



## Jewels of the Emirates and Dubai



**February 27 – March 9, 2010**

Explore the spectacular shores of the Persian Gulf onboard balcony cabins on the Royal Caribbean Brilliance of the Seas. The heart of your cruise is Dubai, one of the most exclusive cities in the world. The second largest of the seven Emirates that

make up the United Arab Emirates, Dubai offers you a combination of ultra modern skyscrapers and century old mosques filled with history. The sun shines year-round on un-crowded and pristine beaches amidst the shopping mecca of the world. During your stay in Dubai you will be amazed at how the city has transformed its desert dunes into iconic skyscrapers. You will enjoy the charming alleys of the legendary Arabian souqs where shopkeepers attract your attention to their glittering wares. Dine at the world renowned "Atlantis" for lunch. Once onboard the Brilliance of the Seas you will set sail for Oman, a stunning landscape and a different world. Muscat the capital is surrounded by splendid ancient walls. Once in Fujairah you will discover the mysterious landscapes of red dunes and rock, where you can visit traditional stone houses. Once you arrive at the capital of the Emirates, Abu Dhabi, you will be in the richest city in the world. You will dine with the rich and famous at the Emirates Palace. The cruise finally touches upon tiny Bahrain where ancient and modern again blend in harmony offering unforgettable contrasts. Upon your return to Dubai you will experience the exhilarating thrill of sand surfing in the desert, riding camels and watching the sun touch down over endless miles of sand before dining under the stars. Your final day in Dubai is filled with last minute shopping at the Mall of the Emirates where you can ski indoors.

## Included Features

- Roundtrip scheduled airline service from Toronto to Abu Dhabi on Etihad Airlines.
- Meet and Greet at the airport with English speaking guide and return transfers, inclusive of baggage handling.
- (2) Nights accommodation at the 5 star Crowne Plaza Hotel at Festival City
- Accommodations for 7 nights in balcony cabins onboard the Royal Caribbean "Brilliance of the Seas".
- Most meals as noted on itinerary
- Alumni Group excursions as noted on itineraries. You also have the option of purchasing any of Royal Caribbean's offered tours on your free days.
- Educational programs with local expert in Dubai and Abu Dhabi.
- Alumni Reception with fellow Alumni from the UAE
- Designated Program Specialist to assist with pre trip information.
- Trip booklet specific to destination highlights and cultural information
- Services of a Travel Director and English Speaking Guide

Please note the following are additional charges:

- Gratuities – Land & Cruise
- Alcoholic Beverages and beverages charged by the cruise line.
- Personal incidentals

Travel By Design recommends travellers contact our office for travel insurance for this trip. A special group rate will apply.

As well we offer flexibility and can customize your pre and post trips. Please ask about our 5 day Jordan post trip extension. Air and all inclusive land package: \$1600.00 CAD per person, double occupancy.



