

Optional Pre-Tour



Dubai Pre-Tour

October 21-25, 2021 • \$1,999*

October 21 – DEPART USA

Your journey begins as you depart the USA on your international overnight flight.

October 22 – ARRIVE IN DUBAI & TOUR OLD DUBAI

After being picked up at the airport, journey to the Al Fahidi Historical Neighborhood to explore Old Dubai. Part of the attraction of the district, which showcases the traditional way of life in Dubai from the mid 19th century until the 1970s, is simply wandering through its narrow lanes. Here you'll discover creative art spaces, museums and cafés housed in traditional L-shaped homes made from gypsum, coral and limestone. Look up and you can't miss the buildings topped with distinctive wind towers. While exploring this neighborhood, you will visit the Textile Souk full of colorful fabrics and kitsch souvenirs. Next visit the Saruq Al Hadid museum to see the archaeological treasures that have been discovered in and around Dubai. Embark on a water taxi ride at Bur Dubai Abra Station by Dubai Creek. This waterway continues to reflect Dubai's historic roots, back when early settlers relied on its waters for their livelihood. You will queue for a short trip across the Creek to Deira on traditional wooden boats, known as abras. Once on the other side, visit the Gold Souk where you can haggle with shopkeepers for beautiful jewelry, before continuing to the Spice Souk. As you wander through the stalls you can savor the aromas of cardamom, tumeric, dried lemons and rose petals. After touring, check in to your hotel and enjoy dinner and rest.

October 23 – ABU DHABI & DINNER CRUISE

Embark this exhilarating tour to the highlight destinations of Abu Dhabi. As you travel to your first destination along the Gulf coast of Abu Dhabi, listen to the region's rich history and culture. Let's visit the architectural beauty of the country's largest mosque- Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque, which is known as the acclaimed symbol of contemporary Islam. The place offers a feast to eyes as it blends the cultural diversity of Islamic art and contemporary design. You will be driven to the next destination, Abu Dhabi Corniche. Feel relaxed seeing the sweeping curve of clean water harbor, pearl white sand beaches and the beautiful promenade that stretches the Northwest city shore. Next stop is at Emirates Palace, a highly celebrated destination in the UAE. Get a chance to pose in front of this notable destination and take a lot of photos. Later on, travel to the next photo stop destination, the stunning five towers of Abu Dhabi, Etihad Towers. The towers shout out the aggregate story of everything Abu Dhabi is and the futuristic view of the Emirate. Being the combination of luxury and modern views, the place is an ideal destination during the Abu Dhabi visit. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. Now that your appetite is full, you will be taken to the next destination, Qasr Al Watan. The Palace is the reflection of Emiratis and their leaders. Absorb the essence of culture, architectural features and the awe-inspiring history of Emirates. Learn about the amazing journey

of the early Arabian design to the present state. Peep into the Emirati governance and culture through the exhibits of the Palace. Return to Dubai and freshen up at your hotel before embarking on your dinner cruise on the Bateaux Dubai. As you sail around Dubai you will pass the illuminated Maktoum Bridge, Clock Tower, Twin Towers and Grand Mosque.

