



# AUTHENTIC دبي

• CURATED HOLIDAY EXPERIENCES

3 - 8 MAY 2025

# DUBAI CULTURAL and TANGO HOLIDAY // SCHEDULE

DAY 1 // Saturday, May 3	DAY 2 // Sunday, May 4	DAY 3 // Monday, May 5	DAY 4 // Tuesday, May 6
Arrival to Dubai	Breakfast at hotel	Breakfast at hotel	Breakfast at hotel
Transfer to hotel	Private City Tour with Khadija Heritage Tour, Dagger Museum	Arabic perfum session with Khadija	Jumeirah Mosque Visit
Welcome drinks and presentations at More Café Mall of the Emirates	Lunch at Mama'esh restaurant	Emirati lunch	Lunch at leisure
Introduction to Emirati Culture with Asma	Afternoon at leisure	Afternoon at leisure	Etihad Museum visit with Asma
LA BRAVA Milonga, 21h30 - 2h30	Dinner at leisure	Dinner at leisure	Dinner at leisure
Overnight at Donatello 4* Hotel	Overnight at Donatello 4* Hotel	Overnight at Donatello 4* Hotel	Overnight at Donatello 4* Hotel
DAY 5 // Wednesday, May 7	DAY 6 // Thursday, May 8		
Breakfast at hotel	Breakfast at hotel		
Visit of Abbaya mall with Asma	Check-out from the hotel		
Lunch at leisure	<b>OPTIONAL ACTIVITY:</b> Transfer to Lapita, Dubai Parks and Resorts		
Afternoon at leisure	<b>OPTIONAL ACTIVITY:</b> <b>Dubai Tango Festival</b>		
The Grand Dance Academy Milonga	Full Festival Schedule can be found here: <a href="http://www.dubaitangofest.com/2025/agenda">www.dubaitangofest.com/2025/agenda</a>		
Dinner at leisure			
Overnight at Donatello 4* Hotel			

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## The Authentic Dubai

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# Welcome to Dubai

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Dubai is a city and emirate (state) in a country called the UNITED ARAB EMIRATES (UAE).

Dubai is sandwiched between Abu Dhabi (the biggest emirate) to the south, and 5 smaller emirates to the northeast.

The UAE has 7 emirates in total, and Dubai is the most populated one. **How to get to Dubai**

The Dubai International Airport (code: DXB) is the main airport serving Dubai and the country of the United Arab Emirates.

Dubai is basically a modern city in the desert. It has an arid climate, very hot and dry all year round.



# Dubai tourism

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Dubai's population is just shy of three million people. Despite Dubai's importance to the UAE, only 15% of the population consists of native UAE residents.

Dubai is a multicultural city, and many people are familiar with English. Dubai is perhaps the greatest city in the world for luxury hotels. Even if you are travelling on budget, you can stay at a location with great amenities and personal services.

Dubai is a safe area, including for women travelling alone and families.



## ACCOMMODATION

# DONATELLO 4\*Hotel Dubai

Visit the vibrant city of Dubai and experience the perfect blend of innovative design, classic refinement and personalized service that is Donatello Hotel!

This is the hotel we have chosen for you, with a central city location in the heart of vibrant Barsha in Dubai. Donatello hotel is walking distance from the Mall of the Emirates and its metro station. Contemporary, chic and effortlessly casual, **Donatello** suits travellers seeking value-for-money accommodation when visiting Dubai.

In case the hotel is already fully booked by the time you pay for your holiday package, another equivalent option will be suggested.



 LOCATION: Al Barsha



DAY 1  Saturday, May 3

# Meet your Dubai hosts

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## Asma Al Tajer

Asma grew up in a traditional Emirati Family. Her journey in tourism started in training Emiratis who were entering and working in Dubai hotels. Her exposure to tourism expanded once she became a certified tour guide in Dubai, which allowed her to work with different clients and gave her the experience in communicating and sharing her Emirati culture with her guests. Her interest in cultures and languages gave her the opportunity to travel and have an understanding of the needs and the interests of a tourist and a traveler first hand, which grew her appreciation and insight for the differences and uniqueness of cultures.

