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Cruise : **DUBAI, ABU DHABI & QATAR**  
**United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Bahrain**

Cruise Ship: **MSC VIRTUOSA**

Departing from: **Dubai, U. Arab Emirates**

Itineraries: **Doha, Bahrain, Abu Dhabi, Sir Bani Yas Is**

Departure Date: **02/03/2024**

Duration: **8 Days, 7 Nights**

## Doha

Sun 3 March 2024

### CITY TOUR

#### INTRODUCTION TO DOHA - DOH01



**Duration**  
4 h



The name Doha may have originated from the Arabic Ad-Dawha, "the big tree", with reference to the big tree that stood on the site where the original fishing village arose. Today, Doha is considered the outstanding "Jewel of Qatar" and we invite you on a half-day excursion to discover this amazing city, combining different architectures and cultures. Enjoy a sightseeing city tour before heading for the atmospheric Souq (Souq Waqif) in "Old Doha", which is one of the most bustling areas of the city. Evolved from a weekend market where the Bedouins traded meat, wool and other products, it is now a maze of narrow alleyways filled with small shops, with goods piled high to the ceilings and spilling out onto the pavement, and with separate sections selling dress, tools, general hardware, spices, incense, Arabic perfumes, sweets and dried fruits. Highlights are the Falcon Souq as well as the Gold & Diamond Souq and the Spice Street & Animal Souq. Next, you will reach the MIA - the Museum of Islamic Art, putting Doha on the world art scene. The Museum of Islamic Art is aiming to hold the largest collection of Islamic art in the world - a bridge from the past to the future of artworks dating from the 7th- to the 19th-century, representing the full scope of Islamic Art. It includes manuscripts, ceramics, metal, glass, ivory, textiles, wood, and precious stones from three continents. After the visit to the museum you will reach the port.

Please note: limited number of guides in languages other than English. Should a tour guide for your language be unavailable, the tour will be in English only. Guests are advised that knees and shoulders must be kept covered at all times and are recommended to wear flat comfortable shoes and a hat.



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**SCENIC ROUTE****DHOW CRUISE - DOH03****Duration**  
5 h

Discover Doha on land and view it from the sea on this panoramic city tour and boat cruise. After a panoramic coach drive along Doha Corniche & West Bay, you will head for a visit to the atmospheric Souq (Souq Waqif) in "Old Doha", which is one of the most bustling areas of the city. Evolved from a weekend market where the Bedouins traded meat, wool and other products, it is now a maze of narrow alleyways filled with small shops, with goods piled high to the ceilings and spilling out onto the pavement, and with separate sections selling dress, tools, general hardware, spices, incense, Arabic perfumes, sweets and dried fruits. Some highlights are the Falcon Souq, the Gold & Diamond Souq, the Spice Street and the Animal Souq. The tour continues with a drive to Doha Dhow Port to board a dhow and begin an amazing cruise on the waters of the Doha Bay where skyscrapers of all different shapes and forms will impress you. Join this relaxing trip and set sail aboard a magnificent dhow, one of the oldest types of wooden ships still in use and which, relatively unchanged over the years, remains an integral part of the middle eastern culture. Used in the past for fishing, pearl diving & trading between Africa & India, each sailing trip on a show - that varies from Oman to Bahrain - is a unique experience. The best Architects from around the globe have competed in creating a "state-of-the-art" horizon. Refreshments and a delicious on-board BBQ will be served, so taste it and simply relax and soak up the sun on board while cruising back to land at a leisurely pace.

Please note: all dhows are engine-powered; information available only in English. Please wear flat, comfortable shoes and a hat. This tour is not suitable for guests with mobility problems. Guests are advised to bring a light jacket or a jumper in case of wind which might cause cold sensation during the cruise leg of the tour. Guests with any type of food intolerance are required to communicate it to the Shore Excursions Office at least two days before the call.

**ACTIVE & ADVENTURE****DESERT SAFARI & RELAX AT THE BEACH - DOH05****Duration**  
8 h

No trip to Qatar would be complete without this incredibly adventurous journey into the endless heart of the desert. Your journey includes a drive by 4x4 vehicle along the coastal road to Sealine Desert Beach Resort passing the oil fields & towers at Mesaieed; on the way we stop for a breathtaking view of the inland sea "Khor Al Adeid" which is the natural border to Saudi Arabia. After a little time to deflate tyres to make your experience more enjoyable, take out your camera for an exclusive photo opportunity and capture the stunning panoramic views of the spectacular sand dunes and the Inland Sea while enjoying a rollercoaster ride. Experience the thrill of an exhilarating rollercoaster ride as our luxury 4x4 vehicles drive you across the tranquil sand dunes, leaving you spellbound. From the Sealine, you will drive to B12 Beach Club Doha, located in the West Bay. It is famous not only for its exclusive services and its relaxed atmosphere that will allow you to appreciate the location but also for the excellent cuisine. Everything is taken care of in detail, from the beach with its yellow and red coloured sun loungers to the interior to the restaurant where delectable culinary delights await you. And don't miss the opportunity to have fun on the 70-metre Floating Water Park, the largest floating waterpark in Doha. A coach drive to the port ends this exclusive excursion.

Please note: The driver will provide information in English only. As this tour involves driving over rough and bumpy terrain, it is unsuitable for guests with mobility problems, neck/back/heart problems, or pregnant women. Please wear casual clothing, comfortable walking shoes, a hat and bring towels and swimwear. Attractions available at the resort are not included and are subject to additional cost and availability. Minimum age to participate: 6 years. Guests with any type of food intolerance are required to communicate it to the Shore Excursions Office at least two days before the call.

**DESERT SAFARI - DOH09****Duration**  
4 h

Sand, sand, and more sand, creating an ever-changing, undulating landscape as far as the eye can see: the desert of southern Qatar is the setting for an adventure you'll love to remember. Best of all, you'll be able to enjoy it all from the comfort of a 4x4. Heading south from the port of Doha, you'll pass the oilfields and towers for which Mesaieed is famous, then take a break at Sealine Beach to let down the tyre pressure before heading into the desert sands. You will be rewarded with stunning vistas and breathtaking views of the inland sea at Khor Al Adaid, which forms a natural geographical border with Saudi Arabia. After some time to enjoy the tranquillity of the desert and take photographs at this special spot, the equally scenic return journey brings the outing to a close.

Please note: As this tour involves driving over rough and bumpy terrain, it is unsuitable for guests with mobility problems, neck/back/heart problems, or pregnant women. The driver provides basic information in English only. Each 4x4 vehicle carries a maximum of 5 guests; minimum age to participate: 6 years. En route there will be a stop to let the air out of the tyres so you can enjoy a smooth safari on the soft sand.

**MSC****EXCURSIONS**  
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4 h

Taking up half a day of your time, this tour promises to deliver the very best of Doha, Qatar's capital and a city that succeeds in blending modern with traditional architecture. Enjoy an amazing coach drive through some of Doha's most prominent and scenic landmarks. The route begins with passing the Museum of Islamic Art, near the city's dhow harbour and continues through the Corniche, West Bay and the Diplomatic area, Katara Cultural Village and The Pearl. A man-made island, The Pearl resembles the shape of an oyster - albeit one measuring an impressive 400 hectares/988 acres and provides more than 32 km/20 miles of new coastline, along which around 19.000 residential units will be built for about 45.000 residents. A stop is scheduled along the itinerary for you to take some photographs for your memory book. Your final port of call will then be the Souq Waqif, a vast inner-city bazaar that dates back to the 19th century but was fully refurbished using only traditional building materials between 2004 and 2006. Brimming with the most diverse goods, from gold and textiles to spices and live animals, the Souq is an experience that will engage all your senses. The outing then wraps up with your return to the ship.

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**DOHA SIGHTSEEING ENDING AT THE AIRPORT - DOH10D****Duration**  
4 h

This half-day excursion allows you to see the best of Doha before heading to the airport for your flight home. After disembarking from the ship, board a coach and enjoy some of the sights of the Qatari capital, admiring its architecture, which is a stunning blend of modernity and tradition. The itinerary allows you to see some of Doha's most important landmarks from the comfort of the coach, including the Museum of Islamic Art near the city's Dhow Port, the Diplomatic Quarter and the Katara Cultural Village. Short photo stop at the Corniche will allow you to admire the city skyline before heading to The Pearl Qatar, an artificial island shaped like an oyster. Your final stop will be at Souq Waqif, a large bazaar in the city centre that dates back to the 19th century but was completely renovated between 2004 and 2006 using only traditional building materials. Filled with goods ranging from gold to textiles, spices to live animals, the Souq is an experience for all the senses and an excellent opportunity to buy a souvenir to take home. The tour ends with a transfer to the airport.

Please note: limited number of guides in languages other than English. Should a tour guide for your language be unavailable, the tour will be in English only. Guests are advised that knees and shoulders must be kept covered at all times and are recommended to wear flat comfortable shoes and a hat. This tour is available only for guests disembarking in Doha and with a flight from Hamad Airport after 15.00. The duration of the tour also includes the time to reach the airport.



