

UAE

6 Nights / 7 Days



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| Capital | : Abu Dhabi |
| Government | : Elective Monarchy |
| Currency | : Emirati Dirham (AED) |
| Area | : total: 83,600 km ²² |
| Population | : 4,484,000 (2008 est.) |
| Language | : Arabic (official), Persian, English, Hindi, Urdu |
| Religion | : Muslim 94% (Shi'a 16%), Christian, Hindu, and other 6% |
| Electricity | : 220/50Hz (UK plug) |
| Country code | : +971 |
| Internet TLD | : .ae |
| Time Zone | : UTC+4 |

Weather

| Month | Max. Temp. C° | Min. Temp. C° |
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| JAN | 24 | 15 |
| FEB | 25 | 16 |
| MAR | 28 | 18 |
| APR | 33 | 21 |
| MAY | 38 | 25 |
| JUN | 40 | 28 |
| JUL | 41 | 30 |
| AUG | 41 | 31 |
| SEPT | 39 | 28 |
| OCT | 36 | 24 |
| NOV | 31 | 20 |
| DEC | 26 | 17 |

Suggested Tour Itinerary

Day 01 : Dubai Arrival

Arrive Airport Meet Our Local Representative & Transfer From Dubai Airport To Hotel, Check-in & Rest Of The Day Is Free For Leisure. **Night Stay : Dubai**

Day 02 : City Tour & Burj Khalifa

After Breakfast, Proceed For Half Day Dubai City Tour Covering Textile Market, Heritage Village, Gold Souk Deira, Jumeira Mosque Photo Stop, Burj Al Arab -beach Area Photo Stop, Passing By Madinat Jumeira And Al Qasar, Passing By Palm Island, Photo Stop At Atlantis The Palm One Way Monorail - 30 Mints, Passing By Sh. Zayed Road, Photo Stop At Burj Tower- Tallest Tower- Lake Area - 20 Mints, Passing By Sh. Mohammeds Palace, Photo Stop At Dubai Creek - 10 Mints

Afternoon Back To Hotel.

Evening Pick Up For Burj Khalifa With Dubai Mall & Transfers

The High Point Of Any Khalifa Experience Is The View From At The Top, Burj Khalifa's Observation

Deck. Located On Level 124 Of The World's Tallest Tower, This Observatory Is Destined To Be The Highlight Of Any Visit To The Middle East.

Night Stay : Dubai

Day 03 : Desert Safari with Dinner & Dance

After Breakfast, Free For Leisure Or Shopping, Afternoon - Desert Safari With Dinner

The Following Activities Are Included:

- Pick Up By 4x4 Wheel Drive From Hotel In Dubai Between 3.15pm To 4.00 P.m.
- Drive Through The Desert Along Al Awir Road - Dune Bashing.
- 20-30 Minutes Dune Driving
- Sun Set Photography
- Camel Rides
- Belly Dancing
- Bar
- Henna Painting
- Hubblee Bubblee (shisha)
- Arabic Coffee (gahwa) And Fresh Dates

- Traditional Costumes
- Unlimited Soft Drinks, Tea Coffee And Mineral Water
- Buffet Dinner And B.b.q.
- Departure At Late Evening For Hotel. **Night Stay : Dubai**

Day 04 : Abu Dhabi with Ferrari Park

After Breakfast, Proceed For Full Day Abu Dhabi City Tour With Veg Lunch & Ferrari Park, Passing By Jabel Ali Free Port- Worlds Largest Men Made Port, Yas Island- Formula 1 Racer Track, Carpet Market - Stop, Passing By Abu Dhabi Corniche, Photo Stop At Break Water, Heritage Village Visit, 1 Hrs. Stop At Marina Mall, Passing By Emirates Palace Hotel, Passing By Shaikhs Palaces, Grand Mosque - Photo Stop, Ferrari Park, Evening Back To Hotel, Indian Dinner **Night Stay : Dubai**

Day 05 : Snow Park - Marina Cruise

After Breakfast, Free For Leisure Or Shopping, Afternoon Snow Park With Emirate Mall With Transfer Around 2 Pm

Discover The Ultimate Indoor Snow Resort At Ski Dubai, The First Indoor Ski Resort In The Middle East! With An Amazing Mountain-themed Wintery Setting, Enjoy Skiing, Snowboarding, Tobogganing, Or Just Playing In The Snow. Plus You Can Now Meet And Play With Ski Dubai's Newest Residents; The Snow Penguins!

Join Us By Rolling Down In The Giant Ball Run, Jumping A 10ft. Ramp, Turning Down The Tube Slides, Sightseeing In The Chairlift, Or Just Relaxing Over A Hot Chocolate At Minus 4 Degrees...

