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DATE	PORT	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
18/12	Abu Dhabi	-	2359
19/12	DOHA (QATAR)	1400	2200
20/12	...CRUISING...	-	-
21/12	Muscat	0700	1700
22/12	Dubai	1300	-

The sales prices indicated here are valid for 30 days from the date mentioned on the document (indicated on the lower right).

AVAILABLE EXCURSIONS

DOHA (QATAR) - 19/12/2023

- 02OR** HOP-ON/HOP-OFF DOHA, Adult price EUR 59.00 - Child price EUR 41.30
- 02TZ** DISCOVER THE ARCHITECTURAL AND CULTURAL BEAUTIES OF DOHA, Adult price EUR 75.00 - Child price EUR 52.50
- 02Y3** TOUR OF DOHA WITH A VISIT TO SOUQ WAQIF, Adult price EUR 55.00 - Child price EUR 38.50
- 02Y4** SIGHTSEEING TOUR OF DOHA AND SHOPPING, Adult price EUR 55.00 - Child price EUR 38.50
- 02J3** SIGHTSEEING TOUR OF DOHA, Adult price EUR 75.00 - Child price EUR 52.50
- 02J4** JEEP SAFARI IN THE DESERT, Adult price EUR 85.00 - Child price EUR 59.50
- 02J7** MSHEIREB DOWNTOWN AND TOUR OF KATARA, Adult price EUR 65.00 - Child price EUR 45.50
- 02J9** JEEP SAFARI IN THE DESERT - with dinner, Adult price EUR 145.00 - Child price EUR 101.50

Muscat - 21/12/2023

- 02XU** SIGHTSEEING TOUR OF MUSCAT, Adult price EUR 45.00 - Child price EUR 31.50
- 02RE** A DIVE INTO ARAB CULTURE AND IN MUSCAT'S BREATHTAKING SEABED, Adult price EUR 249.00 - Child price EUR 169.50
- 00KB** RELAX IN THE SUN AND SHOPPING IN MUSCAT, Adult price EUR 69.00 - Child price EUR 48.30
- 00KA** MUSCAT: FRAGRANCES, HOLINESS AND UNIQUE FRAGMENTS OF ARABIA, Adult price EUR 69.00 - Child price EUR 48.30
- 00K8** MYSTICAL MUSCAT AND RELAXING AT A RESORT, Adult price EUR 95.00 - Child price EUR 66.50
- 02JE** VISIT TO MUTTRAH SOUK, Adult price EUR 15.00 - Child price EUR 10.50
- 033L** HOP-ON/HOP-OFF MUSCAT, Adult price EUR 75.00 - Child price EUR 50.00
- 03VW** COOKING LESSON WITH AN OMANI CHEF, Adult price EUR 199.00 - Child price EUR 139.30
- 03VX** ENJOY LUNCH WITH THE ARTISTS AND GET TO KNOW OMAN, Adult price EUR 239.00 - Child price EUR 167.30
- 6011** MUSCAT: A STROLL THROUGH ARABIA AT ITS MOST AUTHENTIC, Adult price EUR 65.00 - Child price EUR 45.50
- 6012** GLIDING OVER THE WATERS OF OMAN ON BOARD A DHOW, Adult price EUR 75.00 - Child price EUR 52.50
- 6013** NIZWA AND THE FORT OF BAHLA, Adult price EUR 105.00 - Child price EUR 73.50
- 6014** THRILLING EXCURSION WITH AN ENCOUNTER WITH DOLPHINS, Adult price EUR 79.00 - Child price EUR 55.30
- 6016** OFF-ROAD VEHICLE ADVENTURE TO THE WADI BANI KHALID, Adult price EUR 175.00 - Child price EUR 122.50
- 6260** EXPERIENCE - HIGHLIGHTS OF MUSCAT AND BARKHA, Adult price EUR 99.00 - Child price EUR 69.30
- 6878** UNSPOILT OMAN: EXPLORING THE WADI AL ARBEIEEN IN A 4X4 VEHICLE, Adult price EUR 169.00 - Child price EUR 118.30
- 000Y** BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN THE ICONS OF MUSCAT, Adult price EUR 75.00 - Child price EUR 50.00

Dubai - 22/12/2023

- 024L** SHOPPING IN DUBAI AND DRINK WITH A VIEW, Adult price EUR 60.00 - Child price EUR 42.00

- 024K** DUBAI FROM HIGH, Adult price EUR 95.00 – Child price EUR 66.50
6225 I LOVE SHOPPING IN DUBAI, Adult price EUR 55.00 – Child price EUR 38.50
6220 PREMIUM HELICOPTER FLIGHT OVER DUBAI CITY, Adult price EUR 289.00 – Child price EUR 289.00
6219 DUBAI SIGHTS, Adult price EUR 129.00 – Child price EUR 90.30
6430 EXPERIENCE DUBAI'S SKYSCRAPERS AND AN APERITIF WITH PANORAMIC VIEWS AT THE OBSERVATORY, Adult price EUR
6699 FROM THE SKY TO THE DUBAI AQUARIUM, Adult price EUR 105.00 – Child price EUR 73.50
6703 DUBAI BY NIGHT: DHOW CRUISE AND DINNER AT THE SKY VIEW, Adult price EUR 175.00 – Child price EUR 122.50
6728 HOP-ON/HOP-OFF DUBAI, Adult price EUR 75.00 – Child price EUR 50.00
6201 EXPLORING THE CONTRASTING CHARACTER OF DUBAI, Adult price EUR 49.00 – Child price EUR 34.30
6204 SAND DUNE ADVENTURE IN A 4X4 VEHICLE, Adult price EUR 85.00 – Child price EUR 59.50
03W4 LIKE A SHEIK: DUBAI FROM THE WATER ON BOARD A LUXURY YACHT, Adult price EUR 129.00 – Child price EUR 90.30
03WA A DAY AND A NIGHT IN A TENT IN THE DESERT, Adult price EUR 359.00 – Child price EUR 251.30
03MK DUBAI TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED AND ENJOYED, Adult price EUR 105.00 – Child price EUR 73.50
03MM DUBAI, A RECORD-BREAKING CITY, Adult price EUR 79.00 – Child price EUR 55.30
03N0 DUBAI TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED, Adult price EUR 75.00 – Child price EUR 52.50
03VA STEERING YOUR DINGHY OVER THE CREST OF DUBAI'S WAVES, Adult price EUR 299.00 – Child price EUR 209.30
03VE BACK IN TIME IN DUBAI, AMID ANCIENT FLAVORS AND TRADITIONS, Adult price EUR 229.00 – Child price EUR 160.30
03VG A DAY AND A NIGHT IN A TENT IN THE DESERT, Adult price EUR 329.00 – Child price EUR 230.30
02JT AT THE TOP BURJ KHALIFA & SHOPPING DUBAI MALL (ends at the airport), Adult price EUR 90.00 – Child price
024H DUBAI BY NIGHT, Adult price EUR 35.00 – Child price EUR 24.50
02Y5 DISCOVERING DUBAI ON A DHOW CRUISE, Adult price EUR 59.00 – Child price EUR 41.30

DOHA (QATAR) HOP-ON/HOP-OFF DOHA

In a nutshell

INFORMATIONS

Code	Duration	Level	Adult price	Child price
02OR	5 Hours approximately	Easy	EUR 59.00	EUR 41.30
Type				

DOHA (QATAR) DISCOVER THE ARCHITECTURAL AND CULTURAL BEAUTIES OF DOHA

In a nutshell

A tour to discover the architectural and cultural beauties of Doha and surround ourselves with the country's amazing historical heritage – from the origins of Qatar to the present day, enjoying glimpses of everyday life between cultural spaces and souks. A dialogue between past and present that comes to life in a unique museum.

Main stops

- Drive along the amazing Corniche, Doha's enchanting promenade
- Katara Cultural Village
- Astonishing National Museum of Qatar also known as the "Desert rose"
- Visit of souk Waqif

The programme

- We leave the port on a comfortable coach and travel along the famous **Corniche**, the promenade that stretches 7 km covering the entire Bay of Doha, which is dotted with ancient and modern buildings. Our destination is **Katara Cultural Village**, a sophisticated development centre boasting many **theatres, galleries and facilities for entertainment and cultural events**, which reinterprets the region's architectural heritage in an innovative way and helps promoting the culture of Qatar.
- Katara Cultural Village is divided into various different settings and we are free to walk around the main area, built in the style of the typical alleyways of Qatar called Al Fareej. We can also admire more modern areas with all kinds of attractions such as restaurants, cafés, green spaces and information centres.
- We continue our tour with the **National Museum of Qatar**, located in a unique building known as

~~Desert rose~~ Due to its peculiar structure designed by the French architect Jean Nouvel. Among the enormous disks intersecting at different angles, we spot the **palace renovated by Sheik Abdullah bin Jassim Al Thani**, the ancient residence of the royal family, then seat of the Government and of the Museum of Heritage. We enter the Museum and visit the so-called ~~three chapters~~ dedicated to the history of the country from its origins to the present day also illustrating life in Qatar.

- Back on board our coach, we will travel to the **oldest part of the city**, Old Doha, a bustling area where the centre stands out with its mosque and famous **Souq Waqif**, the fascinating market that retains the authentic ambience of the past.
- We will **visit the souk and enjoy some shopping**. Crossed by wide roads, the souk is dotted with cafés and restaurants with terraces, which give way to a **myriad of typical little shops** managed exclusively by men on the side roads, where you can truly find anything: ceramics and textiles, spices, Arab sweets, candied fruit and traditional clothing as well as classic souvenirs.
- We then get back to the coach taking us back to the port.
- Space is limited, so please reserve early.
- The excursion may take place in the morning or in the afternoon.
- Slight changes may be made to itineraries and the length of excursions in order to safeguard your health and comply with regulations and the safety protocol.

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Code	Duration	Level	Adult price	Child price
02TZ	4 1/2 Hours approximately	Moderate	EUR 75.00	EUR 52.50
Type				

DOHA (QATAR) TOUR OF DOHA WITH A VISIT TO SOUQ WAQIF

In a nutshell

A sightseeing tour of Doha, the capital of Qatar, which does not shy away from modernity but retains all the nuances of Arab tradition: from Katara Cultural Village with its theatres and galleries promoting the Arab style and culture, to The Pearl-Qatar, a super-luxury artificial island, and finally to Souq Waqif, the oldest market in the capital where we can buy all sorts of products and enjoy the scent of oriental fragrances in the air.

Main stops

- Katara Cultural Village: theatres, galleries and facilities for entertainment and cultural events

- Photo stop at The Pearl-Qatar: an ultra-luxury district built on an artificial island
- Visit to the oldest part of Doha and to Souq Waqif

The programme

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- Katara Cultural Village is divided into various different settings and we are free to walk around the main area, built in the style of the typical alleyways of Qatar called *Al Fareej*. We can also admire more modern areas with all kinds of attractions such as restaurants, cafés, green spaces and information centres.
- Our tour will then continue on to **The Pearl-Qatar**, an **artificial island** off the coast of West Bay, boasting Mediterranean-style marinas brimming with yachts, tall residential buildings, **luxury villas, world-famous hotels** and luxurious shopping centres with showrooms and boutiques by some of the biggest international brands. We will **stop here to take photographs**.
- Back on board our coach, we will travel to the **oldest part of the city**, Old Doha, a bustling area where the centre stands out with its mosque and famous **Souq Waqif**, the fascinating market that retains the authentic ambience of the past.
- We will **visit the souk and enjoy some shopping**. Crossed by wide roads, the souk is dotted with cafés and restaurants with terraces, which give way to a **myriad of typical little shops** managed exclusively by men on the side roads, where you can truly find anything: ceramics and textiles, spices, Arab sweets, candied fruit and traditional clothing as well as classic souvenirs.
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02Y3	4 Hours approximately	Moderate	EUR 55.00	EUR 38.50
Type				

DOHA (QATAR)
SIGHTSEEING TOUR OF DOHA AND SHOPPING

In a nutshell**Main stops**

- The Corniche promenade with ancient and modern buildings
- City Centre Doha: time to visit the shops and have lunch in the restaurants
- Katara Cultural Village: theatres, galleries and facilities for entertainment and cultural events
- Villaggio Mall: shopping centre with over 200 stores and famous luxury brands

INFORMATIONS

Code	Duration	Level	Adult price	Child price
02Y4	4 1/2 Hours approximately	Moderate	EUR 55.00	EUR 38.50
Type				

DOHA (QATAR)
SIGHTSEEING TOUR OF DOHA

In a nutshell

Let us discover Doha, capital of Qatar and a city embracing modernity while at the same time maintaining all the nuances of the Arab tradition. A sightseeing tour delving into the oldest souk of the city with a visit to a magnificent museum or to a settlement in perfect Arab style (subject to opening days): one excursion, a lot to discover.

