

DESTINATION DUBAI

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WHY CHOOSE AESU?

ABOUT US

When deciding on a team you can trust to send you on the most magical, informative and fun travel experience, you need not look any further than AESU. We are an Educational Travel Service company founded in 1977. Our headquarters is located in Baltimore, MD with satellite and partner offices around the globe.

With over 40 years of experience we can safely say we know how to combine the wonders of history, the excitement of culture and of course, the adventure of experiencing the world. The balance of learning and fun provides a well-rounded experience, unforgettable memories, and new friendships to last a lifetime. It's time to stop dreaming about travel and start delving into it head first. When travelling with AESU, you get the most out of your journey, from trying local delicacies, to venturing into ancient territories, to living every moment of your time in each city to its absolute fullest. We want you to not only make an investment in the quality of your trip, but in the quality of every memory made along the way.

What are you waiting for? Just go!

OUR EXPERTISE

TRIPS FOR 18 - 35 YEAR OLDS

COLLEGE STUDENT AND YOUNG
PROFESSIONAL TRIPS

GRADUATION TOURS

YOUNG ALUMNI JOURNEYS

TRADITIONAL ALUMNI JOURNEYS

STUDY ABROAD AND
STUDENT TRAVEL

FACULTY-LED PROGRAMS TO
DESTINATIONS WORLDWIDE

CUSTOMIZED GROUP TRAVEL
SPECIALIST FOR ALL AGES

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TRAVEL INSURANCE

We highly recommend travel insurance. AESU also offers group travel insurance. Ask our reservations agent for details or click on this link:

<https://www.tripassure.com/main/?welcome=AESU3922MD>

DESTINATION DUBAI

8 DAYS



PLACES VISITED:
Dubai, UAE

ABOUT THE TRIP:

Dubai conjures up images of gleaming skyscrapers set against the backdrop of the vast Arabian Desert and glistening sea. See Burj Khalifa, the tallest building in the world, set alongside ancient mosques. Bargain for gold, spices and handicrafts at the atmospheric “souk” markets. Our Arabian adventure continues when we ride nature’s roller coaster— jeeps across the dunes. Overnight in the desert, ride camels, go sand surfing, then feast under the stars accompanied by traditional belly dancing. Find out for yourself why Dubai is one of the world’s most intriguing destinations.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

Welcome Orientation * Arabian ‘dhow’ evening cruise * Dubai city tour guided by local historian * Burj Al Arab * Jumeirah Mosque * Observation deck at Burj Khalifa, tallest building in the world * Al Bastakiya, Old Dubai * Spice market and ‘Gold Souk’ * Desert safari * Belly dancing * Dune surfing * Henna tattoos * Jumeirah Beach * 5-Star hotel accommodations * Optional harbor cruise and excursion to Abu Dhabi

WHAT’S INCLUDED:

The 8-day land package includes:
2 nights at a 5-star hotel located in Dubai city, 2-share rooms with private bath/shower * Room at the Dubai city hotel after return from overnight safari * 1 night camp in the desert, accommodations in tents and sleeping bags * 3 nights at a 5-star hotel on Jumeirah beach, 2-share rooms with private bath/shower * Airport transfers with purchase of AESU group airfare * 6 breakfasts * 3 dinners & 1 lunch * Half-day Dubai city tour with local English-speaking guide * Observation deck at Burj Khalifa, tallest building in the world * Overnight desert Safari including: transfer by land cruisers, camel ride, dune surfing, belly dancing, beverages, henna painting * Dhow dinner cruise * Cultural experience at the Sheikh Mohammed Centre for Cultural Understanding

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DAY 1 - TRAVEL TO DUBAI

Embark on your overnight flight to begin your Dubai experience.

Meals: In-flight

DAY 2 - DUBAI - LAND TOUR START DAY

Travelers, who booked a flight with AESU, will be met and transferred to the hotel. Tonight meet in the hotel lobby for a welcome cocktail and orientation with your tour director and fellow travelers.