## Our Goal

The main goal of this unique immersive cultural holiday is to take you beyond the typical tourist experience. Johanna and Asma are both passionate about sharing the rich traditions, history and way of life of the UAE. Together they have made a selection of authentic cultural experiences to allow their guests to better understand this intriguing culture and its customs. This curated 1 week holiday package will give you an in-depth knowledge about UAE's history through a variety of activities that will engage you with locals.

Your hosts will accompany you throughout your program and ensure that each encounter is personalized and meaningful.

## Johanna Dalez

Johanna's personal, academic and professional experiences have enabled her to travel and to live in many different countries since a very early age. She has always loved interacting with people from all walks of life, and can fluently communicate in 4 languages: French, Spanish, Finnish and English.

Dubai is the city that gave Johanna the chance to turn her passion into profession, and today she wants to share her enthusiasm for the Emirati culture with the same curious eyes that also enabled her to meet Asma. Johanna has a fascination for what this city and its people have to offer beyond the glitter and glam that Dubai is known for.



Asma



Johanna



DAY 1  Saturday, May 3

# Welcome drinks

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## MORE Cafe

Developed in the UAE for people of the UAE, More Cafe provides a warm and relaxed casual dining experience, which allows customers to explore global culinary favorites with signature local touches.

We'll gather here in the evening for Asma and I to present ourselves. We'll take this opportunity to explain how the rest of the week will proceed. This will also be the occasion to get to know each other and share some local delicacies while doing so.



 LOCATION: Mall of the Emirates

 DURATION: 3 Hours

DAY 1  Saturday, May 3

# Introduction to Emirati Culture

As one of the youngest nations in the world, the United Arab Emirates has been at the forefront of envisioning radical growth and transformation.

Known for its deep hospitality, Emirati culture emphasizes strong family ties, respect, and generosity. The UAE's rapid modernization has brought stunning architectural achievements, but Emiratis continue to honor their roots through festivals, traditional dress, and cuisine, blending past and present in a uniquely vibrant culture.

## A truly eye-opening experience

*Asma*, one of your co-hosts during this holiday, is an Emirati woman who is eager to share her experience and her culture with you. Asma will explain how she was brought up before Dubai became a world-known tourist destination, and how she has evolved in a society that has been confronted to occidental influence in the past 30 years. This experience will truly be eye-opening and open-minded, and all questions from your end will be welcomed and discussed together.



 LOCATION: More cafe, Mall of the Emirates

 DURATION: 3 Hours





DAY 1  Saturday, May 3

# ENJOY DUBAI ABRAZOS

## LA BRAVA Milonga

Tonight, prepare to be transported to an authentic Argentine milonga, nestled in the vibrant heart of Dubai.

You'll have the opportunity to mingle and dance with local dancers and soak in the ambiance of the magnificent venue. This will be the perfect night to showcase your most stunning attire!

Please note that the entrance to the milonga is not included in the price



 LOCATION: Elvi Lounge, Hotel Marina

 DURATION: 4 Hours



# TANGO LESSONS

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This year, you'll have the unique option to select your tango lessons "à la carte." With a package of **6 x 1.5-hour lessons** (9 hours in total) you can choose to learn from any of the invited maestros at the Dubai Tango Festival. Instead of incorporating lessons directly into the holiday program, this approach allows you to fully focus on tango starting May 8th, when the festival begins. The week before, during your free time, you'll have more flexibility to explore Dubai at your own pace, with a curated list of optional activities as recommendations.

If you're unable to extend your stay in Dubai for the Dubai Tango Festival, please let us know. We'll ensure you still get your tango lessons as part of your Discover Tango holiday experience. We'll arrange personalized sessions with Agustina and Lucio to fit seamlessly into your schedule (but the duration of the lessons won't be the same) .