Main stops

- Guided tour of Doha
- Souq Waqif
- La Corniche
- West Bay Area and The Pearl-Qatar (Photostop)
- Museum of Islamic Art or Katara Cultural Village

The programme

- Space is limited, so please reserve early.
- We recommend asking permission before taking photos of the local population and authorities, especially of women and elderly people.
- Appropriate clothing is required in respect of the culture of the visited country.

- The excursion may take place in the morning or in the afternoon.
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Code	Duration	Level	Adult price	Child price
02J3	4 Hours approximately	Easy	EUR 75.00	EUR 52.50
Type				

DOHA (QATAR) JEEP SAFARI IN THE DESERT

In a nutshell

An adrenaline-filled adventure in the desert ~~surfing~~ over the sandy waves in a Jeep thanks to the ability of expert drivers to experience unprecedented thrills and get the opportunity to admire spectacular views.

Main stops

- Southern coast and Sealine Beach Resort
- Jeep safari in the desert
- Adrenaline-filled ascents and descents on the dunes
- Breathtaking views and spectacular photos
- Khor Al Adaid (inland sea)

The programme

- We leave the port **on a Jeep** and leave the city of Doha behind us proceeding along the coastal road headed south.
- We reach the **Sealine Beach Resort**, a fabulous accommodation overlooking the sea and surrounded by the desert – the ideal starting point for our excursion into this spectacular ecosystem.
- We make a short stop to enable the staff to prepare our vehicles: tires must in fact be slightly deflated to **tackle the desert sand** safely.
- We finally set off! In the hands of an expert driver, the Jeep climbs up the **gigantic dunes** to descend smoothly on the fine sand: the adrenaline rises as the Jeep skids and swerves on the slopes creating clouds of dust behind it.

- **Breathtaking views** pass before our eyes, so this excursion provides perfect opportunities to snap sensational pictures.
- Beyond the tall dunes and off the beaten track, our safari takes us to the **spectacular Khor Al Adaid**- i.e. 'inland sea'- a natural reserve recognised by UNESCO and one of the few places in the world where the sea reaches the heart of the desert creating magnificent sceneries where our eyes wander over an endless horizon of sea and golden sand.
- Pregnant women or guests with heart or back problems are not allowed on this excursion.
- Minors under the age of 6 cannot participate in the excursion.
- Space is limited, so please reserve early.
- Drivers are constantly reporting to each other via radio during the excursion in the desert to guarantee the maximum safety.
- The driver will provide general information in English.
- The excursion may take place in the morning or in the afternoon.
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Code	Duration	Level	Adult price	Child price
02J4	4 Hours approximately	Moderate	EUR 85.00	EUR 59.50

Type

Tasting

DOHA (QATAR) MSHEIREB DOWNTOWN AND TOUR OF KATARA

In a nutshell

Learn all about the innovative smart city of Msheireb Downtown where we experience the historical downtown of Doha from Barahat Msheireb & The Galleria to Souq Waqif Underpass and Katara Cultural Village, where we learn more about local life as we enjoy a VIP treatment.

Main stops

- La Corniche
- Msheireb Downtown
- West Bay Area
- Katara Cultural Village: VIP tour

The programme

- We leave the port behind us on our coach to Msheireb Downtown the flamboyant mixed-use development featuring stunning architecture, modern art centers, international restaurants, and chic shopping outlets. A paradise for shoppers, foodies, coffee aficionados, and art enthusiasts, it is no wonder this area has quickly gained its reputation as one of Doha's coolest neighborhoods.
- After visiting the centre, we cross the **West Bay Area**, the most modern of the city with its tall buildings, and reach the **Katara Cultural Village**, an elegant complex filled with theatres, galleries and structures for entertainment and cultural events that reinterprets the region's architectural heritage in an innovative way.
- We take part in a **guided tour with a VIP treatment** of the complex, which is a combination of modern and traditional elements that enables us to appreciate **every nuance of Qatar's culture**: we admire the opera building, the theatre of dramatic art, a mosque, access exclusive places that even Doha citizens cannot enter and feel really privileged.
- At the end of the excursion, we return to the ship bringing some of Qatar's rich cultural heritage with us.
- Flash photography is not permitted in the galleries of the Katara Cultural Village.
- We recommend wearing clothing is that is suitable for the culture of a Muslim country.
- We recommend asking permission before taking photos of the local population, especially of women and elderly people.
- The excursion may take place in the morning or in the afternoon.
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Code	Duration	Level	Adult price	Child price
02J7	4 Hours approximately	Easy	EUR 65.00	EUR 45.50
Type				
Tasting				

DOHA (QATAR) JEEP SAFARI IN THE DESERT - with dinner

In a nutshell

An thrilling adventure in the desert ~~Surfing~~ over the sandy waves in a Jeep thanks to the ability of expert

drivers to experience unprecedented thrills and admire spectacular views. We end the day with a barbecue dinner, toasting to the desert.

Main stops

- South coast and Sealine Beach Resort
- Jeep safari in the desert
- Adrenaline-filled ascents and descents on the dunes
- Breathtaking views and spectacular photos
- Khor Al Adaid (inland sea)
- Dinner with traditional barbecue

The programme

- We leave the port **on a Jeep** and leave the city of Doha behind us proceeding along the coastal road headed south.
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- We make a short stop to enable the staff to prepare our vehicles: tires must in fact be slightly deflated to **tackle the desert sand** safely.
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- We end this thrilling experience with a **traditional barbecue** in a rustic camp: the perfect end to an exceptional day!

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Code	Duration	Level	Adult price	Child price
02J9	6 Hours approximately	Moderate	EUR 145.00	EUR 101.50
Type				

Muscat

SIGHTSEEING TOUR OF MUSCAT

In a nutshell

A picturesque sightseeing tour of the capital of Oman, Muscat, with its mosques, historic districts, charming forts and the famous Mutrah Souq, an original blend of ancient and modern, where we can enjoy the scent of oriental fragrances and immerse ourselves in the magical atmosphere of One Thousand and One Nights!

Main stops

- Said Bin Taimur mosque (external visit)
- Shatti Al Qurum district: embassies, hotels, excellent beaches and commercial area
- Walk along the Corniche promenade
- Visit to Mutrah Souq: beautiful merchant houses from the 18th century, dizzying oriental fragrances, stalls selling fruit and veg, herbs and spices, textiles, and arts and crafts
- Muscat old town
- Al-Mirani Fort and Al-Jalali Fort with the museum of Omani culture
- Stop at Al-Alam palace for photos
- Itinerary sequence may vary.
- During the photo stops at Al-Mirani and Al-Jalali forts and Al-Alam Palace, please do not take photos of the locals without permission.
- The excursion may take place in the morning or in the afternoon.
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Code	Duration	Level	Adult price	Child price
02XU	3 1/2 Hours approximately	Easy	EUR 45.00	EUR 31.50
Type				

Muscat

A DIVE INTO ARAB CULTURE AND IN MUSCAT'S BREATHTAKING SEABED

In a nutshell

Main stops

- Muttrah district and characteristic Suk

- Al Alam Palace and the ancient prisons of the Mirani and Al Jalali Forts
- Boat ride to spot dolphins
- Stop on Bander Khayran beach, a favourite with diving and snorkelling enthusiasts
- BBQ on the beach

The programme

- We set off from the **Mina Sultan Qaboos** port along the **amazing seafront of the Muttrah district** surrounding the entire gulf and boasting period palaces and mosques with tall minarets. We remain surprised by the lack of skyscrapers, which makes us feel as if we are in a fishing village rather than in a capital.
- We stop at the **Muttrah Suk**, one of the oldest in the Arab world where we can still admire the amazing 18th-century merchant houses. We venture into the busy alleyways teeming with stalls selling spices, fabric, jewellery and other local products for one hour of shopping in the shade of the palm trees and of the tall clay walls delimiting the market.
- We then head to **Al Alam Palace**, the official residence of Sultan Qaboos. Although it is only possible to visit the exterior, this perfect example of contemporary Arab architecture truly deserves a stop. The **Mirani and Jalali Forts** can also be visited from the outside only: both were used as prisons and the latter is now home to a museum dedicated to the country's cultural heritage.
- A few motorboats await us at the **Bander Al Rowdha Marina** to provide us with a unique experience of **dolphin sighting**. Although it is not guaranteed that we will actually see these marvellous mammals, we trust in the experience of the local fishermen who take us to the places where they are most likely to be spotted. After this incredible experience, we head to **Bander Khayran beach**, a reservoir with a spectacular seabed where we can enjoy a spot of snorkelling and might even exceptionally encounter some turtles, for example. We savour a delicious **BBQ lunch** cooked especially for us.
- We then return to the Bander Al Rowdha Marina where we get back onto our coach and to the Mina Sultan Qaboos port.
- There will not be a guide on the excursion. A local escort will provide information in English.
- Space is limited, so please reserve early.

INFORMATIONS

Code	Duration	Level	Adult price	Child price
02RE	7 Hours approximately	Moderate	EUR 249.00	EUR 174.30
Type				

*Muscat***RELAX IN THE SUN AND SHOPPING IN MUSCAT****In a nutshell**

A tour in search of complete relaxation at a luxury resort, followed by an unmissable stop at the impressive Muttrah Souk.

Main stops

- Resort visit
- La Corniche
- Muttrah Souk

The programme

- Leaving the port of Mina Qaboos, we will head to a **beautiful resort**, where we will be able to take advantage of individual loungers and parasols for two. We will have the opportunity to indulge ourselves with some relaxation and swimming in Oman's **crystal clear waters** or in the resort's **pool**.
- After three hours of total relaxation, we will travel along **La Corniche**, the city's captivating coast road. We will eventually reach the souk (old market) in Muttrah, a fascinating blend of ancient and modern surrounded by beautiful merchants' houses dating back to the 18th century. We will have some free time to shop before returning to the ship.
- This excursion does not include a guide. It includes a local escort to provide assistance in English.
- The number of places available is limited; It is therefore advisable to book in advance.
- Included in the price: 1 umbrella for every 2/4 people and a lounge are available at the resort.
- Appropriate clothing is required in respect of the culture of the visited country.
- Slight changes may be made to itineraries and the length of excursions in order to safeguard your health and comply with regulations and the safety protocol.

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Code	Duration	Level	Adult price	Child price
00KB	5 Hours approximately	Easy	EUR 69.00	EUR 48.30
Type				

*Muscat***MUSCAT: FRAGRANCES, HOLINESS AND UNIQUE FRAGMENTS OF ARABIA**

In a nutshell

The charm of the Sultanate of Oman takes a thousand forms: it imbues the architecture, fragrances and culture of **Muscat**. With your **guide**, discover the inestimable value of the **Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque** and visit a **luxury perfume factory**. Then, step into a **family-run museum**: **Mr Latif will be waiting for you with dates, coffee** and fascinating stories. Finally, lose yourself among the treasures of the **Mutrah souq**.