Evening Enjoy

Marina Cruise With Dinner **Night Stay : Dubai**

Day 06 : Optional Tours

After Breakfast Day Is Free For Optional Theme parks like: **IMG World of Adventures / Dubai Parks & Resort.**

Night Stay : Dubai

Day 07: Departure - Onward Journey

After Breakfast, day is free for Leisure Or Shopping & Check Out The Hotel At 1200 Hrs & Transfer To Airport To Catch The Flight For Back To Home Country.

Tour Over or Spend 2 Nights at Ras Al Khaima





Useful Tips

● **Currency** : The UAE Dirham (Dh) is pegged to the US Dollar. Notes are in denominations of Dh1000, 500, 200, 100, 50, 20, 10 and 5. Coins are in denominations of Dh1, and 50, 25, 10, 5 and 1 fils. One dirham = 100 fils.

● **Currency Exchange** : You will find moneychangers and ATM's most everywhere in the main cities. You can also change money at the airport, banks and most hotels.

Travellers Cheques are widely accepted. To avoid additional exchange rate charges, travellers' cheques should be issued in US Dollars or British Pounds Sterling. Thomas Cook and HSBC have offices throughout the country.

Credit Cards such as American Express, Diners Club, MasterCard and Visa are widely accepted. Check with your credit or debit card company for details of merchant acceptability and other services which may be available. There are no restrictions on the import and export of both local and

● **foreign currency**. : Banking hours are generally Saturday to Wednesday 7:30am-1:00pm, Thursday 7:30am to 12:00noon. Some also open in the afternoon from 4:30pm to 6:00pm Saturday to Wednesday. Thursdays and Fridays are the weekends.

● **Customs** : Customs clearance in the UAE is fast and efficient. No customs duties are applied to personal belongings. However, since the UAE is an Islamic country, non-Islamic religious propaganda and sexy magazines, CDs, videos or films should not be brought into the country. Even cartoon kisses and fashion magazines are censored before being broadcast or sold in the country. Since strict copyright laws are being enforced in the UAE, pirated video and audiotapes or illegal computer software will be confiscated. Needless to say controlled substances such as cannabis, opium etc, are banned and the penalties for handling these drugs are severe. Suspicious behaviour will usually instigate a blood test. If a blood test for illegal drug usage proves positive, you can be charged with a criminal offence even if you used the drug before arrival in the UAE. Duty free allowances are 2000 cigarettes, 400 cigars, 2 kg tobacco, 2 litres of spirits and 2 litres of wine (non-Muslims only) and perfume. It is prohibited to import alcohol into Sharjah and you are generally not allowed to bring alcohol into the country if you are travelling by land.

● **Electricity** : 220/240 volts AC, 50Hz. Square three-pin plugs are widespread.

● **Health** : The biggest health risk in the UAE is sunburn and dehydration. The sun can be very strong and especially fierce in the summer. Sunburn can happen quickly, so wear sunscreen and a hat if you are outdoors. Always drink plenty of water. The UAE receives very little or no complaints of holiday illness. This is due to high standards of hygiene in hotels and restaurants, an adequate supply of clean water and successful government immunization programmes.

Tap water is safe to drink in the main cities. However most people prefer bottled water and it is recommended for first time visitors. In smaller, more local eateries, raw salads and shawarmas (meat cooked on a spit and served in a pita bread sandwich) are to be avoided if you have any doubts. The meat may be old and not cooked properly.

No special immunizations are required. However it would be wise to check beforehand if you are travelling from a health-risk area. Malaria is not a health risk in the towns and cities. However, if you are exploring valleys or mountains, it would be wise to cover up and wear mosquito repellent.

Dubai and Abu Dhabi have some excellent hospitals. Public hospitals will handle emergencies free of charge. However it would be wise to take out travel insurance to cover all eventualities, especially if you need to attend a private hospital or clinic where treatment can be quite expensive. In all instances, medical procedures, including the use of sterilized needles and the provision of blood transfusions are very reliable. If you need a doctor, ask at your hotel, or ring your embassy for recommendations. Here is a list that features most of the foreign embassies in the UAE, provided with phone numbers for your assistance:

Good dentists are also available, including orthodontists. Chinese medicine and acupuncture are readily available. There is also a homeopathic hospital.

Pharmacies are well-stocked and pharmacists will speak English and usually other languages. Each emirate has at least one pharmacy open 24 hours a day. In Dubai and Abu Dhabi a 24-hour emergency number lists the locations of open pharmacies (Dubai 04 223 2323 / Abu Dhabi 02 777 929 02 777 929 FREE). If you need emergency treatment and are unable to contact a doctor, call 998 for an ambulance or 999 for a helicopter. Dubai Police guarantee that in an emergency a police helicopter will arrive within 8 minutes.

