PERSIAN GULF CRUISE

OMAN, ABU DHABI, QATAR AND DUBAI

Aboard the Crystal Esprit
January 7–17, 2020
DEAR PRINCETONIAN,

In the Persian Gulf states, old and new co-exist in innovative and intriguing ways. During this exploration of Dubai, Qatar, Abu Dhabi, and Oman aboard the all-suite Crystal Esprit, visit the mosques, souks, educational institutions, and museums that reflect a fascinating juxtaposition of past and present that is unique to the Islamic world.

Begin your exploration in Oman’s culturally rich museums, mosques, and markets before cruising through the fjord-like waterways of the Musandam Peninsula. In the emirate of Abu Dhabi, museums, mosques and Masdar City amaze with both their sheer grandeur and minute detail. Continue to Qatar, where visits to the old souq and the new Education City illustrate how dramatically change has come to the Gulf States. Wrap up your journey among the dazzling skyscrapers of Dubai, the business and cultural hub of the Middle East and home to some of the most stunning architectural masterpieces of the 20th and 21st centuries. For those who wish to further explore the region, optional extensions in Dubai and Oman’s interior are also available.

The yacht-like Crystal Esprit comfortably accommodates just 48 guests, and Princeton Journeys travelers are sharing this cruise with travelers from Stanford University. This compelling itinerary is sure to inspire early reservations, so we encourage you to save your space by contacting the Princeton Journeys team at (609) 258-8686 or journeys@princeton.edu.

With kind regards,

Bridget St. Clair
Executive Manager, Princeton journeys
Monday, January 13
Abu Dhabi
Spend the morning enjoying an introduction to the fascinating world of falconry in the company of a trained falconer. Continue to Qasr Al Hosn, the oldest stone building in Abu Dhabi, recently opened as a museum after eleven years of extensive restoration. Trace the city’s development from a fishing settlement to a modern global metropolis, including artifacts dating as far back as 6,000 BCE. CRYSTAL ESPRIT (B,L,D)

Tuesday, January 14
Doha, Qatar
Doha is the fast-growing capital of Qatar, and an important Middle Eastern financial center. Explore the Museum of Islamic Art, designed by I.M. Pei and located on the city’s Corniche. This architectural gem houses collections of metalwork, ceramics, jewelry, woodwork, textiles, and glass dating from the 1600s to the 1900s. Stroll through Souq Waqif, founded a century ago and noted for offering traditional garments, spices, and handicrafts. Continue to Education City, which covers more than five square miles and houses facilities for pre-school through graduate-level research and education, as well as branches of six U.S. universities and several European educational institutions. Conclude the day at the Doha Racing and Equestrian Club, where horse racing is serious business and horses, which have played an important role in the history of the Arab world for centuries, live like royalty. CRYSTAL ESPRIT (B,L,D)

Wednesday, January 15
Doha
This morning travel over towering sand dunes in four-wheel-drive vehicles to Qatar’s magnificent Inland Sea, a shallow tidal lake with a narrow outlet to the sea and shores in both Qatar and Saudi Arabia. After lunch in the desert, return to the ship and depart Qatar. CRYSTAL ESPRIT (B,L,D)

Thursday, January 16
Dubai, UAE
Explore modern Dubai, including the Burj al Arab Hotel, which soars to 1,053 feet above the ground and is located on an artificial island connected to Jumeirah Beach; Ski Dubai, an indoor ski resort complete with ski slopes, toboggan and sled runs, giant snowballs, ice caves, and resident penguins; and Burj Khalifa, at 2,722 feet the tallest artificial structure in the Louvre, Paris. The stunning floating dome of light designed by renowned architect Jean Nouvel is a photographer’s delight. This afternoon an optional visit to Masdar City, a $20 billion enterprise showcasing Abu Dhabi’s investments in renewable energy and green technology, will be offered. CRYSTAL ESPRIT (B,L,D)
the world. From an observation deck on the 124th floor, marvel at the panoramic views over the surrounding city. Celebrate your journey with a farewell reception and dinner on board the ship. CRYSTAL ESPRIT (B,L,R,D)

Friday, January 17
Dubai / Home
Disembark the Crystal Esprit and transfer to the airport for flights home (B)

OPTIONAL PRE-CRUISE EXTENSION
Oman’s Interior
January 3–8, 2020
Explore the Bedouin culture of the desert on this four-night pre-cruise extension. Depart home on January 3 and fly overnight to Muscat, arriving January 4. On January 5, depart Muscat for Oman’s Interior to explore forts, date plantations, orchards, and mountain villages from the luxurious Alila Jabal Akhdar Hotel in the awe-inspiring Al Hajar Mountains. Continue to the Desert Nights Camp and meet a Bedouin family at the Sharqiya Sands, a vast, undulating red-and-white sea of sand dunes that rise to more than 650 feet high. Return to Muscat on January 8 to begin the main tour.

AL BUSTAN PALACE HOTEL, ALILA JABAL AKHDAR HOTEL, AND DESERT NIGHTS CAMP (4B/4L/3D). RATES: $3,390 per person, double occupancy; $4,890 per person, single occupancy.

