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# Best of Sharjah



## Itinerary

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Half day tour with highlights on best places to visit.

### Visit Central Souk

Open since 1979, the legendary Central Souk is the most famous souk in Sharjah and is a must-see destination for all shoppers.

Discover an extraordinary collection of handicrafts, brilliant in colour and magnetic in appeal.

Delve into a maze of more than 600 exciting and intriguing shops split between two levels with spacious corridors that take you from store to store, to uncover unusual treasures and traditional gift items, handmade goods and regional imports.

You will find a mixture of shops selling gold, silver, authentic jewellery, precious stones, beautiful modern jewellery, to impressive collections of Oriental carpets and rugs, arts, crafts and attractive ornaments, cameras, models of traditional Arab dhows (sailing vessels) in silver; precious Arabic perfumes and cosmetics, textiles, beaded bags, exquisite embroideries, shawls in brilliant colours, antiques and copper trays in all sizes, and much more.

### Visit Heart of Sharjah

The Heart of Sharjah is a prominent model of traditional human settlement in the United Arab Emirates and the Arabian Gulf where historical components of the city are still visible.

In this rich cultural milieu, the narrow alleyways, old school buildings, the market places and traditional homes take on a meaning beyond the merely physical. They reflect every social, political, military and cultural aspect of life, and all forms of creative art left behind by the forefathers, shining a light on significant stages of the Emirati cultural history.

In Heart of Sharjah Area, you will see handcrafted works of art and objects that date back to a time when local people relied solely on fishing and pearling. Trace the development of education, currency and the early postal system. Discover the traditional skills and crafts relating to jewellery, costumes, herbal medicine, music and folklore.

Make sure you visit Heritage Museum, Sharjah Fort (Al Hisn), Souk Al Arsah and Souk Al Shanasiyah.

### Visit Sharjah Museum of Islamic Civilization

The Sharjah Museum of Islamic Civilization holds thousands of rare and important Islamic artifacts, here; you can admire the timeless achievements of Islamic civilization and its universality, learn about aspects of Islamic faith, science, discoveries and culture, and cherish the beauty of Islamic art.

The Museum houses more than five thousand exquisite Islamic artefacts from all over the Islamic World, arranged according to themes over seven spacious galleries and display areas.

### **Visit Al Noor Island**

Sharjah's newest leisure attraction has been designed and developed to inspire the senses with spacious landscaped areas, innovative architecture and multi-media experiences.

A number of art installations from around the world provide further inspiration for visitors, including the 'OVO', 'Torus' and various light paintings visible after dark.

Al Noor Island's new Butterfly House is expected to provide a big draw for residents and visitors to Sharjah. With ornamentally perforated shadow roof inspired by ornate Arab windows (mashrabiya), the aviary will house as many as 500 exotic butterflies native to a variety of countries. Butterfly species include the African Monarch (*Danaus chrysippus*), the Autumn Leaf (*Doleschallia bisaltide*) from India and the Common Rose swallow-tail butterfly (*Pachliopta aristolochiae*) which is found across South East Asia.

### **Lunch at Al Majaz Waterfront**

Featuring special attractions including landscaped gardens, cafes, shops, kiosks and the 100meter height and 200 meters wide Sharjah fountain, Al Majaz waterfront is an ideal venue for a relaxed breakfast, healthy lunch, dinner with the family, late night coffee, or a business meeting any time of day.

The picture-perfect backdrop of the musical cybernetic Sharjah Fountain, a key feature of the place, makes dining at the Al Majaz Waterfront restaurants and cafes a sheer delight.

Please avoid mid day hours when planning outdoor activities during hot days.  
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