

# Iconic Dubai 7 Days



## Highlights:

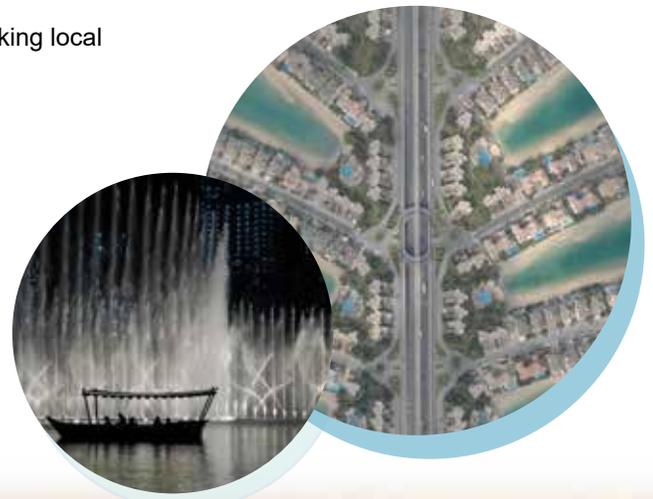
- ★ **Hand-picked 5-Star Hotel Accommodations**
- ★ Ascend to the top of Burj Khalifa and enjoy the birds' eye view from the tallest building in the world
- ★ Catch the excitement of the most stunning and dynamic evening Dubai fountain show with lights and music
- ★ Feast your nose and eyes with aroma and glitz in the age-old Dubai spice souk and gold souk
- ★ Discover the imposing man-made Jumeirah Palm Island in the ocean
- ★ Go for a desert safari in a 4X4 cruiser and watch traditional dance performance with dinner
- ★ Visit the masterpiece of modern Islamic architecture-the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque
- ★ Visit 1 UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Sites 

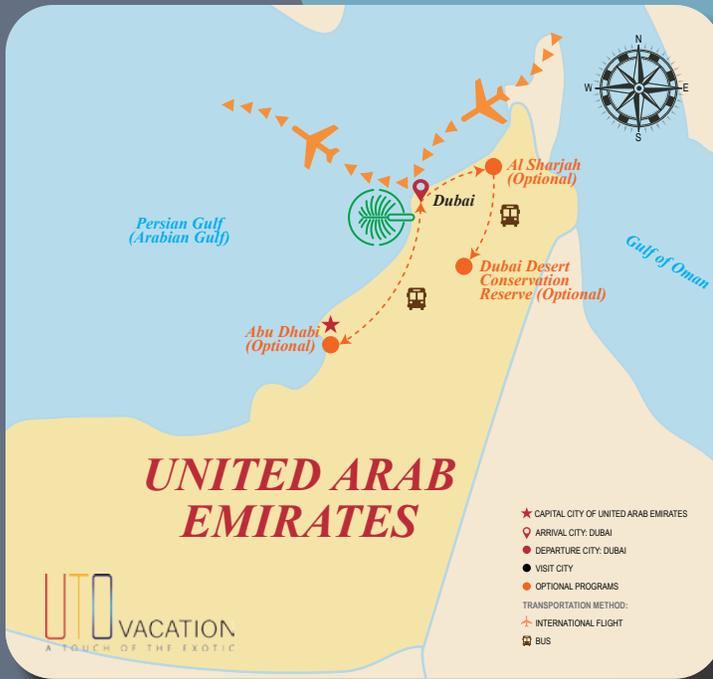
## Included:

1. Round-trip international flight
2. Hand-picked 5-star hotel accommodations
3. Sightseeing admission fees as listed on the agenda
4. Food as specified on the itinerary
5. Special cultural programs as specified in the schedule
6. Professional English speaking local tour expert
7. All tax and fuel surcharge

## Excluded:

1. Travel insurance
2. Any personal expenses
3. Tour extensions and optional programs
4. Gratuity for tour guides and drivers
5. Single supplement fee: US\$600
6. Tourist Tax





### Day 1: Depart for the United Arab Emirates

Breakfast: N/A | Lunch: N/A | Dinner: N/A

- On board international flight to Dubai.

### Day 2: Dubai Arrival

Breakfast: N/A | Lunch: N/A | Dinner: N/A

- Upon arrival, our friendly local guide will meet you at the airport and transfer you to the hotel. The balance of the day is at leisure.
- Dubai is one of the seven emirates of the United Arab Emirates known for luxury shopping, ultramodern architectures blended with Arabic history and culture.

