



PRESIDENTIAL TOUR DUBAI & INDIA

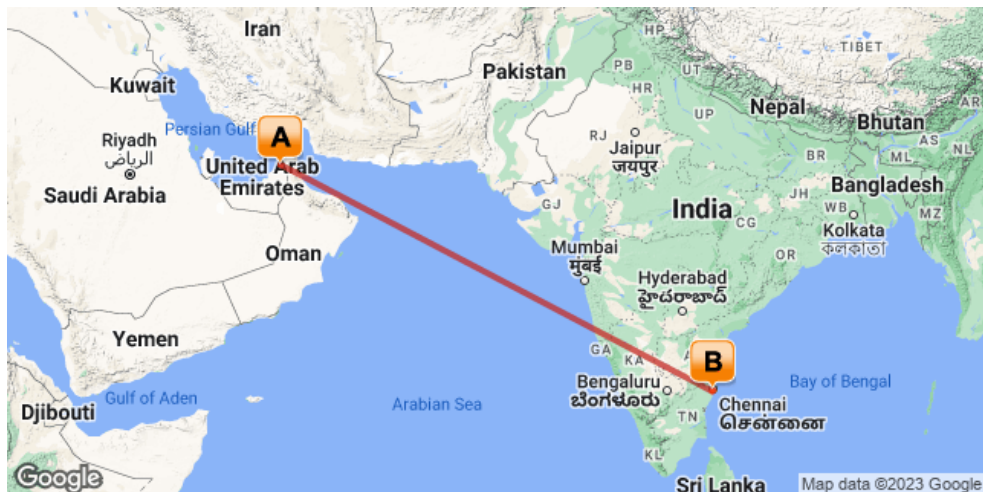
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DUBAI



CHENNAI





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Day 1: Overnight Travel (Sat, 11 November)

Day Itinerary

20H00 Meet at ORT Airport for your flight on Emirates Airlines to Dubai.

22H20 Depart on Emirates Airlines.

Day 2: Avani Deira Dubai Hotel, Dubai (Sun, 12 November)

United Arab Emirates

The United Arab Emirates (UAE), in the eastern part of the Arabian Peninsula, extends along part of the Gulf of Oman and the southern coast of the Persian Gulf. From glittering first-world cities to rich cultural history and breathtaking nature, the UAE provides something for every type of traveller. Chic, fast-paced Dubai provides every modern (and futuristic) comfort; Abu Dhabi is a capital of culture with its galleries, museums and traditional food; and Ajman and Fujairah offer incredible swimming, diving and water sports in their clear, warm waters. The country boasts many world records: the world's fastest roller coaster, the tower with the greatest lean, and the largest cluster of 21st-century cultural buildings. The green Mangrove National Park, sprawling orange Dubai desert, and dramatic cliff faces of the Snoopy Islands plunging into turquoise water are only a few of the spectacular natural wonders of this abundant country.

Dubai

The capital of the Emirate of Dubai, the city of Dubai is located on the coast of the Persian Gulf and is synonymous with size and pushing the limits – first, largest, tallest. Aside from this, the attraction of the metropolis is a dreamy world of sites and unheard-of luxuries, shopping centres, nightlife, and cutting-edge hotels. Famous constructions include Burj Khalifa, The Palm, Burj Al Arab, The World Island. Although Dubai strictly safeguards its traditional practices, it allows space for other religions to breathe, a rare quality amongst the conservative Arab world. The combination of all this means Dubai has emerged as a cosmopolitan mega power, a global city, and travel, business, and cultural hub of the Middle East.



Day Itinerary

08H15 Arrive in Dubai. Met and assisted through airport procedures.



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Start your touring of the Dubai's Old Quarter. This will include visiting the historical Fahidi district, crossing the creek with an Abra ride (small boat that the locals use to cross the creek), visit the gold souk and the spice souk for a walk through a quick bit of shopping. Then you will have time to visit Burj Khalifa. This is the tallest building in the world, standing at 828 metres.

Enjoy lunch at AlHalab Restaurant. www.alhallabrestaurant.com

Transfer to hotel for check in and a quick freshen up.

16H00 Depart hotel for a Premium Desert Dune bashing experience with dinner in the desert. This will include 4x4 vehicle transfers from hotel to the desert, dune bashing drive to high dune for photo stop and sunset. Then drive down to the safari camp for camel riding photo opportunity, henna sessions, Arabic Shisha, belly dance show and buffet dinner with Barbecue and show and transfer back to hotel. This dinner includes unlimited alcohol, soft drinks and water.

Overnight: Avani Deira Dubai Hotel

With vibrant streets, winding alleys through scent-filled souks and a short drive to Dubai International Airport, AVANI Deira Dubai Hotel is ideally located to combine business and pleasure. A contemporary, comfy haven with all the modern conveniences you could wish for. For guests that need to work hard or want to play hard, we take care of the details that matter so you can relax and enjoy your downtime.