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**PRE-BOARDING EXPERIENCE DISCOVERING DOHA - DOH10E****Duration**  
4 h

This excursion to discover the beauty of Doha is an experience for all those starting their cruise from the Qatari capital. Once you arrive at the port of Doha, you will leave your luggage at the depot and meet your guide. You will board the coach and begin a scenic tour of Qatar's most populous city. The first stop will be the Souq Waqif, a vast inner-city bazaar that dates back to the 19th century but was fully refurbished using only traditional building materials between 2004 and 2006. Brimming with the most diverse goods, from gold and textiles to spices and live animals, the Souq is an experience that will engage all your senses. Next, a sightseeing tour promises to deliver the very best of Doha, Qatar's capital and a city that succeeds in blending modern with traditional architecture. Enjoy an amazing coach drive through some of its most prominent and scenic landmarks including the Museum of Islamic Art, near the city's dhow harbour, the Corniche, West Bay, and the Diplomatic area. At Katara Cultural Village enjoy a guided walk through this cultural and commercial complex including an amphitheatre, an opera house, a multipurpose cinema, and the magnificent Katara Beach. Your next stop will be at The Pearl, an artificial island shaped like an oyster and an occasion to take photographs for your memory book. After a brief stop at Port Arabia, the first of the districts built on this artificial island, you will reach the port in time to check in and board your ship.

Please note: the tour is for all guests embarking in Doha and begins and ends at the port. Transfer from the airport to the port is not included. Limited number of guides in languages other than English. Should a tour guide for your language be unavailable, the tour will be in English only. Guests are advised that knees and shoulders must be kept covered at all times and are recommended to wear flat comfortable shoes and a hat. The tour departs from the port at around 10.30 am.



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## BEST OF DOHA - DOH29



Duration  
8 h



Created with the aim of introducing you to as much of the Qatari capital as possible, this full-day excursion combines culture, ancient traditions, and the flavours of local cuisine. Leaving the port, the tour begins with a coach drive passing through the Corniche and West Bay to reach Katara village, the ideal destination for all art and architecture lovers and a must for any visit to Doha. Enjoy a guided walk through Katara Cultural Village, a cultural and commercial complex including an amphitheatre, an opera house, a multipurpose cinema, and the magnificent Katara Beach. Your next stop will be at The Pearl, an artificial island shaped like an oyster and an occasion to take photographs for your memory book. Then, an approximately 30-minute coach ride will take you to your next destination, the 3-2-1 Olympic and Sports Museum. Considered as one of the most innovative sports museums, it brims with interactive exhibits, inspiring artefacts, and purpose-built activity areas for diverse audiences. But if you want to capture the true essence of a country, you should definitely discover its typical markets. Your next stop, therefore, will be Souk Waqif in Doha's historic quarter, a lively bazaar that began as a weekend market where Bedouins sold meat, wool, and other products and has now been recently renovated with a myriad of small shops divided into various sections according to the products on offer, ranging from clothing to falcons. Once your batteries recharged with a delicious lunch in a restaurant, continue with a guided visit to National Museum of Qatar, where the rich history of Qatar unfolds across eleven striking galleries, each using engaging and innovative approaches to storytelling. This immersive experience utilizes music, oral histories, film, archival footage, and even evocative aromas to paint a one-of-a-kind portrait of Qatar's past, present and future. This complete experience of Doha ends with the return to the port.

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### ACTIVE & ADVENTURE

## DOHA BY BIKE - DOHBK1



Duration  
5 h



Experience a few hours of cultural flair in Qatar's fast-growing capital from the unique perspective of a bike. After leaving the port, your route will take you along the Corniche to the colourful sights of Doha's city centre. As well as its breathtaking skyline, Doha's traditions are equally impressive, as you'll discover at the city's Dhow Port. After a quick photo stop, head to the Msheireb Enrichment Centre, where you'll see the city's development up close. Weaving your way through skyscraper canyons, you'll cycle back to the Corniche and on to the highlight of your tour, the Souk Waqif, where you'll find traditional clothing, spices, and handicrafts. Your guide will leave you plenty of time to explore before leading you along the promenade and back to the ship.

Please note: Guests shall cycle for approx. 25 km. Children who are at least 155 cm tall are welcome to take part in this tour with the parent's/guardian's written consent.

## EXPLORING DOHA BY PEDELEC - DOHBK2



Duration  
5 h



Take this fun opportunity to explore Doha, the capital of Qatar, while getting some gentle exercise on an upgrade to the humble bicycle, the electric-assisted pedelec. You'll begin your tour of discovery with a ride along the waterfront Corniche into the city centre and then to the Dhow Port for a photo stop. Then it's off to the Msheireb Enrichment Centre, where an exhibition charts Qatar's fascinating history and development. You'll then cycle through streets lined with soaring buildings to the Katara Cultural Village. Here you'll have time to visit the beach, take a break in one of the nearby restaurants or simply soak up Qatari culture before cycling back to the Corniche. As a final highlight, you'll visit Souq Waqif, a standing market selling clothes, spices, handicrafts, and souvenirs. It is housed in a building of typical Qatari architecture that dates back more than 100 years and has recently been restored. Finally, your guide will escort you back to the ship via the promenade.

Please note: This tour covers a total distance of approximately 40 km. A pedelec can reach a maximum speed of 25km/h with electric assistance. Children who are at least 155 cm tall are welcome to take part in this tour with the parent's/guardian's written consent.



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## Bahrain

Mon 4 March 2024

### CITY TOUR

#### A VISIT TO BAHRAIN - BAH01



Duration  
4 h



This half-day look at some of Bahrain's key attractions begins in Manama, the capital of this island nation, with a visit to the Al-Fateh Grand Mosque, one of the world's largest. Blending a variety of architectural styles typical of the Middle East, the huge, modern edifice boasts the largest fibreglass dome on the planet, can accommodate 7.000 worshippers at one time and houses the National Library of Bahrain. Moving on, you can then relax on a drive through Manama, passing such modern marvels as the Bahrain National Museum, the Bahrain World Trade Centre, the Financial Harbour, and the city's glitzy shopping malls. Your next destination is proof of how Bahrain has always been a centre of traders since ancient times. A step back in time then follows at Bahrain Fort, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Excavations carried out since the 1950s have revealed distinct strata belonging to various eras stretching all the way back to around 2300 B.C. After this visit, you will reach Manama Souq to wander through its maze-like streets, whose plethora of items include clothes, spices, antiques, medicinal concoctions, and a whole lot more. Last up is a photo stop at the amazing Bahrain World Trade Centre on your way back to your ship.

Please note: limited number of guides in languages other than English. Should a tour guide for your language be unavailable, the tour will be in English only. This tour is unsuitable for guests with walking difficulties. Guests visiting the Mosque should wear conservative attire: loose-fitting clothes, long trousers and no transparent garments, shorts, or short skirts, which are considered disrespectful. Ladies should take a headscarf to cover their heads and keep their shoulders covered. On religious celebrations, the Mosque visit will be outside only. Guests should take off their shoes upon entering the Mosque and not touch any architectural features inside. This tour operates with am and pm departures. Depending on the traffic on the day of the excursion, your visit may last between four and five hours.

### CULTURE AND HISTORY

#### BAHRAIN CULTURAL TOUR - BAH03



Duration  
4:30 h



Designed to shine a light on Bahrain's rich cultural history, this half-day tour begins at the Bahrain National Museum, whose collection includes a relocated burial mound from 2800 B.C., artefacts from the Dilmun era as well as 19th- and 20th-century exhibits related to the pearl trade. Next up is Muharraq city - home to narrow lanes with beautifully restored old houses - to visit the recently renovated Shaikh Ebrahim Bin Mohammed Al Khalifa Center, a cultural landmark featuring the Kurar house dedicated to the time-honoured craft of gold embroidery and the Iqra Children's Library. A chance to rub shoulders with locals then follows at Muharraq Souq, the perfect place to browse among the numerous shops selling traditional perfumes, local sweets, spices, and traditional Arabic medicine before reaching Bahrain Fort, the capital of the Dilmun culture. Listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2005, the fortress stands on a small hill artificially created from the debris left by the various settlements that have taken place over the centuries. During the visit, as well as admiring the excavations that are still in progress, you will discover various structures, archways, and remains of buildings up to the fortress proper, Qal'at al-Bahrain, which is located at the highest part of the hill, also known as the Portuguese Fortress. The tour ends with a return to the port.

Please note: limited number of guides in languages other than English. Should a tour guide for your language be unavailable, the tour will be in English only. This tour involves walking on uneven ground. Guests of limited mobility are requested to evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability before taking part.

### SEA & SUN

#### FUN & RELAXATION AT THE BEACH - BAH11



Duration  
6:30 h



Prepare to spend a few hours at one of Marassi Al Bahrain's premiere hotels, Vida Beach Resort, your destination on this nearly all-day tour. You'll be welcomed on arrival, taken to the sun loungers and served a glass of fresh orange juice. Then you can choose what to do: soak up the sun, cool off in the pool, take to the crystal-clear waters of the sea or simply enjoy the lovely stretch of private beach, a tranquil seafront oasis that offers spectacular views of the Gulf beyond. You'll also be free to take advantage of the hotel's five-star amenities during your stay, all of which adds up to a stress-busting day of fun in the sun in the most luxurious surroundings. The unhurried tone of the tour then continues on the return coach ride to the port and your ship.