### Day 3: Dubai

Breakfast: Yes | Lunch: N/A | Dinner: N/A

- After breakfast, visit Dubai's signature landmark **Burj Al Arab**, the celebrated sail-shaped hotel erecting in the Persian Gulf, connected by a bridge with the sea shore. Designed by Atkins as the first 7-star ultraluxury hotel in the world, the Burj Al Arab, also named "Arab Star",



the "Tower of Arab", has been nominated to be the first place of the global top 10 most deluxe hotels by "Conde Nast Traveler". Continue our journey to touch down on the **Jumeirah Palm**, the world first artificial island in the ocean innovatively constructed as if it were a palm tree floating on water. Board the monorail and ride to the tiptop of the palm tree. En route, admire the perfectly designed villas and houses on each branch of the palm. Disembark and you will see the grand and posh Atlantis Palm Resort standing in front of you surrounded by turquoise ocean, white beach and the Lost Chambers of Aquarium. Next, you will be bused to the 2716ft/828m high, the world tallest building, 162-story **Burj Khalifa**, a masterpiece of the famed SOM. Take a super high-speed escalator to the observation deck – "At the Top Sky" on the 124th floor in 59 seconds. This is your WOW moment to enjoy the azure ocean, golden desert, towering minarets and miracle skyline 1820ft/555m above the ground. Head to the gigantic commercial complex-**Dubai Mall** which is believed to be the largest mall in the world housing big brands, boutique stores, gift shops, food court, Michelin restaurants, amusement arcade, movie theaters, ice rink and, to your surprise, a huge **Mall Aquarium**. This two-floor high indoor aquarium is unimaginably built inside a shopping center resembling natural underwater scenery. Your last highlight of the day is watching the **Dubai Fountain Show** on the Burj Khalifa Lake which is a must on the agenda for travelers from all over the world. Animated with performances set to light and music, Dubai Fountain is by far the largest and tallest of its kind worldwide visible from some 20mi/32km away. Free up your energy and shake a leg to the dynamic rhythm of the "Dance of Water".

- Return to the hotel and relax.



## Day 4: Dubai

Breakfast: Yes | Lunch: Yes | Dinner: N/A

- Today, unlike the **Bur Dubai** yesterday, we are going to venture in the **Deira Dubai** which is the old section of town where the traditional life style has been well preserved. Dubai was a small fishing village but because of the prime location and easy transportation, this place has been the trade and wholesale hub for spices, jewelry and textile in the Middle East for a long history. Join our group to walk through the hustle and bustle **Fabric Market** where the locals often come for picking their favorite materials, choosing various accessories and having apparel custom-made. Jump into a **Water Taxi Abra** with the natives to ride across the **Dubai Creek** and call on the **Dubai Spice Souk**, an inviting place full of colorful, aromatic ingredients and herbs. Wander along the narrow alleyways lined with stalls offering all kinds of spices and additives from the Middle East and as far as India. If you are so curious, pinch and taste the flavors and ask for the recipes from the friendly vendors as you explore this fragrant marketplace. **Dubai Gold Souk** is another must-see spot not far from the spice bazaar where you have more small passages to discover. The stores here expose travelers to an endless array of stylish gems, silver, platinum and of course gold from around the world that attract dealers and brokers in large numbers every year. There must be something to your liking from the range of products here and get ready to practice your bargaining skills with these outlet owners and select a piece of keepsake to take home. Follow our guide to meet our bus via **Perfume Souk**. **Dubai Museum** in the Al Fahidi Fort is our next program to obtain an overall picture of what the city was like in the past. **Bastakiya Quarter** is a historical district where old wind-towered houses of wealthy merchants are still in good shape. If you wish to know more about the city behind all the looming skyscrapers, step in the art gallery, the café, and **Sheikh Mohammed Centre** to learn how Dubai emerged from a small unknown town to such a futuristic cosmopolitan metropolis within 50 years. Meet

and chat with your host at this old neighborhood about the traditions and history of the city followed by a lunch of authentic Emirati cuisine.

- Come back to the hotel and the rest of the day is at leisure or you are welcome to opt for our optional **Dubai by Night** excursion.

### **Optional Tour: Dubai by Night with dinner U\$109/person**

- Board the **Arabian Dhow Cruise** with fellow travelers to admire sparkling Dubai landmarks all lit up at night. Enjoy dinner onboard with live entertainment/music. On the way back to hotel, make a photo stop at the flashy **Dubai Frame** shining in the evening, symbolizing the promising future of Dubai.
- Approximate boat ride duration is 2 hours.

## Day 5: Dubai

Breakfast: Yes | Lunch: N/A | Dinner: N/A

- Today you can explore Dubai on your own or join us for an amazing optional journey with special dinner included.

