



5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NYE GETAWAY

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# DUBAI

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+ THE MALDIVES



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## TRIP SUMMARY

Base Cost	Total	Monthly
Land Only	\$ 2200.00	\$200 Deposit + 8 Payments of \$250.00
Flight Inclusive	\$ 3700.00	\$200 Deposit + 8 Payments of \$437.50
<b>Trip Dates</b>		
December 26 <sup>th</sup> 2019 – January 4 <sup>th</sup> 2020(January 9 <sup>th</sup> 2020)		
<b>Included in Cost</b>		
9 Day Double Occupancy Hotel Stay (4 Star)	Abu Dhabi Day Tour	
Private Day Tour of Dubai w/ Lunch	All Transfers	
Global Village w/ Transfers	The Highly-Coveted AAT T-Shirt	
Dhow Dinner Cruise	Ongoing Support of the AAT staff	
Black Gold Host Dinner	Onsite Photographer + Low-Def Photos	
<b>Add-ons and Upgrades</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Monthly</b>
Single Room Upgrade	\$ 950.00	\$ 118.75
Dinner in the Sky w/ Transportation (Max 40) Must NOT be Afraid of Heights!	\$ 220.00	\$ 27.50
Desert Safari	\$ 80.00	\$ 10.00
Burj Khalifa Tour	\$ 85.00	\$ 10.63
Yacht Party	\$ 175.00	\$ 21.87
NYE Party	TBD	TBD
4 Day Extension in the Maldives – Double <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Round Trip Airfare from Dubai</li> <li>4 Day Double Occupancy Hotel Stay at a 4 Star Beach Front Resort</li> <li>Sunset Cruise</li> <li>Half Day island Hopping Tour</li> <li>1 Night Stay at Dubai Airport Hotel</li> </ul>	\$ 2750.00	\$ 343.75
4 Day Extension in the Maldives – Single	\$ 3300.00	\$ 412.50
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Your \$200 deposit is due EOD May 4<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>You can save \$100 on your deposit if it is made before EOD on April 13<sup>th</sup> by entering the code 'DubaiTakeOver5' during checkout.</li> <li>Your monthly payments will be <b>*automatically*</b> collected on the 15<sup>th</sup> of every month from May – December.</li> </ul>		
<b>Refund Policy</b>		
<p>Your deposit is fully refundable for 15 days after it has been paid, or until May 15<sup>th</sup>, whichever comes first. 50% of your deposit can applied to a future trip within a years' time of this trip being cancelled.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Each monthly payment becomes non-refundable 30 days after the due date for that payment.</li> <li>The trip becomes 100% non-refundable on/after December 15<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>Any traveler that falls more than 1 payment behind will be removed from the trip and funds will be returned per the above refund policy.</li> <li>Refunds can take up to 30 days from the date requested to process.</li> <li>Travel/Cancellation insurance is highly recommended for ALL AAT trips. Please contact an AAT rep for assistance in getting you a quote.</li> </ul>		

## *OTHER THINGS TO NOTE*

### **How To Use This Guide**

We would once again be remiss if we did not acknowledge how complicated our trips can be. But it's that level of complexity that sets us apart. The best approach of course is to start with the itinerary. Give it a quick look over and if you need any further explanations about an excursions or flight simply scroll down to the detailed description.

### **All Details Are Tentative!**

Despite the countless hours invested into planning this trip, the circumstance may arise where we must make changes. For example, maybe we might find out that our hotel isn't up to AAT standard or maybe our airline may go belly up bankrupt (this has actually happened)! Whatever occurs we will do everything in our powers to ensure the trip goes on as planned. And if we do have to make a change, that change will result in you going on a trip that is equal or greater than the value of what you originally paid!

### **How Do These Add-Ons Work?**

Good Question! After 5 years and taking hundreds of travelers across the globe, one thing has become apparent; while we as humans innately enjoy being in large groups, it doesn't mean that all members of the group want to do the same things. For that reason, despite being a group travel company, we design our trips with the individual in mind!

If you are an avid traveler that is looking to make new friends but would rather explore on your own, simply select nothing during checkout and you have most of 9 days to explore Dubai at your own pace, and I'm sure there will be plenty of others on the trip to accompany you.

The total cost of each add on will be divided amongst your monthly payments and you are free to add or change your add-ons right up until 2 months before departure.

Your Add-ons must be finalized by October 15<sup>th</sup>. After this date no add-on can be added or removed.

### **Traveling Alone?**

While the option is there for you to get a single occupancy room if you choose, by no means do you have to select it if traveling alone. We understand that the extra money spent in getting your own room, takes away from the money available to you to splurge on the streets of Dubai!