# Meet your teachers

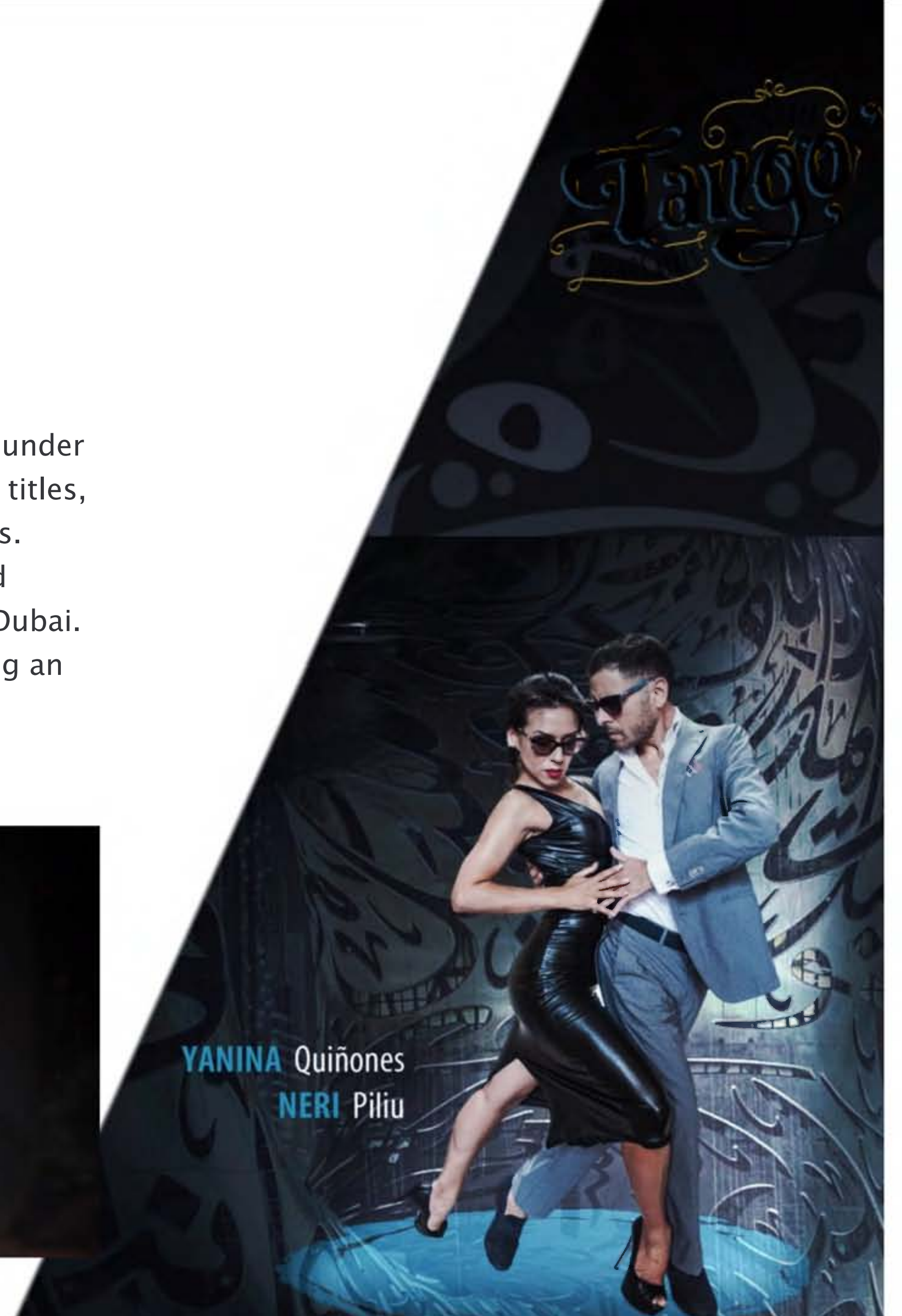
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## Yanina Quiñones and Neri Piliu

This talented couple has been captivating audiences since 2006. They have trained under some of the most esteemed tango masters and have claimed numerous prestigious titles, including champions at the Tango Salon and Escenario competitions in Buenos Aires. Their dynamic artistry has captivated audiences worldwide, performing in renowned festivals, milongas and theaters, and now will share their passion and expertise in Dubai. They will bring a vibrant energy that celebrates the essence of Argentine tango, promising an unforgettable experience filled with emotion, artistry, and cultural richness. Don't miss your chance to witness their magic live!



YANINA Quiñones  
NERI Piliu



# Meet your teachers

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## Leo di Coco & Ornella Simonetto

Meet the Revelation Couple!

These two incredible artists are making waves in the tango world, showcasing their unique blend of styles and captivating performances.

Leo and Ornella each pursued different careers in tango, with Leo standing out as one of the best Stage Tango dancers and Ornella devoting herself to improvised tango.

Together, they blend the best of both worlds, creating a unique and mesmerizing tango experience that you won't want to miss!