October 24 – NEW DUBAI TOUR & DESERT TRIP

You begin your tour by driving to the famous man-made island Palm Jumeirah. Cross the 800-meter-long underwater tunnel and reach the 12-kilometer-long water-breaker with the luxury resort Atlantis, The Palm. Make a photo stop and take some special souvenir pictures of the magnificent Atlantis hotel. You then continue on to the Dubai Marina, an exclusive residence, leisure, and trade area. Enjoy a short stroll along the water and admire the new skyline with over 260 skyscrapers from the Marina's yacht harbor. Wander through Souk Madinat Jumeirah, Dubai's "Little Venice", with its highly elaborate construction as a lagoon city in the style of old Arabian palaces with the typical wind towers. Stroll over the colorful and lively Souk Madinat, a picturesque setting in Arabian style. From here you can enjoy a fantastic view of the 7-star luxury hotel Burj Al Arab, which you can photograph. As a magnificent finale to your tour, you visit the Burj Khalifa, which at 828 meters is currently the tallest building in the world, located next to the Dubai Mall, one of the world's largest shopping centers with 1,200 shops. Visit the viewing platform at 452 meters above sea level. Ride the building's express elevator to the 124th floor at a speed of 10 meters per second. From there you can enjoy a breathtaking 360-degree view of all of Dubai and its unique skyline. This afternoon zoom into the remote Lahbab desert that lies outside the city. During the drive, your guide answers any questions and shares information about the region. Head off-road into bright red dunes and have your camera ready to capture what looks like giant beanbags of sand. During a break to gather the convoy, make use of optional quad bikes on-site. Then hold tight as you cruise toward the highest slopes. Feel the adrenaline race as your vehicle plows up the dunes before sliding and slipping back down the slopes, churning up billowing clouds of sand in the process. Reach a high desert dune for a photo stop and admire 360-degree views of the desert landscape as the sun slowly sets. Take a camel ride and surf the dunes on a sandboard before you return to your hotel. (Guests not wanting to visit the desert can be dropped off at the Dubai Mall for shopping and can stay to see the fountain show before returning on their own to the hotel.)

October 25 – DUBAI to ATHENS

Fly across the Mediterranean to Athens this morning. Transfer to Piraeus to embark on the Azamara Journey.

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Greece Pre-Tour

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October 21 – DEPART USA

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October 22 – ARRIVE IN GREECE

You will arrive in Thessaloniki, Greece, where you will be met by our representative and transferred to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

October 23 – THESSALONIKI and VERIA (BEREA)

Discover Thessaloniki, where Paul was accused of turning the world upside down with his preaching of Christ (Acts 17: 3-6). As you explore St. George's Basilica, believed to be built over the synagogue where Paul preached, reflect on the two epistles the apostle Paul wrote to the Thessalonian church here. Stroll through the Archaeological Museum and the beautiful basilicas of St. Sophia and St. Demetrios, dedicated to a distinguished Roman proconsul martyred for his Christian faith. Along the Via Egnatia stands the Galerius Arch, and you can look out over the second largest city in Greece from the Old City Ramparts, some dating back to Roman times. Follow the path of Paul when he fled Thessaloniki for the safety of Veria (Berea), where Jews and some honorable Greeks accepted the new faith (Act 17: 10-12). Continue on to Kalambaka for dinner and overnight.

October 24 – METEORA and DELPHI

As you visit the rock forest of Meteora ("in the heavens above") in western Thessaly, imagine the apostle Paul walking that treacherous terrain on his missionary journey. Gaze up at the breathtaking Byzantine monasteries spectacularly perched on soaring, sheer-sided grey sandstone pillars. In the 13th century, monks sought refuge in cliff-side caves before fleeing higher to build the original wooden shelters that later became these monasteries. After a monastery tour, travel to scenic Delphi, religious center of the ancient Greek world and marked by the conical stone called the omphalosor ("navel"). Walk the Sacra Via to the Athenian Treasury, Theatre and the Temple of Apollo, where the oracle performed her prophetic rituals. As you consider the incredible amount of pagan influence just in Delphi alone, you will gain a new appreciation for the tremendous spiritual opposition the apostle Paul faced in preaching the Gospel of Christ here. In the Museum are many ancient treasures, including the 5th century bronzed Charioteer, so detailed you can see his eyelashes. Continue to Athens for overnight.

October 25 – FREE MORNING IN ATHENS & EMBARKATION

Enjoy a morning at leisure in Athens today. You will transfer to Piraeus this afternoon to board the Azamara Journey this afternoon.

