lou Island and the Emirates Palace Hotel. (B,D)

Day 4. Abu Dhabi. A day at leisure to explore Abu Dhabi, relax at your beautiful hotel, or perhaps enjoy an optional half day Museum and Cultural Tour in Abu Dhabi. (USD 50). (B) (We may also decided to do our own tours—additional costs)

Day 5. Abu Dhabi/Dubai. After a morning at leisure in Abu Dhabi, you'll depart for dazzling Dubai, a truly global city that has experienced such a rapid pace of development that perhaps the only constant themes are progress, and excess. Rooted in Islamic tradition, Dubai is a refreshingly open society where it's easy for visitors from all over the world to feel at ease and immerse themselves in the wide variety of exciting experiences that are possible in Dubai. Arrive in Dubai, where you'll check into your 5-star hotel located in Deira, the heritage district. The balance of your day is at leisure. **Hyatt Regency Dubai** (B)

Day 6. Dubai Heritage & Modern Dubai City Tour (including Burj Khalifa "At the Top") Dubai is a city that provides a new setting at every turn, richly mixing together the old and the new. Today, you'll start with a magnificent view of Dubai Creek, passing by the heritage area of Bastakia, one of the city's most picturesque heritage sites. Then, proceed to Fort Al Fahidi, the oldest standing building in Dubai and home to the Dubai Museum, where you'll gain an appreciation for the city's fascinating story of development. Continue your journey by Abra (traditional boat), crossing the Dubai Creek towards the Spice Market, followed by the Golden Souk where you'll have the opportunity to indulge in a bit of shopping. You'll then shift from "Heritage Dubai" to "Modern Dubai", which mixes the charm of traditional souks with inspiring modern skyscrapers. Naturally, you'll start with the world's tallest building, "Burj Khalifa", where you'll have the opportunity to experience the amazing "At the Top" visit. Adjacent to the Burj Khalifa, you'll visit one of the world's largest shopping malls, which is home to a spectacular aquarium, designed to world class standards allowing you to experience the exotic wonders of aquatic life first-hand through breathtaking views. Then, you'll drive towards the Dubai Marina district, where you'll marvel at the world's largest man-made island, the Palm Jumeirah. Next stop is the Lost Chambers within the Atlantis, where you'll explore a labyrinth of elaborately themed chambers with forgotten artifacts, mysterious scripts, and an array of marine life. Your tour will conclude at Souk Madinat Jumeirah, a colorful and vibrant market where you'll have a fantastic view of the famous "7-star" hotel, Burj Al Arab. (B)

Day 7 – (POSSIBLE SKI DAY). Dubai at Leisure or Optional Musandam Cruise. A full day at leisure in Dubai, where perhaps you'll decide to go skiing in the Mall of the Emirates, or participate in an optional full day Musandam Cruise. Please refer to the "Optional Tours" tab for more detail. (B) If there is enough interest, we will have Smartours arrange for transportation to go desert skiing. The pricing will be determined based on the cost and the number of participants. Please indicate interest in desert skiing. (We may also decided to do our own tours—additional costs).

Day 8. Desert Safari & BBQ Dinner. After a morning at leisure, you'll embark on an exciting desert safari! Your safari guides will take you in 4-wheel drive vehicles into the golden sand dunes of Arabia. Savor a beautiful sunset overlooking the desert and then continue on to a Bedouin campsite to enjoy camel riding, Henna design, and more before enjoying a delicious BBQ buffet. To add to the atmosphere of the evening, you'll be entertained by an enchanting belly dancer performing to classic Arabian rhythms. (B,D)

Day 9 Depart Dubai/Arrive USA.

Bid farewell to Dubai this morning as you transfer to the airport and board your return flight to the USA. Your memorable