

## EXPERIENCING DUBAI

### **Day 1: New York**

#### ***In transit to London***

Depart New York for London on British Airways.

### **Day 2: London to Dubai**

#### **The Oberoi, Dubai**

Arrive in London and connect to Dubai on British Airways.

On arrival, an airport representative meets the group after disembarking the plane and entering the terminal to assist with customs and immigration formalities and with baggage claim. After the baggage is collected, the airport representative escorts the group to the arrivals area, where a Ker & Downey representative is waiting to transfer everyone to the Oberoi, Dubai for overnight.

### **Day 3: Dubai**

#### **The Oberoi, Dubai Breakfast and Dinner**

This morning is at leisure to relax and enjoy the hotel's facilities.

This afternoon between 2:30pm and 3:15pm, a Ker & Downey representative meets the group in the hotel lobby for a desert safari, followed by an exclusive private dinner in a desert camp. Return to the hotel between 10:00pm and 10:30pm.

### **Day 4: Dubai**

#### **The Oberoi, Dubai Breakfast and Lunch**

After breakfast, a Ker & Downey representative meets you in the hotel lobby for a full day exploration of the city, including lunch at a fabulous restaurant.

The tour starts with a drive through the new Marina projects, Internet City, Media City, and a visit to the Palm Island. A monorail ride from Gateway Station to Atlantis gives you a glimpse of the upcoming structures around the Dubai Marina, the world's biggest waterfront development, with over 200 new and exciting leisure and entertainment projects, which will shape the future all the way to 2020. Following your overview of this truly stupendous achievement, return to the mainland. Driving past the Marina Project, venture to the Madinat Souk. In addition to featuring unique wind towers and domes, the market place offers a wonderful mix of major retailers, restaurants and coffee shops, all set within an Arabian-style landscape.

Continue to Jumeirah Mosque (*view from outside or visit inside depending on the schedule – possibility every Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday*). A prominent landmark of the city, it is one of the largest and most beautiful of Dubai's mosques. Built in the medieval Fatimid tradition, it is a spectacular example of modern Islamic architecture and is particularly active at night. Drive along the skyscraper area of Sheikh Zayed Road, also referred to as "Little Manhattan", where we pass by the Emirates Towers and the Dubai World Trade Center. Then we drive along the Zabeel Road, passing by the Palace of Sheikh Mohammad, as well as the Rashid Palace, home to the Royal family of Dubai. (No photography here please.)

Visit the Al Fahidi Fort, which houses the Dubai Museum. It was constructed around 1787 and once guarded the landward approaches to the town. Renovated in 1971 for use as a museum, its colorful life size dioramas vividly depict everyday life in the days before the discovery of oil. Galleries recreate scenes from the Creek, traditional Arab houses, mosques, the souk, date farms, and desert and marine life. One of the more spectacular exhibits portrays pearl diving, including sets of pearl merchants' weights, scales, and

sieves. Also on display are artifacts from several excavations in the Emirate, recovered from graves that date back to the third millennium BC.

We cross creek by traditional boats, or abra, to reach the souk where Arabic shipping vessels would traditionally discharge their cargos brought from the Far East, China, Ceylon, and India on the docks, to be bargained over in the souks adjacent to the docks. The times have changed since then as the Dubai spice souk has given way to air-conditioned multi-storied shopping malls and items on sale have changed from spices, silks, and Ittar (Arabic perfume) to the latest electronic gizmos, gold, and designer apparels. The gold souk, or gold market, is a truly dazzling sight to behold. It has earned Dubai a reputation for being the “City of Gold”. The market offers earrings, rings, necklaces, bracelets, and pendants of all kinds, with twenty-five tons of gold on display at any given time in the shop windows.

#### **Day 5: Dubai to New York Breakfast**

This morning following breakfast, a Ker & Downey representative meets the group in the hotel lobby for the transfer back to Dubai International Airport, where an airport representative meets the group for VIP assistance with check-in and security.