### **Optional Tour: Al Sharjah city tour and Desert Safari with dinner show U\$109/person**

- Start off your adventure by touring Al Sharjah, the third largest city of UAE. Taking pride in some notable museums, mosques and heritage sites, Sharjah is also named the “*Cultural Capital of Arabic World*” by UNESCO . Photo stop at **Cultural Square**, the city center encircled by Royal Palace, Royal Mosque, public library and cultural center. Immerse yourself in the **Museum of Islamic Civilization** featuring 5000 pieces of antiquities showcasing the Islamic history, culture, religion, tradition and art. Step in **Bait Al Nabooda House** which was built in the mid-19th century as a residence and get a glimpse of how the wealthy pearl merchant lived back then. Short drive back to **Dubai Emirates Mall** where you could go skiing in **SKI Dubai**, the world largest indoor ski



field. Afternoon excursion will be set off by jumping on a 4X4 vehicle with our skilled professional driver and moving on to **Dubai Desert Conservation Reserve**. Take part in the heart-beating dune bashing ride, quad biking and sandboarding. Make a quick stop on the highest sand dune for photo ops of the spectacular sunset. Proceed to the camel farm located in the heart of the desert and hop a camel for a ride across the desert to a **Bedouin Campsite** where you are invited to participate in various cultural activities like henna painting, falconry displaying, Arabic bread-making and photo shooting in Arabic costume. Try Arabic coffee, dates and shisha smoking (from water pipe) before experiencing the Emirati hospitality by tasting the starlight Arabian BBQ buffet for a special dinner around the campfire, accompanied by the **Tanura Dance** and **Belly Dance** Performance.

- Return to the hotel in Dubai with unforgettable memories.
- Approximate tour duration is 9 hours.

Please note:

1. The thrilling roller-coaster ride on 4WD may not be suitable for small kids under 3, pregnant ladies or those with physical or health issues. Other activities are just fine.
2. Do wear comfortable clothes and shoes and Do Not wear jewelry or expensive watch today.
3. Keep your cellphone in a safe and secure place after taking pictures each time on the tour (no signal in the desert)
4. Some campsite cultural activities are subject to a separate fee and/or availability from different villages. Belly dance is not available during the month of Ramadan.

## Day 6: Dubai

Breakfast: Yes | Lunch: N/A | Dinner: N/A

- Today is free for your last-minute shopping or you could join us for an optional day trip to Abu Dhabi, the capital of the United Arab Emirates with lunch covered.



### **Optional Tour: Abu Dhabi city tour with lunch** **U\$109/person**

- Depart for to Abu Dhabi after breakfast. Make our first stop at **Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque**, an eye-catching symbol of the city which nobody wants to miss out. Being one of the world's largest mosques featuring different Islamic architectural schools, the pure white mosque was constructed in memory of Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, the founder of the UAE. With 4 tall minarets, 82 white marble domes, 1,096 jasper embedded columns, 24-carat-gold gilded chandeliers and the world's largest hand-knotted carpet, the massive architectural work of art is unparalleled and will certainly have impact in the history. Make a few photo stops and admire the gleaming architecture marvels including the new CBD-**Etihad Towers**, the "*Leaning Tower of Abu Dhabi*"-**Capital Gate**, the world only 8 star superdeluxe hotel-**Emirates Palace Hotel**, and the extravagant presidential palace-**Qasr al Watan**. Explore the **Qasr al-Hosn**, known as the "*White Fort*", or "*Old Fort*". This oldest stone building was constructed in 1761 as a watchtower to protect the only fresh water well in the area and now it has been converted as an exquisite history museum. A quick visit to the **Heritage Village** where you step back to the past life of Bedouin nomadic tribe before oil was found. Walk into local workshops and see how the craftsmen make metalwork, weave fabric, bake pottery, carve woodwork and blow glass. Afternoon visit to **the Louvre Abu Dhabi**, one of the "*Modern Urban Architecture Miracles*" in the whole world. Sponsored by the Louvre, as the "*Largest Cultural*"



*Project Outside France*”, the Louvre Abu Dhabi was designed not only for housing and exhibiting the priceless works of art, but also as a timeless architectural masterpiece harmoniously combined with elements of white wall, blue ocean, golden desert and silver dome, depicting that the UAE is undergoing a speedy development and gaining full confidence marching towards the future. Drive along the **Corniche** and **Breakwater** before heading back to Dubai via the world only **Ferrari Theme Park**.

- › Stay overnight in Dubai.
- › Approximate tour duration is 8 hours.

Please follow below rules when entering into Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque:

1. Long pants and long sleeves for all visitors. A piece of shawl for ladies to cover hair. No slippers are allowed.
2. Do NOT wear a cross-shaped jewelry inside.
3. Taking pictures inside is permitted.

### Day 7: Depart from the United Arab Emirates

Breakfast: Yes | Lunch: N/A | Dinner: N/A

- After breakfast, your guide will take you to the airport for your flight home or continue your extension trip.