Inclusions: *Transfer from airport to hotel included with purchased AESU group airfare; Welcome cocktail and orientation*

Meals: In-flight, Welcome cocktail

DAY 3 - DUBAI

Our local guide introduces us to both the new and the old Dubai on our city tour. On this scenic route we will make photo stops at Burj Al Arab, the famous 7-star hotel and Jumeirah Mosque, the only Mosque allowing non-Muslims to enter. Visit the breathtaking observation deck at Burj Khalifa, the tallest building in the world and a magnificent centerpiece of downtown Dubai. We pass the Sheikh's stunning palace, travel along Dubai Creek, the lifeline and pulse of the city, before taking a stroll through the narrow lanes of Al Bastakiya, the old Dubai. A visit to the Dubai Museum 'Al Fahidi Fort' to get acquainted with the history of Dubai, is followed by a traditional Emirati cultural experience at the Sheikh Mohammed Centre for Cultural Understanding. Enjoy lunch with local flair while chatting with your Emirati host about UAE culture, customs and religion. Board a water taxi, called 'Abra' to cross the lagoon to see the spice market and visit one of Dubai's famous landmarks, the Gold Souk. Tonight, join a traditional Arabian 'dhow' for an evening cruise. Enjoy a sumptuous welcome feast of Arabic and International cuisine while gently gliding past illuminated souks and palaces.

Inclusions: *Half-day city tour guided by a local historian; Admission to Burj Khalifa; Abra boat ride; Dubai's Souk markets; Traditional Arabian dhow dinner cruise; Cultural experience at the Sheikh Mohammed Centre for Cultural Understanding*

Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner cruise

DAY 4 - DUBAI - DESERT SAFARI

Land cruisers pick us up at the hotel for an excursion across the desert of Dubai. There are several photo stops during this exciting drive across the dunes. Upon arrival at the campsite, experience the beauty of the Arabian Desert as it was meant to be seen— on the back of a camel! For adrenaline junkies, no trip to Dubai is complete without at least one slide down a sand dune. Take advantage of the opportunity to experience the exhilaration of one of the most popular sports in the desert - sand boarding! If you prefer a more relaxing activity, try Arabic coffee and dates, have your hands or feet painted with henna or try a typical shisha while watching belly dancers perform by starlight after witnessing a magnificent desert sunset. Settle down for the night in tents and sleeping bags under the stars. Take the opportunity to enjoy the tranquility of the desert by night. Dubai Desert camping is a unique experience specially designed for nature lovers. Admire the beauty and magic of the Arabian Desert and discover a variety of flora and fauna. Tents with sleeping pads/mattresses are set up for the night under the Arabian sky. Suggestion: Pack a flash-light, a change of clothes and a sweater for the night.

Inclusions: *Transfer in private 4x4 vehicles; Desert safari including, dune bashing, sand boarding, henna painting, shisha, belly dancer performances; desert barbeque, Arabic coffee and dates; Overnight under the Arabian sky*

Meals: Breakfast, BBQ Dinner

*Overnight camp subject to weather conditions - heat index.



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DAY 5 - DUBAI - DUBAI BEACH

Upon return to Dubai, enjoy some of the best, biggest, most luxurious, elegant, yet affordable malls in the world. The Dubai & Emirate Malls offers more than 1,200 shops and a multitude of restaurants and cafes. We check into our hotel this afternoon. The hotel is located at one of the world's best and certainly Dubai's most famous beach, Jumeirah Beach Park. Dubai is land of sun and sand, so beaches form the most attractive part of its beauty. Later on relax and enjoy an optional cruise onboard a luxurious motor boat. Take in spectacular views of Dubai's coastline as you sail around Palm Jumeirah, the world's largest man-made island which has doubled the coastline of Dubai.

Inclusions: Transfer in private 4x4 vehicles, Dubai's famous shopping malls, Jumeirah Beach

Meals: Breakfast

Optional activity: Harbor cruise

DAY 6 - DUBAI BEACH

Enjoy idleness and the gentle breeze from the sea at your hotel's swimming pool or Jacuzzi. The magnificent beach directly in front of your resort offers many watersports facilities. Consider an optional excursion to Abu Dhabi. We leave from the hotel at approx. 9 am and return around 2.30 pm. The capital of the United Arab Emirates is a fascinating mix of tradition and progression, from the majestic Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque to the magnificent Emirates Palace Hotel. See both faces of Abu Dhabi in this introduction city tour.