For that reason, we extend each traveler the option of having us pair you with a suitable roommate for no additional cost. Roommates are paired based upon the answers to their personality questions on their registration form, as well as their ages and even astrological signs. Several months before departure you will be given the contact information of your roommate, giving each of you the opportunity to get properly acquainted.

If the rare circumstance arises where you and your assigned roommate do not click, please let us no less than 2 weeks before we depart and we will reassign you. There will be no reassignments during our stay abroad.

### **The "Tell-A-Friend" Discount**

Do you know someone who may be interested in joining our trip but isn't a member of AAT? Here is your chance to save a little money while bringing them on a trip of a lifetime!

For every traveler that you refer to our trip, you can subtract \$50 from the cost of your trip. There is no limit to the amount of people you can bring, as long as that person has not already traveled with AAT. Be sure to tell your friend to enter your name in the registration form under "How did you hear about this trip?"

The discounts will be distributed the week before departure after you and your referrals have paid in full.

### **The Land Package**

The Land Package option is for those travelers outside of the New York area that may want to join us. Selecting this option means that you will have to purchase your own flight to meet us in Dubai.

If you select this option, you will have to purchase your flight no later than October 30<sup>th</sup>.

## THE ITINERARIES

Dubai		
Thursday, December 26 <sup>th</sup>		
9:10 PM	Depart from JFK via Royal Jordanian Flight No RJ262	10h 25m Flight
Friday, December 27 <sup>th</sup>		
2:35 PM	Arrive in Jordan	1h 55m Layover
4:30 PM	Depart from Jordan via Royal Jordanian Flight No RJ614	3h Flight
9:30 PM	Arrive in Dubai	
Saturday, December 28 <sup>th</sup>		
1:00 PM	Black and Gold Host Dinner	
4:00 PM	Depart for Global Village	
10:00 PM	Return to Hotel	
Sunday, December 29 <sup>th</sup>		
9:00 AM	Depart for Dubai City Tour(Lunch Included)	
5:00 PM	Return to Hotel	
7:30 PM	Depart for Dinner in the Sky Reservation 1	
9:00 PM	Depart for Dinner in the Sky Reservation 2	
9:00 PM	Reservation 1 Return to Hotel	
11:00 PM	Reservation 2 Return to Hotel	
Monday, December 30 <sup>th</sup>		
9:00 AM	Depart for <b>Burj Khalifa Tour</b>	
1:00 PM	Return to Hotel	
2:00 PM	Depart for <b>Desert Safari</b>	
11:00 PM	Return to Hotel	
Tuesday, December 31 <sup>st</sup>		
11:00 AM	<b>Depart for Yacht Tour</b>	
4:00 PM	Return to Hotel	
7:30 PM	<b>Depart for NYE Party(TBD)</b>	
Wednesday, January 1 <sup>st</sup>		
3:00 PM	Depart for <b>Sheikh Zayed Mosque</b>	
10:00 PM	Return to Hotel	
Thursday, January 2 <sup>nd</sup>		
	Free Time	
Friday, January 3 <sup>rd</sup>		
5:00 PM	Depart for Dhow Dinner Cruise	
8:00 PM	Return to Hotel	
Saturday, January 4 <sup>th</sup>		
2:00 AM	Checkout of Hotel	
7:00 AM	Depart for Jordan via Royal Jordanian Flight No RJ613	3h 30m Flight
8:35 AM	Arrive in Jordan	1h 55m Layover
10:30 AM	Depart for JFK via Royal Jordanian Flight No RJ261	12h 25m Flight
3:55 PM	Arrive in New York	

## The Maldives

### Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup>

6:00 PM	Checkout of Hotel	
7:00 PM	Depart for Dubai Airport	
10:00 PM	Depart for the Maldives via Sri Lankan Air flight no UL226	4h 25m Flight

### Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>

5:00 AM	Arrive in Sri Lanka	2h 25m Layover
7:20 AM	Depart for the Maldives via Sri Lankan Air flight no UL101	1h 25m Flight
8:15 AM	Arrive in the Maldives	
10:00 AM	Transfer to hotel by Boat	
11:00 AM	Arrive at Kandoomaa Fushi Island	
2:00 PM	Check into Hotel	
6:00 PM	Sunset Cruise	

### Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>

12:00 PM	Afternoon Island Hopping	
4:00 PM	Return to the Hotel	

### Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>

	Free Time	
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### Wednesday , January 8<sup>th</sup>