### Post Tour Extensions:

- 1) Jordan 5 Nights Extension Package:  
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- 2) Turkey 6 Nights Extension Package:  
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# Jordan

## 6 Days 5 Nights

### Tour Highlights:

- ★ Stroll at the UNESCO listed archeological site, “*Pompeii of the Middle East*”, Jerash
- ★ Wonder around the UNESCO listed abandoned town, the “*Rose Red City*”, Petra
- ★ Take a selfie on top of the Castle Hill against the “*White City*” with a huge Jordan flag
- ★ Swim afloat the Dead Sea, the lowest point in the world
- ★ Visit 3 UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Sites 

### Day 1: Amman

Breakfast: Yes | Lunch: Yes | Dinner: N/A

- Fly to Amman and upon arrival, partake in the city tour of Amman, capital city of Jordan.
- Berbers, Persians, Greeks, Romans, Byzantines, Crusaders, Turks, Jews, Assyrians, Egyptians, Canaanites have all left their markings and influences in this historical place which make the whole city a “*world history museum*”. Step in the **King Abdullah Mosque**, the largest of such in town, capable of holding as many as 10,000 people worshipping at the same time. The

extravagant blue mosaic dome has been the distinct city symbol for quite a number of years. Move on to the **Roman Amphitheater**, the largest of its kind in Jordan, big enough for hosting 6,000 people right at the foot of the **Castle Hill** and next to **Hashemite Square**. Follow us to the **Rainbow Street** in the old town to soak up some Arabian atmosphere in this old city.

- Check in the hotel and relax.

Remarks: Please follow below rules when entering into King Abdullah Mosque:

- 1) Long pants and long sleeves for male visitors. Long robes with hair cover for ladies. No slippers are allowed.
- 2) Do NOT wear a cross-shaped jewelry inside.
- 3) Taking pictures inside is permitted.

### Day 2: Amman

Breakfast: Yes | Lunch: N/A | Dinner: N/A

- Morning agenda is the **Citadel of Amman** atop one of the seven hills. As the highest point, here is a perfect spot overlooking this ancient “*White City*” with the **World’s Largest Jordan Flag** and its tallest flag pole. Built for the royal family in 720 AD, **Umayyad Palace** together with **Temple of Hercules, Byzantine Church, Clock Tower**



### Day 3: Amman - Petra

Breakfast: Yes | Lunch: Yes | Dinner: N/A

and water supply facilities was functioned as a hilltop capital for Umayyad Caliphate. Visit the **Onsite History Museum**.

- Enjoy your free afternoon to explore the ancient Amman or you are invited to join our optional tour to Jerash with Jordan local flavor lunch.

 **Optional Tour: Trip to Jerash and Ajloun Castle with lunch \$129/person.**

- › Spend some time at **Ajloun Castle**, atop Mt Auf, which is one of the few Muslim fortresses left from ancient time built on the site of a Byzantine monastery and named after a Christian monk. Archaeological excavations indicate that the castle was destroyed and refurbished many times in the early history and finally enlarged in 1184 A.D. to limit expansion of the Crusaders and to defend the local iron mines. Continue on to Jerash.
- › Nicknamed "*Pompeii of the Middle East*", Jerash is the best-preserved Roman city all over Jordan and it is on the UNESCO  list which is an unavoidable archeological site on the bucket list. The **Roman theater, Colonnaded Street, Nymphaeum, Hippodrome, Oval Plaza and Temple of Zeus** were well designed and built about 2000 years ago but all buried underground after a severe earthquake. The ruins were first found in 1806 and started to be unearthed in 1920. Thousand's year-old **Arch of Hadrian** is still remaining erected as if it were welcoming travelers from home and abroad.
- Head back to Amman late afternoon for a restful evening.

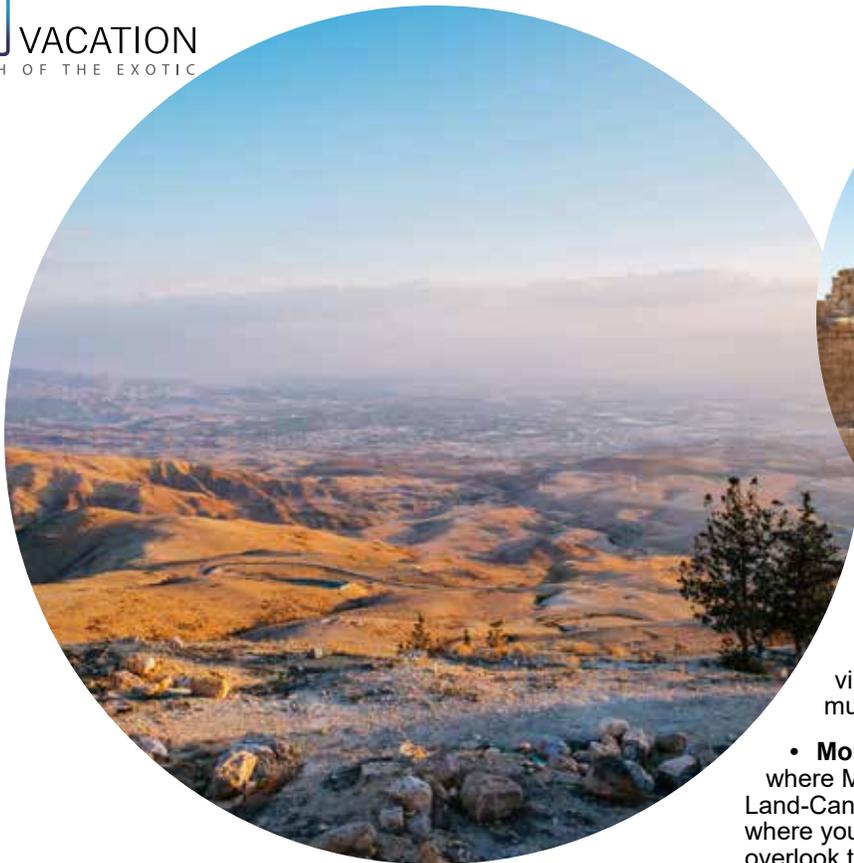
- Board our bus for the journey to Petra (140mi/230km). Make two stops on the way, first is a photo stop at **Wadi Mujib**, a captivating and tranquil natural reserve, and second brief stop is **Shobak Castle**, an eminent Crusader fortification which was built in 1115 AD. The location of this castle was of vital importance as it was on the main artery between Egypt and Syria, a strategic spot to tax the traders and pilgrims at that time.