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# Daily Itinerary

<b>Day 1</b> February 27	Depart Toronto (your gateway city) for Dubai onboard Etihad Flight 140 departing at 9:45 PM. Direct flying time is 13 hours from Toronto to Abu Dhabi. Meals on board flight.
<b>Day 2</b> February 28	Meet and greet at the airport upon arrival in Abu Dhabi at 7:45 PM. Your group will be transferred to the 5 star Crowne Plaza Festival City. Remainder of evening on own.
<b>Day 3</b> March 1 DUBAI	After a wonderful breakfast the group will experience the city of Dubai. During your tour you will enjoy such sights as the only world renowned 7 star hotel, the Burj Al Arab. Next you will travel to the Jumeria Mosque, a magnificent example of modern Islamic architecture. Here you will have a private group session and be educated on the Islamic culture and religion. Following lunch at the amazing Atlantis Hotel you will travel to the Bastakia area which is the oldest in Dubai, where you will see ancient houses known as Wind Towers. After your visit to the Museum you will be enticed to the aromatic spice souq and the extensive gold souq where you can purchase gold jewellery at prices lower then anywhere else in the world. Late afternoon you will board Royal Caribbean’s “Brilliance of Seas”. B/L/Private Group Reception & Dinner
<b>Day 4</b> March 2 DEPART DUBAI	After breakfast you have leisure time to revisit your favourite sites or stroll through alleyways and shop. You must be onboard by noon as your ship departs at 1:00 PM. The afternoon is yours to relax. Evening Group Dinner. B/L/Group Dinner On Board
<b>Day 5</b> March 3 MUSCAT	Brilliance of the Seas arrives in Oman at 9:00 AM. Muscat is a thriving, strategically located port on the Arabian peninsula. It has a somewhat medi-eval appearance with two Old Portuguese forts. Here the Alumni Group will enjoy a tour through Muscat with a visit to the Grand Mosque which is the largest in the world. Following the mosque is a visit to the Multrah Souq which is the oldest in Oman. Stroll the streets and shop. From here the group visits the Al Alam Palace. Lunch is included on your tour. B/L/Group Dinner On Board
<b>Day 6</b> March 4 FUJAIRAH	Today is a day at leisure for you to enjoy yourself onboard or walk through the city. Fujairah is one of the seven Emirates on the Gulf of Oman. This Emirate is surrounded by a mountain ridge. B/L/Group Dinner On Board
<b>Day 7</b> March 5 ABU DHABI	Abu Dhabi is the wealthiest Emirate and considered the richest city in the world. The Alumni group will depart the ship at 9:00 am for a full day tour. The group will enjoy a visit to the Emirates Heritage Club which educates the new generation on their forefathers heritage. A visit to the Al Ain University which was established in 1977. A stop at the Petroleum Exhibition depicts the great economic development of the Emirates. A highlight on this day is lunch at the Emirates Palace where the rich and famous stay. B/L/Group Dinner On Board
<b>Day 8</b> March 6 BAHRAIN	Officially the Kingdom of Bahrain. Here lies a borderless island country in the Persian Gulf and it is the smallest Arab state. Pearl diving was the main economy until the 20th century when oil was discovered. This is a day for each traveller to enjoy their own interest. B/L/ Group Dinner On Board
<b>Day 9</b> March 7 DUBAI	Brilliance of the Seas returns to Dubai. This afternoon you will be picked up at the pier and taken to the stark dessert in 4 x 4 vehicles. You will enjoy surfing the sand dunes, riding camels and dining under the stars. After your dinner and show you will be transferred back to the ship for your final evening on board. B/L/Dinner in the Dessert
<b>Day 10</b> March 8 TORONTO	Today you will depart the ship and be taken on a shopping tour of Dubai. You will be amazed at the Mall of the Emirates with its indoor ski hill. Your every wish will be fulfilled with highly recommended souqs and shops offering local fare. After checking into the Crowne Plaza Festival City, you will have some leisure time to relax before your evening reception with local alumni living in the area. B
<b>Day 11</b> March 9 ABU DHABI – TORONTO	Today you will be returning home. After breakfast you will be transferred to the Abu Dhabi airport for your flight home. Etihad Flight 141 departs Abu Dhabi at 10:10 AM and arrives in Toronto the same day at 4:20 pm. B/Onboard meals



# Cost

**\$4598.00** Canadian per person based on double occupancy  
Taxes additional.

**5 Night Jordan Extension Trip** available with air, all inclusive land:  
\$1600 CAD per person based on double.

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Etihad Airline is an international airline with recent notoriety for top service and style. Etihad operates non stop flights between Toronto, Chicago, and Abu Dhabi. Etihad has won awards for Best World Service and Performance and is the national carrier of Abu Dhabi.

## The Cruise Line

Royal Caribbean sails to some of the most popular cities and destinations across the globe. Its growing fleet of innovative, stylish ships is relaxed, elegant and upscale with a broad appeal. Brilliance of the Seas was built in 2002 and refurbished in 2005. This ship is rated a 5 star. Onboard you will enjoy all the comforts and views in your balcony cabins.

## The Hotel

Crowne Plaze Festival City is new 5 star hotel located on the waterfront called “Festival City”. It is attached to a reception centre with the Intercontinental Hotel and one of the largest malls in Dubai. Top groomed golf courses are within walking distance.

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