

## **Ensemble Experience**

### **FUJAIRAH, U. A. E.**

Ship/Sailing:	Seven Seas Navigator	October 23, 2008
Tour Date:	October 27, 2008	
Ship Time in Port:	8:00 am -	6:00 pm
Tour Name:	<b><i>The Fujairah Express</i></b>	
Full Day Tour:	Depart: 9:00 am	Return: 4:00 pm

Enjoy a day exploring tiny Fujairah, the only emirate situated entirely along the Gulf of Oman. This is a place of considerable natural beauty with a breathtaking coastline stretching than 90km and where jagged mountains and valleys sweep down to the settled palm-fringed coastal plain. Stunning beaches abound while the interior features many cultural and historic sites. Agriculture and fishing remain traditional components of the economy.

Your circle tour today begins with a brief stop at the historic Fujairah Fort. Built about 360 years ago it is set on a hill at the edge of date gardens and surrounded by the remains of old mud-brick houses. The fort was severely damaged early in the 20<sup>th</sup> century by a British bombardment but is being restored. Next visit the small Fujairah Museum not far from the fort and opposite the Sheik's Palace. On display are beautiful artifacts excavated from archaeological digs at Qidfa, Bitnah and other area locations.

Then drive on to the old citadel of Bitnah oasis for a photo stop before continuing to Masafi and through the imposing and picturesque Hajar Mountains. Another stop will be made for photos. Take a moment to drink in the stunning and starkly beautiful landscape before reaching coastal Dibba. Enjoy some time here to wander around this charming fishing village before going on to the lovely Le Meridien Al Aqah, a luxurious beachfront resort, for a delicious lunch. Enjoy the pool or relax on the splendid private beach.

Afterwards the drive continues along the coast through more fishing villages to Al Badiyah, where you will stop to see the oldest mosque in the Emirates. Next it's the lovely green town of Khor Fakkan to visit its famous and fascinating Souk for some browsing and shopping before returning to the ship.

*Note: Alcohol is not served on this tour or in the restaurant.*