



# THE EMMBROOK SCHOOL

DUBAI TOUR - EASTER 2023

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## The Emmbrook School Dubai Tour - Easter 2023



### Trip Summary

This tour offers students the opportunity to experience the dynamic and cosmopolitan cities of Dubai and Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates. We learn about the heritage of the Emirati people and see how in the space of 50 years a backward desert land has been transformed into one of the world's great metropolises.

The tour will also explore some of the natural highlights of the desert with an exciting 4x4 jeep tour and dinner under the stars. In the neighbouring Emirate of Abu Dhabi we visit Ferrari World and on our final day we take a trip to the top of the Burj Khalifa, the world's highest building.

### Outline Itinerary

DAY 1	DEPART FROM LONDON - OVERNIGHT FLIGHT
DAY 2	ARRIVE DUBAI - BUS TOUR, PALM ISLAND & AQUARIUM
DAY 3	JUMEIRAH MOSQUE, HERITAGE CENTRE, DUBAI MUSEUM & DHOW CRUISE
DAY 4	ABU DHABI - FERRARI WORLD & GRAND MOSQUE
DAY 5	DESERT LEARNING CENTRE, CAMEL RIDE & 4x4 DUNE EXCURSION
DAY 6	GREEN PLANET BIODOME, BEACH TIME & GLOBAL VILLAGE
DAY 7	BURJ KHALIFA - FLY HOME

### Passport & Visa Requirements

British citizens can get a visitor's visa on arrival in the UAE. This should allow you to stay in the UAE for up to 30 days. Your passport should be valid for a minimum period of 6 months from the date of entry into the UAE. Different requirements may apply to holders of other passports. Evidence of previous visits to Israel or having dual British-Israeli nationality should not cause problems on entry but ultimately it is for the UAE immigration authorities to determine eligibility.

### Travel Insurance

It is essential that all tour members are adequately insured and this is best done by way of a group policy which covers everyone on the tour. Often your school will have an existing policy which covers all school trips. You are advised to check whether this is available to you. Alternatively, we have negotiated a special school group policy with our insurers which provides comprehensive cover for the usual risks such as cancellation, baggage, emergency medical and repatriation. Please contact us for details.

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### Detailed Itinerary

#### DAY 1 Flight to Dubai

You depart from London this evening for the overnight flight to Dubai

#### DAY 2 Open Roof Bus Tour, Palm Island & Lost Chambers Aquarium

You arrive in Dubai in the morning and transfer to your hotel for check in. This will be a leisurely day and a chance to get a flavour of Dubai and to get your bearings. After breakfast we have an **open roof bus tour** of Dubai, providing an excellent viewpoint from which to admire the mind-boggling skyline including the Burj Khalifa, the world's tallest building.

We have lunch in the **Mall of the Emirates**, followed by a visit by monorail to the **Palm Jumeirah Island** where we see the spectacular Atlantis Hotel and visit the **Lost Chambers Aquarium**. In the late afternoon we visit the Karama Shopping District in the heart of Deira, the traditional commercial hub of the city, and which is a great place to practice your haggling skills! We finished the day dining at the beautiful Mughlai themed Lal Qila restaurant, trying authentic Middle Eastern cuisine.

#### DAY 3 Jumeirah Mosque, Heritage Village, Dubai Museum & Dhow Cruise

Today you will be fully immersed into local Emirati culture, beginning at the spectacular **Jumeirah Mosque**, one of Dubai's most prominent landmarks and one of the very few that allow non-Muslims to visit. Tours are scheduled at 9.30am only and the tour will aid your understanding of Islam and Emirati culture. This will be followed by a guided tour of the **Heritage Village** which honours the traditional lifestyle of the Emirati people. You explore historical markets selling pottery and items made from palm and enjoy performances of folklore singing and traditional dancing. Lunch will be a typical Emirati meal which you eat, sitting on the floor, and only using your right hand.

