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The Atlantis hotel at the Palm Jumeirah in Dubai was opened on the 24th of September 2008 and they did so with a bang. From the 16 million dollar record-breaking fireworks display, to the long list of VIP guests; the hotel made sure it shook the world up when it opened its doors to its customers.

The †everything underwater' themed resort had a lot of world's firsts. From the water parks to the restaurants and even some exclusive suites, a lot of ingenuity and engineering went into developing the large sheets of glass that could withstand the pressure of the water bodies supporting marine life all over the resort. Every facet of the resort spelt opulence and had a great attention to detail giving it a unique look and ambience. The hotel being situated on an island of the Palm Jumeirah made it an instant tourist attraction. Of course if you did want to enjoy a view of the hotel, the only possible way was to either travel by the available metro and observe it through the glass panes of the metro; or you could take a helicopter ride which would cost you quite a bit of money.

The best view of the Atlantis hotel though, is from the waters that surround Dubai city. Getting out there is easy thanks to the many Marina cruise operators in Dubai whom you can contact for either a dhow sightseeing cruise during the day or the exclusive dhow dinner cruise during the night. The evening attractions are breath-taking and spectacular thanks to the well illuminated hotels that line up along the Dubai Marina. From the brightly lit skyscrapers of the Dubai Marina residences that light up the skies, to the famous five star hotels and their private beaches that beautify the land below; all make up for an unforgettable experience combined with an equally sumptuous dinner.

A Dubai marina cruise is one of the best ways to view the beautiful skyline of Dubai up-close and personal. Dinner cruises usually begin at 830pm and wind up after a relaxed two hour cruise at 1030pm aboard a traditional wooden dhow. The usual cruise includes an international buffet dinner, soft drinks, mineral water, tea & coffee all included in the package. If you are new to Dubai or are simply visiting this beautiful city as a stopover, be sure to hop on a dhow cruise in Dubai and have a look at the mystical Atlantis hotel at the Palm Jumeirah.

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