Dubai bids a fond farewell as the group departs on British Airways for New York via London.

## TERRE DE L'EBRE

### Day 1:

**9:00: Transfer from Lloret de Mar to L'Ametlla de Mar**

**12:45: Tuna tour activity**

You will be able to swim in the water with the largest tunas in the world and enjoy thrilling moments with all five senses.

**3:00: Lunch Rte. No Stress**

**5:15: Visit to Apiarian Interpretation Center Muria**

Following an explanation about a bee's life cycle, you can observe their habitats and different features, in natural surroundings, the identification of the hive as its habitat, a colony of bees and types, how they work, honeycombs, etc.

**8:00: Transfer to the hotel**

Check – in

Dinner and accommodation Deltebre

### Day 2:

**9:45: Check-out**

**10:00: Discovering Ebro Delta Natural Park**

Discover the different ecosystems that make up the Ebro Delta: bays, lagoons, the mouth of the Ebro river, the salicornars (a native plant), sand dunes, etc.

**12:30: Visit to MónNatura Delta de l'Ebre**

MónNatura Delta de l'Ebre allows us to discover a natural environment of enormous wealth in one of the largest wetlands in Western Europe. Land and water come together on this spit to create an environment that is home to a unique variety of wildlife, particularly the internationally famous water birds.

**1:30: Lunch Poblenou del Delta**

A lovely village lying in the heart of the Ebro Delta. The village is characterised by the picturesque beauty of its lovely flower-lined streets and whitewashed houses. The town's history goes back to the time when the Ebro Delta began to be colonised and these insalubrious, marshy lands were made suitable for rice growing. Poblenou sprang up in 1955, when the government offered people land and houses in return for helping to "tame" the soil.

**4:00: Nautical activity**

One of the most elegant ways to enjoy the waters of Alfacs bay is on board of a sailing ship, letting the wind do all the work. Allows for an unforgettable panoramic view of the Ebro Delta.

**5:30: Route of the mussel beds**

On the route of the mussel and oyster beds you'll come across a unique place, the Caseta del Parrillo, located over the mussel and oyster farms. There, true professionals will introduce you to the world of the mussel and its relationship with Els Alfacs Bay.

**7:00: Check – in Hotel del Port**

**8:00: Dinner - Hotel Restaurant Llansola**

**Day 3:**

**9:15: Check-out**

**10:00: The Millenary Olive tree route**

In Arión area, Uldecona, you can see thirty- five monumental olive trees belonging to the Porta Ferré family, including La Farga de l'Arion which has a perimeter of 8 metres and has been declared a Monumental Tree by the Catalan Government. This natural living heritage has become one of the most typical, historical and emblematic scenes in Terres de l'Ebre.

**12:00: Basket weaving Museum**

The art of basket weaving with palm leaves disappeared as a profession during the sixties, however there are still many people in Terres de l'Ebre

who preserve this tradition and often show how it was done. Alfara de Carles, Mas de Barberans, Paüls and Els Reguers are just some of the villages where lots of baskets are still made. Different implements can be made by weaving with palm leaves, such as large baskets, covers for carafes or jugs. In some of these villages, workshops are held to recuperate this trade, as in Mas de Barberans where a fair dedicated to this art is celebrated, the name of this fair is "El Racó dels Artesans" "Craftsmen's Corner".

**2:00: Lunch Temps de Terra**

This project is developed in a very special agricultural and livestock farm in Cabiscol property, which is located on the high ground of Amposta, in the heart of the Terres de l'Ebre. Discover its organic orchard and vegetable gardens, apart from its workshops (cheese making or natural soap manufacture).

**5:30: Departure to Barcelona**

## LAKE PLACID

### Day 1:

Arrive at the Golden Arrow Lakeside Resort

Check in is 3 p.m.