Please note: Children must be at least 4 years old to participate. This tour is subject to weather conditions. Please wear casual clothing, comfortable walking shoes, a hat and bring towels and swimwear.



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## Abu Dhabi

Wed 6 March 2024

### CITY TOUR

#### CITY TOUR OF ABU DHABI - AUH01

**Duration**  
4 h

Situated on a T-shaped island in the coastal waters of the Gulf, Abu Dhabi is not only the capital of the United Arab Emirates, but also home to some of the world's most awe-inspiring architecture, futuristic skyscrapers, and magnificent mosques. Once you leave the pier, the tour will take you to the unforgettably beautiful Sheikh Zayed Mosque, a masterpiece of neo-Islamic architecture and one of the largest mosques in the world. The outer areas of the Mosque are graced by around 1.000 columns, all covered with more than 20.000 marble panels that are inlaid with semi-precious stones, including lapis lazuli, red agate, amethyst, abalone shell and mother of pearl. Next, the leisurely tour will take you along the spectacular Corniche Road and through the city of Abu Dhabi - fondly referred to as the "Manhattan of Arabia" due to its profusion of ultramodern glass skyscrapers. You will also have an opportunity to take photos of the luxurious Emirates Palace Hotel (outside only), which is unique in its impressive location. The tour wraps up with a drive past Manarat Al Saadyat and a visit to Abu Dhabi date market.

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#### ABU DHABI CITY TOUR ENDING AT AIRPORT - AUH01D

**Duration**  
4:30 h

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## DISCOVERING ABU DHABI - AUH01E

**Duration**  
4:30 h

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## DESERT DUNE ADVENTURE - AUH04

**Duration**  
3:30 h

Treat yourself to the thrill of a lifetime on our Desert Dune Adventure. An exciting rollercoaster ride over Arabia's golden sand dunes awaits you - and all from the comfort of a modern four-wheel drive vehicle. Look forward to viewing beautiful scenery from the top of the highest sand dune, taking stunning photos or letting your imagination take flight in the vast emptiness of the desert. En route to the desert location, the tour will take you through villages and past farms that still practice a traditional way of life - in stark contrast to the super-modern towers of the capital city.

Please note: the driver will provide information only in English. As this tour involves travelling over rough and bumpy terrain, it is unsuitable for guests with mobility problems, with neck/back problems or pregnant women. Casual clothing and comfortable walking shoes recommended. Children must be at least 6 years old to participate. The duration of the tour also includes two stops (approx. 30 minutes) to inflate/deflate tires. Guests are advised to keep a safe distance from desert animals including camels, Arabian oryx, etc. This tour is subject to weather conditions, is available in the morning and can be combined with one of the following afternoon tours: AUH09, AUH23 and AUH25.

### SOMETHING SPECIAL

## FUN AT THE FERRARI WORLD THEME PARK - AUH08

**Duration**  
5 h

Already known as the crossroads to Europe, Asia and Africa, Abu Dhabi now also boasts the Ferrari World Theme Park as one of its must-see locations. Only a short coach ride away, the theme park hosts a wealth of attractions and exciting rides for children and adults alike. Among more than 20 state-of-the-art rides, you will find the world's fastest rollercoaster. Travelling at a speed of 200 km/h to emulate the thrill of riding in a Ferrari F1 car, this is one heck of a ride. Still not scary enough? Then try the G-Force experience - a ride that takes passengers on an adrenaline-pumping ascent of over 62m up through the roof, only to then to sharply make its way back down to earth again. Alternatively, try the V12 ride, a journey into the heart of a 12-cylinder Ferrari 599 engine, or get up close and personal with the ultimate display of Ferrari cars, hailing from Maranello and top collectors from around the world. The Ferrari World Theme Park tour is thoroughly recommended as a great day out for families.

Please note: Transfers to and from the theme park will be at fixed time. Guests will visit the park individually. The following attractions are not included in the tour price: Karting Academy, Motor Midway Games, Advanced Scuderia Challenge, Ferrari Driving/Passenger Experience, Roof Walk & Zip line Experience. In addition, temporary or daily maintenance works may render some attractions unavailable, even without prior notice, on the day of your visit.



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## FUN AT THE FERRARI WORLD THEME PARK - AUH08E



**Duration**  
5 h



Already known as the crossroads to Europe, Asia and Africa, Abu Dhabi now also boasts the Ferrari World Theme Park as one of its must-see locations. Only a short coach ride away, the theme park hosts a wealth of attractions and exciting rides for children and adults alike. Among more than 20 state-of-the-art rides, you will find the world's fastest rollercoaster. Travelling at a speed of 200 km/h to emulate the thrill of riding in a Ferrari F1 car, this is one heck of a ride. Still not scary enough? Then try the G-Force experience - a ride that takes passengers on an adrenaline-pumping ascent of over 62m up through the roof, only to then to sharply make its way back down to earth again. Alternatively, try the V12 ride, a journey into the heart of a 12-cylinder Ferrari 599 engine, or get up close and personal with the ultimate display of Ferrari cars, hailing from Maranello and top collectors from around the world. The Ferrari World Theme Park tour is thoroughly recommended as a great day out for families.

Please note: Transfers to and from the theme park will be at fixed time. Guests will visit the park individually. The following attractions are not included in the tour price: Karting Academy, Motor Midway Games, Advanced Scuderia Challenge, Ferrari Driving/Passenger Experience, Roof Walk & Zip line Experience. In addition, temporary or daily maintenance works may render some attractions unavailable, even without prior notice, on the day of your visit. This tour is only available for guests embarking in Abu Dhabi, it takes place in the afternoon and will start/end at the port.



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## BACKSTAGE AT THE YAS F1 CIRCUIT - AUH09



**Duration**  
3:30 h



You will have the opportunity to go behind the scenes of one of the world's most advanced Formula 1™ circuits in the world! You will be taken around the circuit in comfort stopping at key locations including the North Grandstand, the Yas Marina, Shams Tower, the red Building, and the Yas Drag Racing strip. You will explore the circuit's high-tech facilities, including Race Control, and have the unique opportunity to take a picture at the Podium like an F1 champion. You will see the astonishing structure of the Yas Hotel and the luxurious Marina. This is a must-see experience for all motor sports fans and non-motor sport fans interested in such a state-of-the-art sports facility. You will observe and learn all aspects of a Formula 1™ circuit and get an inside look at what is normally not visible to fans during race weekends.

Please note: some locations are visited from outside (Shams Tower), some from inside depending on the site programmes the day of call. In the case of special events, participants may neither enter the area around the podium nor take a photo on the podium. Guides available English only. This tour departs at approximately 14:00 h. This tour can be combined with one of the following tours: AUH01, AUH04 or AUH32.

### CITY TOUR

## ABU DHABI HOP ON HOP OFF SIGHTSEEING TOUR - AUH18PP



**Duration**  
24 h



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Please note: some locations are visited from outside (Shams Tower), some from inside depending on the site programmes the day of call. The tour will be in English only. This tour departs at approximately 14:00 h. This tour can be combined with one of the following tours: AUH01, AUH04 or AUH32.



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## SOMETHING SPECIAL

### ABU DHABI SIGHTSEEING & THE FERRARI WORLD THEME PARK - AUH19



**Duration**  
8 h



Get your fill of sightseeing, exploration and fun on an all-day outing that begins with a first stop at Abu Dhabi's man-made breakwater barrier for sublime views of the city's jaw-dropping skyline, before you continue for an outside look at the iconic 7-star Emirates Palace Hotel. After a little time to take photos, you will move on to the truly enchanting Sheikh Zayed Mosque along with the 1.000 jewel-encrusted, marble-panelled columns that stand in its outer areas. Leaving one feat of engineering behind, you will then move on to a venue dedicated to one of a vehicular kind: the incredible Ferrari World theme park on Yas Island. An immense, 200.000-m² roof, making it the world's largest indoor amusement park, covers the central portion of the park. You will then have plenty of time to have lunch (not covered by the price of the tour) or explore the park and its numerous attractions, which include more than 20 family-friendly state-of-the-art rides, the world's fastest rollercoaster and the ultimate display of sleek Ferrari cars. The tour then wraps up with your return to the port and your ship.

Please note: Guests visiting the Mosque should wear conservative attire: loose-fitting clothes, long trousers and no transparent garments, shorts, or short skirts, which are considered disrespectful. Ladies should take a headscarf to cover their heads and keep their shoulders covered. On religious celebrations, the Mosque visit will be outside only. Guests should take off their shoes upon entering the Mosque and not touch any architectural features inside. The following attractions are not included in the tour price: Karting Academy, Motor Midway Games, Advanced Scuderia Challenge, Ferrari Driving/Passenger Experience, Roof Walk & Zip line Experience. In addition, temporary or daily maintenance works may render some attractions unavailable, even without prior notice, on the day of your visit. Guests will visit the park individually. Limited number of guides in languages other than English. Should a tour guide for your language be unavailable, the tour will be in English only.