● **Language** : Arabic is the official language. English is widely spoken and used as a second language in commerce. English signs are common place.

● **Safety** : The UAE is one of the safest places in the world to visit. In fact, it has been designated the world's safest holiday destination by the international travel industry on two occasions. Most crimes receive harsh penalties. The streets are lively at night, therefore walking around at night in the main cities is safe. You will even see many children out past midnight.

● **Safety for Women Travellers** : The UAE is safe for women travellers. However women travelling alone are a novelty and you may find yourself the focus of unwanted attention. You will probably have a more relaxed visit if you stay in a four or five star hotel, especially since you will be able to use the hotel's private beach facilities.

Ignore unwelcome comments. If you are harassed, making a lot of noise will usually embarrass and deter the harasser. Police take sexual harassment very seriously.

If you wish to avoid hassle, avoid swimming at the public beaches if you are alone. Do not wear tight or revealing clothes away from the beach clubs and resorts. You will also find that clothing suitable for the more cosmopolitan cities may not be comfortable or convenient for independent travel in rural areas. Loose trousers and a long sleeved cotton shirt will satisfy a wide range of situations. If you are dining alone outside your hotel, most local restaurants have separate "Family Rooms" for women. Do take advantage of this and you will feel more comfortable.

When socializing in local company wait until a hand is offered to you for a handshake. Some devout Muslims prefer not to shake hands with a woman. Remember that one advantage of being a woman in the UAE is that women are normally served first and banks and post offices, police stations and other government offices frequently have separate queues for women. Women in the UAE have a much more liberal lifestyle than many other Gulf countries (i.e. women are permitted to drive, work, etc) however, women travellers should be aware that they are visiting a society which has strong religious roots. Acting in a friendly manner which may be considered normal behaviour in your home country, but it can be misinterpreted as an 'open invitation' by Muslim men.

● **Social Conventions** : Islamic laws should be observed. Women are expected to dress modestly and men should dress formally for most occasions. In Dubai less modest attire is more accepted within hotels, but women will feel more comfortable walking around if they are dressed modestly. Smoking is allowed in designated areas, except during Ramadan when it is illegal to eat, drink or smoke in public. Anyone who is visiting or staying in Sharjah should be aware that alcohol is strictly illegal, all couples must be married and may be stopped to show proof, and a conservative dress code is enforced: no tight fitting clothing, no baring of shoulders, torso, or above the knee. Ask permission before photographing people in general. Avoid photographing Muslim women and do not photograph airports, docks, telecommunications equipment, government buildings, military and industrial installations.

● **Tax and Tipping** : The UAE is tax free. However most hotels, restaurants and clubs add 10-16% service charges to the bill, therefore tipping is not necessary. If this charge is not included, add 10% to the bill for a tip. Gratuities to hotel staff are at your discretion. Taxi drivers, supermarket baggers, bag carriers and window washers at petrol stations are generally given Dh2.

● **Telephone** :

Country code: 971

Mobile telephone: GSM 900 network. Emergency Numbers

Ambulance: 998 or 999

Fire: 997

Police: 999

Coastguard: 04 3450520

East Coast Coastguard: 09 2380380

Helicopter Service: 999 or 04 2821111 (Dubai Police guarantee that in an emergency a police helicopter will arrive within 8 minutes).

● **Time**

GMT + 4

No daylight savings time

● **Visa and Passports**

All visitors require a passport which is valid for a minimum of three months beyond your arrival date in the UAE. Citizens of

the following countries will be granted a free of charge Visit Visa on arrival in the UAE: Visit this website for further information about UAE Visa Information

Andorra, Austria, Australia, Belgium, Brunei, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, San Marino, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UK, USA, Vatican City.

Passports will be stamped with the Visit Visa as you pass through Immigration at any airport in the UAE. Although the visa may be stamped for 30 days, it entitles the holder to stay in the country for 60 days and may be renewed once for an additional period of 30 days for a fee.

A special Tourist Visa is available for tourists from China, East and West Europe, South Africa and Thailand who are not entitled to a Visit Visa on arrival. The Tourist Visa is good for 30 days and must be sponsored by a participating hotel or tour operator. You can pick up this visa at any UAE airport upon arrival. There is a fee for this visa.

Except for citizens of the Gulf Cooperation Council, all other visitors who wish to stay longer than 14 days in the UAE must obtain a Visit Visa in advance through a sponsor. The sponsor can be your travel agency, your hotel, the company or department with which you are doing business in the UAE, or an individual (e.g. a relative or friend holding a resident visa in the UAE). You can pick up this Visit Visa on arrival at the airport for a fee.