ORNELLA Simonetto  
LEO Di Coco



# Meet your teachers

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## Lucio Rivero and Agustina Coudannes

They have graced the stages of prestigious and historic tango shows in Buenos Aires, such as La Ventana Tango, Gala Tango, and Aljibe Tango Show. Their performances are a testament to their dedication and love for Argentine tango.

With a global reach, they have shared their art with tango enthusiasts worldwide, teaching and performing in various countries. Now, they share their talent with the tango community in Dubai with their lessons, infusing every step with the spirit of Argentina. They are also the organizers of La Brava Milonga, a celebrated event where we will take you dancing on Saturday.

Through their performances and workshops, they continue to inspire and cultivate the tango community in the Middle East.



# Meet your teachers

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## Yamila Outeda and Ramon Diaz

Renowned Tango and Argentine Folklore dancers who have been enchanting audiences in Dubai since 2019!

Former members of the prestigious Compañía de Danzas Argentinas, they have traveled the globe - Europe, Asia and Latin America - showcasing their talent and sharing their passion through workshops and performances.

As champions of the Buenos Aires West Regional Sub-Venue of Stage Tango in 2017, they are now bringing their expertise to Dubai, teaching the beauty of Argentine dance.



YAMILA Outeda  
RAMON Diaz



DAY 2  Sunday, May 4

# Old Dubai tour

## Walking tour in Al Fahidi Old District

Guests will have a chance to get to know one of Dubai's oldest neighborhoods where merchants were living in the past, they will see and understand the architect of the old Emirati house, and see the difference in the lifestyle of the Emirati family between the past and present.

Guests will also have a chance to visit the coffee museum and see antique coffee equipment from different parts of the world and enjoy freshly made Arabic coffee. The tour will also include the dagger Museum and Khadija will be explaining about the functions of this important object in the past.

 LOCATION: Al Fahidi Old District

 DURATION: 4 Hours

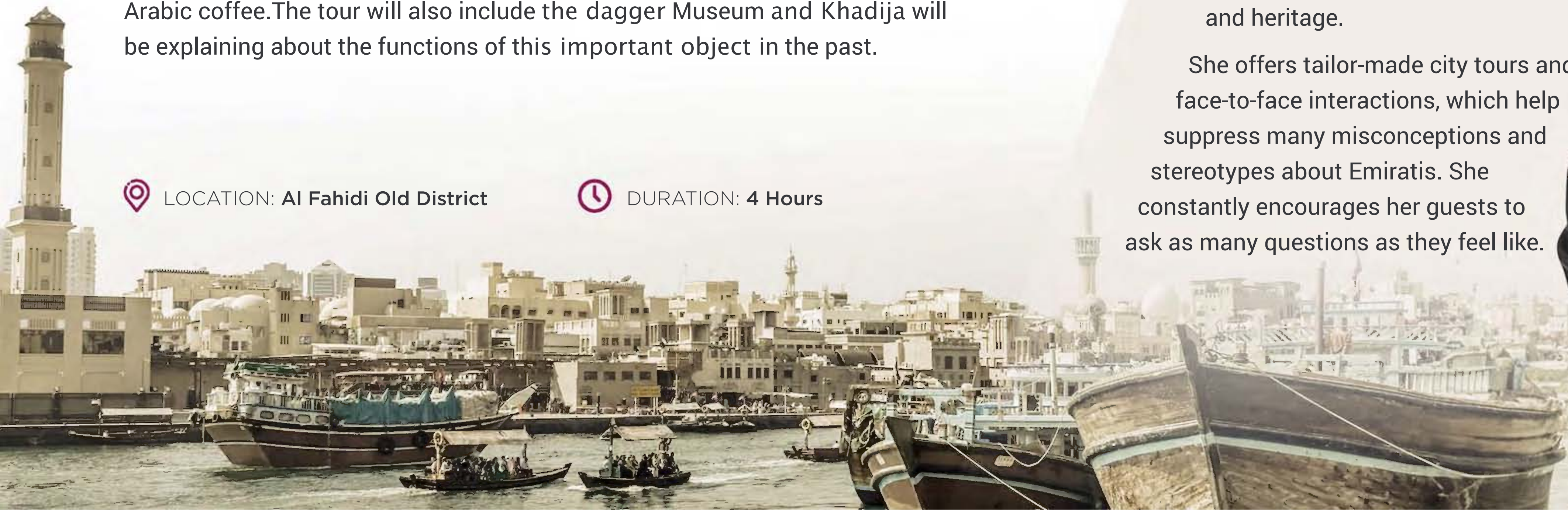
Meet your Heritage Guide

## Khadija Behzad

Dubai is a city that attracts millions of tourists every year. There are many tour operators as well, but they don't offer anything that represents the Emirati culture.