Only 4km from Dubai International Airport in a cultural hotspot of the city, AVANI Deira Dubai hotel is perfectly situated for a city break. A ten-minute taxi drive from the central business district with the metro on the doorstep, guests have easy access to a number of malls and attractions. For visitors who wish to explore on foot, Dubai Creek and the world-famous Gold Souk are within walking distance.

With five different room types for travellers to choose from and a host of amenities, there's a place to suit to all guests. Contemporary and stylish with complimentary WiFi in all 216 rooms, escape from the city in comfort. Perfect for business travellers and conference delegates with executive rooms and in-room desks. Couples and families can also benefit from interconnecting rooms and extra suite space.





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Activities

- Al Fahidi Historical Neighbourhood
- Dubai Creek
- Dubai Gold Souk
- Deira Spice Souk
- At the Top Burj Khalifa
- Dubai Desert Experience

Al Fahidi Historical Neighbourhood

Located on the western side of Dubai Creek, Al Fahidi Historical Neighbourhood consists of an array of buildings, shops, and cultural centres, all of which reflect the traditional style of the mid-19th century. The architecture allows visitors to gather a sense of what Dubai was like during the days of spice trade and fishing ventures.

While in the historical neighbourhood, visitors can enjoy an array of cultural and artistic activities such as exhibits and specialised museums. The area also hosts several events such as Sikka Art Fair and Heritage Week.

Dubai Creek

Located within Dubai, Dubai Creek is a saltwater creek that historically divided the city into two main sections - Deira and Bur Dubai. It was along the Bur Dubai creek area that members of the Bani Yas tribe first settled in the 19th century, establishing the Al Maktoum dynasty in the city. Today, the creek has been a part of numerous large developments and extension, including the Dubai Water Canal and Dubai Creek Harbour.

Dubai Gold Souk

Located in Deira, the heart of Dubai's commercial district, the Dubai Gold Souk is a traditional market with over 300 retailers trading almost exclusively in silver, gold, and platinum jewellery; much of it set with precious or semi-precious stones. This glittering market has long been one of Dubai's most popular attractions and with the government exercising strict control over the quality of the precious metals and stones, one can be assured of getting the real deal when buying jewellery here.

Deira Spice Souk

Also known as the Old Souk, as the name suggests it is the largest and the oldest souk in Dubai city. The spice souk has a number of narrow lanes dotted with open and closed roof spice shops. As you walk along the winding streets, you can see traders as well as shoppers haggling with the shop keepers. Bargaining is an entirely new experience and to watch the "professional hagglers" carrying on is a sight to behold. Since the Dubai spice souk is the oldest one around, it looks more traditional than the others.

Another fascinating sight is watching the wholesaler packing your purchases which were packed and shipped in Hessian pouches. This keeps the spices fresh and aromatic for a long time. Without any doubts, they are spices of the highest quality and reasonably priced at the same time. The world famous Arab dried fruits are also available. Spices and dried fruits make excellent gifts for special occasions. Food lovers can go wild and buy them to experiment authentic Arab cuisines.

The Dubai spice souk is located just next to the gold souk. The best way to get to the souk is to walk towards the wind towers on the Deira side of the creek. The souk is opened from 10 am to 10 pm every day. The best time to visit would be in the evening because afternoons could get quite warm.



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At the Top Burj Khalifa

Located in downtown Dubai, At the Top Burj Khalifa offers visitors the opportunity to experience amazing views of the city from the tallest building in the world. Visitors can enjoy a personalised tour guided by a guest ambassador. The tour includes the opportunity for visitors to step out onto the highest observation deck with a height of 555 meters and view some of Dubai's most famous landmarks. After this lovely experience, visitors can enjoy signature refreshments at the SKY Lounge.



Dubai Desert Experience

A Trip to the desert is full of fun and adventure. Experience the thrill of a roller coaster ride on the sand dunes then take a pause and view the splendour of the beautiful sunset as it begins to lower over the horizon.

The journey will continue to the Bedouin Campsite in the heart of the desert and upon arrival you will be refreshed with soft drinks, mineral water, tea or coffee. Freshly ground Arabic gahwa (coffee) is served while you enter the camp.

In the camp, you can take a camel for a ride or decorate your hands with a traditional 'henna' design. Alternatively, dress yourself in some traditional local clothing for some fun photo selfies. After all that – relax and recline on a carpet and pillows in the tents while waiting for the sumptuous BBQ dinner to be served. After relishing the meal, take a chance to try some shisha that comes in a variety of flavours. Before we conclude the night, a belly dancer will perform an exciting and mesmerizing show following the rhythms of traditional Arabic music.



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Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 3: Avani Deira Dubai Hotel, Dubai (Mon, 13 November)

Day Itinerary

After breakfast transfer to the Caterpillar Factory for a half day facility tour. In the afternoon half day to attend customer short course in AFA and Component Durability.

