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Sightseeing at the 'city of gold' with dubai city tour by [Karnail](#)

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Dubai used to be known as the "City of Gold." Trading from Iran and India dominated the city's economy along with dhow building. Dhows are wooden boats which are used for cargo and today also used for tourist activities such as dhow sightseeing cruises and dhow dinner cruises along the Dubai Creek (natural salt water inlet). This is the reason that a Dubai City Tour starts along the Dubai Creek.

Since the past two decades, Dubai has transformed into a cosmopolitan city no longer relying only on trade or even oil. The Sheikhs of Dubai have invested heavily on the city's infrastructure, building internationally awarded airports, the world's tallest building, manmade islands, the world's tallest hotels, and the list is endless. Room inventories from international hotel chains as well as regional chains keep expanding but are never enough for the ever increasing influx of tourists.

A Dubai City tour gives you an orientation to the city, showing you the most talked about sights and attractions. As mentioned earlier the Dubai City Tour commences at the Dubai Creek where you can view where the city's development first started. The City Tour then leads you to the gold and spice souk where you can buy the most sought after quality jewelry and spices from the region.

Crossing the underwater tunnel leads you to Jumeirah, the beach area of Dubai. Here the Grand Mosque "Jumeirah Mosque", beachside boutiques and malls lead you up to the open beach area. The Burj Al Arab used to be the city's icon (the tallest hotel in the world) made with only luxury in mind. A fantastic photo opportunity from the open beach awaits you to treasure the memory even once back home. After this photo stop, the tour guides you to what is known as "New Dubai." View the enchanting Atlantis hotel in a stunning pink structure sitting proudly at the end of the Palm Island in Jumeirah.

The Dubai Tour would be incomplete without a drive down Sheikh Zayed Road (the city's highway leading to the Capital Abu Dhabi). The highway is filled with modern skyscrapers showing how the City of Dubai is constantly reinventing itself. Important buildings to look out for include the Mall of Emirates (with the largest indoor ski facility in the world), The Dubai Mall and Burj Khalifa (currently the world's tallest building). The Burj Khalifa and Dubai Mall (the largest mall in the region) are both located in Down Town Dubai (the latest and trendiest commercial and residential area in Dubai). The City Tour gives you a chance to explore this massive structure along with the shopping, dining and very unique entertainment facilities the Mall has to offer before ending the Dubai City Tour.

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