A hotel will only provide a visa if you are a guest. For an individual to sponsor a Visit Visa, he or she must earn over Dh4000 per month and hold a valid residence visa. Your visit visa must be deposited at airport immigration one hour before the arrival of your flight. Note that your airline may require evidence (e.g. a photocopy) before departure that a valid visa awaits you on arrival.

If you are flying to or from Europe or the United States, to Asia or Africa and passing through UAE airports, you can obtain a special 96-hour transit visa. You must be sponsored by an airline operating in the UAE and you must have a valid ticket for your onward flight. There is no charge for this visa. The UAE government refuses entry and transit to nationals of Israel. Visa regulations and costs are subject to change and should always be checked with your travel agent or nearest UAE embassy before travelling.



Philippines

6 Nights | 7 Days



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| Country | : Philippines |
| Capital | : Manila |
| Government | : Republic |
| Currency | : Philippine peso: |
| Area | : total: 300,000km ² water: 1,830km ² land: 298,170km ² |
| Population | : 101,218,000 (2013 est.) |
| Language | : English and Filipino (based on the Tagalog language) are the two official languages. Optional languages: Spanish and Arabic. |
| Religion | : Christianity 91% (Roman Catholic 82%, Protestant 9%), Islam 5%, Buddhism 3% and other 1%. |
| Electricity | : 220V 60Hz (in Baguio 110V) |
| Country code | : +63 |
| Internet TLD | : .ph |
| Time Zone | : UTC +8 |
| Emergencies | : dial 117 |

Weather

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Suggested Tour Itinerary

Day 01 Arrival Manila

Private transfer from the Ninoy Aquino International Airport to your hotel. Check-in and **Night Stay : Manila**

Day 02 Manila City Tour

Breakfast at the hotel.

In the morning, take a half-day city tour of Old Manila.

The tour starts with a drive through Roxas Boulevard to Rizal Park, named in honor of the country's national hero, Dr. Jose Rizal. After a brief picture stop, proceed to the Walled City of Intramuros to visit the remnants of Spain's conquistadores. Travel through the cobbled streets to San Agustin Church, the country's oldest stone church, and view its wide collection of ecclesiastical icons, vestments and other religious articles. Across it is Casa Manila, a reproduction of a 19th century house equipped with oriental and european décor, as well as Philippine antique furniture. Then proceed to Fort Santiago, Manila's main line of defense against invaders from the sea. It is a stone fort guarding the entrance to the

city from Manila Bay. It has been the site of many tragic moments in Philippine history.

From Fort Santiago, drive on to Manila's central district, Quiapo, often referred to as the heart of Manila with its market, pilgrimage church of the Black Nazarene, jeepney terminals and bazaars. Then, proceed to the Chinese cemetery, the only one of its kind in the world, where the mausoleums are as big and as elaborate as houses and where the fusion of eastern and Christian religions are very much in evidence. End the tour with a short sightseeing tour of the bustling financial and commercial district of Makati City.

In the afternoon, proceed to shopping either at the Asia's 2nd largest mall - Mall of Asia, or Greenhills Shopping Center, a mecca for those in search for electronics, mobile phones, and latest jewellery fashion trends at the most affordable prices.

Night Stay : Manila

Day 03

Breakfast at the hotel, Free day at Leisure. Overnight at the hotel. **Night Stay : Manila**

Day 04 Manila - Cebu

Breakfast at the hotel, Private transfer from your

hotel to Manila Domestic Airport for your flight to Cebu.

Arrive in Cebu, and take a private transfer to the beach resort.

The afternoon is free for you to relax by the beach. **Night Stay : Cebu**

Day 05 Breakfast in the hotel.

Private transfer from your hotel to the Cebu Port. Travel on a fast ferry from Cebu to the island of Bohol. This day trip will introduce you to the wonders of Bohol. First stop is the Philippine Tarsier Foundation in the town of Corella, which serves as a refuge for the smallest primate in the world, the tarsier. Observe these rare, nocturnal creatures in their natural habitat and be amazed by their agility as they move about, leaping from one tree to the other, and swivel their heads nearly 360 degrees. Then proceed to Baclayon, make a short stop at the historical Blood Compact site, where Spain's Miguel Lopez de Legazpi and Datu Sikatuna, a native chieftain, sealed their friendship with a symbolic drink. In Baclayon, visit a centuries-old stone church that houses a museum containing a collection of religious art, ecclesiastical vestments, as well as librettos of church music inscribed in Latin on animal skins. Proceed with the tour, passing by Bilar man-made forest, a thick undergrowth of towering mahogany trees grown on the fringes of the highway leading to the Chocolate Hills, the country's geological wonder. From a distance, these hills look like huge candy drops that change in color with the season, and are aptly named 'chocolate' when the hill grasses turn deep brown in summer. Hike up to the viewpoint for a bird's eye view of the surrounding area before moving on to Loboc River where a cruise downstream on a floating restaurant is made more enjoyable with a delectable lunch served on board. Return to the hotel by late afternoon. In the late afternoon, take the fast ferry back to Cebu.