- Arrive at the UNESCO  listed Petra, the "*Rose Red City*" and one of the "*New Seven World Wonders*", a busy and thriving city on the trade route about 2600 years ago declined as the trade activities on the Red Sea were emerging and blooming. Petra was far away from any cities distance wise so it was found abandoned and empty when the Arabs seized the area in the 7<sup>th</sup> century AD. When the Swiss rediscovered this quiet but amazing place in 1812, they were shocked by the grandeur and magnificence of these whole massive constructions but they found no words or documents recording its splendid history. Carved into sheer rosy stones, this awesome area is also called "*Rose City*" and you could find about 700 ancient tombs scattered around the entire region. The 131ft/40m tall, 2000 years old and breath-taking **AL Khazneh** has been chosen to be the filming location for many popular American movies. The **Siq** is a snaky narrow path in the colorful sandstone valley between the high cliffs where you could still see the tombs, water dams, shrines and terraces for putting candles.

Remarks:

- 1) Please wear comfortable walking shoes today.
  - 2) Bring enough bottle water with you as the weather is usually very dry at this area.
- Check in the hotel at Petra and rest up after a full scheduled day.





village is located in a beautiful natural reserve with much flora and fauna around.

- **Mount Nebo** is believed to be the holy mountain where Moses was granted a view of the Promised Land-Canaan before his death. This is also the summit where you could view the Serpentine Cross Sculpture and overlook the Dead Sea, Jordan River Valley, Bethlehem and Jerusalem.

#### Day 4: Petra - Dead Sea

Breakfast: Yes | Lunch: N/A | Dinner: N/A

- Embark on our bus to the **Dead Sea**, the lowest point on land of the earth and also one of the saltiest lakes on the planet. The unique lake is 1391ft/424m below the sea level and the salinity content of water here is about averagely 8.7 times higher than that of ocean.
- Check in the hotel for a free afternoon. You may choose to float yourself on the fabled Dead Sea or enjoy a special Dead Sea mud spa to relax.

Remarks: If you wish to swim in the buoyant Dead Sea, please note the followings:

- 1) Hotel provides storage bin if available and you may need to prepare deposit in local currency for using it.
- 2) Hotel may offer bath towel and bath robe for rent.
- 3) Not recommended to float in the Dead Sea for over 30 minutes each time due to the high concentration of salt. Avoid lake water splashing into eyes or mouth.

#### Day 5: Dead Sea

Breakfast: Yes | Lunch: Yes | Dinner: N/A

- Today, join us for a full day tour covering some imposing sites.
- **Bethany beyond the Jordan**, an UNESCO  listed attraction, is the baptism site of Jesus Christ held by John the Baptist where pilgrims have been visiting for 2000 years. As one of the three holiest sites of Christianity, the

- **Madaba**, the “*City of Mosaic*”. is where a complete vibrantly colorful 6<sup>th</sup>-century mosaic map of the Holy Land was found on the floor in the Greek Orthodox Church of St. George.
- **Karak Castle**, a magnificent large stone fort built on the hill top along the King’s way. First constructed in 105 A.D. by the Romans and reinforced in the 12<sup>th</sup> century by the Crusaders, these historical remains embody a mixture of west European, Byzantine, and Arab designs.

#### Day 6: Depart for USA/Canada

Breakfast: Yes | Lunch: N/A | Dinner: N/A

- After breakfast, check out from your hotel and head to the airport for your flight home.