Suggested evening activities:

- Take an evening stroll around Mirror Lake (2.7 miles)
- Explore Lake Placid's Main Street
- Dinner at Generations or another local establishment

### Day 2:

Breakfast at Generations

Tour of the Golden Arrow with Jenn Holdereid, Owner and GM, and Director of Marketing, Olivia Zeis

Adirondack Farm Tour with potential stops at:

- Asgaard Farm & Dairy
- Fledging Crow Vegetables
- Juniper Hill Farm
- Cornell Sugar Maple Research & Extension Program

Dinner at Generations Restaurant including cooking demonstration with Head Chef, David Hunt.

### Day 3:

Breakfast at Generations

Morning paddle using the resort's complimentary equipment

Checkout of the Golden Arrow Lakeside Resort at 11 a.m.

Visit to The Wild Center

Suggested hikes on your way out of town:

- **Mt. Jo and Heart Lake Loop | RT to summit – 3.6 Miles | Heart Lake Loop – 1 mile**

Reach the summit on this moderate climb – you can take the “short” or “long” routes to get there – and be rewarded with one the best views in the Adirondacks for a climb under 3,000 feet. Tack on a one-mile loop around adjacent Heart Lake at the end to unwind and stretch your legs after the climb.

➤ **Owl’s Head | RT to summit – 1.2 miles**

One of the region’s more popular short hikes (ideal for a quick workout or a family- friendly outing), Owl’s Head may lack in size, but more than makes up for its small stature with incredible summit views. Located approximately 12 miles out of town, the easily accessible trailhead is located on Owl’s Head Lane just off of Route 73.

➤ **Saranac Lake 6’ers | Distances Vary**

Established in 2012, the Saranac Lake 6’ers were started to recognize the region’s perhaps underrated area hikes under 4,000 feet and those not included in the Adirondacks’ 46 High Peaks. Like the coveted “46’er” title gained when summiting all 46 of the Adirondacks’ and New York’s highest peaks, those who summit all six of the Saranac Lake 6’ers earn the title of “6’er,” – or “Ultra 6’er” for the diehards who summit all six within 24 hours. Try Baker for a quick hike (1.8 miles RT), St. Regis (6.6 Miles RT) for something in between and McKenzie (10.6 miles RT) for a longer haul – all with wonderful summit views.



# MEET HAWAII: MIXING BUSINESS AND CULTURE

## Day 1: O‘ahu

### **1:57: Arrive in Honolulu**

*Upon arrival, proceed to customs and baggage claim. Exit to the street and wait by the information counter where you will be met by a SpeediShuttle greeter.*

Pick Up – 2:20 p.m.

Check into Sheraton Waikiki

### **6:00: Welcome Reception at RumFire, Sheraton Waikiki.**

Karen Hughes, Vice President of Meet Hawai‘i to join.

## Day 2: O‘ahu

### **7:30: Breakfast at Kai Market, Sheraton Waikiki**

### **9:00: Depart Sheraton Waikiki for Mānoa Heritage Center**

Half-Day Program: Pacific Islands Institute – Exploring Hawaiian Culture

- 9:20: Arrive Mānoa Heritage Center, chant, welcome
- 9:30: Docent tour of heiau and grounds
- 10:30: Gyotaku by Naoki - fish print your own t-shirt to take home
- 12-1:30: Hawaiian style lunch - with poi pounding demonstration

**4:00: Site Visit of Hawai‘i Convention Center** with Vickie Omura, Vice President of Citywide Sales for Meet Hawai‘i

**5:00: VIP entrance to “Corks and Forks” at Hawai‘i Food & Wine Festival,** held on the rooftop garden of the Hawai‘i Convention Center. This extraordinary event will feature 20 world-renown celebrity chefs and 20 of the Napa Valley’s Greatest Wine Estates, each pouring its own flagship wine.

**8:00: Depart festival and head back to hotel.**

**Day 3: O'ahu**

**Morning: Explore Waikiki on own**

**1:00: Check out and departure to North Shore.**

We can grab a bite (or a few bites) to eat on the North Shore.