Main stops

- Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque of Muscat: internal visit
- Amouage perfume factory: internal visit
- Family-run Bait Adam museum: visit to the interior and welcome from the Al Balushi family with dates and coffee
- Mutrah souq: free time

The programme

- When you arrive in **Muscat**, you almost feel as if you are stepping into a modern fairy tale. This sensation is owed to the timeless atmosphere of the place.
- You can also get a feel for this whilst wandering **with your guide** in the **Grand Mosque of Sultan Qaboos**: make your way between sparkling chandeliers and walls of precious marble, and admire the **second largest carpet in the world**. Did you know that it was made by as many as 600 weavers?
- Then, in **Amouage's artisan perfume factory**, discover the modern aspects of Arabic perfumery tradition. Here, the tanks, laboratories and raw materials from the Middle East have been creating world-famous fragrances since 1983.
- Meanwhile, at the **Bait Adam museum**, you will find yourself surrounded by rare collections of photos, coins and paintings from Oman, personally curated by **Latif and his family**. And that's not all: they will welcome you in the local way, **offering you dates, coffee** and anecdotes about the traditions of the place.
- Before returning, enjoy a **sightseeing bus tour** along the **Corniche**, the palace-lined waterside promenade that encircles the gulf, to the **Mutrah souq**, Muscat's ancient covered bazaar.
- Take in the scents of incense, and admire the textiles and handicrafts. What will you take home with you?
- In order to enable you to access the mosque according to regulations, please wear suitable clothing: women must fully cover their heads, arms down to the wrists and legs down to the ankles, avoiding white, tight-fitting clothing. Men should wear long trousers and avoid sleeveless shirts. Shoes must be removed.
- On Fridays, during public holidays and in the event of extraordinary closures, the Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque can only be visited from the outside.
- Minimum age to visit the mosque: 12 years.

DUBAI



- Dollars are accepted in the souk.

INFORMATIONS

Code	Duration	Level	Adult price	Child price
00KA	5 Hours approximately	Easy	EUR 69.00	EUR 48.30
Type				

Muscat

MYSTICAL MUSCAT AND RELAXING AT A RESORT

In a nutshell

- Appropriate clothing is required in respect of the culture of the visited country.
- The number of places available is limited; It is therefore advisable to book in advance.
- For the entrance to the Mosque, it is mandatory to wear a clothing suitable for worship places. In particular, the regulation stipulates that ladies must cover their heads with a scarf and / or shawl, wear long and loose trousers that cover their ankles and long sleeve dresses covering their wrists, avoid wearing shorts, beachwear, sleeveless dresses and adherent and / or transparent clothes and that gentlemen should wear long trousers and short-sleeved and / or long shirts to and avoid sleeveless tops. Finally, to get into the Mosque, you have to take off your shoes. It is essential to abide by this regulation in order to prevent the entrance to the Mosque being denied. Also, children under 12 are not allowed to enter the Mosque.
- The beach is a public beach and therefore there are no umbrellas or sun loungers.
- At the souk dollars are accepted.

INFORMATIONS

Code	Duration	Level	Adult price	Child price
00K8	8 1/2 Hours approximately	Easy	EUR 95.00	EUR 66.50
Type				

Muscat

VISIT TO MUTTRAH SOUK

In a nutshell

Main stops

- Muttrah Souk: wonderful merchant houses from the 18th century
- Stalls selling fruit and veg, herbs and spices, textiles, traditional clothing, incense, pipes, ceramics and arts and crafts
- Bustling life and intoxicating oriental smells of oils and spices
- Antiques, precious metals and gold jewellery

The programme

- We will take a transfer to **Muttrah Souk**, one of the oldest and most famous markets in Oman and the Middle East, and a charming blend of old and modern surrounded by **wonderful merchant houses dating back to the 18th century**. The entrance to the souk is a kind of cement loggia and also acts as a meeting point for tourists and locals alike.
- For centuries it was the point where goods would be exchanged after coming from the port of Muscat from India, China and the Middle East, and it is still a vibrant, active market today with **stalls** selling locally produced **fruit and veg, herbs and spices, traditional fabrics, clothing, jewellery, incense, pipes, ceramics and arts and crafts**.
- We will join **the bustling activity and intoxicating oriental fragrances** that drift around the stalls brimming with goods on display. Nicknamed 'Al Dhalam Souq', meaning 'Shaded Market', by the locals, it was formerly made up of narrow alleys with buildings with clay walls and palm trees which acted as a screen from the scorching Oman sun. The souk has since been restructured and decorated in a contemporary Arab style with lead windows and bright lanterns under a robust wooden roof.
- Once we are inside the souk, we will let the intense fragrances from the scented oils and spices guide us. The small shops that open out into the corridors display boldly decorated goods, embroidered fabrics, voile and typical dresses. Some of the shops are brimming with **antiques, precious metals and gold jewellery** from India and Oman, piled up to the ceiling, whilst others offer a spectacular kaleidoscope of multi-coloured fragrant dyes.
- This excursion does not include a guide or a rep.
- Appropriate clothing is required in respect of the culture of the visited country.

INFORMATIONS

Code	Duration	Level	Adult price	Child price
02JE	1/2 Hours approximately	Easy	EUR 15.00	EUR 10.50
Type				

Muscat **HOP-ON/HOP-OFF MUSCAT**

In a nutshell

Keyword: total freedom! All the treasures and great monuments of Muscat are within reach by taking advantage of this hop-on hop-off coach excursion thanks to which you can admire unmissable gems such as the opulent Al Alam Palace.

Main stops

- Tour of Muscat in a double-decker bus

The programme

- We board a **comfortable double-decker coach**: the first level is fully air-conditioned and its wide windows offer lovely views of the city while the second level is open-top and makes us feel at one with the scenery passing before our eyes.
- There are numerous **hop-on, hop-off stops** where we can **get on and off as we please** and choose what sights to see each time. Coaches on our itinerary pass at regular intervals so we can hop back on whenever we want to continue our discovery of Muscat.
- While comfortably seated on the coach, we can listen to the **interesting audioguides** (available in 6 different languages) providing information on the monuments and sights that can be admired on the way.
- One of the unmissable stops of the tour is without doubt the **opulent Al-Alam Palace**, with its richly decorated blue and gold columns, arches, maiolica tiles and carvings, which are truly fit for a sultan. Indeed, all of the gems of the Oman capital are within easy reach on this tour!

INFORMATIONS

Code	Duration	Level	Adult price	Child price
033L	1 1/2 Hours approximately	Easy	EUR 75.00	EUR 50.00

Muscat **COOKING LESSON WITH AN OMANI CHEF**

In a nutshell

Only Costa offers you the chance to cook with an **Omani chef**, who will reveal everything you need to know about the **traditional recipes of Oman**: from the choice of the freshest raw materials at the **Muttrah fish market**, to tips for chopping, sautéing and serving a **typical lunch** in the professional kitchens of the **National Hospitality Institute**. At the end, **you can taste the dishes you have cooked** and take **the secrets**

of Arabic cuisine away with you, ready to recreate them at home.

Main stops

- Visit to the Muttrah fish market with the chef to buy the catch of the day and some fresh vegetables
- Omani cooking lesson at the National Hospitality Institute with the chef and students from the institute
- Typical lunch with the dishes cooked during the lesson
- Return by bus with photo stop at the Al Alam Palace

The programme

- Any cook knows that a tasty dish calls for the best ingredients. For this reason, your **highly-experienced Omani chef** will be waiting for you at the **Muttrah fish market**, not far from the port, for your first lesson of the day: **how to choose the best raw materials**.
- Catch of the day, fresh vegetables. The list of ingredients is long, but you don't need to know it off by heart: **we'll give you the Omani recipes on the menu**, so it'll be easy to recreate them for your friends.
- After shopping, it's straight to the cookers. And what cookers they are: they're the ones in the professional kitchen of the **National Hospitality Institute**, the **most prestigious school for chefs** in the Gulf region.
- With the help of some of the **students from the school** and on the instructions of the chef, **you'll learn the techniques for preparing and cooking Arabic dishes**, from fragrant salads to Omani dishes with fish and the sauces that accompany them.
- Put down your wooden spoons and aprons and take a seat in the dining room of the institute to **taste the dishes you have prepared, one by one**.
- Dulcis in fundo, an extra pinch of Omani culture: the **Al Alam Palace**. Click!
- This is one of the most popular experiences so book early.
- Before booking the excursion or once on board, contact the excursion office to check the availability of vegetarian or gluten-free dishes and to report any food intolerances.
- Wear clothing that is respectful of the culture of the country, avoiding garments that are too tight or low-cut.
- This experience will be narrated in English.

INFORMATIONS

Code	Duration	Level	Adult price	Child price
03VW	5 Hours approximately		EUR 199.00	EUR 139.30

Type

*Muscat***ENJOY LUNCH WITH THE ARTISTS AND GET TO KNOW OMAN****In a nutshell**

Discover the **culture of Oman** with the **artists of the Bait Muzna Gallery in Muscat**: local and international creative professionals who unveil **their perspective on the past and present of Oman**, not only through works of **painting, sculpture and weaving**, but also in conversation, over a **typical Arab lunch**. An **exclusive experience only for Costa guests**, with a **unique gift just for you**.

Main stops

- Tour of the Bait Muzna Art Gallery with the artists who created the works
- Traditional Arab lunch with the artists, among the works of art in the Bait Muzna Gallery
- Photo stop at the Al Alam Palace

The programme

- The **Bait Muzna Gallery in Muscat** is a window onto **Oman** and **contemporary Omani art**, which you will get to know today **through the eyes, stories and works of local and international artists**.
- From the outside, the white building blends in with the **old town**. But inside, **a universe of colors and shapes awaits you**, illuminated by the natural light streaming in from an unexpected and modern **glass ceiling**.
- There, **the artists will be waiting for you among their creations**, to tell you all about them: each of them will reveal their influences, inspirations and techniques, which **express Omani life** in different ways.
- From paintings to photos and tapestries, the artists will take you... to the table, to share further reflections over a **typical Arab meal** served in a room surrounded by artworks. And here, the immersion in Omani culture is complete.
- Before saying goodbye, one of the artists will give you **your name written in Arabic characters** as a gift: your very own work of art.
- While you keep it safe on the way to the port, don't miss out on the last masterpiece of the day: the **Al Alam Palace** with its gold and blue columns is definitely worth a photo!
- This is one of the most popular experiences so book early.
- This experience will be narrated in English.
- Wear clothing that is respectful of the culture of the country, avoiding garments that are too tight or low-cut.

- Before booking the excursion or once on board, contact the excursion office to check the availability of vegetarian or gluten-free dishes and to report any food intolerances.

INFORMATIONS

Code	Duration	Level	Adult price	Child price
03VX	3 1/2 Hours approximately		EUR 239.00	EUR 167.30
Type				

Muscat

MUSCAT: A STROLL THROUGH ARABIA AT ITS MOST AUTHENTIC

In a nutshell

Get to know **Muscat**, and you will come face to face with the most authentic aspects of the Middle East. Discover these **with your guide**, amidst the splendor and spirituality of the **Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque**, the atmosphere of **one of the oldest markets in the Arab world** and the **unique exhibits in the Bait Al Zubair museum**. Then, enjoy the stunning views of **fortresses** and **palaces**. By this point, it will be clear to you: here, the grandeur around every corner is captivating.