<https://www.caterpillar.com/en/news/corporate-press-releases/h/caterpillar-to-establish-regional-training-center-in-dubai.html>

<https://catdealer.com/en/cat-resources/training-events/global-dealer-learning/dubai-learning-center.html>

Then return to the hotel to freshen up.

19H00 dinner at Aldwar Revolving Restaurant. www.hyattrestaurants.com/en/dining/uae/dubai/international-restaurant-in-deira-corniche-al-dawaar-revolving-restaurant.

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 4: The Residency Towers, Chennai (Tue, 14 November)

India

Vast, diverse, deeply spiritual and utterly unforgettable, India is unlike anywhere else on earth – a melting pot of ethnicities and religions, a treasure trove of history and culture, and a curious mixture of chaos and serenity. Stretching across more than three million square kilometres, it encompasses a staggering array of landscapes, vistas and environs, and offers unparalleled travel experiences – from the beautiful beaches of Goa to the compelling craziness of Kolkata, the sacred Ganges river banks of Varanasi, the snow-capped peaks of the Himalayas in Kashmir and the ancient, exquisitely crafted temples dotted across the entire country. Not to mention the vibrant, friendly people, and the incredible cuisine.



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Chennai

Chennai is Tamil Nadu's coastal capital and one of India's financial, cultural and tourism hubs. Attractions include the city's beaches, museums, shopping areas and historical sites, particularly the centrally located Kapaleeshwar Temple – a historical shrine to the goddess Shiva, featuring gaudily decorative gopurams (towers) covered with colourful carvings – and the group of ancient rock-carved temples at Mahabalipuram, a UNESCO World Heritage Site located roughly 60 kilometres from the city centre. Also of interest is the Guindy National Park, which occupies nearly three square kilometres of greenery in the city centre and is home to an array of birds, reptiles and (mainly smallish) mammals.

Day Itinerary

Morning at leisure

12H00 Transfer to the airport for your flight to Chennai, India.

14H45 EK546 departs.

20H10 Arrive in Chennai. Met and transferred directly to The Residency Towers. Dinner in the hotel and check-in.

You will spend the next five nights at this hotel in single rooms.

Overnight: The Residency Towers

The Residency Towers Hotel Chennai is centrally located in the bustling city centre with many corporate and shopping areas close by. The 4 star business class hotel is a combination of luxury and traditional warmth in the heart of Chennai. The hotel contains 174 luxurious rooms and suites which are equipped with Wi-Fi, minibars, in room safe, coffee makers, hair dryers and 42 Inch LCD TV's. The Residency Towers Hotel is 25 minutes from the Chennai International Airport and is also easily accessible from the train and bus stations as well.



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 5: The Residency Towers, Chennai (Wed, 15 November)

Day Itinerary

Early morning departs from the hotel with breakfast packs for the drive from Chennai to CIPL Factory. This is a trip of approx. 1H50. (45kms)

Address: Melnallathur Post, Vengathur, Thiruvallur – 602002 Tamil Nadu, India.

Full-day technical visit at CIPL factory (Client will arrange the visit and lunch).



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Return to the hotel in time to freshen up and depart to Paati Veedu Restaurant for dinner. This restaurant serves excellent vegetarian Indian cuisine.

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 6: The Residency Towers, Chennai (Thu, 16 November)

Day Itinerary

After breakfast, transfer by coach to Caterpillar India Engineering Solutions.

Address: No: 5/142, Rajiv Gandhi Salai (Old Mahabalipuram Road), Perungudi, Chennai – 600096 Tamil Nadu, India.

Full-day visit at Caterpillar India (Client will arrange the visit). Afternoon Lunch by own arrangement.

Return by coach to hotel to freshen up.

Evening: Dinner at Anna Lakshmi Restaurant (Vegetarian Indian cuisine)

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 7: The Residency Towers, Chennai (Fri, 17 November)

Day Itinerary

After breakfast, you will depart on a tour of Chennai.

Visit Santhome Cathedral Basilica church and Kapeeshwara Temple. Then proceed for an orientation tour to Marina Beach & drive past the British Buildings.

Lunch at the hotel Residency.

Afternoon free time for shopping.

Evening: Presidential dinner - Transfer to Hotel The Raintree - St Mary's. Dinner will be held at their rooftop restaurant "Above Sea Level" in a section blocked off for your group. There is also a 14th-level rooftop Resto bar which boasts fantastic views of the Chennai skyline.

Activities

Santhome



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Santhome

Santhome is situated in Mylapore in the Chennai District of India. The name Santhome originated from Saint Thomas, whose tomb can be found beneath San Thome Church. The Santhome Cathedral is a local attraction where travellers around the world come to visit or pray at the tomb.

Basis

Bed and Breakfast



Day 8: End of Itinerary (Sat, 18 November)

Day Itinerary

06H00 Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

09H45 Depart on EK545 for Dubai. On arrival in Dubai connect onto EK765 departing at 14H40 for Johannesburg.

20H50 Arrive back in Johannesburg.