11:00 AM	Checkout of Hotel	
12:00 PM	Transfer to Male Airport by Boat	
3:30 PM	Depart from the Maldives via Sri Lankan Air flight no UL116	1h 25m Flight
5:25 PM	Arrive in Sri Lanka	1h 15m Layover
6:25 PM	Depart for Dubai via Sri Lankan Air flight No UL 225	4h 45m Flight
9:40 PM	Arrive in Dubai	
11:00 PM	Check into Airport Hotel	

### Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup>

3:30 AM	Checkout of Hotel	
7:00 AM	Depart for Jordan via Royal Jordanian Flight No RJ613	3h 30m Flight
8:35 AM	Arrive in Jordan	1h 55m Layover
10:30 AM	Depart for JFK via Royal Jordanian Flight No RJ261	12h 25m Flight
3:55 PM	Arrive in New York	

## ***THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE YOU GO***

### ***DUBAI***

#### **Entry Requirements**

Citizens of the USA, Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, the United Kingdom are not required to have a visa for stays of less than 30 days. They will be granted a free-of-charge One Entry Visit Visa upon arrival, and can extend for up to a total stay of 60 days for AED 620. A penalty of AED 100 per day is charged to visitors who overstay. For longer stays, travelers must obtain a visa before arrival in the U.A.E.

#### **Currency**

The monetary unit of the U.A.E. is the dirham (designated as Dhs or AED, which stands for Arab Emirate Dirham), which is divided into 100 *fil*s. Bills come in the following denominations: 5 (brown note), 10 (green), 20 (light blue), 50 (purple), 100 (pink), 500 (blue), and 1,000 (burgundy).

#### **Language and Religion**

**The Language** - English is widely spoken in Dubai and most public information is written in English as well as Arabic. There are many people from Iran and South Asia here speaking Persian, Hindi, Urdu, and Pashto, as well.

**The Religion** - Islam is the official religion of the U.A.E. and is integral to the local culture

#### **Appropriate Clothing**

Contrary to popular opinion, Dubai is very inviting to westerners and their way of dressing. Unless you are going to a Mosque you are welcome to wear the attire you would normally wear here in the states.

If you are going to a Mosque, it is expected that you wear the typical Muslim attire (Thobe for Men/Abaya for women). This can be purchased in the souks in Dubai.

#### **Prohibited Items**

Pornographic material of any kind; non-Islamic material for the purpose of distributing to others, weapons, laser pens, ivory.

#### **Drugs in Dubai**

**DON'T DO IT!** Penalties are severe, and with any proof in your bloodstream constitutes an offence of trafficking

#### **Alcohol in Dubai**

Liquor is readily available in clubs and hotels. But there are no stores that sell liquor to take with. We recommend you purchase your liquor at the duty free upon landing in Dubai or packing it with you.

#### **Homosexuality in Dubai**

Although Homosexuality does exist on the ground in the UAE, it is actually illegal, and so it is best not to declare that you are gay. Penalties for homosexuality are up to 10 years in jail. However, if you do not flaunt your sexuality you should be fine.

#### **Are There Any Safety Concerns**

The UAE is probably one of the safest places in the world. Considering that most people living there are expatriates there to make more money, no one wants to jeopardize their income generating potential, so crime is low! However, both Dubai and Abu Dhabi are notorious for car accidents, so be careful when crossing the streets.

#### **US Embassy Location**

The **United States Embassy** is at Al Khaleej Al Arabi Street, at 30th Street, Abu Dhabi. The U.S. Consulate General in Dubai is in the World Trade Centre off Sheikh Zayed Road (tel. **04-311-6000**; [dubai.usconsulate.gov](http://dubai.usconsulate.gov)).

#### **Emergencies**

The **Dubai Municipality Emergency Number** is tel. **04-223-2323**. For police or an ambulance, dial tel. **999**. In case of fire, dial tel. **997**

#### **Tipping**

Many restaurants include a service charge, which will be clearly identified on your checks; for those that do not, a tip of 10% to 15% is appropriate.

#### **Tap Water**

Tap water is desalinated from the Gulf and is generally safe to drink, but most visitors prefer bottled mineral water, which is offered in most Dubai hotels and restaurants.

**THE MALDIVES****Entry Requirements**

A valid passport, along with an onward/return ticket and sufficient funds, is required for entry. A no-cost visitor visa valid for 30 days is issued upon arrival

**Tipping**

Tipping is not compulsory in the Maldives as 10% service charge is added to everything - but given the low salaries earned by the staff and the level of service generally offered as being excellent it is a nice gesture to help the staff of resorts to earn some extra money - It is also not entirely certain that the 10% service charge is passed onto the islands staff.