Main stops

- Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque of Muscat: internal visit
- Stroll through the Mutrah souq
- Bait Al Zubair museum: internal visit
- Sightseeing bus tour: Al-Mirani fort; Al-Jalali fort
- Al-Alam Palace: photo stop

The programme

- It is said that **Muscat** still embodies the true spirit of the Middle East. Are you ready to be enchanted?
- Follow **your guide** on a visit to the **Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque** of Muscat, donated to the people by **Sultan Qaboos**. Here, you'll discover a colossal work of engineering: did you know that around 300,000 tons of Indian sandstone were used to build it?
- From the Persian stained glass windows to the huge crystal chandelier and the library of Islamic scientific and cultural tomes, everything here is simply amazing. Even the silence.
- Meanwhile, in the noisy **Mutrah souq**, it's time to set off on a treasure hunt! Exotic aromas and streets brimming with fabrics, silver jewelry and rare handicrafts. What will you choose?

- Then, get your fill of history as you visit the six buildings of the **Bait Al Zubair museum**, founded in 1998, with its collections of Omani stamps, coins, jewelry and works of art. Unique artifacts that span both past and present.
- On the way back, look **out of your window** over the Gulf of Oman, with the 'twin' forts of **Al-Mirani** and **Al-Jalali** built on the rock. Finally, snap a last photo of the details of the gold and turquoise façade of the **Al-Alam Palace**, the Sultan's residence.
- In order to enable you to access the mosque according to regulations, please wear suitable clothing: women must fully cover their heads, arms down to the wrists and legs down to the ankles, avoiding white, tight-fitting clothing. Men should wear long trousers and avoid sleeveless shirts. Shoes must be removed.
- Minimum age to visit the mosque: 12 years.
- On Fridays, during public holidays and in the event of extraordinary closures, the Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque can only be visited from the outside.
- Dollars are accepted in the souk.

INFORMATIONS

Code	Duration	Level	Adult price	Child price
6011	4 Hours approximately	Easy	EUR 65.00	EUR 45.50
Type				

Muscat

GLIDING OVER THE WATERS OF OMAN ON BOARD A DHOW

In a nutshell

A cruise along the coast of Oman to delight our eyes with the majestic mountains on board a Dhow, the traditional Omani wooden boat.

Main stops

- Oman's spectacular coastal landscapes
- Cruise on a Dhow
- Dates, tea, coffee

The programme

- We will glide along the crystal-clear turquoise waters of Oman on board a **Dhow**, a traditional boat historically used to sail between Oman, the Arab Emirates, India, Iran and other countries in the

region. On the Dhow, we are served with **dates, tea, coffee and typical Arab desserts**.

- At the end of this pleasant two-hour cruise we return to the marina for our transfer to the port of Mina Qaboos, where our ship awaits us.
- The tour does not feature a guide but an English-speaking local escort.
- This excursion is not recommended for guests with mobility problems.
- Places are limited, so please reserve in advance.
- This tour is not recommended to guests who suffer from seasickness.
- Appropriate clothing is required in respect of the culture of the visited country.
- Slight changes may be made to itineraries and the length of excursions in order to safeguard your health and comply with regulations and the safety protocol.

INFORMATIONS

Code	Duration	Level	Adult price	Child price
6012	3 1/2 Hours approximately	Easy	EUR 75.00	EUR 52.50
Type				Tasting

Muscat **NIZWA AND THE FORT OF BAHLA**

In a nutshell

An evocative visit to the city of Nizwa and Oman's most beautiful fort.

Main stops

- The Nizwa area
- Bahla Fort
- Lunch at the Falaj Hotel
- Nizwa Fort
- Nizwa Souk

The programme

- We will leave the port of Mina Qaboos and after a journey of approximately two and a half hours we will arrive in **Nizwa**, a city in the country's hinterland that was once its historic capital. From here we go to **Bahla Fort**, one of four historic fortresses situated at the foot of the Jebel Akhdar highlands in Oman and the country's only UNESCO-listed fort added in 1987. The fort is believed to have been

built between the 12th and 15th century by the Banu Nebhan tribe who inhabited the area at the time and were known for controlling the trade of frankincense at the time.

- At the end of the visit we will have lunch at the **Falaj Daris Hotel**.
- In the afternoon we visit the **majestic Nizwa Fort**. Built in 1668, in addition to being the oldest in Oman it is also the most visited monument in the country. The **enormous round central watchtower** with a diameter of 45 metres which took 30 years to build is particularly impressive. From the top of the tower we can enjoy a magnificent view of the city, the mosque and the mountains that surround Nizwa.
- At the end of our visit to the fort, we head to **Nizwa's souk (the old market)** where we find locally crafted items such as silverware, copperware and fabrics.
- At the end of the excursion we return to the port of Muscat.
- Slight changes may be made to itineraries and the length of excursions in order to safeguard your health and comply with regulations and the safety protocol.
- Guests must abide by appropriate dress code, modest, no revealing or see-through clothing.
- Visitors should be dressed appropriately according to the culture of the country being visited.
- Please wear comfortable walking shoes.
- This excursion is not recommended to guests with mobility problems.
- Places are limited, so please reserve in advance.
- The bus ride between Muscat and Nizwa takes about 2,5 hours each way.

INFORMATIONS

Code	Duration	Level	Adult price	Child price
6013	8 Hours approximately	Moderate	EUR 105.00	EUR 73.50
Type				

Muscat

THRILLING EXCURSION WITH AN ENCOUNTER WITH DOLPHINS

In a nutshell

An unforgettable adventure in the crystal clear waters of Oman to meet the dolphins.

Main stops

- Boat Excursion
- Dolphin sighting

The programme

- After leaving Port Sultan Qaboos, we travel to **Marina Bander al-Rowdha**, where we will spend a truly unique day with the dolphins. The dolphin sightings will take place on **speedboats**, on which **water and fruit juice** will be served during the excursion. Although sightings are not one hundred per cent guaranteed, our experienced fishermen sail out to sea every morning to locate the dolphins and inform us of their movements. Furthermore, they are very common in the waters around the Omani coastline and around Al Fahal Island where they often enjoy chasing tuna. Therefore the likelihood of an encounter is very high.
- You need to be physically fit to take part in this excursion.
- This excursion is not recommended for guests with mobility problems.
- We recommend that you book early because only a limited number of places are available.
- This tour does not feature a guide, but an English-speaking local escort.
- Although the likelihood of an encounter with the dolphins is very high, sighting is not 100% guaranteed.
- This tour is not recommended to guests who suffer from seasickness.
- Slight changes may be made to itineraries and the length of excursions in order to safeguard your health and comply with regulations and the safety protocol.

INFORMATIONS

Code	Duration	Level	Adult price	Child price
6014	4 Hours approximately	Moderate	EUR 79.00	EUR 55.30
Type				

Muscat

OFF-ROAD VEHICLE ADVENTURE TO THE WADI BANI KHALID

In a nutshell

An off-road excursion to discover the evocative Wadi Bani Khalid and the dunes of Oman's desert.

Main stops

- Packed lunch at the Wadi Bani Khalid
- The Omani desert known as 'Wahiba Sands'

The programme

- We will leave the port of Mina Qaboos and we will begin our journey in an off-road vehicle **to the**

Wadi Bani Khalid, passing through a series of evocative mountain villages.

- Next, the road takes us in the direction of the wadi, travelling alongside a long shallow pool of water surrounded by vegetation, at the end of which we will arrive in another village.
- We will stop at another wadi where we can have our packed lunch.
- After lunch we will return to our off-road vehicle and proceed towards **Oman's great desert known as the 'Wahiba Sands'**. Our expert guides drivers will introduce us to the thrill of driving over sand dunes.
- At the end of the journey through the desert we will return to the port.
- Please wear comfortable walking shoes.
- Guests must be in good physical health; this excursion is not recommended for guests with mobility problems, with back or neck problems.
- This excursion involves a ride on an asphalt track on board a safari style jeep for 6 hours and a 4x4 ride for approximately 1 hour.
- This excursion does not feature a guide, the driver will provide information in English.
- Places are limited, so please reserve early.
- Minors under the age of 4 cannot participate in the excursion.
- Pregnant woman can not participate.
- The capacity of each jeep is 4 people, therefore they will be shared with other guests.
- We cannot guarantee the places on the same jeeps to the same families.
- It is not possible to carry strollers inside the jeeps.
- Slight changes may be made to itineraries and the length of excursions in order to safeguard your health and comply with regulations and the safety protocol.

INFORMATIONS

Code	Duration	Level	Adult price	Child price
6016	9 Hours approximately	Moderate	EUR 175.00	EUR 122.50
Type				
Basket Lunch				

Muscat

EXPERIENCE - HIGHLIGHTS OF MUSCAT AND BARKHA

In a nutshell

A panoramic excursion to the discovery of the beauties of Muscat and Barkha.

Main stops**The programme**

- Please wear comfortable walking shoes.
- Guests must abide by appropriate dress, modest, no revealing or see-through clothing.
- Visitors should be dressed appropriately according to the culture of the country being visited.
- This excursion is not recommended to guests with mobility problems.
- Space is limited, so please reserve in advance.
- The coach ride between Muscat and Nahkal takes about 2 hours each way.
- The site of Nakhl Spring is very slippery. It is suggested to wear proper shoes.
- Slight changes may be made to itineraries and the length of excursions in order to safeguard your health and comply with regulations and the safety protocol.

INFORMATIONS

Code	Duration	Level	Adult price	Child price
6260	8 Hours approximately	Moderate	EUR 99.00	EUR 69.30
Type				

*Muscat***UNSPOILT OMAN: EXPLORING THE WADI AL ARBEIEEN IN A 4X4 VEHICLE****In a nutshell**

An adventurous excursion to discover extraordinary landscapes, high rocky mountains and luxuriant oasis: astonishing natural environment with places and villages that seem to have been left almost untouched by time.

Main stops

- Mountain landscapes in a wealth of colours
- The Wadi Al Arbeieen with its luxuriant vegetation
- Small lakes and natural swimming pools formed by the river
- Water bashing in the 4x4 vehicle (if possible)
- Natural pools
- Canyon and lunar landscapes formed by volcanic rocks

- The Wadi Dayqah

The programme

- We set off from Muscat in our 4x4 vehicles and head for the **Wadi Al Arbeieen**. After just a few kilometres, we already find ourselves immersed in an almost lunar landscape where we are bewildered and captivated by mountains with a surreal appearance in a wealth of colours.
- We leave the tarmacked road and drive along an **off-road trail to the Wadi Al Arbeieen**, a magnificent canyon with high sides and **lush vegetation** where the river has created incredibly transparent blue-green **lakes and pools**, begging to be photographed.
- Near the Wadi we also visit a **typical Omani village** where the simple rhythms of daily life have not been affected by modernity: its inhabitants are always polite and welcoming and the wonderful children approach us with their disarming smiles.
- At the end of our visit to the village we return to our 4x4 adventure, experiencing the excitement of '**water bashing**' (fording the stream), which is not difficult but great fun.
- Next, we head for a place where those wishing to swim can do so, surrounded by a natural amphitheatre of rare beauty and immersed in an imposing natural environment.
- At the end of this relaxing break we travel along an off-road trail where we can admire breathtaking scenery: **narrow canyons** alternate with **lunar landscapes** characterized by volcanic rocks with colours ranging from grey to red and from lava black to ochre pink.
- We then arrive at the **village of Mazara**, with the ancient ruins of its castle that dominate the surrounding valley.
- We continue towards the **Wadi Dayqah** where a dam forms a magnificent lake completely surrounded by the mountains.
- During the return journey we travel a few more kilometres off-road: the excitement and intense memories of the tour will stay with us for days to come.
- Please wear comfortable walking shoes.
- Guests must be in good physical health.
- This excursion is not recommended to guests with mobility problems, with back or neck problems.
- Visitors should be dressed appropriately according to the culture of the country being visited.
- This excursion involves a ride of about 4 hours on an asphalt track and off road onboard a safari style jeep.
- This excursion does not feature a guide, the driver will provide information in English.
- Places are limited, so please reserve early.
- Minors under the age of 4 cannot participate in the excursion.
- Pregnant woman can not participate.
- We cannot guarantee the places on the same jeeps to families.

