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## Arabian Tale of Three Cities

12 Days | Departing Tuesday 31st October 2017 and returning Saturday 11th November 2017



### HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS:

- 2 night stay in Muscat the Capital of Oman
- City sightseeing experience in Muscat
- Visit and overnight stay in the Old Sultanate Town of Nizwa
- 2 night stay in Abu Dhabi
- City sightseeing experience in Abu Dhabi
- 1 x 60 minute spa treatment at the luxurious Viceroy Yas Spa – ESPA
- Overnight desert oasis experience at Bab Al Shams
- 3 night stay in Dubai
- City sightseeing experience in Dubai
- Visit and entry to Burj Khalifa – the world's tallest building
- High Tea at the famous Skyview Bar – Burj Al Arab
- 4WD desert safari experience including dinner under the stars
- Dhow dinner cruise in Dubai

**\*\* Beautiful Luxury Accommodation \*\***

**PRICE: \$7,799.00 per person twin share**  
**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$1,6500.00**

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- Fully Escorted Tour – Your Sisterhood Tour Hostess is on hand to assist with making your holiday a memorable one
- Return airfares ex Melbourne with Emirates including taxes (other departure cities upon request)
- One way flight from Muscat to Abu Dhabi including taxes
- Private transportation throughout
- All meals as described in itinerary
- All sightseeing as described in itinerary
- Willing to share option
- Document distribution day subject to minimum numbers

*Please allow AUD100.00 for tipping – to be collected by your Tour Hostess upon departure.*

## **DAY 1 Monday 30 October 2017** **Melbourne – Oman ~ (Meals in Flight)**

Welcome to Sisterhood Womens Travel! Meet your fellow travellers at the Melbourne Airport for our flight to Muscat (via Dubai) flying Emirates. Sit back, relax and enjoy the inflight entertainment as we head towards our next adventure.

## **DAY 2 Tuesday 31 October 2017** **Welcome to Oman ~ (D)**

We arrive into Muscat the capital of Oman around 10.00am this morning. We'll be greeted and transferred to our accommodation with the afternoon free to make use of the hotel's facilities. Tonight we'll regroup for dinner and enjoy our first night in the UAE.

2 nights Crown Plaza Muscat (or similar)

## **DAY 2 Wednesday 1 November 2017** **Muscat (Sightseeing) ~ (B,L)**

Today we'll enjoy a half day city tour of Muscat with lunch at a local restaurant.

Our city tour today will have us visit the Grand Mosque where we can admire the stately grandeur of this architectural masterpiece.

We'll continue on to the fish and vegetable markets in Muttrah, where we'll mingle with the crowds. Next we'll visit the Muttrah Souq, where we'll find a mix of the old and the new along with a myriad of sights, sounds and fragrances.

Our drive takes us past the Corniche and to the capital area with a photo stop at the Sultan's Palace flanked by the 16th-century Portuguese forts of Jalali and Mirani. We'll visit the Bait Al Zubair Museum to learn more about Omani culture and history. Our tour ends with lunch and an afternoon free.

Tonight dinner at leisure.

## **DAY 3 Thursday 2 November 2017** **Muscat – Nizwa ~ (B)**

Today we'll transfer to Nizwa.

Set by a desert oasis and encircled by the Western Hajar Mountains and sprawling date plantations, Nizwa is one of the Sultanate's oldest cities and it was once an important trade and religious centre. A perfect addition to a stay on the coast in Muscat, this striking region offers historic architecture and breathtaking natural landscapes.

We'll enjoy a city tour including the 17th century Nizwa Fort which was strategically built overlooking the town and today stands as testament to the settlement's importance on an ancient caravan route. From its 30 metre high central tower you can admire city views and the surrounding landscapes. Like many towns and cities throughout Oman, Nizwa has a buzzing souq where you can haggle for silver works, spices and dates or local handicrafts.

1 night Nizwa. Accommodation Golden Tulip Nizwa (or similar).

## **DAY 4 Friday 3 November 2017** **Nizwa – Abu Dhabi ~ (B)**

A morning free before checking out and transferring to the Muscat Airport for our short flight to Abu Dhabi. Upon arrival into Abu Dhabi we'll check into our hotel with time at leisure. Our beautiful accommodation, the Yas Viceroy, oozes luxury and over the next 3 nights we'll be able to explore and make use of the facilities including the hotel's two rooftop pools!