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### ABU DHABI SIGHTSEEING & TEA AT ETIHAD TOWER - AUH23



**Duration**  
4 h



This enjoyable half-day roundup of Abu Dhabi must-sees begins with a visit to the dates market and have the opportunity to discover and taste all different sorts of dates. Next, enjoy a scenic coach drive along the waterside Corniche Road to reach your second stop: the Sheikh Zayed Mosque. After taking some photos from outside, the tour then takes you to the Etihad Towers, a super-modern complex of 5 skyscrapers completed in 2011. You'll make for the 74th floor of one of these towers to enjoy a cup of tea and a piece of cake apart from spectacular views from the Observation Deck - a perfect moment to take some photos before you return to the port and your ship.

Please note: Dress code: smart. For men: a shirt with collar, possibly short-sleeved, plus long trousers, and closed shoes. No trainers, flip flops, t-shirts, or shorts. For women: long trousers or skirt, long sleeves, closed or open shoes. Limited number of guides in languages other than English. Should a tour guide for your language be unavailable, the tour will be in English only. This tour departs at approximately 14:30 h. and can be combined with one of the following tours: AUH01 or AUH04. Guests with any type of food intolerance are required to communicate it to the Shore Excursions Office at least two days before the call.



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## ACTIVE & ADVENTURE

### DELUXE 4X4 JAUNT & DINNER IN THE DESERT - AUH25



**Duration**  
6 h



Look forward to an Arabian Night that will see you travel deep into Abu Dhabi's desert for a truly immersive cultural experience that includes a delicious dinner of authentic Arabian food. You'll leave the ship in the afternoon, board a modern 4x4 vehicle and then embark on a 1.5-hour drive to first reach the camel farm. From there, you can enjoy a stunning ride over the photo-worthy dune landscape. Also, enjoy a break to experience a fascinating henna-painting session, a popular and highly decorative form of semi-permanent body art in the region. On arrival at the Oasis, your Arabian Night continues with a buffet dinner amid the most romantic desert setting. And as a final touch, your time at the Oasis also includes a beguiling belly dance show in true Arabian style. The tour then wraps up with the return journey to your ship.

Please note: the driver will provide information only in English. Guests are advised to keep a safe distance and avoid interaction from desert animals including camels, Arabian oryx, etc. The tour does not include a camel ride. As this tour involves travelling over rough and bumpy terrain, it is unsuitable for guests with mobility problems, with neck/back problems, for pregnant women or wheelchair-users. Casual clothing and comfortable walking shoes recommended. Children must be at least 6 years old to participate. The tour is subject to weather conditions. Duration also includes two stops (approx. 30 minutes) to inflate/deflate tires. Dinner could also take place in the late afternoon and on some dates, it may be replaced by lunch. Guests with any type of food intolerance are required to communicate it to the Shore Excursions Office at least two days before the call. This afternoon tour can be combined with morning tour AUH01, AUH04 and AUH32. The belly dance show will not take place during calls that coincide with religious festivities.



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## SCENIC ROUTE

**SHEIKH ZAYED MOSQUE & SCENIC ABU DHABI - AUH32****Duration**  
3 h

A visit to one of the world's finest examples of neo - Islamic architecture and a coach-based roundup of key Abu Dhabi sights are on the itinerary of this enjoyable tour. A short coach ride will see you reach your destination: the sublimely beautiful Sheikh Zayed Mosque, one of the world's largest with space for some 41.000 worshippers. Key internal features include a vast carpet that took around 1.300 carpet makers to knot by hand, seven chandeliers beset with Swarovski crystals, several pools to reflect the beautiful arched walkways and 96 marble-clad columns inlaid with mother of pearl. The outside area is graced by around 1.000 marble - clad columns - again bejewelled with lapis lazuli, red agate, amethysts, abalone shells and mother of pearl and a high - end lighting system that illuminates the edifice at night. Back on the coach again, you'll then be taken on a drive around Abu Dhabi's best sights - a city also dubbed the "Manhattan of Arabia" thanks to its plethora of ultramodern glass-and-steel skyscrapers - before you are dropped off at the ship.

Please note: Guests visiting the Mosque should wear conservative attire: loose-fitting clothes, long trousers and no transparent garments, shorts, or short skirts, which are considered disrespectful. Ladies should take a headscarf to cover their heads and keep their shoulders covered. On religious celebrations, the Mosque visit will be outside only. Guests should not touch any architectural features inside the Mosque. limited number of guides in languages other than English. Should a tour guide for your language be unavailable, the tour will be in English only. This morning tour can be combined with the AUH09, AUH23 and AUH25 afternoon tours.



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## SOMETHING SPECIAL

**THE ABU DHABI LOUVRE & CITY TOUR - AUH33****Duration**  
8 h

From towering glass-and-steel skyscrapers to ancient buildings, from places of Islamic worship to restful beaches on Sir Bani Yas Island, Abu Dhabi - also dubbed the "Manhattan of Arabia" - is well worth a day of your time. Climb aboard a coach at the pier and prepare to savour a surfeit of photo-worthy views during a drive-by tour of the city. Notable landmarks include the waterfront Corniche Road, the jaw-dropping 7-star Emirates Palace Hotel with a brief outside photo stop and Sheikh Zayed Mosque with its 1.000 jewel-studded, marble-wrapped columns. You'll have a little time to visit the mosque and, before reaching your hotel in town for a delicious lunch, you will have the opportunity to be amazed by the latest attractions on Yas Island. Next up, you'll head for the largest art museum on the Arabian Peninsula: the Louvre Abu Dhabi. Aiming to bridge the gap between Eastern and Western art, the museum mainly showcases works on loan from the Paris Louvre, other French and international museums. A stop at the Abu Dhabi date market rounds off your outing before you return to the ship.

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## CITY TOUR

**HOP ON HOP OFF SIGHTSEEING TOUR INCLUDING GRAND MOSQUE VISIT - AUH38PP****Duration**  
24 h

Make the most of the beauty of Abu Dhabi with a complete hop on hop off city tour experience on board a double-decker bus that takes in the city's main attractions as well as a visit to the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque. With 4 departures to the mosque from stop 1 at Abu Dhabi Mall, your bus departs every 2.5 hours from 10:00am with the last departure at 4:30pm. Feel free to ask the double-decker bus assistants for more information. Air conditioning is available on the lower deck and the open top bus offers fantastic views as you enjoy the fun and entertaining multi-lingual audio tour in a choice of 6 languages.

Please note: Bus frequency is subject to traffic. Guests visiting attractions and Mosque should dress conservatively: loose-fitting clothing and long trousers. Transparent clothing, shorts or short skirts are considered disrespectful. Ladies should wear a headscarf to cover their head and shoulders. Access to the mosque is not permitted on religious holidays. Shoes must be removed before entering the mosque and guests are asked not to touch any of the architectural features inside.



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## SEA & SUN

### RADISSON BLU BEACH CLUB EXPERIENCE - AUH50



Duration  
6 h



The focus of this family-friendly tour is paying the amazing 5-star Radisson Blu Beach Club an unhurried visit. Once you're at the club, you'll have about 5 hours to enjoy the many amenities: a private sandy beach, an extensive and Blue Flag-winning new beach area with pristine sands, 3 temperature-controlled pools and a kids' and toddlers' area with plenty to keep the little ones entertained, such as two large water slides in the shallow family pool. To round out the experience, be sure to take some photos of the Arabian Gulf and check out the peacock garden with duck pond, which also form part of the beautiful resort complex. At the end of your time at the high-end club, you'll be returned to the ship by coach.

Please note: this excursion is subject to weather conditions. Guests are recommended to wear light clothing and swimwear as well as to bring a hat and high-factor sunscreen. 1 parasol and 2 sunbeds every couple included.

## ACTIVE & ADVENTURE

### ABU DHABI BY BIKE - AUHBK1



Duration  
4 h



Hop on a bike and discover a remarkable city where tradition meets modernity. Cycle from the port to the Fish Market for your first glimpse of Abu Dhabi's stunning skyline. Then cycle along the Corniche to the Heritage Village open-air museum, where you can learn about the traditional Bedouin lifestyle. After a short break, you'll pass the marina and the world-famous Emirates Palace Hotel in the modern city centre. Impressive skyscrapers tower above you on both sides as you cycle. Other highlights include the Khalifa Bin Zayed Mosque and Union Square, and a stop at the city's public beach. Finally, a relaxing route through charming parks and along the Corniche will take you back to the ship.

Please note: Guests shall cycle for approx. 30 km. Children who are at least 155 cm tall are welcome to take part in this tour with the parent's/guardian's written consent.

### EXPLORE ABU DHABI BY E-BIKE - AUHBK2



Duration  
5 h



Join us for a tour of the city of Abu Dhabi on a pedelec - an electrically powered bicycle that supports the rider's pedal power at speeds of up to 25km/h. Leaving the port, your first stop is at the Fish Market for your first glimpse of Abu Dhabi's stunning skyline. The tour then continues along the Corniche to the Heritage Village open-air museum, where you can learn about the traditional lifestyle of the Bedouins. After a short break, you'll pass the marina and the world-famous Emirates Palace Hotel in the modern city centre. Impressive skyscrapers tower above you on both sides as you cycle. Other highlights include the Khalifa Bin Zayed Mosque and Union Square, and a stop at the city's public beach. Finally, a relaxing route through charming parks and along the Corniche will take you back to the ship.