After lunch we visit the **Dubai Museum** housed in the historic Al Fahidi Fort which was built at the end of the eighteenth century and is probably the oldest building in the city. The museum highlights the transformation of Dubai from a small fishing village to the global centre of commerce, finance and tourism that it is today. There is a mocked-up souk, exhibits about traditional Bedouin life in the desert and a section which highlights the importance of the sea to the economy of the region in the years before the discovery of oil. You also have the chance to have your photo taken wearing traditional Arab dress.

In the evening you travel to the Marina and board a traditional **Dhow Cruise** for dinner, taking in the glittering high-rise buildings lining the Creek.



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#### DAY 4 Abu Dhabi, Ferrari World and Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque

After breakfast you travel to the neighbouring Emirate of Abu Dhabi where you visit to Yas Island. This is another artificial island, and among other things it hosts the Yas Marina circuit, Abu Dhabi's Formula 1 Grand Prix circuit. Our trip will include tickets to **Ferrari World**, an amusement park built on the theme of the adjacent F1 track and which offers an eclectic mix of amusement, culture and rides. There are rollercoasters, go-karts and other rides and attractions which allow for a full day of entertainment and interest.

You also visit the architecturally dazzling **Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque**, the largest in Abu Dhabi and constructed out of brilliant white marble. It has the largest carpet in the world at 5627 square metres and also what is thought to be the largest marble mosaic in the world. The mosque is open to visitors until 10pm in the evening, but the best time to visit is at 5pm when it is light when you go in and dusk when you come out, which shows the mosque to its very best.

Dinner will be at a restaurant in the **Abu Dhabi Mall** before you return back to your hotel in Dubai.

#### DAY 5 Desert Learning Centre, Camelicious and Sand Dunes Adventure

Today you travel along the coast to the city of Al Ain. With its palm groves, natural springs and luxuriant vegetation, it is often referred to as the Garden City. Your first visit is to the **Sheikh Zayed Desert Learning Centre** where you learn about water and sustainability in the UAE. You then visit **Camelicious**, a working dairy farm where camel milk is produced. You first visit the processing area where pasteurization of the milk occurs. You then go to the actual farm for a tour of the yards where the camels are reared and can feed them carrots. Lunch is taken here and can of course sample the camel's milk.

After lunch you have the classic **Dubai Sand Dunes Adventure**. A convoy of Land Cruiser 4x4s will pick you up and you will then head to the edge of the desert where the tyres are deflated, and the fun begins with a roller coaster drive skimming over the magnificent sand dunes. After the dune-bashing there will be camel riding, sand boarding and an extraordinary **dinner served in Bedouin tents** under a blanket of desert stars.



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#### DAY 6 Green Planet Biodome, Beach Time & Global Village

This morning we visit the **Green Planet Biodome**, an enclosed ecosystem which recreates the world of a tropical forest with over 3,000 plants and animals and the world's largest man-made indoor tree. The biodome is adjacent to the Dubai Mall and is accessed via a 20-minute walk along the air-conditioned Metro Bridge.

You then have lunch and **time at the beach** in Jumeirah before heading to the **Global Village**, a kind of cultural theme park where various different countries are represented in food stalls, traditional dress, architecture and handicrafts. There are over seventy participating countries, each of which has its own pavilion shaped like their greatest monuments, so India is the Taj Mahal, China is the Forbidden City and France the Eiffel Tower. There are frequent free concerts and shows and the atmosphere is relaxed. Dinner this evening will be arranged at **The Talk Restaurant** at Jumeirah Beach where there is a buffet offering a wide choice of options.

#### DAY 7 Burj Khalifa - Fly Home

Today is your final day in Dubai and this morning you take the high-speed lift to the viewing deck of the **Burj Khalifa**, the world's tallest building. The lift takes just 60 seconds to whisk you up two floors per second to the 124th and 125th floors where you have breath taking views of the city from the enclosed viewing platform. Incredibly, there are another 35 occupied floors above this and a further spire to take the building height to 828 metres.

After your visit you transfer to the airport for your homeward flight.