Also during our stay at this amazing property we'll be treated to a 60min spa treatment – a fabulous treat!

## **DAY 5 Saturday 4 November 2017** **Abu Dhabi Sightseeing ~ (B,L)**

Today we'll be out and about, enjoying a half day city tour of Abu Dhabi.

We'll explore the fast-changing landscape of Abu Dhabi visiting traditional and contemporary landmarks such as the Grand Mosque and the attractions along the Corniche.

We'll drive to the spectacular Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque, considered the key site for worship in the United Arab Emirates. Marvel at the main features inside and out, such as the inner courtyard and minaret, design motifs of Naskhi, Thuluth and Kufic calligraphy and slender columns reflected in the water.

Then we'll head towards the Persian Gulf, and admire the modern-day developments along the Abu Dhabi Corniche. Continue to admire some of the world's most ultra-modern, breathtaking skyscrapers and luxury hotels such as Emirates Palace, facing the pristine beach.

We'll visit the traditional vegetable, dates and fish markets of Port Zayed, to the northeast of the city. We'll enjoy lunch at the Crown Plaza Yas Island before our tour ends with the opportunity to explore Heritage Village for an insight into the traditional side of Abu Dhabi. This reconstructed desert village features handicraft stalls and open workshops.

The remainder of the afternoon at leisure. A fabulous day with dinner at leisure tonight.

## **DAY 6 Sunday 5 November 2017** **Abu Dhabi – Spa Treatment & Free Day ~ (B)**

This morning a special treat. A 60min spa treatment at the beautiful and luxurious ESPA Spa the Yas Viceroy. Drift off and enjoy one of the most luxurious treatments ever!

The remainder of our day is free to explore. The Yas Viceroy has two rooftop pools so that might be where you'll spend your afternoon watching the amazing sunset.

Dinner tonight at one of the hotel restaurants.

## **DAY 7 Monday 6 November 2017** **Abu Dhabi – Bab Al Shams Desert Resort ~ (B)**

Today we'll depart Abu Dhabi and travel to Bab Al Shams Desert Resort.

An oasis in the middle of the desert turning into a magical wonderland at night. With camel rides and magic carpets to sit on to watch the amazing sunsets this place is simply amazing. Plenty of activities to enjoy including a number of restaurants to choose from for dinner.

## **DAY 8 Tuesday 7 November 2017** **Bab Al Shams Desert Resort – Dubai ~ (B)**

This morning we'll say goodbye to the Arabian desert and transfer to Dubai.

Dubai is a city that provides a new surprise at every turn with its rich blend of the old and the new. Upon arrival into Dubai we'll check in to our hotel with an afternoon free to enjoy all the facilities.

3 nights accommodation at Grand Hyatt Dubai

# itinerary

## **DAY 9 Wednesday 8 November 2017**

### **Dubai Sightseeing ~ (B,L,D)**

Today we'll enjoy a full day city of Dubai with our English Speaking Guide.

Today our tour includes a photo stop by the iconic Burj Al Arab before proceeding to Jumeirah, the city's picturesque beachfront residential area, also home to the marvelous Jumeirah Mosque.

Wander on to Al Bastakiya, the old part of the city to reach the Dubai Museum located in Al Fahidi Fort, an old fortress. Board an abra (water taxi) and cross the Creek to the Spice Souk. Browse the shops and look for treasures in this popular marketplace before your return. There will also be time to shop at the famous Gold Souk, with its glittering stalls offering golden jewelry at relatively cheap prices. A visit to the Dubai Shopping Mall and the Dubai Fountain where water shoots up over 140m high to music and at night lights – it is an amazing sight.

Lunch at Al Ghurair Rayhaan Rotana is included today as is a visit to the famous Burj Khalifa, the world's tallest building standing at over 828 metres. We'll visit the 124th floor for amazing views.

Later tonight we'll enjoy a dhow dinner cruise on the Dubai Marina. A great day!

## **DAY 10 Thursday 9 November 2017**

### **Dubai Sightseeing ~ (B,D)**

Today a free morning to explore.

Early afternoon a real treat! We will enjoy afternoon tea at the Sky Bar of the Burj Al Arab. This is a once in a lifetime experience of absolute decadence and one you will remember for a long time.