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## Sir Bani Yas Is

Thu 7 March 2024

### CULTURE AND HISTORY

#### MINI ISLAND TOUR - SBY09



**Duration**  
1:30 h



One of the late Sheikh Zayed bin Al Nahyan's visionary achievements was to turn Sir Bani Yas island into a wildlife sanctuary, where hunting is banned, that offers both endangered and other species of local and foreign origin a home to roam free. Part of this "Greening of the Desert" programme was also aimed at making the desert environment more hospitable for human habitation. This appealing look at the island intends to showcase the legacy left by Sheikh Zayed, which includes a development policy whose top priority is to promote harmony between nature and culture. The island provides a safe habitat for numerous free-roaming animals as well as myriad trees and other vegetation. Your sightseeing ride around Sir Bani Yas will include a first stop at the historical Falconry site, overlooking the northern coast, providing interesting facts on the places visited. Moreover, a short stop during the sightseeing tour will also allow you to discover the remains of the only known ancient Christian site in the United Arab Emirates. In addition to numerous artefacts found at the site, excavations begun in the 1990s unearthed the remains of a series of houses and courtyards, a monastery and a church, all dating from between the 7th and 8th centuries AD.

Please note: guests will receive audio guides in following languages: English, French, German, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese and Russian. This tour is unsuitable for guests with mobility problems and for pregnant women. Guests are recommended to wear sport shoes high-factor sunscreen. Sighting of animals cannot be guaranteed all the time; the tour follows a circular itinerary around the island without approaching the reserve too much for safety reasons. This tour may have multiple departures throughout the ship's time in port. You will receive all information about your specific departure the day before the excursion. Min. age to participate: 4 years.

### NATURAL WONDERS

#### MANGROVE KAYAKING - SBY10



**Duration**  
45 m



Sir Bani Yas claims the title of the largest natural island within the United Arab Emirates, is home to the Arabian Wildlife Park and boasts a landscape that even includes mangrove regions with their typical swampland plant and animal life. This is an enjoyable opportunity to explore the island from the waterside perspective afforded by a kayak. You'll first be briefed on how to handle your either two- or one-person kayak, then you'll be able to paddle away along quiet waterways that will let you appreciate the true beauty of the island. Your enchanting kayak adventure ends with your return to the ship.

Please note: kayak instructor will provide only basic information in English only. This tour is unsuitable for guests with mobility problems; it is not recommended for pregnant women who shall sign a waiver if they want to participate. Guests wishing to book a two-person kayak should book code SBY10 for both participants and the code shall be added on 1 guest only as the price is per kayak; guests wishing to book a one-person kayak should book SBY10SIN. This tour may have multiple departures throughout the ship's time in port. You will receive all information about your specific departure the day before the excursion. Guests needs to be 8 years old to take part in the tour. Guests needs to be good swimmer. This tour is subject to weather conditions.

#### MANGROVE KAYAKING - SBY10SIN



**Duration**  
45 m



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**ACTIVE & ADVENTURE****PADDLEBOARDING - SBY12****Duration**  
1 h

It's as close as you'll ever get to actually walking on water, it's great fun and it's a good way to improve core strength and balance: the sport in question is stand-up paddle boarding and you'll be doing it in the calm offshore waters of Sir Bani Yas Island. Once you've got your equipment, you'll be free to paddle around the shoreline enjoying glorious views, the sunshine, and the cool sea breeze. This activity outing is suitable for guests of average to good fitness levels and ends with your return to the ship.

Please note: the paddle boarding instructor speaks only in English. This tour is unsuitable for guests with mobility problems; it is not recommended for pregnant women who shall sign a waiver if they want to participate. Guests are recommended to wear sport shoes and high-factor sunscreen. This tour may have multiple departures throughout the ship's time in port. You will receive all information about your specific departure the day before the excursion. Guests needs to be 8 years old to take part in the tour. Guests needs to be good swimmer. This tour is subject to weather conditions.

**SEA & SUN****FLOATING MATS - SBY13****Duration**  
6 h

Fancy some unfettered "me time" floating around the calm waters off Sir Bani Yas Island? Then this is the perfect outing for you! Once you've been kitted out with your personal floating mat, you can take to the water and relax to your heart's content. The mat is a simple and safe multi-purpose water toy that you can use both as a floating dock on which to sunbathe or as an aid for teaching or learning water sports. After your time on the water and handing back the mat, the tour wraps up with your return to the ship.

Please note: the lifeguard speaks only in English; this tour is unsuitable for guests with mobility problems. Guests are recommended to wear high-factor sunscreen. Guests must be at least 8 years of age to take part. Guests needs to be good swimmer. This tour is subject to weather conditions.

**SHEIKH BEACH BEDS - SBY14****Duration**  
8 h

Make like an oriental monarch and treat yourself to a day of royal treatment on a private, two-person "Sheikh Bed", the ideal place to bask in the sun. Your all-day outing begins with a priority transfer to the shores of Sir Bani Yas Island, where your personal "Sheikh Bed" will then be ready and waiting for you to occupy. You'll find it comes complete with bottled water, a selection of fresh fruit and crisps to nibble, all to ensure you can simply stretch out and savour the splendid surroundings. And best of all, you can take your time doing it since the "Sheikh Bed" will be at your disposal for the entire day. Whenever you're ready to leave, the tender transfer to the ship will bring your day of beachy goodness to a perfect close.

Please note: guests will have use of the Sheikh Bed with space for up to 2 people for a max. of 8 hours. The listed price is per Sheikh Bed (not per person); only one person needs to book, with tour payment chargeable to one account only. The price cannot be charged to multiple accounts. The names of other guest sharing the Sheikh bed with the paying guest must be registered at the Excursions' Desk on board the ship following embarkation.



**MSC****EXCURSIONS**  
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1:15 h

After leaving the ship, your first encounter with the island will be a small stretch of beach from where, crossing a bridge with your Game Viewer 4x4, you set off on an adventure outing through the beautiful nature reserve that occupies a little more than half of Sir Bani Yas island. By decree of the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, hunting is prohibited on Sir Bani Yas and all development work on the island has been carried out with a view to conserving its fragile ecosystem. The late Sheikh was a man both with a vision and on a mission, namely, to provide endangered and other animals - both local and foreign - with a safe haven to roam free and grow their numbers. Enjoy the tour with some photo stops during the itinerary which concludes at the small stretch of beach where you can opt to stay on the island or return to the ship with full memories of a modern-day Noah's Ark full of wonderful creatures you may otherwise never see in such a natural setting.

Please note: the driver will provide some basic information in English; this tour is unsuitable for guests with mobility problems and for pregnant women. Minimum age to take part in this tour: 4. Sighting of animals cannot be guaranteed all the time. This tour may have multiple departures throughout the ship's time in port. You will receive all information about your specific departure the day before the excursion. The Game Viewer 4x4 are open vehicles with capacities of 7 or 10 seats. If you travel with your family or friends, we cannot guarantee you will be in the same vehicle, depending on the available space as all vehicles must be occupied for its entire capacity.

**NATURE & WILDLIFE DRIVE IN A GAME VIEWER CANTER - SBY16****Duration**  
1:15 h

Since Sir Bani Yas Island is home to a large wildlife reserve founded in 1970 by decree of the then Sheikh, this tour showcases this natural diversity with you seated on an open "game viewer" Canter minitruck. You'll find yourself starting from a small stretch of beach to explore a landscape in which numerous species from all around the world roam free. Several photo stops are also scheduled along the route, giving you a chance to capture priceless footage of a modern-day Noah's Ark with a unique collection of creatures. Once you return to your starting point, you can choose whether to remain on the island and make your own way back or return straight to your ship.

Please note: the driver will provide some basic information in English. The tour is unsuitable for guests of limited mobility and for pregnant women. Guests must be at least 4 years of age to take part. Wildlife sightings cannot be guaranteed. This tour may have multiple departures throughout the ship's time in port. You will receive all information about your specific departure the day before the excursion. The "game viewer" vehicle have seats 21.

**SEA & SUN****RELAXING AT THE AL YAMM RESORT - SBY21****Duration**  
5 h

If the quintessence of a holiday involves doing plenty of nothing while luxuriating at the edge of an infinity pool, then this outing to the Al Yamm Villa Resort will be perfect for you. After a short transfer from the port, you'll be free to enjoy facilities that include sun beds, towels, changing rooms – both pool- and beachside – as well as a delicious set-menu lunch. Choose from a variety of Mediterranean cuisine at the on-site Olio Restaurant to round off your stay. At the agreed time, you'll find your transport waiting to return you to the ship.

Please note: the set menu lunch consists of a choice of starter, main course, and dessert; a restriction of 1 dish per course applies. Pool/beach sunchairs and towels available. Guests with any type of food intolerance are required to communicate it to the Shore Excursions Office at least two days before the call.





