



explore
'Once in a lifetime'
Ramadan Kareem

You are cordially invited to celebrate Ramadan with us in the United Arab Emirates

6 days / 5 nights Ramadan Kareem Program

20th August - 25th August 2010

27th August - 1st September 2010

3rd September - 8th September 2010

Ramadan is an important period of religious significance for Muslims who observe the period with daytime fasting, worship and spiritual contemplation. If you always longed to do something completely different or to give your body a rest (fasting), why not join us in the United Arab Emirates for this once in a lifetime experience and be part of this very spiritual, cultural and social occasion.

The main benefits of Ramadan are an increased compassion for those in need of the necessities of life, a sense of self-purification and reflection and a renewed focus on spirituality. People also appreciate the feeling of togetherness shared by family and friends throughout the month. Perhaps the greatest practical benefit is the yearly lesson in self-restraint and discipline that can carry forward to other aspects of a life such as work and education.

Join us on this spiritual and cultural Ramadan Kareem experiences, learn more about the Middle Eastern culture and traditions, give something back to the community by participating in Charity that will definitely touch your life. Celebrate your final Iftar meal with His Highness Sheikh Abdul Aziz bin Ali bin Rashid Al-Nuaimi.

Ramadan Kareem Itinerary

DAY 1: WELCOME TO DUBAI

Arrival at Dubai International Airport, meet & assist and transfer to the Qamardeen Hotel in Dubai. A small traditional gift will await you.

In the evening you will be meeting your Ramadan host/hostess and the group for a short introduction.

DAY 2: CULTURAL DUBAI WITH JUMEIRAH MOSQUE VISIT

Breakfast in the hotel or for guests who will be participating in the fast an early morning traditional Arabic breakfast (Suhoor) will be served before sunrise.

Your host will be greeting you this morning and give you an overview and presentation on the exciting week ahead and explain what you can expect to experience and you will have the opportunity to ask as many questions as possible.

Then we invite you to discover more about the life and religion of the Emirates while visiting the famous Jumeirah Mosque, an architectural landmark of Dubai. It's a beautiful experience, informative yet spiritual.



Continue your journey and visit the Heritage Village, and explore the traditional and cultural side of Dubai's Bastakya area where until today you can find the old wind tower houses and the markets (Souks). Dubai is a city that provides a new setting at every turn, richly mixing together the old and the new, a city of ages that rises out of the desert and crowns the gulf coast with its presence.



Entice your senses on a walk through the spice market, get blinded by the sparkle of the Gold Souq. We cross the Creek by Abra, the traditional water taxi and visit the old Fahidi Fort, which is today the Dubai Museum, providing us with a great insight of the cities history.

In the afternoon you will have some time for a rest and meditate, before getting ready for Iftar, the traditional meal after sunset, followed by the late evening atmosphere in a Ramadan tent.

DAY 3: ABU DHABI SHEIKH ZAYED MOSQUE & CULTURAL AWARENESS SESSION BY A UAE NATIONAL

For guests fasting early morning Suhoor or normal breakfast in the hotel. We will then drive to the capital of the UAE, Abu Dhabi and visit the magnificent Sheikh Zayed Mosque, an architectural landmark and extremely spiritual place. On a guided tour you will discover all the treasures of the mosque. Then you continue on a short tour of Abu Dhabi, where you will visit Union Square, the Corniche (photo stop) and the Heritage Village. If time allow we will visit the famous Emirates Palace for a photo stop or for a little exploration.



In the afternoon you will be experiencing a Cultural Awareness Session, hosted by a famous Emirati National from Abu Dhabi, who has chosen to live his life differently than most, he's an author, cultural consultant, professional speaker and TV show host. The session will entail an interactive presentation or discussion, providing an insight on the history and background of the United Arab Emirates. You will get to understand the social codes of the Arabian Gulf while building bridges between cultures. Learn more about Ramadan, why it is important, why Muslims fast, what are the benefits of fasting.

We will then share an Iftar in Abu Dhabi and enjoy the atmosphere here of a Ramadan tent. Later on in the evening transfer back to Dubai.