- It is not possible to carry strollers inside the jeeps.
- This tour includes a basket lunch to be consumed on the jeep.
- Slight changes may be made to itineraries and the length of excursions in order to safeguard your health and comply with regulations and the safety protocol.

INFORMATIONS

Code	Duration	Level	Adult price	Child price
6878	7 Hours approximately	Moderate	EUR 169.00	EUR 118.30
Type				Basket Lunch

Muscat

BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN THE ICONS OF MUSCAT

In a nutshell

History, culture, nature and modernity: **Muscat is a treasure trove of wonders**, and today you can **discover them all in the height of comfort**. Hop onto the **double-decker bus** and watch the **Mutrah souq**, the **National Museum**, the **Ruwi**, the walls of **Parliament**, the **Sultan's palace** and the boats of the **Corniche** pass by outside. **Found your stop? Jump off and then jump back on whenever you like!**

Main stops

- Double-decker bus stops: Mutrah souq, churches and temple, Central business district, Parliament, Marina, Al Alam Palace, Al-Mirani fort and harbor, the Corniche

The programme

- **Muscat is a procession of the historic and the modern**. To ensure **you don't miss a single detail**, jump on the **bus: you can get off and back on whenever you like**, or stay in your comfy seat for an exciting tour of the city.
- The first stop is the **Mutrah souq**, where pashminas and spices vie for your attention. From here, you can also admire the **Mutrah fort** and the **Bait Al-Baranda museum**.
- If you're looking for history, the **National Museum** is home to more than 7,000 artefacts and 14 permanent collections, providing unique insights into every aspect of Omani culture. Not bad, hey?
- If you want modernity, meanwhile, head down to **Ruwi**, the **central business district**. But don't miss the **Ruwi clock tower**: its arabesque style is very distinctive.
- Today, the sheer spectacle of Oman continues at **Majlis**, the country's **Parliament**. Its façade seems never-ending, and indeed, it spans an incredible 5 kilometers.

- Next, you'll head towards the **Marina** and its views. And just behind the **royal palace of Al Alam**, you'll find a picture-perfect scene with the **forts** of **Al-Jalali** and **Al-Mirani**.
- Finally, the last view to admire is of the **Corniche**. As you wander along the promenade or relax in a café, take a moment to look out over the bay. Who knows, maybe the **Sultan's yacht** will be there!
- The excursion does not include a guide.
- Wear clothing that is respectful of the culture of the country, avoiding garments that are too tight or low-cut.
- Headphones are to be worn on the bus.

INFORMATIONS

Code	Duration	Level	Adult price	Child price
000Y	1 1/2 Hours approximately	Easy	EUR 75.00	EUR 50.00
Type				

Dubai

SHOPPING IN DUBAI AND DRINK WITH A VIEW

In a nutshell

Main stops

- Shopping in City Walk
- Exclusive Rooftop Burj Club
- Drinks and dancing fountain show
- Souk Madinat Jumeirah

The programme

- We leave the port behind us and head to our first destination: **City Walk**, a modern innovative open-air shopping mall characterised by large tree-lined streets, European-style architecture, fountains with spectacular water features, covered areas and children play areas.
- Here we have some **free time available** to wander around the prestigious boutiques, refined restaurants and shops of all kinds looking for the perfect souvenir.
- We then move on to our second destination, the **exclusive Rooftop Burj Club** on the third floor of the Burj Khalifa skyscraper that towers over the club's panoramic terrace with its vertiginous height.
- We sip a **refreshing cocktail** as we enjoy a perfect view of the **spectacular dancing fountain show** in the square in front of the skyscraper. The fountains move to the rhythm of the music creating an enchanting choreography with illuminated water jets.

- The last stop on our excursion is the **Souk Madinat Jumeirah**, a shopping centre that recreates the architecture and setting of an old, traditional Middle-Eastern market where we can find a wide selection of pashminas and local arts and crafts.

INFORMATIONS

Code	Duration	Level	Adult price	Child price
024L	4 1/2 Hours approximately	Easy	EUR 60.00	EUR 42.00

Dubai **DUBAI FROM HIGH**

In a nutshell

An excursion entirely dedicated to the Burj Khalifa skyscraper: we climb to the 124th floor with the fastest lift in the world to enjoy breathtaking views over the city and indulge in some shopping in one of the largest shopping malls in the world.

Main stops

- Burj Khalifa skyscraper
- At the Top observation deck
- Panoramic views of the city
- Augmented reality digital telescopes
- Shopping at Dubai Mall
- Dubai Frame

The programme

- Our excursion starts at the **Burj Khalifa skyscraper**, the tallest building in the world and the centrepiece of a lively district of hotels, shops and all kinds of other attractions.
- From the reception, we reach the 124th floor with a **stratospheric lift ride** that climbs 18 metres a second holding the global speed record and access the At the Top observation deck where large glass panes overlook the centre of Dubai.
- From the top of the skyscraper at 450 metres high we admire the **spectacular 360° views** over the city with its incredible skyline, desert and ocean. We do not miss the chance to have some fun with the **special digital telescopes** providing virtual journeys in the past and future.
- We go back to the ground floor where we have some free time to shop at the **Dubai Mall**, one of the largest shopping centres in the world, and wander around luxury boutiques, restaurants and attractions.

- The last stage of our excursion includes a stop at an attraction that opened recently in Zabeel Park, the **Dubai Frame**. It is a huge picture frame 150 metres tall, which stands out as a majestic feat of engineering and gifts visitors a breath-taking view of every angle of the city. This is where we say goodbye to Dubai with a final photo before returning.
- Places on this excursion are limited. We recommend booking in advance.
- Being one of the main attractions of the city, there is the possibility of finding long queues at the entrance.
- We recommend wearing clothing that is suitable for the culture of a Muslim country.
- Slight changes may be made to itineraries and the length of excursions in order to safeguard your health and comply with regulations and the safety protocol.

INFORMATIONS

Code	Duration	Level	Adult price	Child price
024K	4 1/2 Hours approximately	Easy	EUR 95.00	EUR 66.50
Type				

Dubai

I LOVE SHOPPING IN DUBAI

In a nutshell

A panoramic tour of the main places of interest in Dubai with some time to relax and to do some shopping

Main stops

- Jumeirah Mosque (photo stop)
- Burj Al Arab Hotel (photo stop)
- Mall of the Emirates
- Dubai Mall

The programme

- Our tour will start with a stop in front of **Jumeirah Mosque**, a magnificent example of modern Islamic architecture, where we can take some photos.
- Our photo album of Dubai would not be complete without some pictures of the distinctive **Burj Al Arab** hotel, famous across the world for its unique sail shape design.
- Next we satisfy our shopping cravings with the following stops: the **Mall of the Emirates** and the

DUBAI



Dubai Mall, colossal shopping centres where we can find a vast array of items from all over the world.

- Places are limited, so please reserve early.
- All guests taking part in this excursion must leave their luggage outside the cabin according to their disembarkation time (check the Diario di Bordo).
- Hand luggage deposit is available on board.
- This excursion is reserved to all the guests who will not disembark in Dubai and to disembarking guests with the flight after 7 pm from Dubai Airport.
- Slight changes may be made to itineraries and the length of excursions in order to safeguard your health and comply with regulations and the safety protocol.

INFORMATIONS

Code	Duration	Level	Adult price	Child price
6225	5 Hours approximately	Easy	EUR 55.00	EUR 38.50
Type				

Dubai

PREMIUM HELICOPTER FLIGHT OVER DUBAI CITY

In a nutshell

The perfect way to enjoy a complete panoramic view of Dubai and its intricate infrastructure; a helicopter tour for an incredible and unforgettable experience

Main stops

- Helicopter flight
- Union Square
- Emirates Towers
- Burj Khalifa
- Palm Jumeirah
- Burj Al Arab Hotel
- The World
- Dubai Marine Beach
- Mall of the Emirates

The programme

- After a short transfer, we board the helicopter to be delighted with breathtaking views of Dubai from above.
- After take-off, we fly over some of the magnificent skyscrapers and other engineering feats for which Dubai is famous: **Union Square**, the **Emirates Towers**, the **Burj Khalifa** skyscraper, the tallest in the world, the famous and picturesque **Palm Jumeirah**, the 7-star **Burj Al Arab** hotel, the artificial archipelago **The World**, the **Dubai Marine Beach** coastline and the **Mall of the Emirates** shopping centre.
- After a short flight, we return to the port.
- This tour does not feature a guide, the pilot will provide some explanations.
- Space is limited, so please reserve early.
- Do not forget to bring the photocopy of your passport or your I.D. with you.
- Guests must be in good physical health.
- This excursion is not recommended for guests with mobility problems.
- Please wear comfortable walking shoes and casual clothing.
- Children under 4 years old, guests on a wheelchair and pregnant women can not participate.
- Time departure and meeting points will be communicated to guests directly to the cabin by letter.
- We cannot grant the places on the same helicopter to families.
- This excursion is reserved to all the guests who will not disembark in Dubai and to disembarking guests with the flight after 5pm from Dubai Airport.
- All guests taking part in this excursion must leave their luggage outside the cabin according to their disembarkation time (check the Diario di Bordo).
- Hand luggage deposit is available on board.
- Slight changes may be made to itineraries and the length of excursions in order to safeguard your health and comply with regulations and the safety protocol.

INFORMATIONS

Code	Duration	Level	Adult price	Child price
6220	2 Hours approximately	Moderate	EUR 289.00	EUR 289.00
Type				

Dubai DUBAI SIGHTS

In a nutshell

Soaring skyscrapers and super-luxury hotels provide a stark contrast to the typical markets. Dubai is a

blend of tradition and modernity, as we discover on this excursion that includes a relaxing glass of champaign at The Palm View

Main stops

- Burj Al Arab (photo stop)
- Palm Jumeirah
- Glass of champaign at The Palm View
- Lost Chambers
- Souk Al Bahar
- Burj Khalifa (photo stop)

The programme

- Our excursion will start outside the famous 7-star **Burj Al Arab** hotel with its distinctive sail shape, which we can immortalize with wonderful photos.
- Our next stop will take us to the **Palm Jumeirah**, inaugurated by His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum as the eighth wonder of the world, where the **Atlantis hotel** awaits us in all its glory. It boasts 1,539 rooms and suites set on an artificial island in the middle of the crescent-shaped Palm Jumeirah, linked to the mainland by a monorail.
- The mythical lost city of Atlantis will come back to life as we make our way through the maze of paths and secret tunnels in **The Lost Chambers Aquarium**.
- After leaving the hotel, we will visit the **souk Al Bahar**, or 'fishermen's market'. Despite its name, this market offers many varieties of fragrant Arab perfumes, hand-woven rugs and state-of-the-art cameras. It is also an exceptional place to take magnificent photos of **Burj Khalifa**, the tallest tower in the world.
- Places are limited, so please reserve early.
- Dress code smart casual, shirt with collar, closed shoes (ladies can enter with opened shoes), no trainers, no t-shirt, no blue jeans, no short pants.
- The minimum age for consuming alcoholic drinks is 21 years.
- Slight changes may be made to itineraries and the length of excursions in order to safeguard your health and comply with regulations and the safety protocol.

INFORMATIONS

Code	Duration	Level	Adult price	Child price
6219	5 1/2 Hours approximately	Easy	EUR 129.00	EUR 90.30
Type				

*Dubai***EXPERIENCE DUBAI'S SKYSCRAPERS AND AN APERITIF WITH PANORAMIC VIEWS AT THE OBSERVATORY****In a nutshell**

Dubai has amazed the world with its luxurious extravagance and imposing skyscrapers that dominate its skyline: In this excursion we can admire some of the most captivating ones and we have the unique opportunity to sip an aperitif at a height of 200 metres.