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## ISLAND MOUNTAIN BIKE RIDE - SBYBK1



**Duration**  
2 h



Formed by natural geological forces millions of years ago, Sir Bani Yas Island is actually the visible peak of a large salt dome, has a beautiful coastline and is home to the Arabian Wildlife Park on just over half of its surface area. This 2-hour excursion combines a chance to get some exercise in the fresh air with lots of fun and stunning views of the island. After leaving the ship, reach the small stretch of beach on the island, choose a bike, cross the small bridge and arrive on the main island to begin your guided bike ride on a route that showcases the island's natural beauty. As you pedal through the more rugged regions, your efforts will be rewarded with plenty of photo opportunities, so remember to bring your camera for this scenic ride.

Please note: Guests will cycle approximately 20km. The mountain bike instructor will provide basic information in English only. Guests are advised to wear sports shoes and high factor sunscreen. Minimum age to participate: 8 years old. Children who are at least 155 cm tall are welcome to take part in this tour with the parent's/guardian's written consent.



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## Dubai

Fri 8 March 2024

### CITY TOUR

#### NEW WONDERS OF DUBAI - DXB01



Duration  
4 h



This discovery tour begins with a photo stop at the epitome of modern Dubai, the sumptuous Burj Al Arab Hotel, which is the only 7-star hotel in the world. The tour continues with a drive to the Palm Jumeirah, a magnificent man-made archipelago of islands in the shape of a palm tree where the impressive Atlantis Hotel is located. The next stop on the tour is the beautiful Dubai Marina, projected to become the largest man-made marina in the world. Next on the itinerary is a drive along Sheikh Zayed Road, taking you to the Souk Al Bahar where you will have free time to spend in the bazaar. As part of the more extended Dubai Mall, this souk features over 100 shops in an eclectic retail mix that includes restaurants, cafés and lounges that flank the souk's extensive waterfront promenade. Literally meaning "The Market of the Sailor", Souk Al Bahar derives its name both from its traditional souk architecture - natural stone corridors, high archways, and subdued lighting - as well as its unique "seaside" location on an island in Lake Burj. You can choose to spend your free time at the Dubai Mall or concentrate on exploring the Souk Al Bahar. Just make sure you return in time to the meeting point with your guide to board your coach and reach the port and your ship.

Please note: limited number of guides in languages other than English. Should a tour guide for your language be unavailable, the tour will be in English only. This tour takes place in the afternoon for all embarking guests. Guests who do not embark or disembark in Dubai will take part in this tour in the morning and can combine it with one of the following afternoon tours (if available during your cruise): DXB03, DXB06, DXB37. If the ship has overnight in Dubai, guests can also combine this tour with one of the night excursions DXB18 or DXB19, if available during your cruise. Time for lunch or dinner on the ship will be limited if you combine two half day tours the same day.



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### SOMETHING SPECIAL

#### DINNER IN THE DUNES - DXB03



Duration  
6 h



Treat yourself to the thrill of a lifetime on our Desert Dune Adventure. An exciting rollercoaster ride over the golden sand dunes of Arabia awaits you - all from the comfort of a modern four-wheel drive vehicle. Look forward to viewing the beautiful desert scenery at sunset from the top of the highest sand dune and taking stunning photos. The highlight of the tour then comes in the form of a delicious barbecue dinner, accompanied by the lithe movements of a belly dancer - all served up in a wildly romantic and relaxing setting. The entertainment programme also includes a henna artist to show the art of painting hands and feet with intricate henna designs, a popular practice in the region to mark special occasions. In addition, to round off this "Bedouin experience" you can even have a go at riding a camel. To bring this magical evening to a perfect close, you will re-join your vehicle for your return journey to your ship.

Please note: this tour is not available on embarkation day. It takes place in the afternoon; approx. departure of the tour: 15.30 and, depending on the time of stay in port, it can be combined with one of the following morning tours: DXB01, DXB12, DXB14. Time for lunch or dinner on the ship will be limited if you combine two half day tours the same day. The driver will provide information in English. As this tour involves travelling over rough and bumpy terrain, it is unsuitable for guests with mobility problems, with neck/back problems and for pregnant women. Casual clothing and comfortable walking shoes recommended. Min. age to participate: 5 years. The duration of the tour also includes two stops (approx. 30 minutes) to inflate/deflate tires. This tour is subject to weather conditions. Each vehicle can accommodate a max. of 6 guests. Guests with any type of food intolerance are required to communicate it to the Shore Excursions Office at least two days before the call. The belly dance show will not take place during calls that coincide with religious festivities.



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## CITY TOUR

**DUBAI CITY TOUR - DXB06****Duration**  
4 h

The Dubai city tour highlights the contrasts between the old and the new in this fast growing and exciting city. The city is popularly known as the "City of Merchants" due to its long history of trade. A photo stop at the Jumeirah Mosque, a magnificent example of neo-Islamic architecture, is on the list. The tour proceeds to the World Trade Centre, one of the city's leading landmarks and one of the region's earliest skyscrapers. Then, in complete contrast, you will continue to the old Al-Bastakia area of Dubai, a perfect spot to admire the old houses with their characteristic wind towers that once cooled the buildings in the days before air conditioning. The tour also includes a visit to Al Shindagha Museum, developed with the aim to transform the creek into a regional culture and traditional centre, a creek crossing in a typical Abra boat and a stop at the aromatic spice market. The tour is rounded off by visiting Dubai's huge gold souk, a fabulous precious metals market where you can find exquisite gold jewellery at the most attractive prices in the world.

Please note: limited number of guides in languages other than English. Should a tour guide for your language be unavailable, the tour will be in English only. This excursion is available on the day of embarkation and on Friday and Saturday; it takes place in the afternoon. Guests in transit in Dubai can combine this tour with one of the following tours if available during your cruise: DXB01, DXB07, DXB14, DXB58. Time for lunch or dinner on the ship will be limited if you combine two half day tours the same day.



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## ACTIVE &amp; ADVENTURE

**DUNE DRIVE SAFARI - DXB07****Duration**  
4 h

Treat yourself to the thrill of a lifetime on our Desert Dune Adventure. An exciting rollercoaster ride over Arabia's golden sand dunes awaits you - and all from the comfort of a modern four-wheel drive vehicle. The tour culminates in a visit to a secluded desert camp site, decorated in authentic Arabic style. This tranquil spot is not just perfect for relaxing amid majestic sand dunes, but also for having a camel riding.

Please note: this tour is not available on embarkation day; it takes place in the morning. The tour can be combined with one of the afternoon tours: DXB06 or DXB37. If the ship has overnight in Dubai, guests can also combine this tour with one of the night excursions: DXB18 or DXB19. Time for lunch or dinner on the ship will be limited if you combine two half day tours the same day. The driver will provide information in English. As this tour involves travelling over rough and bumpy terrain, it is unsuitable for guests with mobility problems, with neck/back problems and for pregnant women. The duration of the tour also includes two stops (approx. 30 minutes) to inflate/deflate tires. Casual clothing and comfortable walking shoes recommended. Children must be at least 5 years old to participate. This tour is subject to weather conditions. Each vehicle can accommodate a max. of 6 guests.

## SEA &amp; SUN

**AQUAVENTURE AT THE ATLANTIS - DXB14****Duration**  
5 h

Experience Aquaventure, the largest water park in the region. Thrill your senses with the Ziggurat, Aquaventure's centerpiece or dare to take the Leap of Faith, a near vertical drop of 27.5 meters through a submerged tunnel into shark infested waters. Glide along over two kilometres of inter-connected waterways, dare to brave the rapids or simply enjoy the leisurely tidal effect of The Surge. For a gentler experience, younger visitors can plunge into Splashers, a water playground for kids. It all adds up to a unique water adventure, with something new to discover at every turn. Relax by the sandy beach of Atlantis before returning to Dubai port.

Please note: This tour is not available on embarkation day. This tour can be combined with one of the tours DXB18 or DXB19. Time for lunch or dinner on the ship will be limited if you combine two half day tours. This tour is subject to weather conditions. Please wear swimming suit and bring sunscreen, sunglasses, and a towel. This tour is unsuitable for guests with back or neck injuries and for pregnant women.



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## SOMETHING SPECIAL

**TRANSFER TO DUBAI MALL & FOUNTAIN SHOW - DXB18****Duration**  
4 h

As beautiful as Dubai is by day, it turns into a sparkly jewel of a city when the lights come on at night - a visual spectacle this outing seeks to deliver. You'll first head down Sheikh Zayed Road, home to skyscrapers such as the Emirates Tower and the Burj Khalifa, the world's tallest building and home also to the Dubai Mall, the world's largest shopping centre. You'll be able to spend some time browsing and buying premium brands in this retail temple to your heart's content. The mall also features a variety of other attractions, including an aquarium and underwater zoo (admission to attractions not included in the price of the excursion). Outside, at the foot of the Burj Khalifa - which soars to a staggering total height of 829.8 m/2.722 ft. you'll be able to watch the Dubai Fountain Show, a lovely display of dancing water jets. The tour then comes to a close with your return to the ship.

Please note: limited number of guides in languages other than English. Should a tour guide for your language be unavailable, the tour will be in English only. This tour is not available on embarkation day; it is available on Friday and Saturday, takes place at night, with an approx. departure at 20.30. On Friday and Saturday, this tour can be combined with one of the following excursions: DXB01, DXB14 and DXB37. Time for lunch or dinner on the ship will be limited if you combine two half day tours. The Fountain show is subject to weather conditions.