Khadija saw a gaping hole in Dubai's tourism landscape and decided to invite tourists to break bread with locals and dig deeper into their fascinating culture and heritage.

She offers tailor-made city tours and face-to-face interactions, which help suppress many misconceptions and stereotypes about Emiratis. She constantly encourages her guests to ask as many questions as they feel like.



DAY 2  Sunday, May 4

# Private heritage tour

## Visit the dagger museum with our guide

The societal development and economic growth is a continuous journey. Get acquainted with the rich cultural history of Dubai, which is contrary to the modern city we see today.

Learn everything about the long and rich history of UAE's traditional "J" letter-shaped dagger, called khanjar. It was once used for personal protection and as a tool for hunting and also considered a symbol for manhood.

The dagger museum also has historic exhibits portraying traditional life of the tribesmen in Dubai.



 LOCATION: Al Fahidi Historical Neighborhood

 DURATION: 1h30





DAY 2  Sunday, May 4

# Included in the Old Dubai tour

## Souk Experience

On our tour, we will walk by the souk where different items like garments and spices are sold at affordable prices. On our way we'll also pass by the oldest office building in Dubai, "Beit Al Wakeel".

## Abra Experience

Crossing the Dubai creek by the "Abra" which is a traditional wooden boat. Abra boats were the only method of transportation between the two main parts of Dubai (Bur Dubai and Bur Deira., the tour guide will be explaining to the guests about the abra and the how the methods of transportation has developed in Dubai.

## Spice Souk Experience

Introduction to difference spices used in Emirati cuisine and how to differentiate between the fake and original Saffron Spice. We will refresh ourselves at one of the oldest family owned juicerries in Dubai (Since 1950's).

## Gold Souk Experience

Visit the world's biggest gold souk and see the world's largest golden ring which holds the Guinness world record.



Beit Al Wakeel



Abra boat



Spice Souk



Gold Souk



DAY 2  Sunday, May 4

# Authentic flavors of Palestine

## LUNCH AT MAMA'ESH

Authentic Palestinian food made with fresh ingredients imported from Palestine. What you get here is just the way it's made back in Palestine. You'll taste a variety of typical dishes to savour the delicious flavours that this place has to offer.

Freshly squeezed juices will quench your thirst and give you an energy boost to enjoy the rest of the day to the fullest!



 LOCATION: Al Wasl Rd

 DURATION: 1h30

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DAY 3  Monday, May 5

# Make your own perfume

## PERSONALIZED ARABIC PERFUME

Guided by a local Emirati, you'll explore the rich scents of traditional ingredients like oud, rose, and amber, blending them into a fragrance that's uniquely yours. Learn the importance of perfumes in Emirati culture, interesting stories related to perfumers, how we use perfume, Dehn al our, dukhoon, etc.

Create your own perfume and take home a bottle that captures the essence of the Arabian Gulf – a personalized memento of your time here.



 LOCATION: AL FANAR restaurant

 DURATION: 40 min



DAY 3  Monday, May 5

# Emirati lunch

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## A TASTE OF TRADITION

Emirati meals are traditionally enjoyed in a communal style, where friends and family gather around a large platter and eat with their hands. Dishes are often shared, creating a warm and social dining experience that reflects the country's hospitality and close-knit culture. Your host will be explaining the different dishes offered, their names, ingredients and other information such as the etiquette that is followed when eating.

We'll invite you to ask all sorts of questions about UAE culture during the experience.



 LOCATION: AL FANAR restaurant

 DURATION: 1h00

DAY 4  Tuesday, May 6

# Experience Islam

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## Visit of Jumeirah Mosque

Visiting the Jumeirah Mosque in Dubai offers a unique glimpse into the city's Islamic heritage. Open to non-Muslim visitors at specific hours, this beautiful mosque showcases traditional Fatimid architecture with stunning white marble domes and intricate details. A guided tour will provide insight into Emirati culture and the practices of Islam, making it a welcoming space for cultural exchange and understanding.