Main stops

- Burj Khalifa
- Burj Al Arab (photo stop)
- Palm Jumeirah (photo stop)
- Aperitif at The Observatory

The programme

- Our exciting excursion will start at the **Burj Khalifa**, the tallest man-made building in history. Our visit to the skyscraper will begin at the reception on the ground floor with a **multimedia presentation** on the fascinating history of Dubai and the Burj Khalifa.
- From the reception, we take an exhilarating ride in the lift at a speed of 10 metres per second, up to the **124th floor** where we can admire the 360° panoramic view of the city, the desert and the ocean.
- Next, we will admire the super-luxury **Burj Al Arab** hotel and take some stunning photos of this distinctive sail-shaped building located on an artificial island.
- Our next destination is the fascinating **Palm Jumeirah**, a huge artificial island with luxury resorts and hotels that has been labelled the 'eighth wonder of the world', and a residential area where we stop to take photos along the artificial 12 kilometres long breakwater.
- Our last stop will be **The Observatory** restaurant in the **Marriott Harbour** hotel, where we can sip a refreshing **aperitif** whilst enjoying stunning views from a height of 200 metres of the sun setting over the sea, with breathtaking flashes of colour over **Dubai Marina** and the Palm Jumeirah.
- Places on this excursion are limited. We recommend booking in advance.
- The Burj Khalifa being one of the main attractions of the city, there is the possibility of finding long queues at the entrance.
- Comfortable shoes and clothing are recommended.
- You need to be physically fit to take part in this excursion.
- Casual smart dress code is compulsory, casual clothing (a shirt with collar is recommended, and

no sports shoes, t-shirts or jeans), and closed shoes (ladies can wear open shoes).

- Slight changes may be made to itineraries and the length of excursions in order to safeguard your health and comply with regulations and the safety protocol.

INFORMATIONS

Code	Duration	Level	Adult price	Child price
6430	4 Hours approximately	Easy	EUR 119.00	EUR 83.30
Type				Tasting

Dubai FROM THE SKY TO THE DUBAI AQUARIUM

In a nutshell

It's not just a manner of speaking: today, you really will discover **Dubai** as you've never seen it before. Set off **with your guide** from the sparkling **Dubai Marina** and get ready to enjoy a series of unique experiences. A **high-speed elevator** will whizz you up to the **124th floor of the world's tallest skyscraper**, while immediately afterwards, you'll find yourself among the marine species of a **colossal aquarium**. What do you fancy now? **Shopping at the Dubai Mall!**

Main stops

- Panoramic bus tour through Dubai Marina
- Burj Al Arab Hotel: photo stop
- Burj Khalifa skyscraper: go up in an elevator with panoramic views over the city
- Dubai Mall: Dubai Aquarium and Underwater Zoo; free time in the shops

The programme

- As you take the bus through **Dubai Marina** with your **guide**, you'll soon realize that everything here leaves its mark. Beginning with the city's skyscraper complex: a true urban paradise.
- That's why you'll want to immortalize the 321-meter-high **Burj Al Arab**, the sail-shaped hotel which stands on an artificial island.
- Ever wondered what the city looks like from above? Now you can find out at the **Burj Khalifa**, the **world's tallest skyscraper**, and experience the thrill of a **10-meter-per-second elevator ride** up to its **124th floor**. From here, the views of Dubai will leave you speechless: desert, ocean and cutting-edge architecture as far as the eye can see.
- As soon as you get off, another incredible experience awaits you: head through the viewing tunnel

of the **Dubai Aquarium and Underwater Zoo**. The 10 million-liter tank is home to over 33,000 aquatic species.

- You can enjoy 270-degree views: watch rare **tiger sharks**, **rays** and **piranhas** swimming over your head! There's even a colony of **penguins**!
- And after so much adrenaline, it's time to indulge in some shopping at the **Dubai Mall**: a shopping center of record-breaking size.
- Wear clothing that is respectful of the culture of the country, avoiding garments that are too tight or low-cut.

INFORMATIONS

Code	Duration	Level	Adult price	Child price
6699	4 1/2 Hours approximately	Easy	EUR 105.00	EUR 73.50
Type				

Dubai

DUBAI BY NIGHT: DHOW CRUISE AND DINNER AT THE SKY VIEW

In a nutshell

A unique opportunity to admire the different faces of Dubai, which in just a few years has been transformed from a desert oasis to an ultra-modern city, with a cruise on a typical boat, followed by a coach tour and dinner at the Sky View.

Main stops

- Dhow ride in Dubai Creek
- Sheikh Zayed Street
- Emirates Towers (panoramic)
- Burj Khalifa (photo stop)
- Burj Al Arab (photo stop)
- Palm Jumeirah
- Atlantis Hotel
- Lost Chambers
- Dinner at Sky View

The programme

- We leave the port by coach and cross the spectacular city which is considered the new **gateway to**

the East, admiring the bold architecture and modern atmosphere

- When we reach our boat, a typical wooden dhow, we set off on a romantic, relaxing cruise along **Dubai Creek**.
- During the boat ride, we will have the chance to admire the city from the river, seeing how the city's evolution over the course of the years is reflected in the architectural contradictions between new and old Dubai, from the wind towers to the imposing skyscrapers.
- Our exciting excursion continues back on the coach as we drive through the famous **Sheikh Zayed City**, known for its skyscrapers, the **Emirates Towers** and the **Burj Khalifa**, the tallest tower in the world where we stop to take pictures and have the chance to watch the beautiful **fountain show**.
- As we continue on our tour, the **Burj Al Arab**, the famous sail shaped hotel which is spectacularly lit up at night, appears before our eyes. After stopping to take some unforgettable photographs, we will travel to one of Dubai's wonders, the **Palm Jumeirah**, home to the spectacular **Atlantis Hotel**, a fabulous architectural feat which cost over two billion dollars.
- We enter the hotel to visit **The Lost Chambers aquarium**, dedicated to the legendary city of Atlantis.
- Places are limited, so please reserve early
- This excursion is not recommended to guests with mobility problems.
- The minimum age for consuming alcoholic drinks is 21 years.

INFORMATIONS

Code	Duration	Level	Adult price	Child price
6703	6 1/2 Hours approximately	Easy	EUR 175.00	EUR 122.50
Type				

Dubai HOP-ON/HOP-OFF DUBAI

In a nutshell

Enjoy sightseeing, shopping, museums, markets, souks, local dining and much, as this tour allows you to experience the best of Dubai at your leisure. From the towering Burj Khalifa and the 7 star Burj Al Arab to the mysterious gold and spice souks, this fully narrated audio tour allows you to hop-off at 25 locations throughout the city.

Main stops

- Double-decker coach tour of Dubai

The programme

- We get on a **comfortable double-decker coach** offering great views from the first-level windows as well as the thrill of feeling at one with the city on the open-top second level.
- There are **25 stops** with the **hop-on, hop-off** formula where we can **get on and off as we please** and choose what sights to see each time.
- **Two different routes** are available: the Red City Tour lasts approximately 1 hours 40 minutes and the Blue Marina Tour lasts 2 hours 20 minutes. As we have the whole day available, we are truly spoilt for choice!
- While comfortably seated on the coach, we can listen to the **interesting audioguides** (available in 12 different languages) providing information on the monuments and sights that can be admired on the way.
- How can we resist the temptation of admiring the towering **Burj Khalifa**, the tallest sky-scraper in the world, or the luxurious **Burj Al Arab**, the famous 7-star hotel whose unique sail shape has turned it into a symbol of the city? No problem: all of Dubai's gems are within easy reach on this tour!
- This excursion does not include a guide.
- Headphones are available on the coach.
- The ticket is valid all day long.
- Your shoulders, arms and knees must be covered in order to enter places of worship.
- Slight changes may be made to itineraries and the length of excursions in order to safeguard your health and comply with regulations and the safety protocol.

INFORMATIONS

Code	Duration	Level	Adult price	Child price
6728	2 Hours approximately	Easy	EUR 75.00	EUR 50.00
Type				

Dubai

EXPLORING THE CONTRASTING CHARACTER OF DUBAI

In a nutshell

Dubai's identity is one of contrasts: with **your guide**, discover its modern side in front of one of the world's tallest hotels and the **Jumeirah Mosque**, then delve into its ancient heart in the **Al-Bastakiya** neighborhood. And that's not all: you can cross the **canal** that divides the city in two on a **boat that only exists here**. Finally, plunge into the **typical wares of the souks of spices and gold**.

Main stops

- Burj Al Arab; Jumeirah mosque: photo stop
- Al-Bastakiya neighborhood: Barjeel towers
- Trip on a traditional wooden 'abra' boat, between the banks of the Dubai Creek
- Deira neighborhood: wander the alleyways of the souk of spice and gold

The programme

- You can only say that you truly know **Dubai** once you've explored both sides of the city.
- It will be clear which is most innovative, as you stand in front of the **Burj Al Arab**, a hotel that catches the eye due to its 321-meter height, and its shape, like a sail filled with wind.
- Meanwhile, as soon as you arrive in front of the **Jumeirah Mosque**, you'll understand why it is the most photographed monument in the city, with its mighty twin minarets and imposing dome, with striking geometric details.
- Then, as you pass through the **Al-Bastakiya neighborhood with your guide**, you'll see a whole other Dubai. Admire the stone houses of the old merchants and the famous **wind towers**, which served as ancient natural 'air conditioning' systems.
- Have you ever seen a Middle Eastern **water taxi**? Jump aboard an '**abra**', a **typical wooden boat**, and navigate your way across the **Dubai Creek**, the canal that leads to the **Deira neighborhood** - one of the most vibrant of the old city.
- From the banks, you can already sense the local atmosphere. But just wait until the scent of the **spice souk** hits you: here, you can admire spices of all kinds and colors. Then, at the **gold souk**, everything glitters with **precious jewelry** and gold **ingots**.
- Wear clothing that is respectful of the culture of the country, avoiding garments that are too tight or low-cut.
- The excursion may take place in the morning or afternoon.

INFORMATIONS

Code	Duration	Level	Adult price	Child price
6201	4 1/2 Hours approximately	Easy	EUR 49.00	EUR 34.30
Type				

Dubai
SAND DUNE ADVENTURE IN A 4X4 VEHICLE

In a nutshell

An excursion to explore life in the desert, amidst ever-changing dunes and a traditional Bedouin camp

Main stops

- Dubai Desert
- Bedouin camp
- Camel ride (optional)

The programme

- On this exciting excursion we experience the thrill of climbing up and down the peaks and troughs of sand dunes on powerful **4x4 vehicles** driven by desert safari experts.
- We stop at a **Bedouin camp** in the desert to savour a delicious Arab coffee accompanied by delicious dates, dried fruit and fruit juices.
- During our stop, we also have the opportunity to experience the excitement of a **ride on camelback** or to climb up and down the peaks and troughs of steep sand dunes.
- Space is limited, so please reserve early.
- Guests must be in good physical health, this excursion is not recommended to guests with mobility or back problems.
- Please wear comfortable walking shoes (for the desert) and casual clothing.
- This tour does not feature a guide.
- Pregnant women cannot participate in the excursion.
- Minors under the age of 4 cannot participate in the excursion.
- The capacity of each jeep is 6 people, therefore they will be shared with other guests.
- All guests taking part in this excursion must leave their luggage outside the cabin according to their disembarkation time (check the Diario di Bordo).
- Hand luggage deposit is available on board.
- This excursion is reserved to all the guests who will not disembark in Dubai and to disembarking guests with the flight after 6 pm from Dubai Airport.
- We cannot guarantee the same places on the same jeeps to families.
- It is not possible to carry strollers inside the jeeps.
- Slight changes may be made to itineraries and the length of excursions in order to safeguard your health and comply with regulations and the safety protocol.