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**DUBAI AT NIGHT FROM THE BURJ AL KHALIFA - DXB19****Duration**  
3:30 h

This tour lets you see both the breathtaking beauty of Dubai at night and the Burj Al Khalifa in one go. After leaving the port, you will drive along Sheikh Zayed Road, the most famous street in Dubai, to reach the Burj Al Khalifa building, which is currently credited as being the world's tallest building at a dizzying height of just over 829.8 m/2.722 ft. The observation deck on the 124th floor will give you a fascinating 360-degree view of Dubai and the city's glittering lights. The tour then continues on to the Dubai Mall, the world's largest shopping centre. You will have time to explore premium-brand outlets plus various other mall attractions such as an aquarium and an underwater zoo (admission to attractions not included in the price of the excursion). The excursion also includes the opportunity to watch the unique Dubai Fountain show, a fabulous display of water jets gushing out of a pool at the foot of the Burj Al Khalifa. You will then return to the port.

Please note: limited number of guides in languages other than English. Should a tour guide for your language be unavailable, the tour will be in English only. This tour is not available on embarkation day. It takes place on Friday and Saturday at night, with an approx. departure at 20.30, and can be combined with one of the following tours: DXB01, DXB14 and DXB37. Time for lunch or dinner on the ship will be limited if you combine two half day tours. This tour does not include the access to the 148th floor. The adult price applies to all participants from 9 years of age.



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## CITY TOUR

**DUBAI HOP ON HOP OFF TOUR - ONE DAY - DXB21PP****Duration**  
24 h

Stopping at various destinations throughout Dubai, where you can hop on and off as you please, this flexible tour allows you to explore any aspect of the city that interests you, with buses departing every 20 or 30 minutes, depending on whether you choose the Red or Blue Line. You can even choose between an air-conditioned lower deck and an open, panoramic upper deck with fabulous views. An audio tour in 6 languages means you won't miss a thing, and you can explore the entire city, from the towering Burj Khalifa and 7-star Burj Al Arab to the atmospheric gold and spice souk markets. Your ticket is valid all day.

Please note: This tour is for guests staying one day in Dubai and is not available on the day of embarkation. Guests will receive information on the bus via a headset system and a complimentary map is included. The bus frequency is subject to traffic conditions.

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## DUBAI HOP ON HOP OFF TOUR - TWO DAYS - DXB22PP

**Duration**  
48 h

Stopping at various destinations throughout Dubai, where you can hop on and off as you please, this flexible tour allows you to explore any aspect of the city that interests you, with buses departing every 20 or 30 minutes, depending on whether you choose the Red or Blue Line. You can even choose between an air-conditioned lower deck and an open, panoramic upper deck with fabulous views. An audio tour in 6 languages means you won't miss a thing, and you can explore the entire city, from the towering Burj Khalifa and 7-star Burj Al Arab to the atmospheric gold and spice souk markets. Your ticket is valid all day for 48 hours and also includes entrance to the Lost Chambers Aquarium and to the Ambassador Lagoon, both located in Atlantis hotel.

Please note: This tour is for guests staying two days in Dubai and is not available on the day of embarkation. Guests will receive information on the bus via a headset system and a complimentary map is included. The bus frequency is subject to traffic conditions.

### SCENIC ROUTE

## DUBAI SIGHTSEEING & MIRACLE GARDEN - DXB37

**Duration**  
4 h

This tour of two halves combines a leisurely coach-based sightseeing drive around the City of Merchants with a chance to stretch your legs in the city's colourful Miracle Garden. The drive around Dubai begins with a photo stop at the Burj Al Arab, the world's only 7-star hotel, and then continues on to the Palm Jumeirah, a man-made island in the shape of a palm tree. Watch out for views of the Atlantic Hotel as you head for the Dubai Marina, the largest man-made facility of its kind in the world. After soaking up these city vistas, you'll then have a chance to enjoy outdoor time at the Miracle Garden. Among the plethora of different flowers, you'll also find plants that are common in more temperate climates, but count as exotics in these parts, which is why petunias and geraniums also form part of the multi-hued line-up. The topiary section even features displays of blooms fashioned to resemble giant hearts, stars, igloos, and pyramids. Take your time to enjoy the natural beauty of the park before the coach returns you to the ship.

Please note: limited number of guides in languages other than English. Should a tour guide for your language be unavailable, the tour will be in English only. This excursion is not available on embarkation day. It takes place in the afternoon and can be combined with one of the following tours: DXB01, DXB07, DXB18 or DXB19. Approx. departure of the tour: 15.00. Time for lunch or dinner on the ship will be limited if you combine two half day tours the same day.



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### SOMETHING SPECIAL

## EXPERIENCE LA PERLE BY DRAGONE AQUA - DXB46B

**Duration**  
4 h

Get ready for an interactive theatre experience should not be missed. Immerse yourself in the live show that takes inspiration from Dubai's past, present and future. Your bus will depart the pier through Burj Khalifa to Al Habtoor City for the famous La Perle aquatic show. The show was devised by Franco Dragone, one of the geniuses behind Cirque Du Soleil, and choreographer of such famous shows as Quidam and Saltimbanco. With its one-of-a-kind theatre built in the heart of Al Habtoor City, La Perle is the region's first resident show, featuring a cast of 65 artists, each bringing their own unique set of skills to the performance, ranging from acting, acrobats, aquatic and aerial stunts. These often gravity-defying performers will mesmerise as they dive into an on-stage pool or fly through the air, creating a visually captivating experience both below and above stage level. State-of-the-art lighting and sounds systems all add to the wow factor. Guaranteed to be a live entertainment performance unlike any you have ever seen. You'll have so many things to share on the bus ride back to port and with your fellow guests once you return to your ship.

Please note: this excursion is not available on embarkation day. It takes place in the afternoon with an approx. departure at 17.30. Dress code: smart. For men: a shirt with collar, long trousers or elegant jeans, and closed shoes. No sport shoes, trainers, flip flops, t-shirts, or shorts. For women: long trousers or skirt, long sleeves, closed or open shoes. By booking this code, you will receive silver-level tickets to the performance. Children under the age of 2 are not permitted into La Perle Theatre. We encourage guests under the age of 18 years to be accompanied by an adult. Photography is permitted; however, flash and laser pointers are not permitted in the venue. This tour is not available on Sundays and Mondays



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## CITY TOUR

### BURJ KHALIFA, BURJ AL ARAB AND LUNCH IN JUMEIRAH BEACH AREA - DXB76



Duration  
9 h



This excursion promises to offer you unique sensations and visits to some of the iconic symbols of Dubai. The first visit on this full day tour promises to prove you why Dubai is often referred as to the City of Merchants; a short coach drive to the Dubai Mall, which is situated at the foot of and forms an integral component of the Burj Dubai building, will give you plenty of time for shopping. Next, get ready to enjoy one of the most fabulous views of Dubai, ascending the incredible Burj Al Khalifa, which holds the current record for the world's tallest building at a dizzying height of 828 meters. Visit the observation deck at the 124th floor for a fascinating 360-degree view of Dubai before returning back to the ground to reach the world-renowned Burj Al Arab. The 60-70-minute butler-guided tour will take you to its most prestigious and inaccessible spaces of the hotel for an exclusive journey of discovery, to hear the untold stories of Dubai's world-famous hotel and uncover what makes the international icon of the UAE a landmark of architectural innovation. You will visit the famous hotel atrium and glamorous Royal Suite as well as a curated Experience Suite with digital interactives, allowing guests to relive history with original architectural designs showcasing where it all started. Leaving this icon hotel, you will reach a local restaurant located in Jumeirah Beach Area for a delicious lunch. Once refreshed, you will continue a coach to the palm-shaped Palm Jumeirah, a man-made island ending at old Al-Bastakia area of Dubai. This is the perfect spot for a short stop to admire the old houses with their characteristic wind towers that once cooled the buildings in the days before air conditioning. After then, crossing the river in a typical abra boat and stopping at a spice market, you will get to browse Dubai's huge gold souk - the best place to buy gold jewellery at rock-bottom prices. Return to the port.

Please note: limited number of guides in languages other than English. Should a tour guide for your language be unavailable, the tour will be in English only. This excursion is not available on embarkation day. It is unsuitable for guests with mobility problems. In Burj Al Arab, guests can take pictures only in public areas. Guests with any type of food intolerance are required to communicate it to the Shore Excursions Office at least two days before the call. Drinks included: 1 bottle of water per person, coffee, or tea. Any additional drink must be paid at the restaurant with local currency, credit cards as well as Euro or US dollars. Dress code for Burj Al Arab: elegant. No jeans, flip flops, shorts are allowed. Gentlemen are required to wear a collared shirt, full-length trousers or elegant jeans and closed shoes. Ladies are required to wear a suit or a dress, long or short skirt or dressy slacks and top. This tour does not include the access to the 148th floor. The adult price applies to all participants from 9 years of age.