**Religion and Etiquette**

Muslim is the predominant religion in the Maldives and although dress is casual to very casual on the islands, beachwear is not acceptable in the restaurant(s) on resort or away from the resorts. According to religious values, locals do not eat pork and alcohol is only available to foreigners within resorts, this included importing alcohol. Topless sunbathing is against the law, but is seen from time to time from ignorant tourists.

**Currency**

The Maldivian Rufiyaa is the currency of Maldives (Maldivian Islands)(MVR), although the USD is more than accepted.

**Liquor Laws**

Legally, if you're 18 and not a Muslim, you can buy and drink alcohol. However, since the Maldives are an Islamic nation, alcohol is effectively banned for the local population. Nearly all resorts (including ours) and liveaboard boats are licensed to serve alcohol, usually with a steep markup.



## DUBAI

### The Global Village



Global Village Dubai is a leading family entertainment and cultural attraction in the region that offers a unique shopping experience with its 30 pavilions, each representing a different country. Global Village offers several dining, shopping, and entertainment options for visitors to choose from. As far as family entertainment is concerned, Global village offers the best with shows ranging from stunt/thrill shows, bespoke shows, street performances, and cultural shows from across the world, packing every minute full of entertainment.

Launched in 1997, this is the 22nd season of Global Village, which has all along provided a cosmopolitan and diverse shopping experience to millions of visitors. Also, all these years, guests have been entertained with exclusive live performances, delicious international cuisines, thrilling new rides, authentic crafts and merchandise from its worldwide pavilions. Global Village hosts more than 3500 shops, which makes it the ultimate destination for authentic shopping, as it displays a mix of modern and cultural products and unique handmade global items. The retail outlets at Global Village exhibits culturally rooted products like handicrafts, desserts, traditional cuisines, all prepared right in front of visitors, apart from other authentic products, to draw tourists every season. Global Village also includes about 150 different kiosks, offering a unique shopping experience in the form of top art handicrafts, and authentic products from across the world, apart from food and beverages. The International pavilions at Global Village include those from MENA and Far East regions, Europe, America, Africa and South Asia.

### Dubai City Tour

#### Burj Al Arab

The distinctive sail-shaped silhouette of Burj Al Arab Jumeirah is more than just a stunning hotel, it is a symbol of modern Dubai. Yet for all the wonder this stunning structure provides when you finally see it in person, it is the service within that really makes the Burj Al Arab Jumeirah so extraordinary.

Repeatedly voted the world's most luxurious hotel, this magnificent destination offers you the finest service and experiences throughout - right down to an optional chauffeur-driven Rolls-Royce, helicopter trips from an iconic helipad, luxury leisure on a breathtaking terrace with pools and cabanas as well as some of the world's best dining venues, including the highly acclaimed Nathan Outlaw at Al Mahara.



#### Dubai Museum



The museum was opened by the ruler of Dubai in 1971, with the aim of presenting the traditional way of life in the Emirate of Dubai. It includes local antiquities as well as artifacts from African and Asian countries that traded with Dubai. It also includes several dioramas showing life in the emirate before the advent of oil, in addition to artifacts from recent discoveries as old as 3000 B.C. In 2007, Dubai Museum welcomed 1,800 visitors daily, with a yearly total of 611,840. In March 2008, the Museum had 80,000 visitors. The most popular times are from August to April. The Museum received over 1 Million Visitors in the year 2013.

**The Gold/Spice Souk**

Whether or not you're ready to buy, a stroll through the dazzling **Gold Souk** is a must. The stores also offer platinum, diamonds and occasionally silver, and the government keeps tight control over the quality of all the merchandise, so rest assured that your purchases will be genuine. If something in the window catches your fancy, be sure to barter — persistent protest capped with a walkaway will get merchants to drop their asking price by as much as half.

**This is a great place to buy the traditional Muslim garment (Abaya/Thobe) that you will need if going on the Abu Dhabi Tour.**

**The Jumeriah Mosque**

Snowy-white and intricately detailed, Jumeirah is not only one of Dubai's most beautiful mosques but also the only one open to non-Muslims during one-hour guided tours operated by the Sheikh Mohammed Centre for Cultural Understanding. All tours conclude with a Q&A session where you are free to ask any question about Islamic religion and culture. There's no need to pre-book. Modest dress is preferred but traditional clothing may be borrowed for free before entering the mosque. Cameras are allowed.