Private transfer from the port to your hotel. Overnight at the hotel. **Night Stay : Cebu**

Day 06 Cebu

Rest of the day is free at leisure. Overnight at the resort. **Night Stay : Cebu**

Day 07 Departure - Onward Destination

Private transfer from your hotel to the Mactan International Airport for your flight. Tour Over



Useful Tips



- **Business Hours** : Banks: 09:00 to 15:00, Monday to Friday
Post Offices: 08:00 to 12:00 and 13:00 to 17:00, Monday to Friday, Government Offices: 08:00 to 12:00 and 13:00 to 17:00, Monday to Friday, Business Centres: 08:00 to 12:00 and 13:00 to 17:00, Monday to Friday, Shops: 10:00 to 21:00, Monday to Saturday; some open on Sundays

- The biggest problem for tourists is confidence tricks and outright scams. Guard your belongings closely in public areas and don't bring any valuables that you don't need with you. Beware of con-artists who claim to have met you before, and make a point never to leave your drink unattended in a club or bar.

Be wary of 'policemen' who ask to check your wallet for counterfeit money, as they may not be genuine police officers. Instead, con-artists occasionally use this scam to replace a portion of your money with counterfeit banknotes.

- **Health** : For practical purposes, drink only bottled water. While tap water may be sanitary in large metropolitan areas, there's no guarantee. Bottled water is widely available and inexpensive, making drinking tap water an unnecessary risk. Beware of bottled water sold from road-side vendors. In many cases, locals fill these bottles with tap water and then reseal them. The safest policy for fresh produce is to purchase thick-skinned fruits that you can cut and peel yourself before eating.

- **Currency** : The official currency of the Philippines is the peso (sometimes spelled piso). Banknotes are issued in increments of 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 500 and 1,000 pesos. Smaller increments of pesos are also issued in coins. The peso is divided into 100 centavos.

- **Currency Exchange** : Travellers do their best to maintain a reserve of small change in pesos, as many shops refuse to change large bills. Of course, getting hold of these smaller bills can be tricky. While ATMs are well-located throughout tourist destinations, they're often offline or otherwise unusable. It is wise to carry a cash reserve in US dollars, which are accepted practically everywhere.

- **Customs** : Import and export of the following items are prohibited: pornography, illegal drugs and firearms. In addition, visitors are not permitted to take certain natural items out of the country, including turtle shells, snake skin, orchids, coral and mussels. Foreign currency may be carried across the border so long as the amount taken out doesn't exceed the amount brought in.

Everyone entering the Philippines must fill out a form declaring the goods they bring into the country. Per person, duty free allowances are: two litres of alcohol; two tins of tobacco (or 200 cigarettes); and various personal effects.

- **Etiquette** : Filipinos are innately hospitable and sensitive. Education and a strong sense of dignity are highly valued. As a result, confrontation in any form is avoided whenever possible and even the word 'no' is used sparingly.

A Filipino will jerk the head upward to indicate 'yes' or general agreement. 'No' is indicated when the head is jerked downward. Laughter is generously applied in the Philippines and is often used to relieve moments of tension or social awkwardness. Don't assume that laughter is at your expense, as it's often a social grace extended for your benefit. Staring is considered confrontational and is best avoided although tourists may encounter an inquisitive stare or two when visiting rural areas and minority villages.

Standing with hands on the hips is considered a sign of anger.

The quantity, two, is indicated with the little finger and ring finger—not with the index and middle fingers. Make sure that you don't beckon a Filipino by curling your index finger back and forth, as this may be misinterpreted as an insult. Instead, extend your arm with your palm facing downward and wag your fingers toward you.

- **Dining Etiquette** : Filipinos are avid entertainers and it is quite possible that you'll be invited to dine with a Filipino family at some point during your stay. If a Filipino in a restaurant or club invites you to sit down or offers you food, it is polite to decline the first time. If the offer comes again, have a seat and enjoy the hospitality.

Keep in mind that Filipino culture is laid back regarding invitations and punctuality. In all likelihood, a local may accept a dinner invitation without realising that you were serious. Even if you receive a definite 'yes', it's a good idea to call again and confirm whether or not they plan to attend. As a general rule, the third invitation is taken quite seriously.

When eating dinner in public, it is polite to keep your hands above the table at all times. So as not to appear greedy, Filipinos leave a small amount of food on their plate when finished. You should place your spoon and fork on the plate to indicate that you've finished.

