



# Arabian Cruise

## Arabian Gulf & Spice of India Cruise

17 days / 16 nights

from **\$3949\***  
per person twin share

Departs Australia 24 March 2012



**Includes  
Airlines  
ex Australia  
& 35 meals**



Visitors to Dubai and the Emirates can't help but marvel at its stunning beauty, rich history and brilliant promise as one of the world's fastest-growing luxury travel destinations. There's plenty to explore, whether you'd rather dive among the coral reef in the azure waters of Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt, or dive right into Dubai's sprawling Mall of Emirates – with over 200 shops and an indoor ski slope that you must see to believe.

Cruise from Dubai to India to visit places such as Bombay, Goa, New Mangalore and Cochin. Experience the sights, sounds and spectacular colours of India before heading back to Dubai, via Muscat, Oman.

### Itinerary

**24 Mar 12: Australia – Dubai.** Fly from Australia to Dubai.

**25 Mar 12: Arrive Dubai.** Upon arrival you will be met and transferred to the hotel by private car.

*Accommodation: Ascot Hotel, Dubai – 1 night*

**26 Mar 12: Dubai.** Transfer to cruise terminal to commence 12 nights "Brilliance of the Seas" Dubai to Dubai Cruise. *Depart 6pm* (B,D)

**27 - 29 Mar 12: Cruising** (B,L,D)

**30 Mar 12: Bombay (Mumbai), India** *Arrive 8am depart 9pm*

The Hollywood of India, Mumbai (previously known as Bombay) is a unique city pulsating with energy, life and excitement. You can find everything from vibrant street scenes and the country's best nightlife to an abundance of shops. With all there is to see and do, you'll discover that Mumbai truly lives up to its billing as the 'City of Dreams'. (B,L,D)

**31 Mar 12: Goa (Mormugao), India** *Arrive 11am depart 6pm*

How can you resist a place whose local motto is 'Sossegade', which translates to 'Take it Easy'? These days Goa is more hip than hippie. Upmarket restaurants and shopping complement the dreamy beach life and Goa's easygoing streets make an easy and rewarding first introduction to India. Goa's historical atmosphere, shaped by a fascinating mix of Portuguese and Indian influences, is unique. The Portuguese presence can still be felt in customs like the siesta the easygoing Goans take every afternoon. Sossegade! (B,L,D)

**01 Apr 12: New Mangalore, India** *Arrive 8am depart 5pm*

Mangalore is a port city and the headquarters of Dakshina Kannada district in the coastal region of Karnataka State in India. Mangalore is named after the Goddess Mangaladevi. Mangalore is a blend of the new and the old with the increasing influx of students from various states of India and different parts of the world, Mangalore has virtually become a 'melting pot' of cultures, given the various communities that make up the social framework of Mangalore: the Tuluvas, the Brahmins, the Konkani Catholics, the Bearys, the Goud-Saraswath Brahmins (Konkanas), Devang's (m'lore kannada and tulu) etc. (B,L,D)

**02 Apr 12: Cochin, India** *Arrive 7am depart 4pm*

One of the finest natural harbours on the Arabian coast of India, Kochi (also known as Cochin) was once known as the centre of the Indian spice trade. Nowadays, the town has a distinct European feel, due to the fact that it was once inhabited by the Portuguese, Dutch and English. Their influence on the town's forts, palaces, museums and old churches is still evident today. Which is why Kochi is known as the 'Queen of the Arabian Sea'. (B,L,D)

**03 - 04 Apr 12: Cruising** (B,L,D)



Prices per person twin share Ex Melbourne, Sydney & Brisbane		
Departs	Inside	Outside
24 March 2012	<b>\$3949*</b>	<b>\$4199*</b>

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### Price Includes:

- Return economy class airfares from Melbourne/Sydney/Brisbane to Dubai with Emirates Airlines.
- Accommodation, tours, meals and transfers as indicated in the itinerary.
- 12 nights - 5 Star – Dubai Cruise with Royal Caribbean on "Brilliance of the Seas" from Dubai – choice of cabin including all meals and entertainment whilst on board.
- \*Airport taxes, Cruise taxes, Port charges and Cruise gratuities. Subject to alteration until final payment has been received by our office.

### Note:

- Airfares are only guaranteed when paid in full.
- \*Prices are correct at time of print but are subject to availability, currency fluctuations and surcharges and are only guaranteed when paid in full.
- Single travellers ask about our companion register
- Flexible itinerary, contact us to tailor make an itinerary for you.

**05 Apr 12: Muscat, Oman** *Arrive 12pm depart 7pm*

As one of the Middle East's oldest cities dating back to the 2nd century AD, it's hard to believe that Muscat has been open to tourists for only a few decades. But seeing is believing! From the beautifully manicured parks and long, unspoiled stretches of beach to the stone moat that still surrounds the area, it is clear that Oman's monarchy has worked hard to protect the rich history and small, safe neighbourhood feel of its capital city. (B,L,D)

**06 Apr 12: Dubai, United Arab Emirates** *Arrive 2pm*

Believe everything you've heard about Dubai – it truly is that incredible. Honestly, where else on earth can you ski both in a shopping centre and out in the desert? As one of the world's fastest growing cities, Dubai has emerged as a premier luxury travel destination, drawing visitors from all over the globe. Its dry and sunny weather, incredible shopping experiences and unique tourist attractions have helped to turn it into a bona fide hot spot where ancient and modern cultures come together. (B,L,D)

**07 Apr 12: Dubai, United Arab Emirates.** Disembark and transfer from cruise terminal to hotel by private car. (B)

*Accommodation: Ascot Hotel, Dubai- 1 night*

**08 Apr 12: Dubai – Australia.** Transfer to airport. Fly from Dubai to Australia. (B)

**09 Apr 12: Arrive Australia**



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