Enjoy the remainder of the day exploring your hotel, laze on the beach, or partake in optional water sports activities.

Inclusions: Beach and pool time

Meals: Breakfast

Optional activity: Excursion to Abu Dhabi

DAY 7 - DUBAI BEACH

Take in the sun for another day or shop and sightsee in the downtown area. At tonight's farewell dinner, watch the chefs prepare your favorite dish with a new twist while you sample a variety of sumptuous international dishes. Finish your exciting culinary journey with heavenly international desserts.

Inclusions: Beach and pool time

Meals: Breakfast, Farewell dinner

DAY 8 - TRAVEL HOME

Today we transfer to the Dubai International Airport for our return flight home. Most flights to the US leave Dubai just after midnight. After check-out, your luggage can be stored with the hotel and you have access to all public hotel facilities until we depart for the airport. Travelers, registered for a transfer, meet in the hotel lobby and transfer to Dubai International Airport. We board our flight home with memories of one of the world's most intriguing destinations and plans for our next young alumni journey!

Inclusions: Transfer from hotel to airport included with purchased AESU group airfare

Meals: Breakfast, In-flight

****Important note: Please familiarize yourself with regards to dress code and acceptable behavior. To view specific Dubai Travel Guidelines, please visit our website****

Your trip includes the services of a private tour director for the duration of the land tour.

All services charges and local taxes are included. Thank your tour director and driver with a gratuity at the end of the tour (suggested amount \$5 per day for your tour director and \$2-3 per day for your driver.) They will do their very best to make this trip the most memorable and best time of your life.



PROGRAM ACCOMMODATIONS

HOTELS

Our hotels are five star, with private bathrooms. The overnight camp in the desert is in tents and sleeping bags. Hotels are centrally located or with easy access to public transportation. They have great extra amenities such as pools, gyms or roof-top bars. All land package rates are based on two people sharing a room. If traveling solo and not wanting to pay the single supplement, AESU will attempt to arrange a share with a same-gender traveler. If a share cannot be arranged a single supplement of \$975 will apply.



ACTIVITY LEVEL 2: MODERATE

Standing and walking for extended periods of time during city tours, museum visits, and/or outdoor activities. Walking over sometimes difficult terrain (e.g. cobblestones, city hills, stairs without handrails, absence of elevators, climbing aboard buses or trains with high steps.) Appropriate for travelers who are physically fit, lead active lives and are comfortable participating in moderate activities.

Please Note: Travel to and from the tour is not factored into our activity level ratings. You should take into account your stamina when traveling long distances and/or with multiple flight changes. Also, you must be able to handle your luggage independently throughout the itinerary.

TOUR DIRECTORS

We are very proud of our tour directors. They are young professionals; multi-lingual and carefully selected graduates from major European universities. They are eager to show the world through the eyes of an adventurer. Our tour directors know this is a trip of a lifetime and will share their knowledge as well as interesting little-known facts. Our qualified tour directors and staff of local experts mean a trouble-free journey with the added security of group travel.



**“IT WAS MY DREAM
COME TRUE AND
I COULDN'T HAVE
ASKED FOR A
BETTER TRIP.”**

- past traveler

BOOKING TERMS & CONDITIONS

EXCLUSIONS: These prices do not include passport and, if applicable, visa fees (Depending on your nationality, you may require visas in addition to a passport to enter certain countries. You must contact appropriate consulates for details on how to obtain on your own.); airport and government taxes; tipping of tour guide and driver (suggested \$5 per day for tour director, \$2-3 per day for driver); beverages with meals unless indicated otherwise; laundry; personal insurance; room service; telephone charges; all items of a personal nature; airport transfers when a participant deviates from scheduled flights or travel dates; private transportation; and all items not specifically stated in the itinerary.

CANCELLATION POLICY: All cancellations must be received by AESU in writing. All cancellations for any reason whatsoever will be subject to a \$500 per person cancellation fee. Date of receipt will determine penalties assessed. In addition to \$500, cancellation between 120-60 days of departure will result in forfeiture of 50% of tour cost. Cancellation within 59 days of departure or a "no-show" at the time of departure will result in forfeiture of the entire cost of the trip.