Wherever you travel in the Philippines, you're sure to come across a *turo-turo* (literally translated as 'point-point'). As might be expected, you should approach the counter at these cafeteria style places and simply point to the food you would like to order.

- **Visa and Passports** : As visa regulations are fairly fluid, tourists are advised to check with their nearest Philippines embassy for the latest visa requirements before finalising travel arrangements.

Standard tourist visas are issued on arrival and allow a maximum stay of 21 days. However, tourist visas for up to 59 days can typically be obtained from overseas Philippines embassies or consulates. If you arrange for a long-stay visa, make sure the customs official stamps your passport correctly or you may end up with a 21-day visa even though you applied for a longer stay.

All incoming visitors are required to have a passport with a minimum of six months validity. Visa extensions are relatively easy to obtain, and applications for extension can be submitted to any Bureau of Immigration. Express extensions are processed in one business day; otherwise, the process can take as long as a week.

- **Tourist Information Offices** : Tourist information can be obtained online at: www.tourism.gov.ph/, or at any one of the Philippines' tourist information offices. There is a helpful tourist information centre situated on the ground floor of the DOT building on TM Kalawstreet in Manila. Phone: +63 2 524 2384 +63 2 524 2384 FREE .



Maldives

3 Nights | 4 Days



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| Country | : Maldives |
| Capital | : Male |
| Government | : Republic |
| Currency | : Rufiyaa (MVR) |
| Area | : total: 300 km2 water: 0 km2 land: 300 km2 |
| Population | : 359,008 (July 2006 est.) |
| Language | : Maldivian Dhivehi, English spoken by most government officials |
| Religion | : Sunni Muslim |
| Electricity | : 220V/50Hz (European or British plugs) |
| Country code | : +960 |
| Internet TLD | : .mv |
| Time Zone | : UTC+5 |

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Suggested Tour Itinerary

Day 01 : Free & Easy

Arrival at the Male international airport and a warm welcome.

Transfers to preferred resorts, Lunch at the resort (optional),

Leisure time at the resort after lunch (Water sports/boat trips/dive/surf/snorkeling).

Dinner & overnight stay at the resort.

Night activities (excursions) as preferred (optional). Maldives

Day 02 : Free & Easy

Breakfast at the resort.

Day time excursions as preferred (optional). (Water sports/boat trips/dive/surf/snorkeling).

Lunch (optional).

Leisure time at the resort after lunch.

Evening cocktails (optional).

Dinner & overnight stay at the Resort. Maldives

Day 03 : Free & Easy

Breakfast at the resort.

Day time excursions as preferred (optional). (Water sports/boat trips/dive/surf/snorkeling).

Lunch (optional).

Leisure time at the resort after lunch.

Evening cocktails (optional).

Dinner & overnight stay at the Resort. Maldives

Day 04 : Departure - Onward Destination

Leisure time at the resort.

Lunch at the resort (optional).

Check-out and transfer to the Male International Airport. Tour Over



Useful Tips



- **Transport:** Speedboats, Dhoni and Seaplanes
 - **Working Hours :** Banks: Sunday to Thursday
Government: 8.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.. Private Sector: 8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.
 - **Travel to Maldives :** Although geographically isolated the Maldives is easily accessible by air from anywhere in Southeast Asia, Middle East and Europe.
 - **What to pack :** The Maldives is warm throughout the year. Light, cotton and linen wear is ideal. Pack lots of tee shirts, beachwear, and wraparound skirts, cotton shirts and shorts. For visits to inhabited islands, where most of the streets are of compact sand, or Malé where the streets are paved, sandals are easy to walk on. Some essential items include swimwear, sunglasses, sunscreen and a hat or a cap. If your travel plan includes traveling to many islands, a mosquito repellent may become handy.
 - **Customs :** Tourists are issued a 30-day tourist visa on arrival. A valid travel document is necessary. Visa extensions are granted by the Department of Immigration and Emigration in Malé. The import of firearms, drugs, pornography and idols of worship are prohibited. Dogs, pigs, and pork products are also prohibited for import by tourists. Alcohol imported under a special license is available in all the resorts. Similarly pork products are available at most of the resorts as well. Prohibited products such as alcohol brought in by passengers are bonded and released at departure.
 - **Health Requirements :** An international certificate of inoculation against yellow fever and cholera is required by visitors arriving from infected countries.
 - **MTPB at the Airport :** The Maldives Tourism Promotion Board has a counter at the airport arrival terminal to provide information and assistance to tourists arriving in the country and provide a variety of brochures in different languages for guests.
 - **Resort Transfer :** If you have a booking with a resort, transfer is usually arranged prior to your arrival. The options of speedboat or seaplane transfer where available is for you to choose from. For transfer to resorts close to the airport, motorboat or dhoni transfer is quite convenient. Even if you make a resort booking while in Malé, transfer arrangements are often made by the resort.
- The Maldives has one of the largest seaplane fleets in the world, not surprising for a country with 99% ocean and more than a thousand islands. The low altitude seaplane journey offers you the additional opportunity to experience a breathtaking bird's eye view of the country.
- **Departure Tax :** The airport departure tax which is US\$ 12.00 is usually included when you purchase your airline ticket.
 - **Weather and Climate :** The Maldives has a tropical climate with warm temperatures year round and a great deal of sunshine. The warm tropical climate results in relatively minor variations in daily temperature

