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THE PALM DUBAI

EXPLORE

THE RICH CULTURE, *Traditions* AND HISTORY OF THE UAE



Raffles The Palm is delighted to partner with The Sheikh Mohammed Centre for Cultural Understanding (SMCCU), an organisation that has been bridging cultural gaps and promoting understanding since 1998. The centre's mission is to make learning about Emirati culture an exciting adventure for all. With the motto "Open doors. Open minds," SMCCU fosters tolerance and dispels stereotypes in engaging ways. Dive into a world of vibrant traditions and captivating stories with our Emirati Cultural Programmes, designed for the public to enjoy!



CULTURAL MEALS

Join us at SMCCU's traditional wind tower house in the Al Fahidi Historical Neighbourhood for cultural meals that offer a relaxed and interactive learning experience. As you savour a selection of delicious local dishes,

you will engage in insightful discussions led by expert Emirati Cultural Presenters. These programmes are designed to be both entertaining and informative, covering topics such as Emirati culture, the influence of Islam on local traditions, cultural values, and daily life.

Duration	1.5 hours
Location	SMCCU
Breakfast	AED 130 per person Monday & Wednesday at 9.00am
Lunch	AED 145 per person Monday to Thursday at 1.00pm
Dinner	AED 160 per person Tuesday at 6.30pm
Brunch	AED 130 per person
Schedule	Friday to Sunday, 10.30am

Prior booking required.



FUALA (AFTERNOON TEA)

Step into the heart of Emirati hospitality with our delightful afternoon tea experience! Sip on fragrant tea and savour delicious Emirati desserts, fruits, and local dishes in our traditional house, while engaging in discussions led by our Cultural Presenters. After indulging in these delectable treats, enjoy a fascinating visit to the mosque followed by a leisurely stroll through the charming Al Fahidi Historical Neighbourhood. It's an afternoon of delightful bites, cultural exploration, and local discoveries!

Duration	1.5 hours
Location	SMCCU
Rate	AED 150 per person
Schedule	Tuesday at 13.00pm



HERITAGE TOUR

Discover the charm of Dubai's Al Fahidi Historical Neighbourhood, one of the oldest traditional districts in the UAE. The experience begins with a warm welcome at our traditional windtower house, where you can savour Arabic coffee and dates. A Q&A session with our Cultural Presenter provides an engaging and insightful discussion on local culture, traditions, and customs. Next, wander through the narrow alleys (sikkas) and admire the iconic windtowers that characterise this historic area, culminating in a visit to the Diwan Mosque.

Duration of programme	1.5 hours
Location	SMCCU
Rate	AED 120 per person
Schedule	Tuesday & Thursday at 10.30am, Friday to Sunday at 9.00am



JUMEIRAH MOSQUE

The Jumeirah Mosque Visit is one of the most cherished landmarks in the UAE and a must-see attraction in Dubai. This programme offers guided tours of this iconic site, providing insights into Islamic traditions and Emirati culture. Guests participate in cultural exchanges, hands-on activities like henna art, and educational sessions that foster understanding and tolerance. Designed to promote appreciation for diversity and mutual respect, the experience is both enriching and interactive. Refreshments are also included.

Duration of programme	1 hour 15 minutes
Location	Jumeirah Mosque
Rate	AED 45 per person
Schedule	Daily (except Friday) at 10.00am & 2.00pm

Prior booking not required. Registration starts 30 minutes before the programme.



ONCE UPON A TIME MUSEUM

Step into the rich heritage of the UAE at a majlis (traditional Emirati gathering space). Explore the Once Upon a Time Museum, showcasing fascinating artefacts from past decades, and discover our art gallery featuring works by local artists. Enjoy traditional Emirati hospitality with refreshments.

Rate	AED 25 per person
Schedule	Daily (except Friday) from 9.00am to 5.00pm

Prior booking not required.



DESERT FRIENDS

Discover the fascinating desert animals that are an integral part of UAE heritage. Learn about their significance, interact with them, and capture the moment with beautiful photos. This is a unique opportunity to connect with these magnificent creatures and gain a deeper understanding of the desert ecosystem.

Duration of programme	30 minutes
Rate	AED 35 per person
Schedule	Mondays & Wednesdays at 2.30pm





HERITAGE EXPRESS:

CULTURE ON WHEELS & EMIRATI HOSPITALITY EXPERIENCE

Immerse yourself in the desert lifestyle as you meet and dine with Emiratis, explore Old Dubai's historical landmarks in a traditional trolley, and savour a full Emirati meal of your choice. The experience also includes a visit to the iconic Jumeirah Mosque.

Duration of programme	4 hours
Location	SMCCU
Rate	AED 250 per person

Prior booking required. Transfer charges will be additional.

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