**4:00: Check in to Turtle Bay Resort**

**5:30: Site inspection of Turtle Bay Resort** with Lance Rae, TLC PR for Turtle Bay Resort. Meet in lobby.

**6:30: Dinner at The Pavilion, Turtle Bay Resort**

**Day 4: O'ahu / Maui**

**On own: Breakfast at The Pavilion, Turtle Bay Resort.**

**9-10:30: Segway tour of North Shore**

**11:30: Depart for Honolulu International Airport.**

**3:19: Arrive Maui**

**4:00: Check in to Andaz Maui at Wailea**

**5:30: Site of Andaz Maui at Wailea** with Anita Rahman, Director of Sales and Marketing. Meet in lobby.

**6:30: Dinner at Ka'ana Kitchen.** Terryl Vencl, Executive Director of Maui Visitors and Convention Bureau to join.

**Day 5: Maui**

**9:15: Maui Hawaiian Village – 'Aina Nui Tour**

An educational hike through a village and restoration project. Visit and interact in different hands-on village hale (shelters) and learn native Hawaiian activities and practices using plants from the land. Fresh picked snacks provided through the journey. (Approximately 4 hours.)

**12: Lunch in Wailuku - TBD**

Afternoon: Relax on own

**4:45: Depart for Lahaina.**

**5:30: Check in at Old Lāhainā Lü'au**

**Day 6: Maui**

**9:30: Meet Kainoa in the lobby for a cultural tour.**

**All Day: Relax and explore Wailea on own**

**4:30: Site of Wailea Beach Marriott** with Bernie Caalim, Anthology PR for Wailea Beach Marriott.

**5:30 Dinner at Migrant Maui.** Brian Lynx, Vice President of Meetings, Conventions and Incentives for Hawai'i Tourism Authority to join.

**Day 7: Maui**

Enjoy one last day on beautiful Maui!

**3:15: Check out and depart Andaz Maui at Wailea**

**5:25: Depart Kahului for Honolulu**

## EXPERIENCE A TASTE OF LONG ISLAND

### **Day 1:**

#### **10:00: Cradle of Aviation Museum**

This aerospace museum commemorates Long Island's part in the history of aviation. It is located on land once part of Mitchel Air Force Base. Explore over 150,000 square feet featuring 75 air and spacecraft from a hot air balloon to an actual Apollo Lunar Module and learn about Long Island's role and why we are called the Cradle of Aviation. Our eight exhibit galleries are in chronological order and throughout the museum our volunteer docents are there to share their aerospace experience. There are over 30 hands-on exhibits, a half dozen cockpits to climb into and many short films through-out the exhibits.

#### **10:45: Oheka Castle**

*Tour and enjoy a Regal Lunch.* This magnificent Gold Coast Mansion, resting majestically on the highest point of Long Island, emanates the elegant refinement of a chateaux in France coupled with world-class service and a rich history that is distinctly American. OHEKA has been celebrating the art of entertaining since 1919, when financier and patron of the arts, Otto Hermann Kahn, commissioned celebrated architects, Delano and Aldrich, to design his palatial country residence to accommodate Kahn's fondness to host lavish parties

#### **1:15: Vanderbilt Mansion & Planetarium**

This remarkable mansion offers an intimate look at the life of a privileged family from the Jazz Age through the Second World War. The rooms are as William and Rosamund Vanderbilt left them, filled with priceless art, furnishings and personal possessions. When visitors walk through the Vanderbilt mansion, they enter a "living museum,"

an enchanting time capsule of a vanished era.

**2:30: Long Island Museum of History Art and Carriages**

The Long Island Museum is a place to rediscover the richness of America's cultural heritage, admire masterpieces of American art, marvel at the beauty and workmanship of historic horse-drawn carriages, and gain an understanding of how life was lived in earlier years. The Long Island Museum has the distinction of being a Smithsonian Affiliate. Tour Carriage Collection.