Afterwards, upon our return to our hotel, we'll be picked up to enjoy our 4x4 Jeep Desert Safari where we'll drive into the desert for some dune bashing followed by dinner along with some live performances. Time to get your belly dancing on! (\*\*Not for the fainthearted. If you suffer from motion sickness I would recommend taking some preventatives).

## **DAY 11 Friday 10 November 2017**

### **Dubai – Melbourne ~ (B) (Meals Inflight)**

Today we'll check out of our hotel early morning and be transferred to the airport for our flight home to Melbourne. What an amazing Arabian Adventure we have enjoyed. Sit back, relax and enjoy the inflight hospitality of our airlines as we head towards home.

## **DAY 12 Saturday 11 November 2017**

### **Welcome Home**

*We thank you for joining us for your latest adventure and we look forward to welcoming you back!*

## **NOTES**

**TERMS & CONDITIONS:** Please read through our full terms and conditions for this tour which are found on page 4 of this document. It is a condition that upon booking this tour you have read and fully understood this important information. Minimum numbers are required to operate this tour. Travel Insurance is mandatory.



# terms and conditions

## Booking Conditions

### CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL

When booking a Sisterhood Womens Travel tour it is imperative that you are aware of all of our terms and conditions as these form part of your agreement with Sisterhood Womens Travel. **It is recommended that all travellers adopt a sense of adventure, an easy going outlook and the ability to 'expect the unexpected'.** It is the expectation that all travellers will respect fellow passengers and understand the key to an enjoyable tour is you.

### ABILITY TO TRAVEL

A minimum level of fitness is required to be able to participate on a Sisterhood tour. As a minimum you will need to be able to walk 2km on uneven ground, carry your own luggage and walk up a few flights of stairs. We rely on the information you provide on our 'Fit to Travel' form completed as part of your booking application. You acknowledge that there are no other medical issues (both physical/mental) that SWT needs to be aware of when making your travel arrangements. SWT will not be liable for any damage, injury, death or loss of any kind arising from your failure to disclose relevant medical information. Women with disabilities are welcome on all SWT tours provided you are accompanied by an able bodied companion and do not require special assistance from SWT personnel. SWT reserves the right to refuse to carry anyone if it is felt the individual cannot cope with the requirements of the tour and who may require services and facilities that SWT cannot guarantee will be available.

### EXCLUSION FROM TOUR

You may be excluded from any tour at our discretion if you fail to comply with our reasonable instructions whilst on tour or if you interfere with other client's enjoyment of the tour and you will be responsible for all costs associated with your tour expelition.

### VARIATION TO TOUR COMPONENT

No deduction in our tour costing will be made for leaving a tour early as this will cause a reduction in our travelling numbers and create additional costs.

### ADDITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

SWT is happy to assist with additional arrangements before and after each tour subject to an additional handling fee of \$150.

### DEPOSITS AND FINAL PAYMENTS

Payments required are:

International	25% deposit within 7 days
	35% deposit within 120 days
	Final Payment 90 days prior to departure
Domestic	25% deposit within 7 days
	Final Payment 75 days prior to departure

On occasion and outside of SWT's control a higher deposit or earlier payment date may be required.

### LAST MINUTE BOOKINGS

Bookings made after final payment date will be subject to availability and will require full payment upon confirmation. A late fee of \$100 per person will apply.

### ACCEPTED FORMS OF PAYMENT

We accept direct deposit, money order, bank cheque or Visa/Mastercard payment. For credit card payments an additional 1.5% surcharge is payable (non-refundable).

### MINIMUM NUMBERS

All tours are subject to minimum numbers. If a tour falls below the minimum number required for a fully escorted tour, SWT reserves the right to offer the tour escorted by a local guide upon arrival to your destination. If SWT cancels a tour due to lack of numbers a full refund is offered or transfer to another tour. Should a tour be cancelled, SWT cannot assume any responsibility for any additional costs relating to travel arrangements made outside of SWT or travel insurance not taken out through SWT.

### CANCELLATION AND REFUNDS

All cancellations must be made in writing to Sisterhood Womens Travel and will be subject to cancellation charges from the date the written cancellation is received.

### CANCELLATION

**Prior to Final Payment:** Loss of Deposit

**After Final Payment:** 100% of tour cost.

Regrettably cancellation charges cannot be waived.

**After Departure:** No refund

Final Payment dates are determined by SWT suppliers and may vary from tour to tour.

### AMENDMENTS

Once your tour is confirmed and a deposit is paid, a \$100 amendment fee will be incurred for any changes to your tour arrangements.