 LOCATION: **Jumeirah Mosque**

 DURATION: **1h30**

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DAY 4  Tuesday May 6

# Story of UAE's unification

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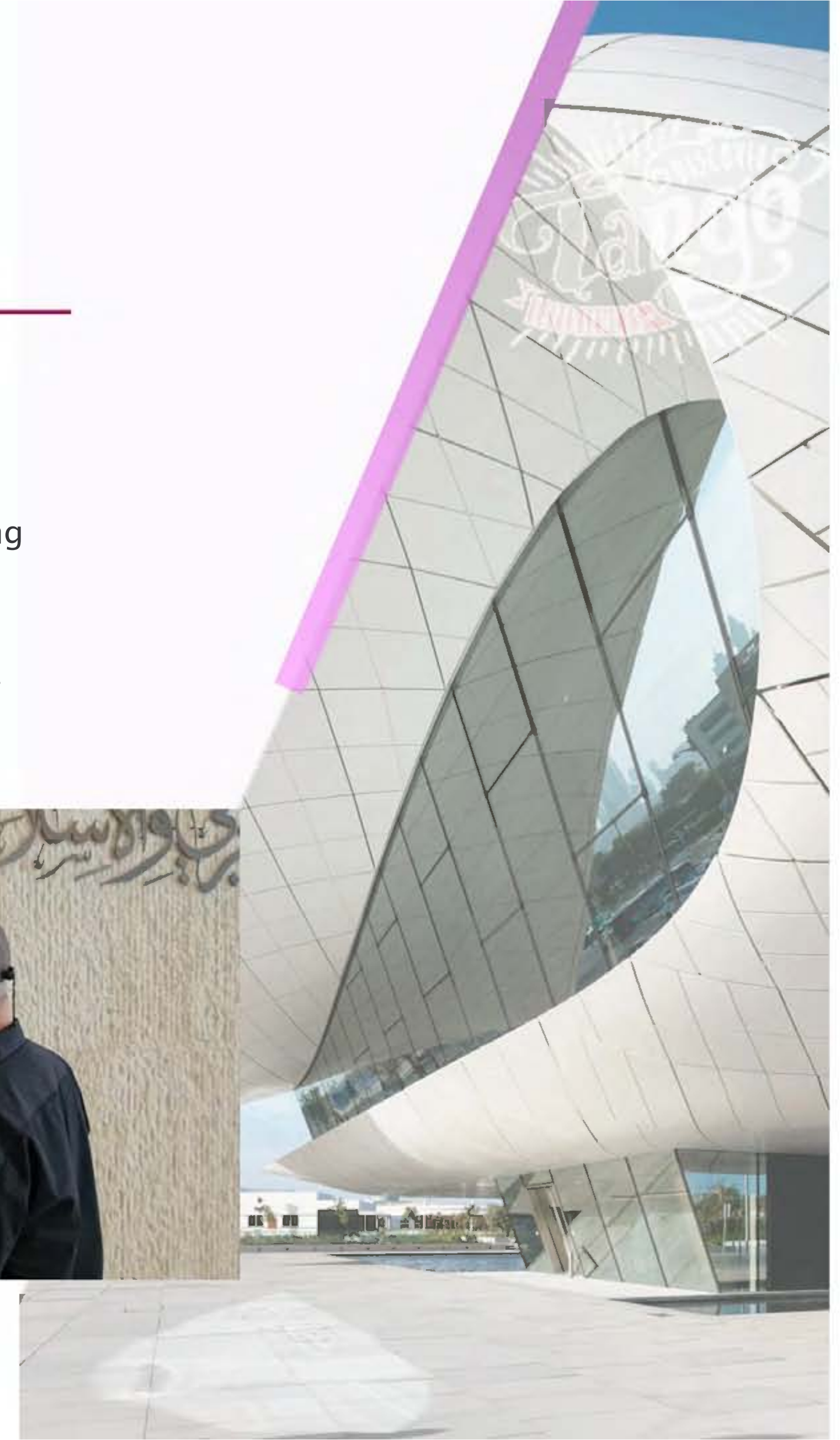
## Understand the path to unity

The Etihad Museum in Dubai is a modern cultural landmark dedicated to the history and heritage of the United Arab Emirates. Located near Union House, where the UAE's founding fathers signed the unification agreement in 1971, the museum offers interactive exhibits, historical documents, and personal artifacts that tell the story of the nation's formation. Through immersive displays and multimedia presentations, visitors can explore the UAE's journey from tribal communities to a unified, modern country.



