

Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates - Middle East Cruises

This modern island city reflects the opulence of the seven wealthy United Arab Emirates of which it is capital. Discover duty-free shopping in countless grand malls or stroll along the seafront Corniche. Gaze at the white domes of the vast Sheikh Zayed Mosque or escape into the desert for a Bedouin feast or a ride across the dunes.

Excursions

Please note: The shore excursions listed are typical for this port. The full programme of shore excursions available for your cruise will be displayed on Cruise Personaliser at least 12 weeks prior to departure.

- **Seaplane over Abu Dhabi**

Treat yourself to an exciting scenic seaplane flight over the United Arab Emirates capital city, Abu Dhabi.

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Experience a bird's eye view of the capital's landmarks during a scenic 15 minute seaplane flight.

Have your camera at the ready to capture the many highlights, including the popular Ferrari World Theme Park with its gigantic roof displaying the distinctive Ferrari logo, and the ultra-modern Yas Marina F1 racing circuit. Admire the intricate and uniquely designed Zayed Bridge, with its arches representing the undulating sand dunes of the desert.

Before landing back at the port, you'll pass over the picturesque Corniche (waterfront) as well as the world renowned 6-star Emirates Palace Hotel.

Tour code

AEA_009

Features

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ACTIVITY LEVEL: LOW

Duration

1 HOUR

- **Dhow Cruise & Shopping**

Discover some of the highlights of Abu Dhabi, as well as enjoying a relaxing cruise on a traditional dhow.

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Admire panoramic views of Abu Dhabi as you drive along the glittering tower-lined Corniche (sea front) en route passing Itihad Square, adorned with outsized symbols of Arabian hospitality. Reaching the 6 star Emirates Palace Hotel stop for photographs.

Marina Mall is located on the picturesque breakwater along the Corniche where you have some free time to browse the shops. A leisurely drive will take you to the wharf where you will board an Arabian dhow (traditional wooden boat). Enjoy a relaxing hour long

cruise as you take in vistas of the 'Manhattan of the Middle East'. Glide gently past well-known landmarks and admire the historical monuments, lush green parks and luxury malls as a selection of light refreshments and non alcoholic beverages are served en route.

Tour code

AEA_004

Features



ACTIVITY LEVEL: LOW



REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED

Duration

3½ HOURS

• Abu Dhabi City Tour

Discover the magic of this incredible city including the Grand Mosque, local culture and heritage and some amazing photo opportunities.

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Visit the stunning Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque, an opulent tribute to HH the late Sheikh Zayed, former ruler of Abu Dhabi and President of UAE whose dream has been fittingly brought alive by his son, the current President, Sheikh Khalifa.

The next stop is Zayed Centre, a museum for Presidential memorabilia featuring the late Sheikh Zayed's favourite cars, rifles and gifts received from royalty from all over the world. Continue the drive past the 6 star Emirates Palace Hotel for a photo-stop at the Breakwater which offers breathtaking views of Abu Dhabi's skyline, often referred to as the 'Manhattan of the Middle East'.

A short walk from here brings you to the Heritage Village, where the culture and traditions of the Emirate are reflected in recreated village scenes that provide a glimpse into the simple life and times before the discovery of oil. From here a drive along the glittering tower lined Corniche brings you back to the pier.

Tour code

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ACTIVITY LEVEL: MEDIUM

Duration

4 HOURS

• Tea at Emirates Palace

Enjoy a scenic drive along the beach front before taking tea at the stunning 6-star Emirates Palace Hotel.

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Your leisurely drive will take you along the panoramic Corniche (beach front) of the UAE's capital city to reach the breakwater for a picture postcard view of the 'Manhattan of the Middle East'.

Continue to the 6 star Emirates Palace Hotel whose opulence and subtle elegance will dazzle you. As you make your way to a private area reserved for your tour group, breathe in the air of sheer luxury that fills this unique and elegant hotel. Enjoy a delicious tea service

including a variety of savoury and sweet items with time afterwards to stroll around the retail outlets in the lobby and admire the exquisite craftsmanship and sheer scale of the hotel's architecture.

Tour code

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Features



ACTIVITY LEVEL: LOW



REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED

Duration

3 HOURS

• Desert Safari

Discover the wonders of the desert on this exciting off-road experience.

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Your professional driver and 4-wheel-drive vehicle will pick you up from the terminal and head east out of Abu Dhabi city for an hour long drive into the Al Khatim Desert.

Enter the softly undulating sand dunes as they spread in a vast expanse before your eyes, their curious shapes moulded by the harsh desert winds. Make the most of your unforgettable off-road adventure with a series of exciting dune drives as your vehicle leaves its imprint on the virgin dunes.

A refreshment stop is made en route before returning to the ship.

Tour code

AEA_005

Features



ACTIVITY LEVEL: LOW



REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED

Duration

4 HOURS

• Al Ain Highlights

Enjoy a great day out taking in the sights and sounds of the beautiful Garden City of Al Ain.

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Visit the impressive Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque of Abu Dhabi to discover the world's third largest Mosque and gain an insight into the culture and religion of the people of Abu Dhabi.

Continue through fascinating desert scenery to reach the Hajar Mountains, where you will visit the Al Ain Museum. Discover the fine collection of historical objects ranging from the past (Archaeology) to more recent history (Ethnography).

Walk into the nearby Al Ain Oasis to learn about the ancient Falaj (irrigation system) that was developed by the Persians more than 3,000 years ago, before visiting the renovated Old Palace of His Highness the late Sheikh Zayed, former President of UAE and Ruler of Abu Dhabi.

Explore the Camel Market, the largest in the country, before enjoying a sumptuous buffet luncheon at a city hotel.

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ACTIVITY LEVEL: MEDIUM

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MEAL INCLUDED

Duration

9 HOURS