throughout the year. The weather is determined largely by the monsoons; the southwest monsoon from May to November and the northeast monsoon from December to April. The hottest month on average is April and the coolest, December. February is the driest with December to April being relatively dry. The Maldives is in the equatorial belt and therefore severe storms are rare.

Annual Rainfall: 1796.3 mm

Average Daily Sunshine: 8 hrs

Maximum Temperature : 31.1°C

Minimum Temperature : 25.5°C

Humidity %: 79%

● **Does and Dots :** Cover yourself properly when visiting inhabited islands and Male'. For men shorts and a shirt are acceptable. Women are expected to cover their bodies and thighs.

While swimming trunks, bikinis and other beachwear is the norm on the resort, they are not acceptable on inhabited islands. Remember that nudism in public places is prohibited.

Traditionally Maldivians eat with their fingers. If you wish to follow the local tradition keep in mind that it is considered unhygienic to touch food with the left hand. If in doubt use a spoon.

Be conscious of the delicate local environment. Do not touch or pick corals when diving or snorkeling.

The Maldivians use the Islamic greeting Assalaam Alaikum to greet friends and strangers alike. Shukuriyya means thank

● **Maldives Visa :** Entry into Maldives does not require a prior visa and based on immigration requirements, entry permits will be granted on arrival. However an entry permit does not permit visitors to take up employment, set up any business or conduct any professional activities (paid or unpaid) except with the consent of the government and in compliance with pertinent laws and regulations of the Maldives.

● **Entry Requirements :** Visitors of all nationalities are granted entry with free 30 day

● **Visa if they possess:** " a valid international travel document issued by a sovereign state's government

"a valid return air ticket and necessary visas to a destination where the passenger has permission to enter

a minimum of US\$30.00 per person per day or confirmed hotel reservation for the intended period of stay in the Maldives



Malaysia

6 Nights | 7 Days



Country : Malaysia
Capital : Kuala Lumpur
Government : Constitutional Monarchy
Area : **total**: 329,847 km2
land: 328,657 km2
water: 1,190 km2
Population : 28,334,135
(January 2010)
Language :
Malay (official), English (official for some purposes), Chinese dialects, especially Iban and Kadazan
Religion :
Islam (official), Buddhism, Taoism, Hinduism, Christianity, Sikhism; note - in addition, Shamanism/Animism is practiced in East and, to a lesser extent, West Malaysia
Electricity : 230V/50Hz
Country code : +60
Internet TLD : .my
Time Zone : UTC+8
Emergencies : dial 999

Weather

| Month | Max. Temp. C° | Min. Temp. C° |
|-------|---------------|---------------|
| JAN | 32 | 22 |
| FEB | 33 | 22 |
| MAR | 33 | 23 |
| APR | 33 | 23 |
| MAY | 33 | 23 |
| JUN | 33 | 23 |
| JUL | 32 | 22 |
| AUG | 32 | 23 |
| SEPT | 32 | 22 |
| OCT | 32 | 23 |
| NOV | 32 | 23 |
| DEC | 32 | 22 |

Suggested Tour Itinerary

Day 01 : Kuala Lumpur - Genting

Arrive Kuala Lumpur And Transfer To Genting Highland By Ac Coach (App. 02 Hrs/90 Km) Enjoy Asia's fastest and longest cable car ride Arrive Genting & Check - In To The Hotel, Enjoy Casino by your own. **Night Stay : Genting**

Day 02 Genting

After Breakfast, Enjoy Theme Park at Genting Highland / Snow World **Night Stay : Genting**

Day 03 Genting - Kuala Lumpur

After Breakfast Proceed For Kuala Lumpur In Route Visit Batu Caves & City Tour Which Covers KI Tower (Photo Stop), Twin Tower (Skybrdge visit at 41st floor), Parliament Street, Lake Garden, Kings Palace (Photo Stop), National Mosque And War Memorial. Arrive Kuala Lumpur Check In To The Hotel, Rest Of The Day Free For Leisure Or Shopping **Night Stay : Kuala Lumpur**