# Turkey

## Extension

7 Days 6 Nights

### Tour Highlights:

- ★ Immerse yourself in the 1500-year-old Hagia Sophia and learn the splendid history of Turkey
- ★ Visit the Sultan Ahmed Mosque, the city landmark of Istanbul
- ★ Compare the Topkapi Palace and the Dolmabahce Palace to further understand the development of the country
- ★ Unwind the story of Fall of Constantinople by overlooking the Golden Horn and Bosphorus Strait
- ★ Marvel at the UNESCO site Ephesus and sock up the Greek culture
- ★ Navigate in the UNESCO site Pamukkale and appreciate jaw-dropping scenery
- ★ Visit 3 UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Sites 

### Day 1: Fly to Istanbul

Breakfast: Yes | Lunch: N/A | Dinner: N/A

- Istanbul, the only city in the world that stretches across two continents, is the largest city in Turkey with a

population of 20 million. Used to be the capital city for Byzantine Empire, Latin Empire and Ottoman Empire, this ancient city has a long history, fascinating culture and gourmet food that attract visitors from all over the world.

- Upon arrival, meet our local guide and start your exploration by visiting the UNESCO  listed **Ancient Sultanahmet District** on European side. **Sultan Ahmed Mosque**, also nicked named the “*Blue Mosque*” owing to the blue glazed tiles the architects used for the decoration is a must-see sight. This massive construction is topped by over 30 domes and 6 minarets, big enough for housing 3500 pilgrims at the same time. Built between 1609 and 1616, the Blue Mosque mixed with Byzantine and Islamic styles is the city landmark building visible from across the **Bosphorus Strait**. Not far from here is the **Hagia Sophia**, a present-day museum and a 900-year-old Byzantine church as well as a 500-year-old Islam Mosque in the old time. When Muhammad II stepped in this grand cathedral in 1453AD, instead of ordering to smash the complex into pieces, he determined to modify the structure, kept St. Mary status, covered the Byzantine mural paintings with plaster and converted this Christian church to a Muslim Mosque. Keep going to the **Egyptian Bazaar**, an ancient spice market and **Grand Bazaar**, one of the world largest and oldest markets featuring all kinds of commodities you can imagine. Walk around in the old town center





at **Sultanahmet Square** where you could admire three remarkable historical remains: **Obelisk of Theodosius**, **Spiral Column** and **Constantine Column**.

- Check in your hotel and rest up.

Remarks:

- 1) Conservative dress is recommended especially visiting the religious venues. No shorts or short skirts for ladies and bare shoulders/heads are better to be covered. Men are encouraged to choose the long pants. Remove shoes when entering into the mosques.
- 2) Ramadan is the holy month for the Islamic world and all Muslims have to fast from dawn to dusk without eating, drinking or smoking. Non-Muslims are not supposed to eat in public at this time.

**Day 2: Istanbul**

Breakfast: Yes | Lunch: N/A | Dinner: N/A

- *"If the whole world is one country, the capital must be Istanbul"*.
- A full day in-depth tour to learn more about this appealing place is unwinding for you.
- Let us first take you to the **Basilica Cistern**, an underground reservoir built in 532AD for the water supply of the imperial palace. The accidental discovery of two upside down Medusa head sculptures has added more mystery and romance to this unique place which has

appeared in many top-grossing movies. Next stop is the famed **Topkapi Palace**. Initially constructed by Muhammad II and expanded by Suleiman I, this royal palace is a huge compound consisting of imperial residence, library, mosque, school, hospital, and garden, spacious enough for 4000 dwellers. There were as many as 30 sultans who lived and ruled the vast country from this palace. Move to the **New District** on European side and visit the **Dolmabahce Palace**, also called the "New Palace", where the last 6 sultans resided. Enlightened by the Louvre and inspired by the Buckingham Palace, this complex was designed to be fancy, luxurious and extravagant on a man-made land in water, overlooking the **Golden Horn** and the **Sea of Marmara**. Stroll along the lively **Istiklal Avenue** connecting **Galata Tower** and **Taksim Square** lined with boutiques, book stores, bistros, high end restaurants, music pubs, art galleries, movie theaters and libraries. The elegant and charming architectures here in Classical, Gothic and Renaissance styles portray the golden era when this was all Genovese concession.

- Come back to the hotel and relax or you are invited to join us for the optional evening dinner cruise on the Bosphorus, the dividing line between East and West.