**Dinner in The Sky**

Take part in an unforgettable experience in Dubai and dine from a table suspended 50 meters in the sky by special crane. Once you have been lifted above the ground, watch your chef as they start preparing and cooking a 3-course menu live before your eyes.

Join other brave travelers at the shared experience, with a maximum group size of 22 people. Take photos from the suspended table as it rotates slightly as you dine. Marvel at Dubai's vertical monuments and skyscrapers, along with landmark sights such as Palm Jumeirah, Dubai Marina, the Burj Al Arab and much more.



Benefit from a professional supervisor who will happily assist you at the table during your meal for your safety.

**Burj Khalifa Tour**

Look out from the Burj Khalifa's 'At the Top' observation deck with this entrance ticket to the 124th-floor viewing point. Ride the moving sidewalk to the tower as you watch a multimedia presentation on Dubai's history, and take the high-speed elevator up to the observation deck. Then, behold the incredible views over Dubai Marina, the Burj-Al Arab and other sights through the panoramic windows. Use the digital telescopes to view and learn about the landmarks below, and browse the gift store before returning to ground level.

### Evening Desert Safari

You will be picked up in an air-conditioned 4WD vehicle from your hotel in Dubai for this Dubai desert safari. An English-speaking guide will accompany you on this tour. Drive past the city and head to either Al-Awir or the Dubai Desert Conservation Reserve, as per option chosen. Once you reach the spot, experience the thrill of a life time as your 4WD vehicle takes you over the seemingly endless dunes to reach a Bedouin campsite. Like a roller coaster ride, you twist and turn down, leaving behind a trail on the satiny sands of the dune behind you. Dip low in the deep trenches and rise high on the pinnacle of the dunes. Drive up to the highest dune and take a break to view the spectacular sunset over the horizon.



At dusk, proceed towards a Bedouin campsite for a barbeque dinner buffet. At the campsite, you can get yourself henna tattoos and try Arabian traditional dress. Enjoy these activities while sipping on soft drinks, tea or coffee (as per your choice). You also have an option to take a camel ride and try out different flavors of shisha or hubbly bubbly (a traditional tobacco pipe). Sandboarding may also be available for an additional fee, please speak to your guide on arrival at the camp. To make the evening even more enchanting, watch the belly dancers perform alongside rhythmic Arabic tunes, while relishing a delicious three-course barbeque buffet dinner. After a memorable evening of desert exploration, you will be dropped back to the starting point of the tour.

### Dubai Yacht Tour

A beautiful ocean right at your feet and there is no end to it – that is what the oceanic Dubai has got to offer. But what you can take apart from the sea blue panorama is the ways and means of enjoying them. Sea is not just about being on the beach and seeing the sun set in the horizon. If you want to enjoy the sea, enjoy to the fullest!

With the right kind of food, services, photography and amazing views of the sea, you are sure you don't want to head back to the land. A silent cruise along the coast to see the 7 star Burj Al Arab, Burj Dubai which is the tallest tower in the world right now, Jumeirah Palm and the three hundred manmade world islands – it is all in here and waiting just for you! Be a part of an experience that you never want to forget!





### Abu Dhabi City Tour

#### Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque

Rising majestically from beautifully manicured gardens and visible from each of the bridges joining Abu Dhabi Island to the mainland, the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque represents an impressive welcome to the city. Conceived by the first president of the United Arab Emirates, Sheikh Zayed, and marking his final resting place, the mosque accommodates 50,000 worshippers and is one of the few in the region open to non-Muslims.



With more than 80 marble domes on a roofline held aloft by 1000 pillars and punctuated by four 107m-high minarets, Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque is a masterpiece of modern Islamic architecture and design. More than 100,000 tons of pure white Greek and Macedonian marble were used in its construction. Delicate floral designs inlaid with semi-precious stones, such as lapis lazuli, red agate, amethyst, abalone, jasper and mother-of-pearl, decorate a variety of marbles and contrast with the more traditional geometric ceramic details.

### Dhow Dinner Cruise



Sail on Dubai Creek as you savor a delicious buffet dinner on this 2-hour Dubai evening cruise. Be welcomed onto a beautifully illuminated ‘dhow’ — a traditional-style Arabian wooden sailboat — and admire the passing sights, festooned in twinkling lights. Feast your eyes on the floodlit Rolex Twin Towers, the wind towers of Dubai Heritage Village, and sparkling mosques, bridges and more. Take photos from the open-air deck and enjoy a buffet meal with complimentary sodas and waters. An ideal romantic experience for couples, and perfect for families and first-time visitors.