**3:45: Check into Hotel Indigo**

Freshen up before evening in Riverhead.

**5:00: East Wind Long Island**

*Hotel Tour.* Welcome to East Wind, Long Island's premier North Shore luxury destination. For over twenty years we have been providing exceptional service to our guests. Every aspect of our property is designed with you in mind — enjoy ample accommodations in our guest rooms, extensive services at our Spa, first class conference rooms and fine dining. Whether you are stopping by for dinner at Desmond's or spending your wedding weekend with us, our goal is to make your time here feel like an escape from the everyday.

**5:25: PURE North Fork**

Pure North Fork, the new restaurant he manages at Wading River's Great Rock Golf Club, to stand apart from its predecessor. A casual "craft bistro" emphasizing local ingredients and a casual atmosphere. Pure North Fork's menu offers an eclectic-but-accessible mix of bistro fare.

**7:00: Tanger Outlets Riverhead**

Enjoy time to explore and shop

**8:15: Depart for Hotel Indigo**

## Day 2

### **7:00: Breakfast and Checkout of Hotel Indigo**

### **8:00: Suffolk Theater**

The 350 seat Suffolk Theater is a unique Art Deco movie theater located on Main Street in historic downtown Riverhead, Long Island. R Thomas Short, of the New York firm, Harde and Short, was the original architect.

### **8:30: Long Island Aquarium & Exhibition Center**

Briefly see outdoor Seal exhibit and speak with representative. Long Island Aquarium provides an interactive and exciting educational experience by capturing the visitors' imaginations and emphasizing the importance of marine life and environmental preservation.

### **8:45: Depart for The North Fork**

We will travel Main Road to North Fork, sharing top sites.

### **9:15: Jedediah Hawkins Inn**

Surrounded by 22 acres of fragrant gardens and farmland, Jedediah Hawkins Inn is a luxurious boutique hotel on the North Fork of Long Island, celebrated for its history, genuine hospitality and delicious food and wine. Here you will want to stroll the gardens, savor a glass of local wine in the gazebo and explore the neighboring vineyards, farms and beaches of the North Fork. The beautiful property and historic buildings are a spectacular stage for a wedding or special event. Our receipt of the New York State Historic Preservation Award confirms our investment in the community's heritage and rejuvenation.

### **9:50: Depart for Love Lane**

Love Lane is a Norman Rockwell street of small shops, restaurants and a vineyard tasting room, steps from both a train station and the Hampton Jitney stops.

### **10:00: The Village Cheese Shop**

The Village Cheese Shop offers world class cheeses, meats and specialty imports, does wine pairings and other special events and offers lunch.

The owner, Michael Affatato, used to own a French winery and made his own wine.

**10:30: Wickham's Fruit Farm**

Wickham's Fruit Farm is located on 28700 Main Road (Rte 25) in Cutchogue, Long Island, about 90 miles east of New York City. Wickham's fruit is grown on some of the oldest continually cultivated land in the country, much of the farm dating from 1661. Wickham's Fruit Farm is an historic, bicentennial farm, beautiful to behold against the sparkling waters of Peconic Bay. It is one of the largest farms on the North Fork, approximately 300 acres, of which 200 acres are in fruit. Although closed for the season, Tom Wickham will meet us and give us a driving tour of the farm/you pick apples & other activities. Wickham's plays host to tour buses and is located in downtown Cutchogue, so that people can walk & window shop too.

**10:45: Depart for Heron Suites/Port of Egypt**

Heron Suites is a lovely waterside hotel in Southold, with good conference facilities and is a short stroll to A Lure, a great local restaurant. It's situated next to Port of Egypt Marina, so people who want to travel by boat have an easy way visit the North Fork in style. At this stop we'll just walk in to the lobby, see a room and the event space, and note its location to A Lure.

**11:10: East End Seaport Museum/Downtown Greenport.**

We will unload at the East End Seaport Museum, and Ian Wile of the Board of Directors will meet us, open the museum, and then lead us through Mitchell Park and down Front Street. Ian is a local Oyster Farmer, and has a fun tasting room downtown.