 **Optional Tour: Night cruise on Bosphorus with dinner and folk-dance performance \$79/person.**

**Day 3: Istanbul-Izmir**

Breakfast: Yes | Lunch: N/A | Dinner: N/A

- After breakfast, drive southwest to Izmir (300mi/480km), the third largest city in Turkey lying on the coast of Aegean Sea. En route, sit back and enjoy the idyllic scenery of the West Anatolia.
- Overnight stay in Izmir





#### Day 4: Izmir-Ephesus-Cesme/Alacati-Izmir

Breakfast: Yes | Lunch: Yes | Dinner: N/A

- Hop on our bus and unlock an enriching day with our local tour expert. Ephesus, so called “*the Pompeii in Turkey*”, is by far the biggest and best preserved ancient Greek archeological site worldwide with about 3000 years of history and designated as the UNESCO [UNESCO](#) World Heritage Site. Used to be the first large scale cosmopolitan city in Asia, Ephesus was one of the five major thriving and prosperous Roman cities described as “*A city not Rome but excels Rome*”. To your surprise, the bathroom, music hall, hospital, court house and temple you can see today are just a small portion of the structures already unearthed while the most are still buried underneath. The **Temple of Hadrian**, the world first **Water-flush Toilet**, the earliest **Joy House Advertising Sign**, the **Amphitheater** and world third largest **Celsus Library** are all landmarks indicating how sophisticated and metropolitan Ephesus was. Visit **Ephesus Museum** at tranquil Selcuk and admire the priceless antiquities excavated from the whole district. Swing by **House of Virgin Mary**, the pilgrimage place where St. Mary spent her last years on earth. Head to the mesmerizing ocean resort Cesme to savor an authentic Aegean style lunch with local fruit wine. Wonder around at the nearby blue and white Greek flavor town Alacati noted for its beaches, windmills, wineries and old stone houses dotted with blue windows.
- Overnight stay in Izmir



#### Day 5: Izmir-Pamukkale-Izmir

Breakfast: Yes | Lunch: Yes | Dinner: N/A

- Depart for **Hierapolis**, the “*Holy City*” at Pamukkale, a UNESCO [UNESCO](#) listed historical Greco-Roman ruin site featuring theater, church, bath house and **Necropolis** atop the Pamukkale hot springs used as a thermal spa since 2nd century BC. The unique carbonate mineral left by the flowing water has granted another name to the area as “*Cotton Castle*” referring to the white limestone formations of the hot springs. Wrap up the day by stepping in the **Hierapolis Archaeology Museum** to feast your eyes with precious artifacts discovered from this region.
- Overnight stay in Izmir

#### Day 6: Izmir-Istanbul

Breakfast: Yes | Lunch: N/A | Dinner: N/A

- Bid farewell to the enticing Izmir after hotel breakfast and drive back to Istanbul
- Overnight stay in Istanbul

#### Day 7: Depart from Istanbul

Breakfast: Yes | Lunch: N/A | Dinner: N/A

- Check out from hotel and head to airport for your flight home.







# Morocco

## 7 Days 6 Nights

### Tour Highlights:

- ★ Visit the bucket-list workshop of Dye-pits and Tanneries in the YELLOW city of Fes
- ★ Visit the Mausoleum of Mouley Ismail in the GREEN city of Moulay Idriss Zerhoun
- ★ Visit the dynamic and lively Djema el-Fna Square in the RED city of Marrakesh
- ★ Visit the trendy and cozy coastal Miami Beach Boardwalk in the WHITE city of Casablanca
- ★ Visit 5 UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Sites 

### Day 1: Fly to Casablanca

Breakfast: N/A | Lunch: N/A | Dinner: N/A

- Upon arrival at Casablanca, meet and greet then transfer to hotel.
- Rest up and get ready for your busy sightseeing tomorrow.

### Day 2: Casablanca-Rabat-Moulay Idriss Zerhoun-Volubilis-Meknes-Fes

Breakfast: Yes | Lunch: N/A | Dinner: Yes

- Acclaimed as the “Atlantic Bride”, Casablanca is also called a “White City” as the entire city is dominated by white color. Today you will start your journey from Casablanca to Fes and on the way, visit the political capital Rabat, some 56mi/90km away to the north along the ocean coast. Rabat is one of the four ancient imperial cities with a history of about 900 years. Follow our local expert to explore the UNESCO  listed **Kasbah of the Udyas**, once a military fortress on the ocean and first built by the Berber Dynasty in 12 century AD, now is a mesmerizing blue and white artist village, nicknamed named “Miniature Chefchaouen”. The white marble **Mausoleum of Mohammed V** commemorating the founding father of modern Morocco sits just opposite of **Hassan Tower**, a remarkable and elegant structure from 1195 AD. In between the two constructions are 312 stone pillars still standing as the **Ruins of Grand Hassan Mosque** which was destroyed during 1775 earthquake. Continue on to Meknes, 94mi/150km from Rabat. En route, stop at **Volubilis** to visit a UNESCO  listed ancient Roman city archeological site and also stop at Moulay Idriss Zerhoun





to visit this green town famous for the **Mausoleum of Mouley Ismail**. Arrive at Meknes, one of the four ancient imperial cities and used to be the capital city in 1672 AD. Walk around the historical city under the protection of UNESCO  including **Royal Stables, City Wall and Bab Mansour**.