### TOUR PRICING & ITINERARY CHANGES

SWT operates on the basis of fluid pricing. This is the practice within the Travel Industry where pricing changes due to various factors including, but not limited to changing airfares, currency fluctuations, and availability of product. We reserve the right to change our prices without notice. This can mean that different passengers on the same tour may have been charged different prices. Whilst every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of our tours SWT takes no responsibility for any itinerary changes that may occur prior to or during travel and any such changes will be at the discretion of the airlines and our ground operators. Changes in flights and land arrangements are beyond the control of SWT. Every effort will be made to minimise any inconvenience to SWT passengers. SWT advises making full payment for tours as early as possible to avoid any potential price increases.

### TRAVEL INSURANCE

It is a condition of booking that travellers are adequately insured for the full duration of their tour arrangements in respect of illness, injury, death, loss of baggage and personal items, cancellation and curtailment. SWT offers comprehensive travel insurance at a competitive price and will not be responsible outside their offered policy for inadequate travel insurance in the event of any insurance claims.

### SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

When travelling alone a great way to keep your costs down and make new friends is to be prepared to share a room with another traveller. We are unable to guarantee that your room mate will be of similar age group but it is an enjoyable way to travel and could mean the start of a great friendship. Of course if you prefer a room to yourself the single supplement will apply. If we are successful in matching you with a fellow traveller we give you the opportunity prior to departure to make contact. SWT takes no responsibility for any mismatch of passengers and will not be liable for any additional charges incurred for changing room configuration whilst on tour.

### HEALTH & IMMIGRATION

The traveller is responsible for all visa, passport, immigration, quarantine, customs, health and other requirements of the countries visited or transited. If travelling on an Australian passport you will need at least 6 months validity on your passport taken from the date of re-entry into Australia. If you are travelling under any other passport please advise at the time of booking. Sisterhood Womens Travel will not be held responsible for any incorrect re-entry visas for non-australian passport holders. SWT is happy to offer assistance with visas (additional charges may apply). Please note that passport and visa requirements are the responsibility of you the traveller and SWT takes no responsibility for failure to comply with the provided advice.

### NAMES AS PER PASSPORTS

When booking on any tour, it is imperative that you provide SWT with your full correct name as per your passport and a copy of your passport (for international tours) SWT will not be held liable for any or expense incurred for incorrect names.

### CONSULAR ADVICE

Official travel advice issued by Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade is available by contacting 1300 444135 or visiting their website [www.dfat.gov.au](http://www.dfat.gov.au). We recommend that you review this

information both prior to making your booking and prior to departure.

### GENERAL CONDITIONS

These conditions represent the entire agreement between the client and Sisterhood Womens Travel. SWT will be responsible to the client for supplying the services and accommodation as described in their itineraries, except where such service cannot be supplied or the itinerary used is changed due to delays or other cause of whatever kind or nature beyond the control of SWT. In such circumstances we will do our best to supply comparable services, accommodations and itineraries, and there shall be no refund in this situation. SWT acts only as agent for the client and upon the express condition that SWT will not be held liable or responsible for any direct, indirect, consequential or incidental damage, injury, loss, accident, delay or irregularity of any kind, which may be occasioned by reason or any act or omission of any third party (including without limitation, any act, inaction or breach of contract of any third party, which is to or does supply any goods or services for SWT tours). Without limiting the foregoing, SWT does not own or operate any third party suppliers of services such as hotels, restaurants, transportation companies, sightseeing companies or local tour operators and is not responsible for any injury, death or expense due to overbooking accommodation, default of any third parties, sickness, weather, strikes, acts of God, Government, acts of terrorism, criminal activity, war, quarantine, force majeure events or any other cause beyond its control. All such risk, loss and expense must be borne by the client. Any personal expenses incurred by a client as a result of any delay, alteration or curtailment of any tour, whether caused by mechanical defect, strikes or any other cause are the responsibility of the client (travel insurance is mandatory on all SWT tours). SWT is unable to guarantee exact arrival and departure times, and is not liable for any failure to make connections with any other services, or guarantee the operation of any particular service. In the case of breakdown or other unforeseen circumstances, the operator reserves the right to substitute vehicles other than specified to ensure the operation of a tour. SWT reserves the right to cancel any ticket or booking, or to refuse to carry client where payment has not been received by SWT.

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