INFORMATIONS

Code	Duration	Level	Adult price	Child price
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DUBAI



6204

4 Hours
approximately

Moderate

EUR 85.00

EUR 59.50

Type

Dubai

LIKE A SHEIK: DUBAI FROM THE WATER ON BOARD A LUXURY YACHT

In a nutshell

Did you ever imagine you would be discovering **Dubai from the water**, cruising through its canals **on board a luxury yacht**? Now, you can do just that, as part of an **exclusive experience for Costa guests only**, as you sail past the **Burj al-Arab**, **Bluewaters Island** and **Palm Jumeirah** amidst stunning reflections and plays of color, while the staff pamper you like a sultan with **baskets of fresh fruit and a toast at sunset**.

Main stops

- Tour on a luxury yacht with two decks through Dubai's canals: Burj al-Arab; Bluewaters Island; Dubai Marina; Palm Jumeirah island; Hotel Atlantis
- Aperitif on board with drinks and fresh fruit

The programme

- Exploring **Dubai on a luxury yacht** will make you feel like a sheik watching the skyscrapers light up at sunset every evening. A **spectacle that is only visible from the water**.
- Before boarding, slip your shoes off: **two decks of comfort and relaxation await you**, including a **delicious aperitif and refreshing drinks**.
- The city is futuristic, the skyscrapers as high as the eye can see: it's impossible to glimpse the top, even from the **yacht's transparent roof**. Beyond the canals is the calm open sea of the **Marina**, and then bustling **Bluewaters Island**, the isle of entertainment that is home to **Ain Dubai**, the world's largest Ferris wheel.
- The sun is setting and now the skyscrapers look like they're floating on the water. On **Palm Jumeirah**, the palm-shaped island, tourists post envy-inducing photos of the sunset.
- But you won't fall victim to the green-eyed monster: **from the sea, you'll be able to enjoy a truly unique view of the city**. All this calls for a **toast**, to celebrate this VIP experience!
- This experience will be narrated in English.

INFORMATIONS

Code	Duration	Level	Adult price	Child price
03W4	2 Hours approximately		EUR 129.00	EUR 90.30

Type

*Dubai***A DAY AND A NIGHT IN A TENT IN THE DESERT****In a nutshell**

Did you ever think you'd be spending **a day and night in a tent** in the **Dubai Desert Conservation Reserve**? Today, **exclusively with Costa**, you can do just that, and much more besides: from **dune racing in a 4x4** to a ride on the back of a **dromedary**, and from the silence of the **Arabian night** to a **safari in the footsteps of the animals of the desert**. With your **expert guide**, you can also feast on a **typical barbecue under the stars**. Shall we go?

Main stops

- 4x4 route over Dubai's desert sand dunes at sunset
- Ride on the back of a dromedary
- Overnight stay in a tent in a fully-equipped camp in the middle of the desert
- Dinner under the stars with a typical Arab barbecue
- Sandboarding on the sand
- 4x4 safari to spot desert animals

The programme

- **Sleeping in a tent in the middle of the desert** is a rare experience. And doing it in an area of the **Dubai Desert Conservation Reserve**, which is only accessible to **certified guides like yours**, is an exclusive experience that can only be enjoyed by **Costa guests**.
- Set off in a **4x4 to conquer the dunes**, over a series of ups and downs and varying moods in which even the sun plays a part: at **sunset**, you'll feel as if you are gliding over gold.
- Like the explorers of days gone by, you will then hop on the **back of a dromedary** to reach the small **base camp**, where **tents equipped with soft beds** and all the necessary comforts are ready and waiting. **Your guide** will give you a few tips to help you to feel at ease. Trust them: they know everything there is to know about life in the desert.
- As evening falls, the camp will be plunged into **absolute silence**, interrupted only by preparations for dinner: a **typical Arab barbecue** to be savored under the sky, by the light of lamps and lanterns.
- But the adventure is far from over: the desert by day is a new world to explore, **as you surf the dunes** with your board and set out on a quest for the native animals that the reserve protects, such as the **Arabian oryx** and the **Arabian sand gazelle**.
- This is one of the most popular experiences so book early.

- This experience will be narrated in English.

INFORMATIONS

Code	Duration	Level	Adult price	Child price
03WA	17 1/2 Hours approximately		EUR 359.00	EUR 251.30
Type				

Dubai

DUBAI TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED AND ENJOYED

In a nutshell

The ferris wheel and the world's largest viewing deck, a hotel in the shape of a sail, **Dubai** is all this and more. On this **sightseeing tour** you can see and capture all of its **iconic landmarks**, which are now part of the world's **collective imagination**. The evening ends with a **dinner of a thousand and one nights** in a sophisticated restaurant at the **souk Al Bahar**.

Main stops

- Bluewaters Island, Ain Dubai
- Man-made archipelago Palm Jumeirah
- Burj Al Arab, Moschea di Jumeirah (external visit)
- Dubai Frame, Palazzo Zaabeel (external visit)
- Free time at Dubai Mall
- Burj Khalifa (external visit), Dubai Fountain
- Dinner at Siraj restaurant, in Souk Al Bahar

The programme

- The **Ain Dubai** is located on the artificial island of **Bluewaters** and is the **largest ferris wheel** in the world. **Palm Jumeirah**, on the other hand, is an artificial archipelago in the shape of a palm tree which is home to the city's most exclusive resorts.
- The next stop gives you the best spot at **Burj Al Arab**, the sail-shaped luxury hotel: a definite must in your gallery. As well as the minarets and the great dome of the **Jumeirah Mosque**.
- But the best shot is courtesy of the **Dubai Frame**, the largest frame in the world: on one side the skyscrapers of the modern city, on the other the old town.
- Save some space in your memory for the **Zaabeel Palace**, surrounded by **palms** and **peacocks**, which once stood in the middle of the desert and was the home of Emir Rashid.

- Has all this luxury whetted your appetite for **shopping**? Time for a stop at the **Dubai Mall**, the second largest in the world. Before leaving, snap a few shots of the **Burj Khalifa**, the **tallest skyscraper in the world** and the **Dubai Fountain**, a **dancing fountain system** that will give you a unique **show** of water jets, music and lights.
- Your full dive into Dubai concludes at **Siraj Restaurant** with the best of Middle Eastern cuisine, such as **meat margooga**, made with lamb or the traditional **chicken biryani**.
- To protect your health, in respect of the legislative requirements and safety protocol, the itineraries and the duration of the excursions may be subject to slight modifications.
- Before booking the excursion or once on board, contact the excursions office to request vegetarian and gluten-free dishes or for any food other food allergy.

INFORMATIONS

Code	Duration	Level	Adult price	Child price
03MK	8 Hours approximately	Moderate	EUR 105.00	EUR 73.50
Type				

Dubai

DUBAI, A RECORD-BREAKING CITY

In a nutshell

Dubai is eccentric: on this **night-time sightseeing tour** you'll discover its most **iconic monuments**, almost always worthy of the **Guinness Book of Records**, including the **Dubai Frame** and the **Burj Khalifa**.

Main stops

- The Palm View
- Photo stop: Dubai Frame, Zabeel Palace, Burj Khalifa
- Light show at the Dubai Fountain

The programme

- You'll find the perfect frame for your photos at the **Dubai Frame**, which is a building as well as the **largest picture frame in the world**: essentially pure heaven for Instagrammers.
- The **Zabeel Palace** is surrounded by a garden of palm trees, tropical plants and exotic birds. It is the royal residence and therefore one of the most secure and heavily guarded places in the world.
- Your next stop is the **Burj Khalifa**, the **tallest skyscraper in the world**. Did you know that its 'Y' shaped plan was inspired by the hymenocallis flower?

- After this roundup of records, get ready to see the **Dubai Fountain**, it is **the biggest choreographic fountain in the world** and will leave you speechless: a show of dancing lights and water for which it is worth using up all battery on your smartphone.
- Slight changes may be made to itineraries and the length of excursions in order to protect your health and to comply with regulations and the safety protocol.

INFORMATIONS

Code	Duration	Level	Adult price	Child price
03MM	4 Hours approximately		EUR 79.00	EUR 55.30
Type				

Dubai DUBAI TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED

In a nutshell

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- Burj Al Arab, Moschea di Jumeirah (external visit)
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- Free time at Dubai Mall
- Burj Khalifa (external visit), Dubai Fountain

The programme

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INFORMATIONS

Code	Duration	Level	Adult price	Child price
03N0	7 Hours approximately	Moderate	EUR 75.00	EUR 52.50

Dubai

STEERING YOUR DINGHY OVER THE CREST OF DUBAI'S WAVES

In a nutshell

Step on the fun accelerator: **as you steer your two-seater motor dinghy**, you'll see **Dubai from a unique perspective**, as you cut through the waves at full speed. Follow the **guide's tips** and race towards the famous **palm-shaped island**, past **incredible resorts**, **futuristic skyscrapers** and a **record-breaking Ferris wheel**. Get ready for the **perfect aquatic-themed gift** and plenty of excitement.

Main stops

- Panoramic tour of Dubai Marina in a motor dinghy, to be driven by you: Palm Jumeirah island; panoramic Ferris wheel on Bluewaters Island; Atlantis The Palm; Burj Al Arab

The programme

- An **aquatic adventure in total freedom** to capture **Dubai** at its most charming: slip **behind the helm of your two-seater motor dinghy** and enjoy unusual views and lots of fun!
- What do you need? We will provide you with a **thermal water bottle full of water**, while the few simple **instructions on how to drive your boat** will be delivered by your **guide**.
- Now that you're feeling more confident steering your speed boat... **we're off!** Spoiler alert: you'll surge past one of the **world's most incredible skylines**, which looks like it's arrived straight from the future.
- It'll really hit you when you reach the **Palm Jumeirah**, the luxurious artificial island in the shape of a palm tree. **Ask your guide**: they know each of its 'branches' in detail.
- Between one burst of speed and the next, you'll be able to admire the sea reflected in the windows

of the buildings, the majestic **Arabian arch of the Atlantis The Palm hotel** and **Bluewaters Island**, dominated by the world's largest Ferris wheel.

- Slow down in front of the **enormous sail of the Burj Al Arab skyscraper**, inspired by the shape of an Arabian sambuk ship: one of the many riches of the Emirates, and one which defies the laws of gravity!
- Only bring what you need: a swimming costume, a backpack with beach towel, a hat and sunscreen.
- This experience will be narrated in English.
- Minimum age: 18 years.
- The excursion is not suitable if you have knee or back problems or are pregnant.
- The price for one inflatable, doesn't decrease whether it is used by one or two people.

INFORMATIONS

Code	Duration	Level	Adult price	Child price
03VA	2 1/2 Hours approximately		EUR 299.00	EUR 209.30

Dubai

BACK IN TIME IN DUBAI, AMID ANCIENT FLAVORS AND TRADITIONS

In a nutshell

There's a side to Dubai that is still frozen in time, full of colorful spices and plaster buildings. Only with Costa you can discover it, crossing the Dubai Creek on an **abra** and immersing yourself, accompanied by a **local guide**, in its traditions. After a **typical lunch**, a **coffee etiquette** class will teach you all about **Arab hospitality** ~~to~~ **a memory to bring back home with you.**

Main stops

- Visit of Dubai's Old Town and Historical District: The spice and gold souk
- Crossing the Dubai Creek on a traditional boat
- Al Fahidi neighborhood: Dagger Museum and Coffee Museum
- Typical Arabian lunch in a family-owned restaurant
- Emirati Coffee etiquette class
- Photo stop: Burj Al-Arab, Jumeirah Mosque and Za'abeel Palace

The programme

- Would you like to know **what Dubai looked like before the skyscrapers**? Follow your **local guide** through the most ancient neighborhoods, **discovering customs that survived throughout the years.**

- Such as in Deira, Dubai's Old Town, where you can **mingle with the crowd at the spice and gold souk**. And then sailing **on the Dubai Creek like a local** on an **abra**, a traditional merchants' boat made of wood.
- The **Al Fahidi** historical neighborhood bursts with traditions. You can explore them at the **Dagger Museum**, amid silver and gold ~~khans~~ **khans** symbols of strength and bravery, while at the **Coffee Museum** you will learn about a true ritual of this people.
- Food is also part of the culture and **you will experience the typical cuisine at a family-owned restaurant**. Followed by a real highlight: A **class in coffee etiquette**, which will illustrate how guests are honored in Arabic culture. In this silent ritual, every gesture ~~is~~ such as how the cup is held with the right hand and tilted to refuse more coffee ~~is~~ has a deep meaning.
- Today, you won't just learn some valuable teachings to bring back home, you will **also receive a memento of this region: a pouch of real Arabic coffee**. Will you be able to recreate what you've learned at home?
- Before booking the excursion or once on board, contact the excursion office to check the availability of vegetarian or gluten-free dishes and to report any food intolerances.