**Sweet Indulgences**

Sweet Indulgences, located on the North Fork of Long Island, is the premier choice for your gift giving needs. Our elegant gift shop is stocked with items chosen in good taste with a sense of whimsy and fun. When visiting The Hamptons or Shelter Island, add Sweet Indulgences to your list of places you

must see. Our selection of delectable treats and sophisticated décor is sure to satisfy. They will give us a sweet treat when we stop in.

We will explore downtown Greenport, which has a lot to offer, including stopping in at Greenport Harbor Brewing Company

The idea began a long time ago, over... well... a pretty terrible beer. You see we (John from NY and Rich from Boston) met in college and had to drink what beer we could afford in those days. As the years went on, the better the beer we consumed, the more we were consumed by it. We learned everything about beer. We tasted it, studied it, and brewed it- all in pursuits of one day starting our own brewery. Today we have two brewing locations on Carpenter Street in Greenport and a bottling plant/tasting room in Peconic. You can find our beer in bottle & on-tap across Long Island and New York City and have extended distribution into Upstate New York and Connecticut this past spring.

**12:20: Orient Point Ferry**

Briefly discuss the convenient transportation to Long Island via the Ferry, chat about popular Sport Fishing and take in the beautiful scene. Along the way we will point out several notable sights.

**12:30: Depart for Shorecrest Bed & Breakfast**

*Meet the owner and tour property/private beach.* Shorecrest is surrounded by the waters of the Long Island Sound and an inlet of Shelter Bay. Built originally as a summer home for a wealthy New Jersey Doctor, our Long Island bed and breakfast retains the original beach rights with private beaches and moorings to both the Long Island Sound and the Bay; the former perfect for swimming, snorkeling and walking and the latter for fishing, sailing and water sports. Five guest rooms, each with private baths, feature central air conditioning, flat screen TVs, premium cable, hi-speed wireless internet, and the finest linens and mattresses to ensure the comfort and enjoyment of our guests. Each morning our inn guests are treated to a wonderful gourmet breakfast in the inn's dining room.



**12:50: Catapano Dairy Farm**

Catapano Farms is a sustainable agriculture business that takes pride in all of its plants. We are devoted to providing high quality plants grown from seeds and cuttings in our greenhouses and surrounding farms in a more and more sustainable way. Catapano Dairy Farm, formerly in Mattituck, sells plain chevre, the soft goat cheese, as well as one made with locally raised garlic and another made with lemon-pepper, particularly good with Semillon and Chardonnay wines from local vineyards. They also sell three other goat cheeses: feta, Cheddar and a blue called Peconic Mist.

**1:10: Pindar Vineyards**

At Pindar Vineyards, our award-winning wines are quite literally dreams come true. It was the dream of our founder, Dr. Herodotus “Dan” Damianos that helped create the winemaking industry on Long Island in the early 1980’s. And that dream has, over 35 years, turned Pindar Vineyards into Long Island’s best-known wine producer. Today Pindar Vineyards encompasses more than 500 scenic acres. We grow 17 varieties of grapes, crafting them into some 23 varietals and proprietary blends. We produce 70,000 cases of wine a year, making us the largest vineyard on Long Island. But at heart we are still a family with a personal touch in every aspect of our business. At Pindar we’ll have a North Fork smorgasbord lunch with a little wine, followed by a proper five-wine tasting. We’ll take a tour too.

**3:30: Alex Ferrone Photography Gallery**

Welcome to the Alex Ferrone Photography Gallery. As the only one of its kind on the North Fork, we exhibit contemporary fine art photography by award-winning seasoned and emerging photographic artists. Fine art photography admirers and collectors can enjoy opportunities to meet our exhibiting artists during our special events that include opening receptions and luncheon Gallery Talks

**3:45: Depart for Grand Central Terminal**