### DUBAI, THE CITY OF RECORDS - DXB77



Duration  
9 h



This enjoyable sightseeing tour of Dubai gives you the opportunity to discover the contrasts between old and new in this fast-growing and vibrant city, popularly known as the "City of Merchants" due to its long history of trade. From the port, a short bus ride will take you to Dubai Mall, the largest shopping centre in the world by number of stores, where you can indulge your love of shopping. Then get ready to enjoy two of Dubai's most fabulous views as you climb the incredible Burj Al Khalifa, which holds the current record for the world's tallest building at a dizzying 828 metres. Visit the observation deck on the 124th floor for a stunning 360-degree view of Dubai. Back on the ground, head to the city's newest attraction, so don't put your camera away, because the last stop on the itinerary is worth more than one photo for your memory book. Climb to the open-air observation deck and from 240 metres above the city, see some of Dubai's most iconic landmarks, including the spectacular man-made Palm Jumeirah island, shaped like a palm tree, downtown Dubai, its skyline and the Burj Khalifa in the distance. You will stop at a restaurant in the Jumeirah Beach Area for a delicious lunch. Refreshed, you will continue by coach to the palm-shaped Palm Jumeirah, a man-made island that ends in the old Al-Bastakia area of Dubai. This is the perfect place for a short stop to admire the old houses with their characteristic wind towers that cooled the buildings in the days before air conditioning. Then cross the river in a typical abra boat and stop at a spice market to browse Dubai's huge gold souk - the best place to buy gold jewellery at rock-bottom prices. Return to the port.

Please note: limited number of guides in languages other than English. Should a tour guide for your language be unavailable, the tour will be in English only. This excursion is not available on embarkation day. is unsuitable for guests with mobility problems. Guests with any type of food intolerance are required to communicate it to the Shore Excursions Office at least two days before the call. Drinks included: 1 bottle of water per person, coffee, or tea. Any additional drink must be paid at the restaurant with local currency, credit cards as well as Euro or US dollars. This tour does not include the access to the 148th floor of Burj Khalifa. The adult price applies to all participants from 9 years of age.



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#### SOMETHING SPECIAL

### EXCLUSIVE DUBAI BY HELICOPTER - DXB80



Duration  
2 h



A minivan will pick you up at the port for a transfer to the helipad. The ensuing 22-minute flight is an amazing opportunity to admire the beauty of Dubai from a completely new perspective and take stunning photos. After taking in a short safety briefing, you are ready to fly. Enjoy this unique experience of seeing Dubai from the sky and have your camera ready to take pictures of the landmarks of the city of records: the Palm Jumeirah and Burj Al Arab's iconic structure. Fly above astonishing Dubai beaches and The World Islands, see one of the city's best-known symbols, the amazing architectural masterpiece of Burj Khalifa, the tallest building in the world and continue to the Dubai Canal, UAE's largest flag located near Port Rashid and other artistically built skyscrapers at the Business Bay. Make sure you have not missed a thing for your personal photographic gallery to show to your friends back home.

Please note: this tour is available on embarkation day and on Friday and Saturday. The pilot will provide information in English only. The location from which the helicopter departs may vary. The tour duration includes transfers, briefing and flight. The maximum capacity is 4 persons per helicopter. Maximum weight per person allowed: 125 kg. You will receive a short briefing before take-off. This tour is subject to weather conditions and may have multiple departures throughout the ship's time in port. You will receive all information about your specific departure the day before the excursion. Please bring your passport.

### PROTECTOURS: REPLENISH ENERGY & NOURISH LOCAL CULTURE - DXB88



Duration  
6:30 h



Leave the ship and discover the environmentalist soul of Dubai, combining a visit to the famous Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Solar Park with a stroll through the historic Al Fahidi district with its splendid towers, the first example of air conditioning. All topped off with a delicious traditional lunch in perfect Emirati style. The first stop will be at the world's largest solar park based on the IPP (Independent Power Producer) model, which has a planned production capacity of 5.000 MW by 2030. The park also helped DEWA - the Dubai Electricity and Water Authority - win the best sustainable project of the year in the UAE at the 2014 MEED Quality Awards. This is the first time this award has been given to a renewable energy project in the Middle East and North Africa. The visit to the park includes an introductory video, followed by an educational tour to learn about the history of electricity with hands-on experiments. In the light zone, you will learn about the properties of light with interactive exhibits before concluding in the solar zone where you will see how the sun's energy is harnessed to convert it into electricity using different methods. After visiting the Solar Park, your next stop is the Shiekh Mohamed Cultural Centre where you will be welcomed by the centre's friendly and knowledgeable staff. Enjoy a traditional Emirati lunch before heading to the historic Al Fahidi neighbourhood of Bastakiya, one of the oldest traditional Emirati neighbourhoods in Dubai. A walking along its characteristic narrow alleys (sikkas) allows you to see the beautiful wind towers, an early form of air conditioning. The tour concludes with the return to the port.

Please note: limited number of guides in languages other than English. Should a tour guide for your language be unavailable, the tour will be in English only. This tour is for guests in transit in the port of Dubai, is available on Saturday and can be combined with the night tour DXB18 or DXB19 is available during the cruise. It is not available on embarkation day. Guests with any type of food intolerance are required to communicate it to the Shore Excursions Office at least two days before the call.

#### ACTIVE & ADVENTURE

### DUBAI ACTIVE TOUR BY BIKE - DXBBK1



Duration  
5 h



Experience a fascinating bike tour along Dubai Creek and through the old heart of Dubai. Your route starts from the port to the Dubai Creek, a 12-kilometre-long bay. An underground pedestrian tunnel takes you to the oldest part of Dubai called Deira. Past the fish and vegetable markets, you'll continue through narrow alleyways to the gold and spice souk. During your break, you will have the opportunity to explore the markets on your own and perhaps buy a souvenir or two. Continuing along Dubai Creek, you'll pass the Dhow Port with its traditional wooden boats. Then cross the Al Maktoum Bridge to return to Bur Dubai for an extended stop at the Old Clothes Souk and Heritage Village, where you can bargain for goods before returning to the ship.

Please note: Guests shall cycle for approx. 15 km. Children who are at least 155 cm tall are welcome to take part in this tour with the parent's/guardian's written consent.





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## DUBAI BY E-BIKE - DXBBK2



Duration  
4 h



Are you ready for an active cycling adventure through Dubai - the pearl of the Arabian Gulf? If your answer is yes, then join us on this great tour. Starting at Dubai Marina, you'll cycle past the Jumeirah Mosque to the city's beach. You then cycle along the beach, past beautiful villas and along Jumeirah Beach Road to the imposing Jumeirah Beach Hotel. You'll have a chance to take photos of the world-famous Burj Al Arab hotel along the way. Then head to Souk Madinat Jumeirah. After a break at this traditional market, the tour continues through beautiful residential areas to the next photo stop - Dubai's skyline with the Burj Khalifa. The tour then returns to Jumeirah Beach Road and through Dubai's villa district before returning to the port.

Please note: This sporty bike tour requires a good level of fitness. Guests shall cycle for approx. 50 km. Children who are at least 155 cm tall are welcome to take part in this tour with the parent's/guardian's written consent.



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## KEY TO SYMBOLS

	Possibility of swimming		Long route by bus		Best seller	<b>DIFFICULTY LEVEL</b>		<b>Easy</b> May involve a limited quantity of steps, uneven surfaces and/or periods of standing
	Tasting included		Shooting videos and/or taking pictures is not allowed or subject to fee		New			<b>Moderate</b> May involve inclines, steps, uneven surfaces and/or extended periods of standing
	Lunch or dinner included		Shopping		<b>Wheelchair and disabled-friendly tour</b> As guests in wheelchairs must be accompanied by their own helper, please inform Excursions Desk staff promptly so they can help make arrangements			<b>Strenuous</b> Active excursions recommended only for guests in good physical health
	Drink included		Mini Tours					
	Snack included		Limited seat					
	No guide available							

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<b>ACTIVE &amp; ADVENTURE</b>	Head ashore in search of adventure! Opportunities for sport and fun range from trekking and snorkelling to kayak tours and 4x4 vehicle adventures. The active choice.
<b>CITY TOUR</b>	Explore the city centre with a guided tour and soak up the local scenery with a comfortable coach ride. The easy way to get to know your destination.
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<b>NATURAL WONDERS</b>	Immerse yourself in spectacular scenery and discover the fascinating flora and fauna of your destination. Your passport to the wonders of the natural world.
<b>SCENIC ROUTE</b>	Admire your destination in total comfort, with a scenic coach tour taking in the best views and the main places of interest. The relaxing road to discovery.
<b>SEA &amp; SUN</b>	Treat yourself to some pure relaxation, basking on a beautiful beach or enjoying the stunning views on a scenic boat trip. A winner for sea and sun lovers.
<b>SOMETHING SPECIAL</b>	Pursue your interests in new places! From gastronomic tours and guided shopping trips to religious visits, there's a world of pastimes and passions to explore.

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Some excursions are very popular and therefore availability cannot always be guaranteed, it is advisable to book in advance to avoid disappointment.



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#### ALL AREAS

The tour can be provided in 5 languages (ENG-DEU-FRA-ESP-ITA) and it depends on the availability of guides. The final language will be confirmed on board during your cruise

#### ONLY SOA

The tour can be provided in 6 languages (ENG-DEU-FRA-ESP-ITA-POR) and it depends on the availability of guides. The final language will be confirmed on board during your cruise