- Check in the hotel in Fes.

### Day 3: Fes

Breakfast: Yes | Lunch: N/A | Dinner: N/A

- Being the first of the four ancient imperial cities, Fes is always regarded as the religious and cultural capital even today with 2800 years of history. Start off your full sightseeing day by observing the **Bronze Doors** of the Royal Palace, symbol of the country followed by entering the magnificent **Bab Bou Jeloud** erecting between the old town and the new town with shining blue façade on the outside and green mosaic design facing interior, a typical Moorish architecture. Stroll along the UNESCO  **Medina** old winding alleyways lined with hundreds of mosques and tens of thousands of shops with medieval atmosphere. As the first Muslim city in North Africa and proud to be one of the Islamic Mecca places globally, Fes had the world first university, **Mosque and University Karaouiyn** which was built close to 400 years earlier than Oxford University. Once known as the “*African Athens*”, “*Paradise for Handicrafts*” and “*Pottery Capital*”, Fes was a much more prosperous and sophisticated city than most

of the European metropolitan areas back then. Step into the bucket-list workshop of **Dye-pits and Tanneries** and learn how the local artisans have preserved their traditional techniques for producing such high standard leathercraft for hundreds of years.

- Enjoy your free evening or you may join us for a unique optional evening excursion to enrich your experience.

 **Optional Tour: Fes by Night with dinner and live performance in Riad U\$99/person.**

### Day 4: Fes-Marrakesh

Breakfast: Yes | Lunch: N/A | Dinner: N/A

- Take the bus ride to Marrakesh (330mi/530km). En route, sit back relax and enjoy idyllic sceneries of the rugged Mountains, tree-fringed valleys and Berber villages.
- Overnight in Marrakesh.

### Day 5: Marrakesh

Breakfast: Yes | Lunch: N/A | Dinner: N/A

- Today you are going to venture into the last of the four imperial cities, Marrakesh, often declared to be the “*Pearl of the South*”. Age old red city wall together with other red sandstone buildings have granted the city a second name “*Red City*”. In sharp contrast to this major city color, **Majorelle Garden** adopts vibrant colors especially the bright yellow and bright blue for decorating the courtyard dotted with leafy trees, dense shrubs, towering cacti and colorful flowers. The so-called Majorelle Blue villa located in the garden has been converted to be the **Berber Museum**, home to a collection of Berber cultural relics and artifacts. Next is **Saadian Tombs**, a richly and luxuriously





### Day 6: Marrakesh- Casablanca

Breakfast: Yes | Lunch: Yes | Dinner: N/A

- Breakfast in the hotel followed by a bus ride back to Casablanca (156mi/250km), Morocco's commercial capital and the largest city of the country. Upon arrival, go directly to **Mohammed V Square** located at the city center in honor of the former king of Morocco Muhammad V. Head to **Hassan II Mosque**, the third largest mosque worldwide. Designed by French architects, partially built in the Atlantic and equipped with innovative facilities, the mosque is often hailed as the "Mosque on the ocean" and the "Most luxurious and modern mosque in the world". Stroll along the **Miami Beach Boardwalk**, a trendy and cozy coastal promenade where you may enjoy the ocean breeze, view the stunning sunset, sip in the **Rick Café** or set foot on the sandy beach.

- Overnight in Casablanca.

### Day 7: Depart from Morocco

Breakfast: Yes | Lunch: N/A | Dinner: N/A

- Morning check out from your hotel and head to the airport for your onward flight.



decorated complex depicting the high point of Moroccan and Moorish architecture in the Saadian Dynasty. Following the necropolis is the **Bahia Palace**, former residence of the royal family known for its ornate glazed tiles and intricate wood carving decorations. Your final stop is at the center of old quarter, **Koutoubia Mosque**, "The most beautiful mosque in North Africa", big enough to host 20,000 people at the same time. The 253ft/77m tall minaret tower, also called "Fragrant Tower", is the landmark and symbol of the city, not only due to its height but also its aroma as herbs and spices were added in the plaster when constructed.

- Enjoy the rest of the day or you may take part in our optional Marrakesh evening excursion with dinner.

 **Optional Tour: Marrakesh by Night with dinner U\$99/person:**

- › Hop on a horse carriage for a ride to soak up the unique ambiance of thousand-year-old North African culture. Explore **Medina**, a UNESCO  World Cultural Site and linger around the dynamic and lively **Djemaa el-Fna Square**, a never-sleeping bazaar for almost one thousand years where you will find dancers, fortune tellers, snake charmers and acrobats all over the market place. The smell of the food stands, the lights of the souvenir stalls, the rhythm of the musicians all make this souk a hustle and bustle hub of Marrakesh attracting visitors from home and abroad every single day. Dinner will be in the typical Moroccan style.