 LOCATION: **Etihad Museum**

 DURATION: **1h00**



DAY 5  Wednesday, May 7

# From the Desert to the Catwalk

## VISIT OF ABBAYA MALL WITH ASMA

Considered a symbol of cultural identity and heritage throughout the United Arab Emirates, the abaya is a traditional garment worn as an expression of modesty.

Asma will take you on a journey to discover everything about the cultural significance that abaya holds, the codes, the functions, and the evolution abaya has gone through over time.



 LOCATION: **Abbaya Mall**

 DURATION: **3 Hours**



DAY 6  Thursday, May 8

# OPTIONAL ACTIVITY

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## Dubai Tango Festival 2025

Your tango lessons can start now!

Dive into your 6 x 1 1/2 hour -lesson package with any of our guest maestros at the Lupita Hotel, beginning today!

Remember to let us know if you're not able to stay for the Dubai Tango Festival; we'll adjust your tango lessons during your Holiday program.

Transfer to Lupita hotel not included.



 LOCATION: Lupita, Dubai Parks and Resorts, Autograph Collection





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## INCLUDED in the program

- Discover Tango's 2 hosts (Asma and Johanna) to accompany and assist you throughout the entire stay.
- Donatello hotel as mentioned in the program (or equivalent in case hotel is already full)
- Transfers to all venues mentioned in the program (except to/from optional activities)
- 6 x 1 1/2 hour Tango lessons (9 hours in total) during Dubai Tango Festival and Activities mentioned in the program.
- 2 lunches and 1 welcome non-alcoholic drink at More Cafe. Both meals will be accompanied with NON-alcoholic drinks.

## NOT INCLUDED in the program

- Air tickets Visa charges to Dubai
- Travel insurance
- Entrance to milongas
- Dubai Tango Festival
- Tips for the guides and at the restaurants
- Any alcoholic beverages
- Personal spendings such as phone calls, extra meals etc...
- Extra nights spent at Donatello hotel

# USEFUL INFORMATION

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## Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is not included in the price of your vacation. We strongly recommend that you take travel insurance with adequate coverage for the duration of your vacation, covering the cost of cancellation, interruption of travel or delay, loss of luggage or personal property, medical expenses and possible damages.

## Passport & Visa

A valid passport is mandatory for all customers traveling abroad and many countries require that it be valid for a period of 30 days and up to 6 months after the date of travel. Please check with your travel agent for tourist requirements for passports and visas. We strongly recommend that you contact the representative office of the embassy or consulate of the country where you intend to travel to ensure that you have the appropriate documentation and meet the immunization requirements. Compulsory vaccinations or not, are the responsibility of each traveler.

## Dubai Immigration Procedures

As an added security measure, Immigration Authorities at Dubai International are now conducting random eye screening for visitors to Dubai. Visitors asked to proceed for eye screening are required to present a hard copy of their visa or a printed version of the visa number confirmation page at the screening counter. If you do not have a copy with you, a charge of AED 30 per copy applies - payable only in AED.

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# OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES IN DUBAI

If you wish to have any of the following activities included  
in your program, please contact us at

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## OPTIONAL ACTIVITY

# RELAX & RECHARGE

### Nikki Beach Resort & Spa, Dubai

Switch gears from tango and treat yourself to a day at Nikki Beach, bask in the sun, lounge by the pool, and relish the beautiful beach vibes.

The modern beach club venue features cutting-edge architecture and design with the brand's signature all white décor, tribal influences and stylish ambience.

Take advantage of optional spa treatments, savour delectable food, and sip on refreshing drinks, all while luxuriating in the tranquil ambience of Nikki Beach.



## OPTIONAL ACTIVITY

# BURJ KHALIFA

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### Head in the clouds

The Burj Khalifa stands at 828 meters (2,717 feet) tall, making it the tallest building in the world. It's a marvel of modern architecture and a symbol of Dubai's innovation. At The Lounge, located across levels 152, 153, and 154, you can sip on champagne while enjoying breathtaking views high above the surrounding skyscrapers—a truly unforgettable luxury experience.