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DAY 4: SHARJAH VISIT & AJMAN CHARITY CENTRE

Early morning Suhoor or normal breakfast in the hotel. Today you will be visiting Sharjah, an exciting, lively city with colourful souks filled with interesting artefacts on every corner. The combination of restored houses in traditional style with walls of sea coral and the bright colours of the material souks gives the city a magical feeling. We will pass by the Sharjah Creek Mosque for a photo stop, the Al Arsa Souk and the beautiful Central Souk (Blue Souk).



Later on in the day we will be on our way to Ajman spending time at the Al Eshan Medical and Charity Centre one of the highlights of our trip. Giving, helping and doing charity is a vital part of Ramadan in the community. This afternoon you will have the opportunity to learn more about that aspect of Ramadan and will be participating in the food distribution program.

Ajman doesn't have natural resources of its own, and there are many families that cannot afford medical care. In addition to these services, Al Eshan grants credit to single mothers, who have been widowed or abandoned by their husbands. You will get the opportunity to provide food to underprivileged people. A simple Iftar will be enjoyed in the Charity Centre with hundreds of people.

Following Iftar you will return back to Dubai with so many new impressions and experiences.

DAY 5: JOIN HH SHEIKH ABDUL AZIZ AND HIS FAMILY FOR IFTAR

Normal breakfast or Suhoor before sunrise. Today you will have some free time for meditation or to explore on your own, before we drive to Ajman, where you will be joining HH Sheikh Abdul Aziz bin Ali Rashid Al-Nuaimi and his family for Iftar in their home.

Be personally received by His Highness Sheikh Abdul Aziz along with his family at their Ajman home in the traditional style of this country, and enjoy the exclusivity of discussing one on one with a distinguished well educated and traveled Sheikh any issues pertaining to the UAE, be it politics, traditions, economy, environment, family, and more. HH will share the spiritual meaning of Ramadan with his guests throughout the evening, show you around his home and tell you about his family.



This is also a unique opportunity to taste traditional home cooked dishes of this region and discover the legendary Arabic hospitality. You will leave with an immense sense of satisfaction having made new friends among the Emirati community and understanding truly better their beautiful culture. All proceeds of the dinner will be donated to the Al Eshan Charity Centre.

After dinner transfer back to Dubai and you have the option to join late night evening tent atmosphere.



DAY 6: DEPARTURE

Normal breakfast in the hotel or early morning Suhoor. Transfer to Airport for departures or extend your stay in the United Arab Emirates.

Accommodation

QAMARDEEN HOTEL

Just a five-minute walk from Burj Dubai, the immense and inspiring Dubai Mall and right in the heart of the Old Town commercial and residential precinct, you'll find Qamardeen Hotel, a four star deluxe property that presents a perfect fusion of old and new. Here your senses will be seduced by the elegant craftsmanship of ancient



Dubai and your soul will be relaxed in a place where your every wish is our top priority. From the moment you walk through the alluring lobby, you'll notice that service has been elevated to an art form and that the comfortable Lobby Lounge is not just a reception area, but a place to relax and indulge in the serenity of the environment.



Terms & Conditions

- This program is based on a small group experience (max 20 participants) on seat-in coach basis.
- Desert Adventures is guaranteeing the 3 departure dates: 25th August, 1st September and 8th September 2010. Should you wish to book the tour on private basis please kindly contact us for further details.
- Since space is very limited availability is upon request
- Kindly note the order of days /contents might change to suit cultural event in United Arab Emirates during Ramadan.

The Package includes

- 5 nights accommodation at the Qamardeen hotel
- Breakfast or Suhoor every day
- Iftar as outlined in the program (4 nights)
- Meet & assist upon arrival, transfers and transportation as per the itinerary
- All taxes and service charges are included
- All entrance fees where applicable
- All tours are accompanied by an English/German speaking Tour guide, however presentations done by individual experts will be conducted in English only.

What is not included

- Late night Ramadan tent consumption (e.g. beverages and shisha also called water pipe)
- Visa charges to United Arab Emirates if applicable
- Any other meals not mentioned in the program
- All beverages unless stated otherwise
- Tips and portorage

Package Prices

Price in a Double Room per person	USD 1,363.-
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