AIRFARES are highly restrictive, NON-REFUNDABLE, NON-ENDORSABLE and NON-TRANSFERABLE once ticketed. Once reservation is booked and paid for AESU reserves the right to issue tickets. Once ticketed, airfare portion is non-refundable. Cancellation of airfare reservations is subject to restrictions, regulations and additional penalties of the airlines used. Reservation changes are also subject to penalties. Medical health and accident insurance is compulsory. PLEASE SEE WEBSITE FOR POSSIBLE ADDITIONS TO CANCELLATION POLICIES LISTED ABOVE DEPENDING ON TRIP DESTINATION.

AIRPORT TRANSFERS & BAGGAGE: All participants using AESU flights on regular group departure days and flights receive airport transfers (between airport & tour hotel) overseas. Land-Only participants (providing own flight overseas) do NOT receive airport transfers and must meet group at the first hotel after 3:00 p.m. on program start date. FLIGHT DELAYS - ALL AIRPORTS: In the event that airline schedule changes or delays force you to miss your airport transfer, just make your way to the first hotel listed on your hotel list. Many shuttle services are available as well as taxi or train options. As airline delays are beyond the control of AESU, additional expenses, if incurred, will be borne by the tour participant. (Save receipts for possible reimbursement by airline.) AESU is not responsible if an airline cancels, reschedules, or delays a flight for any reason. If you miss your departure flight, it is your responsibility to work with the airline on which you are ticketed to reach your destination. AESU is not responsible for any additional expenses you may incur prior to joining your trip. AESU is not responsible for and will not provide any refund for portions of trips missed due to canceled, rescheduled, or delayed flights. If you purchase your own airfare, book your overnight flight from the USA one day earlier than the tour start date listed on our website. Participants should limit themselves to one checked bag per person and one carry-on per person. Check your airline's website for any additional luggage restrictions. Liability is clearly stated on the passenger contract.

RESPONSIBILITY: The responsibility of AESU as a tour operator, their agents, and any sponsoring association is limited. They act only in the capacity of agents for the passenger in all matters pertaining to accommodations, sightseeing and transportation whether by railroad, motorboat, motorcar, steamship or plane, and as such they shall not be liable for any personal injury, death, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may be occasioned, whether by reason of any defect in any vehicle, or through the acts or default of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger, or in carrying out the arrangement of the tour. They can accept no responsibility for strike, war, quarantine, epidemic health risk, any force majeure event, weather and any other natural or unnatural causes. Additional expenses, if incurred under any of these circumstances, will be borne by the tour participant. By forwarding the deposit, the passenger certifies that he/she has no physical, mental or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for himself/ herself or other passengers & accepts the terms of this contract. The right is reserved to decline, accept or retain any person as a member of the tour or to cancel or alter the tour as required. If improvements in the itinerary can be made, or unforeseen conditions beyond AESU's control make changes necessary, they reserve the right to alter itineraries without penalty. Trip cancellation insurance should be purchased by the individual traveler in the event cancellation of the tour is compelled by circumstances beyond our control. In the event of cancellation due to insufficient number of participants, the Operator's liability shall be limited to a refund of land payments received from applicants, except non-refundable airfare and insurance. If the change or cancellation is due to force majeure or other similar events beyond Operator's control, a refund of land payments received from applicants will be made less reasonable expenses incurred by Operator in respect to applicant's land booking. Baggage and personal injury are at owner's risk entirely. The issuance or acceptance of vouchers or tickets shall be considered consent of the above conditions. AESU reserves the right to increase the program price in the event of cost increases due to changes in airfares, currency fluctuations or fuel surcharges. The airlines concerned and their affiliates and agents are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board the aircrafts. The passenger ticket in use by said airlines, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser of these tickets and/ or the passenger. All services are subject to the laws of the country in which these services are rendered. No refund or allowance will be made for absence during the tour, or for activities missed, even if for causes beyond the control of the participant. For complete terms & conditions, please refer to our web site at www.aesu.com.