Day 04 : Kuala Lumpur

After Breakfast Full Day Free For Leisure Or Shopping **Night Stay : Kuala Lumpur**

Day 05 : Kuala Lumpur - Langkawi

After Breakfast, Proceed For Airport To Catch The Flight For Langkawi, Arrive Langkawi & Transfer To Hotel, Rest Of The Day Free For Leisure **Night Stay : Langkawi**

Day 06 : Langkawi

After Breakfast, City Tour Covering Under Water World, Atma Alam(Art Village),Eagle Square(Landmark Of Langkawi),Kuah Town (Shopping By Own),Rest Of The Day Enjoy Beach Activity **Night Stay : Langkawi**

Day 07 : Departure - Onward Destination

After Breakfast Transfer To Airport To Catch The Flight For Your Home Town.



Useful Tips



- **Business Hours : Banks:** 10:00 to 15:00, Monday to Friday; 09:30 to 11:30, Saturday, **Post Offices:** 08:00 to 17:00, Monday to Saturday, **Government Offices:** 08:00 to 17:30, Monday to Friday, **Shops:** 10:00 to 22:00, Monday to Saturday

- **Cautions**

Most visits to Malaysia are problem-free, but visitors should be aware of the growing problem of petty crime. Bag snatchers and pickpockets are common in major cities like Kuala Lumpur and Johor Bahru. Gangs sometimes operate on motorbikes, snatching bags from people's shoulders as they are walking. Make sure you leave your valuables in a hotel safe and keep cameras and other expensive items out of sight.

- **Language**

Malay is the national and official language of Malaysia, but English is widely spoken. Other languages such as Chinese (Cantonese and Hokkien), Iban and Tamil are spoken by minority groups.

- **Currency**

The unit of currency is the Malaysia ringgit, commonly abbreviated as RM. The currency is denominated into 1,000, 500, 100, 50, 10, 5, 2 and 1 RM banknotes. Coins include 1 RM and 50, 20, 10, 5 and 1 cent(s).

- **Currency Exchange**

Malaysia currently requires all travellers to declare the amount of local or foreign currency (travellers' cheques and cash) they bring into or take out of the country. The Travellers Declaration Form (TDF) is used for this purpose and is available at all entry and exit points.

Money can be exchanged at commercial banks, currency exchange services of these banks and at authorised moneychangers. Hotels can also double as authorised exchange outlets, but their rates are usually poor compared to the bank rates. Credit cards are widely accepted at upmarket hotels, shops and restaurants. ATM machines can be found throughout the country and provide a convenient and cost-effective way to obtain local currency.

- **Customs**

Visitors entering the country can bring in a maximum of two litres of alcoholic beverages; 200 cigarettes, 50 cigars or 100 grams of tobacco; and a small quantity of perfume for personal use. Photographic equipment and laptops must be declared. Banned items include narcotics, firearms and ammunition, and pornography.

- **Etiquette**

Malaysia is a multicultural society so you are likely to encounter different traditions depending on who you meet. Many Malaysians greet each other with a handshake and sometimes place their right hand over their heart after greeting each other. Try to follow the

lead of the person you are greeting. Visit this website for further information about Malaysia People

Physical signs of affection in public are frowned upon. Showing emotions or anger should also be avoided; try to remain calm and polite at all times.

Shoes are usually left at the front door of houses and certain other buildings. If you are not sure whether to take your shoes off, then look to see what other people are doing, or if there are other shoes already outside. If you are invited into a Malaysian home, it is usual to bring a small gift of fruits, drinks or a souvenir from back home. Conservative dress is required to enter a mosque. There are also some areas that should not be entered by non-Muslims.

- **Dining Etiquette**

Malaysians often eat out at restaurants, and if you join them it is perfectly acceptable to eat with your fingers. Take a quick glance around you to see what your Malaysian friends are doing and remember to use only your right hand for eating. Dining etiquette is generally relaxed, but you should wait to be shown to your seat. Food is often taken from a shared dish that is placed in the middle of the table, with each diner helping themselves.

If you are invited to dinner at a friend's house, it is customary to take a small gift. You should offer the gift to your host with your right hand. Don't take wine or champagne as a gift as this is culturally incorrect in Muslim countries.

- **Visa and Passports**

A valid passport is required for a visit to Malaysia. All visitors must have proof of adequate funds and an onward or return sea or air ticket. No visa is required for nationals of Commonwealth countries except for Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Nigeria. Nationals of ASEAN countries do not require a visa for a social or business visit not exceeding one month. Citizens of the United States do not need a visa for tourism and business visits, and upon entry are granted a stay of up to 3 months.