OPTIONAL POST-CRUISE EXTENSION
Dubai
January 17–18, 2020
Explore “Old Dubai” on this post-cruise extension. Disembark the Crystal Esprit in the morning and board an abra (water taxi) to cross Dubai creek and explore the historic Bastakia district. Learn about Dubai’s history at Al-Fahidi Fort and Dubai Museum, and enjoy lunch and a special presentation on Islam at the Sheikh Mohamed Centre for Cultural Understanding.

RADISSON BLU DEIRA CREEK (1B / 1L). RATES: $790 per person, double occupancy; $990 per person, single occupancy.
Launched in 2015, this newly refurbished, 31-stateroom yacht offers an atmosphere of classic elegance mixed with modern comfort, an elegant enclave of gorgeous interiors and inviting social spaces with a staff of 90 catering to just 48 guests. Unhampered by crowds or lines, she’s much like a private club with a relaxed and unregimented ambience. The Crystal Esprit offers the unique option for luxury travel to small ports, harbors, and islands not accessible to larger cruise ships. Each guest suite features a master bedroom with an ultra-thin high-definition TV with on-demand movies and interactive bedside iPad, full picture windows, seating area, and custom-designed bathroom with high-end finishes and modern technology. Wi-Fi and a private butler are provided for each suite. The ship’s four dining options boast Michelin-inspired menus, with included wines, champagne, and spirits, and 24-hour in-suite dining is available. The ship’s recreational facilities include a swimming pool, sauna, gym, spa, and a variety of aquatic equipment.

### Program Rates

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**WHAT TO EXPECT**

This is a moderately active trip for travelers who are flexible, comfortable traveling with a group, and can handle the vagaries of travel with good humor. Walking for up to one mile unassisted, standing for up to two hours in museums or at other sites, and climbing several flights of stairs, which may not have handrails, are the most strenuous activities. In addition, travelers must be able to board the ship via a metal gangplank with rope handrails and be comfortable with the rolling movement of the ship. Daytime temperatures during the trip will generally average in the mid to high 70s F, with infrequent rain.

**AIR ARRANGEMENTS**

**PLEASE NOTE:** U.S. domestic and international airfare is not included in the program rates. Round-trip economy-class airfare from New York to Dubai, with return from Muscat, is approximately $905 per person as of February 2019 and is subject to change without notice. Valerie Wilson Travel, Inc., can help with airline arrangements for this trip and can be reached at (877) 376-1754. You are also welcome to book your air transportation through your local travel agent, an online travel site, or the airline of your choice.
PROGRAM RATES DO NOT INCLUDE U.S. domestic and international airfare • Passport/visa expenses not noted as included • Medical expenses and immunizations • Private airport transfers on days other than group arrival and departure days • Travel insurance • Optional excursions or deviations from the scheduled tour • Excess baggage charges • Meals and beverages other than those specified as included • Laundry or dry cleaning • Telephone, fax, internet, and email charges • Room service • Other items of a personal nature

INSURANCE As a service to its travelers, the Office of Alumni Affairs of Princeton University automatically provides all Princeton Journeys participants with basic medical, accident, and evacuation coverage under a group emergency assistance policy. It is highly recommended that you supplement this basic protection with your own additional insurance coverage, as well as trip cancellation/interruption or baggage coverage. Information on additional insurance is available and will be mailed from Princeton Journeys upon receipt of your reservation.

A NOTE ABOUT COSTS Tour costs are based upon current fuel prices, taxes, tariffs, and a minimum number of participants. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed prices, they are subject to change. If there are significant changes, details and costs will be advised prior to departure.

GROUP SIZE This program is limited to 48 participants, including travelers from Princeton and Stanford.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Complete Terms and Conditions including Statement of Responsibility will be made available to you at time of registration, or in advance upon request. A signed “Agreement, Assumption of Risk, Waiver and Release” is required from each applicant prior to participation on the tour.

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENTS To reserve space, return the completed reservation form with your $1,000 per person deposit to: Princeton Journeys, John Maclean House, P.O. Box 291, Princeton, NJ 08542-0291 or fax to (609) 258-5561. Balance of payment is due September 9, 2019. We accept personal checks, payable to Criterion Travel, as well as VISA, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover. Reservations will be processed in order of receipt.

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Enclosed is a check for $ ________ ($1,000 per person, made payable to Criterion Travel) for ____ place(s) on Persian Gulf Cruise program, or

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ACCOMMODATIONS
Cabin category preference:

1ST CHOICE    2ND CHOICE

Bed preference:  Two Beds  One bed

SINGLE TRAVELERS

I prefer to have single accommodations.

I plan to share accommodations with ___

I would like to know about roommates. I am a smoker non-smoker.

I understand that if a roommate cannot be located for me by the final payment date of September 9, 2019, I will pay the single rate.

I/We have read the Terms and Conditions section of this brochure and understand and agree with them as stated herein.

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Modern architectural marvels astonishing in their creativity and audacity, from the Burj Khalifa skyscraper to the ecologically sustainable Masdar City

Breathtakingly beautiful mosques that herald the importance of Islam in this part of the world

Unique cultural and historic sites, including Oman’s Heritage Gallery, Abu Dhabi’s Louvre Museum and Qatar’s Education City

Inviting museums and souqs showcasing the arts and crafts traditions of the Gulf States

Remarkable natural wonders such as Qatar’s spectacular sand dunes and Inland Sea to the Musandam Peninsula’s fjord-like waterways