

CRUISE HOLIDAYS · RELAXED ITINERARY

Dubai Winter Gulf Cruise

A 7-night winter cruise from Dubai on MSC or Costa, calling at Abu Dhabi, Muscat and either Doha or Bahrain (varies by ship and season) — a comfortable add-on for families already in the UAE, with Indian food on board and no port-day flights.

7 nights / 8 days Route: **Dubai – Abu Dhabi – Muscat – Doha or Bahrain – Dubai**

From **₹1,10,000** per person, indicative

Day by day

Day

1**AHMEDABAD → DUBAI → EMBARK**

Fly to Dubai and board

Direct flights from Ahmedabad to Dubai take about 2 h 45 m. Dubai cruise ships sail from Port Rashid or Mina Rashid, roughly 20–30 minutes from Dubai International Airport depending on traffic. Embarkation opens 3–4 hours before sailing; arriving on an early flight gives enough buffer to check in without rushing elders through the terminal. The ship sails out along the Dubai coastline in the evening, with the skyline lit up — a good photo moment.

Stay: **On board – Balcony cabin** · Meals: **All meals on board**

Day

2**ABU DHABI**

UAE capital

A short overnight sail brings the ship to Abu Dhabi by morning. The Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque and the Louvre Abu Dhabi are the two sights most families prioritise on a shore excursion or independent taxi trip; the mosque requires modest dress, provided at the entrance if needed. Back on board by the evening sailing.

Stay: **On board – Balcony cabin** · Meals: **All meals on board**

Day

3**AT SEA**

Sea day

A full day at sea between the UAE and Oman. Pool deck, spa, a matinee show, and the ship's Indian food counter for lunch are the easy options. This is typically the first formal night of the cruise, with a dressed-up dinner in the main restaurant.

Stay: **On board – Balcony cabin** · Meals: **All meals on board**

Day
4

MUSCAT, OMAN

Oman's coastal capital

Muscat is a popular stop — the Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque, the Mutrah Souq and the corniche are all reachable on a half-day shore excursion. Indian passport holders travelling on a cruise typically clear Oman under the ship's group shore-pass arrangement rather than an individual visa, but this depends on the cruise line and current rules, so we confirm the exact requirement for your sailing before booking. Return to the ship by the evening.

Stay: On board – Balcony cabin · Meals: All meals on board

Day
5

AT SEA → DOHA OR MANAMA

Sea day

Another sea day as the ship repositions towards Qatar or Bahrain, depending on the season's itinerary. Kids club runs a full day programme; adults often use this day for the spa or the casino. A good day to rest before the next port.

Stay: On board – Balcony cabin · Meals: All meals on board

Day
6

DOHA, QATAR OR MANAMA, BAHRAIN

Final port of call

Doha excursions cover the Corniche, Souq Waqif and the Museum of Islamic Art; Bahrain excursions cover the Bahrain Fort and Manama Souq. Both are comfortable half-day stops with reasonable walking. Indian vegetarian food is generally easy to find ashore in both cities if a family wants to eat out.

Stay: On board – Balcony cabin · Meals: All meals on board

Day
7

AT SEA → DUBAI

Return sailing

A final sea day heading back to Dubai. Pack the evening before, as luggage is usually collected overnight ahead of an early disembarkation. A last dinner in the main dining room, with the ship's farewell show.

Stay: On board – Balcony cabin · Meals: All meals on board

Day
8

DUBAI → AHMEDABAD

Disembark and fly home

The ship docks in Dubai early morning; disembarkation is by allotted time slots. Allow 3–4 hours between docking and your Ahmedabad flight, more if the family wants a few hours at Dubai Mall or the airport duty-free on the way out.

Stay: — · Meals: Breakfast on board

Inclusions

Included

- + Return Ahmedabad–Dubai flights
- + 7 nights in the cabin category booked, on board MSC or Costa
- + All meals on board, including the Indian food counter
- + Entertainment: shows, deck activities, kids club
- + UAE visa assistance (Indian passport holders need a UAE visa; we file it on your behalf)
- + Port transfers between Dubai airport and the cruise terminal

Not included

- Shore excursions at Abu Dhabi, Muscat and Doha/Bahrain
- Alcoholic beverages and Wi-Fi package on board
- Gratuities/service charge, usually billed per person per night
- Oman/Qatar/Bahrain port fees or individual visas if the group shore-pass does not apply to your sailing

Indicative cost

STANDARD

₹1,10,000–1,35,000

Per person, twin sharing

PREMIUM

₹1,65,000–2,10,000

Per person, twin sharing

Per person on twin sharing in an inside/oceanview cabin (standard) or balcony/suite (premium), indicative for 2026, including Ahmedabad–Dubai flights. Winter cruising runs only November to March; we confirm current sailings, ship and exact port rotation, which changes by season and cruise line, before booking. All prices on this document are indicative for 2026 and confirmed in writing at the time of booking.

Good to know

Getting there. Mumbai (for Cordelia): IndiGo, Air India and Vistara fly Ahmedabad–Mumbai non-stop, about 1 h 15 m, several times a day — easy to fly in the same morning as embarkation. An overnight train is also workable for families who prefer it, arriving Mumbai by early morning. The cruise terminal at Mumbai Port (Ballard Pier/Mumbai Port Trust) is 30–40 minutes from the airport by road.

Food. Cordelia Cruises runs a dedicated Gujarati and Jain menu daily across its main restaurants — the strongest vegetarian offering of any cruise line sailing from India. Royal Caribbean and Resorts World ships from Singapore carry an Indian vegetarian counter in the main buffet every day; Jain food (no onion, garlic or root vegetables) is available but must be requested at the time of booking, not on board.

Permits and rules. Indian passport must be valid for at least 6 months beyond the return date for every route here, Cordelia included; immigration and the cruise line can deny boarding for a passport that does not meet this. Singapore requires an e-visa for Indian passport holders, applied for online in advance — we assist with the application. Dubai cruises require a UAE visa, which we file for every traveller as part of the booking; Oman, Qatar and Bahrain port calls are usually covered by a group shore-pass arranged by the cruise line, but this depends on the specific sailing and current rules, so we confirm it for your dates before

booking. On board, your cabin key card doubles as your ship ID; you do not carry your passport ashore on Cordelia's domestic sailings, but you do need it in hand for every international port call. The Lakshadweep entry permit, required for every visitor, is arranged and included by Cordelia as part of the cruise fare — no separate application needed from guests.

Pack

- Formal outfit for the ship's formal night(s) — a kurta/saree or a suit is fine, no strict dress code beyond smart-casual to semi-formal
- Motion-sickness tablets (Avomine or similar) even for guests who don't normally get seasick — start them the evening before sailing if prone to it
- Comfortable walking shoes for port excursions, which often involve uneven ground or a lot of standing
- Sunscreen, a hat and sunglasses — pool decks and tender rides offer little shade
- Power adapter — cruise ships and Gulf/Singapore ports mostly use UK/EU-style three-pin or two-pin sockets, not the Indian standard
- A light jacket or shawl for the ship's air-conditioned interiors, which run cold even in the tropics
- Photocopies of passport and visa pages, kept separate from the originals, plus a printed copy of the booking voucher

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