Dubai conjures up images of gleaming skyscrapers set against the backdrop of the vast Arabian Desert and glistening sea. See Burj Khalifa, the tallest building in the world, set alongside ancient mosques. Bargain for gold, spices and handicrafts at the atmospheric “suqs” markets. Our Arabian adventure continues when we ride nature’s roller coaster—jeeps across the dunes. Overnight in the desert, ride camels, go sand surfing, then feast under the stars accompanied by traditional belly dancing. Find out for yourself why Dubai is one of the world’s most intriguing destinations.

Day 1 TRAVEL TO DUBAI
Embark on your overnight flight to begin your Dubai experience.
Meals: In-flight

DAY 2 ARRIVE DUBAI * Welcome orientation & cocktail
Travelers, who booked a flight with AESU, will be met and transferred to the hotel. Tonight meet in the hotel lobby for a welcome cocktail and orientation with your tour director and fellow travelers.
Meals: In-flight, Dinner Cruise

DAY 3 DUBAI * Half-day city tour * Arabian Dhow dinner cruise
Our local guide introduces us to both the new and the old Dubai on our city tour. On this scenic route we will make photo stops at Burj Al Arab, the famous 7-star hotel and Jumeirah Mosque, the only Mosque allowing non-Muslims to enter. Visit the breathtaking observation deck at Burj Khalifa, the tallest building in the world and a magnificent centerpiece of downtown Dubai. We pass the Sheik’s stunning palace, travel along Dubai Creek, the lifeline and pulse of the city, before taking a stroll through the narrow lanes of Al Bastakiya, the old Dubai. We continue to the Al Fahidi Fort, housing the Dubai Museum. Board a water taxi, called ‘Abra’ to cross the lagoon to see the spice market and visit one of Dubai’s famous landmarks, the Gold Souk. Tonight, join a traditional Arabian ‘Dhow’ for an evening cruise. Enjoy a sumptuous welcome feast of Arabic and International cuisine while gently gliding past illuminated souks and palaces.
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 4 DUBAI * Overnight Desert Safari
Land cruisers pick us up at the hotel for an excursion across the desert of Dubai. There are several photo stops during this exciting drive across the dunes. Upon arrival at the campsite, experience the beauty of the Arabian Desert as it was meant to be seen—on the back of a camel! For adrenaline junkies, no trip to Dubai is complete without at least one slide down a sand dune. Take advantage of the opportunity to experience the exhilaration of one of the most popular sports in the desert - sand boarding! If you prefer a more relaxing activity, try Arabic coffee and dates, have your hands or feet painted with henna or try a typical shisha while watching belly dancers perform by starlight after witnessing a magnificent desert sunset. Settle down for the night in tents and sleeping bags under the stars. Take the opportunity to enjoy the tranquility of the desert by night. Dubai Desert camping is a unique experience specially designed for nature lovers. Admire the beauty and magic of the Arabian Desert discover a variety of flora and fauna. Tents with sleeping pads/mattresses are set up for the night under the Arabian sky. Suggestion: Pack a flash-light, a change of clothes and a sweater for the night.
Meals: Breakfast, BBQ Dinner
*Overnight camp subject to weather conditions - heat index.*

**DAY 5 DUBAI * Dubai Shopping * Dubai Beach**
Upon return to Dubai, enjoy some of the best, biggest, most luxurious, elegant, yet affordable malls in the world. Dubai Mall offers more than 1,200 shops and a multitude of restaurants and cafes. Dubai is land of sun and sand, so beaches form the most attractive part of its beauty. We check into our hotel this afternoon. The hotel is located at one of the world’s best and certainly Dubai’s most famous beach, Jumeirah Beach Park. Enjoy the remainder of the day exploring your hotel, laze on the beach, or partake in optional water sports activities.

*Meals: Breakfast*

**DAY 6 DUBAI * Dubai Beach - Optional excursion to Abu Dhabi**
Enjoy idleness and the gentle breeze from the sea at your hotel’s swimming pool or Jacuzzi. The magnificent beach directly in front of your resort offers many watersports facilities. Consider an optional excursion to Abu Dhabi. We leave from the hotel at approx. 9 am in the morning and return around 2.30 pm. The capital of the United Arab Emirates is a fascinating mix of tradition and progression, from the majestic Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque and the traditional Heritage Village to the magnificent Emirates Palace Hotel. See both faces of Abu Dhabi in this introduction city tour.

*Meals: Breakfast*

**DAY 7 DUBAI * Dubai Beach * Optional harbor cruise**
Enjoy idleness and the gentle breeze from the sea at your hotel’s swimming pool or Jacuzzi. The magnificent beach directly in front of your resort offers many watersports facilities. Later on relax and enjoy an optional cruise onboard a luxurious motor boat. Take in spectacular views of Dubai’s coastline as you sail around Palm Jumeirah, the world’s largest man-made island which has doubled the coastline of Dubai. At tonight’s farewell dinner, watch the chefs prepare your favorite dish with a new twist while you sample a variety of sumptuous international dishes. Finish your exciting culinary journey with heavenly desserts.

*Meals: Breakfast, Dinner*

**DAY 8 TRAVEL HOME**
Today we transfer to the Dubai International Airport for our return flight home. Most flights to the US leave Dubai just after midnight. After check-out, your luggage can be stored with the hotel and you have access to all public hotel facilities until we depart for the airport. Travelers, registered for a transfer, meet in the hotel lobby and transfer to Dubai International Airport. We board our flight home with memories of one of the world’s most intriguing destinations and plans for our next alumni journey!

*Meals: Breakfast, In-flight*

**LAND PACKAGE INCLUSIONS:**
- Two nights at the 4-5-star hotel in Dubai city, 2-share rooms with private bath/shower
- One night camp in the desert, accommodations in tents and sleeping bags*
- Three nights at a 5-star beach hotel, 2-share rooms with private bath/shower
- Airport transfers with purchase of AESU group airfare
- Daily breakfast [B] as per itinerary
• Three dinners
• One lunch
• Half-day Dubai city tour with local English-speaking guide
• Half-day shopping tour
• Observation deck at Burj Khalifa, tallest building in the world
• Overnight desert Safari including:
  o transfer by land cruisers
  o camel ride
  o dune surfing
  o belly dancing
  o beverages (unlimited soft drinks, tea, coffee, water)
  o Henna painting
  o Arabic coffee and fresh Arabic dates
  o Traditional costumes (Qandora)
  o 5-star buffet dinner with BBQ meats
• Dhow dinner cruise

*Overnight safari subject to weather conditions and heat index, alternate additional overnight at Dubai city hotel

PLUS:
• Private tour director for the entire duration of the land tour
• All scheduled sightseeing
• All ground transportation by air-conditioned motor coach, as per itinerary
• All service charges and local taxes
• Luggage tag and travel guides

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES, NOT INCLUDED IN THE LAND PACKAGE PRICE:
• Dubai sailing trip
• Half-day excursion to Abu Dhabi