INFORMATIONS

Code	Duration	Level	Adult price	Child price
03VE	6 1/2 Hours approximately		EUR 229.00	EUR 160.30
Type				

Dubai

A DAY AND A NIGHT IN A TENT IN THE DESERT

In a nutshell

Did you ever think you'd be spending **a day and night in a tent** in the **Dubai Desert Conservation Reserve**? Today, **exclusively with Costa**, you can do just that, and much more besides: from **dune racing in a 4x4** to a ride on the back of a **dromedary**, and from the silence of the **Arabian night** to a **safari in the footsteps of the animals of the desert**. With your **expert guide**, you can also feast on **a typical barbecue under the stars**. Shall we go?

Main stops

- 4x4 route over Dubai's desert sand dunes at sunset
- Ride on the back of a dromedary
- Overnight stay in a tent in a fully-equipped camp in the middle of the desert

DUBAI



- Dinner under the stars with a typical Arab barbecue
- Sandboarding on the sand
- 4x4 safari to spot desert animals

The programme

- **Sleeping in a tent in the middle of the desert** is a rare experience. And doing it in an area of the **Dubai Desert Conservation Reserve**, which is only accessible to **certified guides like yours**, is an exclusive experience that can only be enjoyed by **Costa guests**.
- Set off in a **4x4 to conquer the dunes**, over a series of ups and downs and varying moods in which even the sun plays a part: at **sunset**, you'll feel as if you are gliding over gold.
- Like the explorers of days gone by, you will then hop on the **back of a dromedary** to reach the small **base camp**, where **tents equipped with soft beds** and all the necessary comforts are ready and waiting. **Your guide** will give you a few tips to help you to feel at ease. Trust them: they know everything there is to know about life in the desert.
- As evening falls, the camp will be plunged into **absolute silence**, interrupted only by preparations for dinner: a **typical Arab barbecue** to be savored under the sky, by the light of lamps and lanterns.
- But the adventure is far from over: the desert by day is a new world to explore, **as you surf the dunes** with your board and set out on a quest for the native animals that the reserve protects, such as the **Arabian oryx** and the **Arabian sand gazelle**.
- This is one of the most popular experiences so book early.
- This experience will be narrated in English.

INFORMATIONS

Code	Duration	Level	Adult price	Child price
03VG	17 1/2 Hours approximately		EUR 329.00	EUR 230.30

Type

Dubai **AT THE TOP BURJ KHALIFA & SHOPPING DUBAI MALL (ends at the airport)**

In a nutshell

- We recommend wearing clothing is that is suitable for the culture of a Muslim country.
- This excursion does not include a guide, but an English-speaking escort.
- This excursion is only for guests disembarking in Dubai, with flights after 3.00 pm.

INFORMATIONS

Code	Duration	Level	Adult price	Child price
02JT	4 Hours approximately	Easy	EUR 90.00	EUR 63.00

Dubai
DUBAI BY NIGHT

In a nutshell

An evening excursion to discover the city of Dubai from its more traditional atmosphere to the more modern and luxurious aspects, ending with a fabulous water and music show at the famous Dubai Fountain.

Main stops

- Burj Al Arab Hotel (photo stop)
- Souk Madinat Jumeirah
- Modern part of Dubai (panoramic)
- Stop for photos at Burj Khalifa
- Water show at the Dubai Fountain

The programme

- The first stop on our excursion is the incredible sail-shaped **Burj Al Arab super-luxury hotel**, which has become a symbol of Dubai. Our photo album of Dubai would not be complete without a reminder of this wonderful building and of the coast of the Persian Gulf that frames it.
- We then make our way to the **Souk Madinat Jumeirah**, a shopping centre that recreates the architecture and setting of an old, traditional Middle-Eastern market where we can find a wide selection of pashminas and local arts and crafts.
- From the atmosphere of days gone by we come back to present times as we cross the **modern part of Dubai** with its amazing architecture.
- We make one last **Stop at Burj Khalifa**, the tallest skyscraper in the world and the centrepiece of a lively district of hotels, shops and all kinds of other attractions.
- We end our excursion with the spectacular **Dubai Fountain water and music show**. This amazing 275-metre long fountain in the lake in front of the Burj Khalifa can shoot its water jets up to 150 metres in the air, as high as a 50-storey building.
- Places on this excursion are limited. We recommend booking early.
- We recommend wearing clothing that is suitable for the culture of a Muslim country.

- Guests in wheelchair cannot participate in this excursion.
- Slight changes may be made to itineraries and the length of excursions in order to safeguard your health and comply with regulations and the safety protocol.

INFORMATIONS

Code	Duration	Level	Adult price	Child price
024H	3 1/2 Hours approximately	Easy	EUR 35.00	EUR 24.50
Type				

Dubai

DISCOVERING DUBAI ON A DHOW CRUISE

In a nutshell

A unique opportunity to see the many different sides to Dubai, which quickly transformed from an oasis in the desert to an ultra-modern metropolis. We will sail across the waters of Dubai Creek on a typical wooden boat called a dhow and discover old Dubai in a relaxing and enjoyable atmosphere.

Main stops

- The Al Seef development by Dubai Creek: ancient area and contemporary spaces
- Free time to explore the development
- Dhow cruise: relaxing ride along Dubai Creek, modern facilities and older traditional buildings

The programme

- After leaving the port, our coach will take us through the wonderful city of Dubai, considered the financial capital of the United Arab Emirates and the Middle East, as we head to the **Al Seef development**, which extends 1.8 km along the **majestic Dubai Creek**, near the historic Al Fahidi district.
- Al Seef consists of two parts that form a harmonious blend, creating a charming atmosphere: there is an **ancient area** with traditional architecture and an area with **contemporary spaces**. Al Seef celebrates the Dubai Creek's origins as a famous centre for the collection of pearls, it pays tribute to the region's cultural heritage and even introduces innovative elements that enhance the creek's natural beauty.
- We will have some **free time here** to explore this interesting area before we embark on a **cruise on a dhow**, a typical wooden boat used in the past to sail between Oman, the United Arab Emirates and other countries in the area.

- We will spend an hour on a **relaxing ride along Dubai Creek**, enjoying some pleasant background music as we admire the city's beautiful attractions, the **modern facilities but also the older traditional buildings**, discovering the contradictions between old and new Dubai.
- The excursion does not include a guide. A local escort will provide information.
- The excursion may take place in the morning or in the afternoon.
- Slight changes may be made to itineraries and the length of excursions in order to safeguard your health and comply with regulations and the safety protocol.

INFORMATIONS

Code	Duration	Level	Adult price	Child price
02Y5	3 Hours approximately	Moderate	EUR 59.00	EUR 41.30
Type				

Legenda

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Easy

tour with this designation involve walking over relatively level terrain. Comfortable shoes are recommended.

Moderate

Tours with this designation can involve a considerable amount of physical activity such as walking over cobblestones or uneven surface, climbing stairs or steep terrain, swimming in a light current, or bicycle riding. They are not recommended for guest with walking difficulties. Comfortable sturdy shoes are recommended.

Hard

Tour with this designation involve high physical exertion for extended periods of time. The terrain may be uneven or steep. They are recommended only for physically fit and adventurous traveller.

Sightseeing

these are primarily motor coach excursions with an emphasis on sight-seeing and very little activity.

Water Activity

Involves the opportunity to swim or the possibility of getting wet.

Fun

dedicated to a young public keen on entertainment.

Eco Natural Trail

dedicated to nature lovers.

Tasting

a light snack will be provided on this excursion.

Meal not included

during excursions free time is given to organise lunch individually.

Most wanted

Guest surveys indicate a high degree of satisfaction with these tours.

Basket Lunch

a packed meal is provided from the ship.

Good for shopping

specially dedicated to shopping lovers.

Cultural

dedicated to history, culture and local traditions lovers.

Disabled friendly

Excursions with the handicap sign are for guests with mobility difficulties however should be able to move around independently. Guests in wheelchair out on excursion need to be accompanied by a third party as assistance by the ship will not be provided. The majority of our agencies require that the wheelchairs be retractable because sometimes the necessary space needed for a wheelchair is not available. We kindly ask you to contact the Excursion Office as soon as possible, upon embarkation, to ensure that we find the best possible solution and to reserve the appropriate seat in the required bus before the departure of the excursions. For further information and for a solution that best fits your need please contact the Excursion Office.

Sports Lovers

for the adventurous, there are our most active shore excursions.

Recommended to families

includes activities that are appropriate for families travelling with children.

New

Brand -new Tour

Meal on board

back on board for lunch/dinner, your guide will be ready to continue the excursion at the end of it.

Meal Included

a meal will be provided on this excursion.

Refreshments included

Refreshments included.

Information Notes

PRACTICAL GUIDE TO EXCURSIONS

Booking excursions

You can book your excursions before departure at www.mycosta.it by registering and filling in the online form or, on board, by using the interactive TV system from the comfort of your own cabin or by visiting the Excursions Totem (services only available on board selected ships), or at any stage during your holiday by dropping off a completed Tour Order Form in the drop box located in the main hall of the ship. Excursions Office staff will be happy to offer you advice and assistance.

Number of participants

Some excursions require a minimum number of bookings and/or a maximum number of participants. These excursions are available on a first come first served basis, so it is advisable to book them well in advance.

Duration

The stated duration of excursions is subject to change without prior notice and can vary due to unforeseen circumstances, such as adverse weather conditions and/or transport delays. The order of certain visits may also be changed for the abovementioned reasons. You are therefore kindly asked to respect the times announced by the tour guides (stops for food, stops to take photographs, etc.).

Description

The descriptions of excursions are correct at time of publication of this document. In an effort to offer you the highest quality excursions program, in some cases the descriptions may vary slightly from the excursions themselves.

Guests with limited mobility

Please contact our onboard staff the day before your cruise. They will advise you and try to obtain the necessary equipment for your on-shore excursion.

Personalised programs

Private cars, limousines or exclusive visits can be arranged upon request on day of departure by contacting the Excursions Office.

Prices

The prices of excursions include transport available on site, which might include coach, limousine, taxi, funicular railways or boats. Meals and/or drinks are included only when specified in the itinerary of the excursion. Costa Cruises reserves the right to change the prices and itineraries of excursions without prior notice.

Children and kids

Children between the ages of 3 and 13 are entitled to a 30% discount for excursions on cruises in the Mediterranean and Northern Europe, 25% for cruises in South America and Transatlantic cruises from/to South America, and 10% for cruises to the Caribbean and Transatlantic cruises from/to the Caribbean.

There is no charge for children up to the age of 3 provided that parents carry them during transportation.

Squok Club

Children between the ages of 3 and 13 can have fun at the Squok Club while their parents enjoy their excursion. The service is free, but must be requested in advance.