## OPTIONAL ACTIVITY

# SHOPPING EXPERIENCE

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### The Dubai Mall

Shopping at The Dubai Mall can be quite an experience! With over 1,300 stores, it's one of the largest malls in the world.

What are you looking to shop for? Fashion? Electronics? Luxury goods?

There's something for everyone there. And don't forget to check out the impressive entertainment options like the Dubai Aquarium and Underwater Zoo, the Dubai Ice Rink, and the Dubai Fountain show outside the mall.



## OPTIONAL ACTIVITY

# GLANCE INTO THE FUTURE

### Museum of the Future

Opened in 2022, Dubai's Museum of the Future explores the future of society, science, and technology. The museum showcases the latest advancements in technology, including artificial intelligence, robotics, augmented reality, and sustainable innovations. Visitors have the opportunity to interact with futuristic displays and experience firsthand how technology is shaping the world. Through immersive exhibits, workshops, and interactive displays, it encourages visitors to think critically about the future and envision innovative solutions to global challenges. It provides insights into emerging trends and future scenarios across various fields, from healthcare and transportation to sustainability and urban planning. Visitors can gain a deeper understanding of how these trends may impact society and shape the world in the years to come.



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## OPTIONAL ACTIVITY

# FANTASY IMMERSION

### La Perle show

La Perle celebrates the rich cultural heritage of Dubai and the UAE, showcasing traditional Emirati music, dance, and storytelling alongside contemporary artistic expressions from around the world. It is an extraordinary show that combines awe-inspiring performances, cutting-edge technology, and breathtaking artistry. The theater itself is a marvel of engineering, with a purpose-built aqua stage that can transform from a dry platform to a pool of water in a matter of seconds. This innovative stage design allows performers to seamlessly transition between land and water, adding an extra layer of excitement and dynamism to the show.



 LOCATION: La Perle



## OPTIONAL ACTIVITY

# PAMPER YOURSELF

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### Luxury Spas of Dubai

Pampering yourself in the best spas of Dubai is a luxurious and indulgent experience that promises to rejuvenate your body, soothe your soul, and leave you feeling utterly pampered and refreshed. It is an essential part of the city's vibrant wellness culture and an experience you won't soon forget, and each spa offers a unique and luxurious ambiance that sets the stage for ultimate relaxation. Whether you're seeking traditional therapies rooted in ancient healing traditions or cutting-edge treatments using the latest technology, Dubai's spas have it all. Once you've identified your preferences and priorities, you can start exploring spa options in Dubai that align with your needs.



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## OPTIONAL ACTIVITY

# AWE-INSPIRING

### Sheikh Zayed Mosque

Visiting the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque in Abu Dhabi is a breathtaking experience! It's one of the largest mosques in the world and an architectural masterpiece blending traditional Islamic design elements with contemporary aesthetics. Its sheer size and grandeur, along with the intricate details of the marble work, carvings, and stunning domes, make it a visually stunning attraction. It offers visitors a unique opportunity to learn about Islamic culture and heritage. The mosque serves as a symbol of unity, tolerance, and diversity. It welcomes visitors of all faiths and backgrounds, promoting interfaith dialogue and understanding.

It's named after Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, the founding father and first president of the UAE.



 LOCATION: Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque Centre, Abu Dhabi



## OPTIONAL ACTIVITY

# MUSEUM EXPERIENCE

### Louvre Abu Dhabi

Visiting the Louvre Abu Dhabi is an enriching cultural experience that offers a unique blend of art, history, and architectural marvels. Designed by the renowned architect Jean Nouvel, the Louvre Abu Dhabi is a masterpiece of contemporary architecture. Its striking design features a massive dome structure with intricate geometric patterns that filter sunlight to create a mesmerizing "rain of light" effect, evoking the image of sunlight filtering through palm fronds. A visit to the Louvre Abu Dhabi offers a multifaceted cultural experience that combines world-class art, innovative architecture, and educational opportunities. Whether you're an art lover, a history buff, or simply curious about the diversity of human culture, the museum promises to inspire, educate, and captivate visitors of all backgrounds and interests.



 LOCATION: Louvre Abu Dhabi