Optional Post-Tour



Rome Post-Tour

November 2-4, 2021 • \$1,899*

November 2 - Vatican City & Christian Rome

Disembark the ship and travel to Rome. Upon arrival, visit the Vatican and explore its museum. Marvel at the beauty of St. Peter's Basilica, and stand in awe of Michaelangelo's frescoes in the Sistine Chapel. This evening you will check in to your deluxe hotel in Rome. Enjoy a special Opera dinner this evening.

November 3 - Ancient Rome

Discover the history woven throughout Rome with visits to the Colosseum, the Pantheon, the Forum, Circus Maximus, the Arch of Titus, the Baths of Caracalla and the Arch of Constantine today. Climb the graceful Spanish Steps and stop at the famous Trevi Fountain before returning to your deluxe hotel in Rome for dinner and overnight.

November 4 - Return to USA

Bid farewell to Italy as you transfer to the Rome airport this morning for your return flight to the USA.



Guests taking an extension may be on a different flight than their group and/or traveling companion.

*All prices reflect a 3% cash discount.

Taxes, Hotel tips & Love Offerings for the extensions are included.

Optional Post-Tour



Istanbul & Cappadocia Post-Tour

November 2-6, 2021 • \$1,599*

November 2 - ATHENS TO ISTANBUL

This morning depart Athens and arrive in Istanbul. Next, you will embark on a cruise of the Bosphorus, the winding strait that separates Europe and Asia and connects the Black Sea with the inland Sea of Marmara. Then, you will enjoy shopping at Eminonu's Spice Bazaar (Egyptian Bazaar). Afterwards, head to the Grand Bazaar, the massive covered market that houses a labyrinth of streets lined with shops. Check in to your hotel in Istanbul for dinner and overnight.

November 3 - ISTANBUL

Immerse yourself in Istanbul's six best sights on this guided full-day tour. Stroll Istanbul's historic Sultanahmet neighborhood, brimming with iconic buildings and storied streets. Tour the Blue Mosque, one of the most important sites in the Muslim world. Delve into history of the Hagia Sophia, Topkapi Palace, and Istanbul Hippodrome as well as the sunken palace of Basilica Cistern. Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Istanbul.

November 4 - CAPPADOCIA

Fly to Cappadocia, where you will be met by your guide and driver at the airport. Journey to Uchisar Castle, a tall volcanic rock outcrop and one of Cappadocia's most prominent landmarks. Riddled with tunnels, it was used for centuries by villagers as a place of refuge when enemy armies would overtake the plains. Afterwards, visit the Goreme Open Air Museum, home to a vast monastic complex. Explore its ancient rock churches with beautiful frescoes on their walls before journeying to Cavusin. In Cavusin you will visit the 5th century Church of St. John the Baptist situated in the center of the old Greek village. The frescoes inside depict various scenes from the Bible. Travel to Avanos and enjoy a traditional Turkish lunch in one of the restaurants in the charming old town area. Continue to Monks' Valley after lunch to visit the Pasabag site

with highly remarkable earth pillars and fairy chimneys. Your final visit today will be to Devrent Valley, also known as Imagination Valley. This famous pink valley excites visitors with its lunar-like landscape. Check in to your hotel in Cappadocia this evening for dinner and overnight.

November 5 - CAPPADOCIA

Get up this morning for a 1.5 hour sunrise balloon ride over Cappadocia. Afterwards, stop at the Goreme Panorama for amazing photos of the unique landscape in Cappadocia. Travel to Derinkuyu Yeralti Sehri to explore the ancient, multi-level, underground city. The city can accommodate up to 20,000 people and included wine & oil presses, stables, cellars, refectories and chapels. 14th Century Christians hid out in the underground city to avoid Mongolian incursions and Ottoman persecution. After lunch explore the Ihlara Valley, a canyon more than 100 meters deep. While in the valley visit the Selime Monastery home to a Cathedral sized church built into the rocks. Fly back to Istanbul and enjoy dinner and overnight at your hotel.

November 6 - Return to USA

