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Day 1

01

The first day was the first time I left my beloved country by plane on November 5, 2023, and I am in the sixth decade. From Hmeimim Airport, we left on board the Syrian Airlines plane, and we passed over Palmyra, Iraq and Kuwait. The surprise was that Hassan Al-Ghali (in the name of my uncle, Aba Iyad, who was like an uncle and a friend who left early) was due to a terminal illness, and I could not hold back my tears that shed for leaving on the funeral road to Hardaneh, after an absence of nine years.

Day 1 - continued

The car and it felt like it was flying thanks to my beautiful eagles in the front, and we arrived in the city of Shakhbout Abu Dhabi, where Ahmed's warm house was in the evening. The tolerant faces are present, accompanied by Dima Al-Sakub, with a white heart, saturated with kindness, and overwhelmed with love and tenderness.



Day 1 | Sama Al Bustan Al Qaymariyah

Day 2

02

The second day, with the sunrise of a new day, we went to the IKEA Furniture Mall and its accessories on Yas Island, a tour around it, and lunch at the mall. In the evening, with the sun's absence, we had a tour of the Sheikh Zayed Mosque, which is the sixth mosque in the world, in an area of about 412,000 square meters. 2004. It is designed from shining white marble as a symbol of peace and tolerance concepts. It has the largest prayer rug in the world and is woven in Iran, with an area of about 5,600 square meters.

Day 2 - continued

In the name of Moataz Al-Halabi, M. Imad Malas, the mosque contains seven chandeliers that simulate the inverted palm tree, and it was made of gilded steel. Commercially, the outer corridors are surrounded by water lakes that reflect the facades of the mosque.

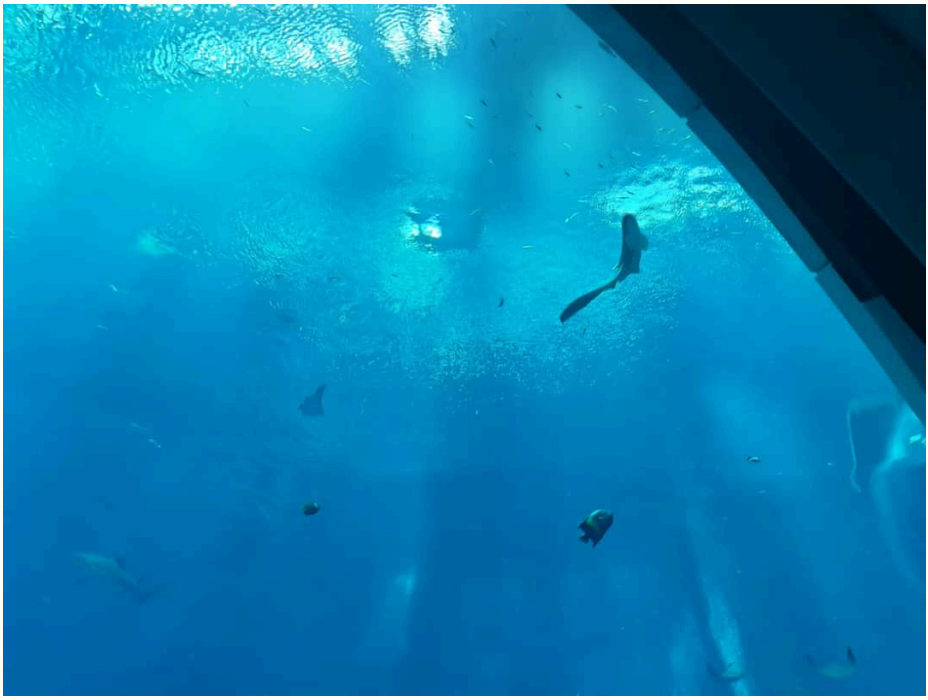


Day 2 | Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque

Day 3

03

After a light breakfast, we headed to SeaWorld. Located on Yas Island, covering an area of 183,000 square meters. We swam with sharks, sea turtles, and starfish, then experienced the chill of swimming with penguins in the Arctic and Antarctic worlds. We were then enveloped in the warmth of the tropical world with its unique and rare birds, flowers, and lush, towering trees, along with a live dolphin show. Finally, we enjoyed a theatrical performance by a hippopotamus about how to interact with the seas to preserve their purity, qualities, and sustainability.



Day 3 | SeaWorld, Yas Island

Day 4

04

In Saadiyat, we visited the Louvre Abu Dhabi, established under a thirty-year agreement between Abu Dhabi and the French government, covering an area of 24,000 square meters. We toured the museum with Lina, the daughter of Gaza Hashim, whose city Netanyahu refused to enter, despite reducing it to ashes. Lunch was at an Italian restaurant, where we enjoyed various types of spaghetti, each according to their preference.



Day 4 | Louvre Abu Dhabi

Day 5

05

From Abu Dhabi to Sharjah, the cultural capital of the UAE, passing through the Last Exit exhibition, which recycles old waste into paintings and useful artworks. We had a pre-booked stay at the Royal Tulip Hotel.

We then went to Dubai to see the dancing fountains next to the towering Burj Khalifa. Afterwards, we returned to Sharjah and visited the Emoji Museum and toured the old souk. Coincidentally, Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights, was being celebrated for five days. I joined in their festivities and shared in their joy by dancing, and they placed a hat on my head as a gesture of appreciation. Their windows remained lit, just like their pure hearts, throughout the festival.



Day 5 | Burj Khalifa

Day 6

06

Dubai Frame: After waiting in line for two hours, we entered the frame in the lush Zabeel Park. It stands 150 meters tall and 93 meters wide, showcasing Dubai's dazzling modern skyscrapers and towering buildings, alongside its rich past of simple houses, date trading, and pearl diving.

Lunch was at a Pakistani restaurant, courtesy of the charming young man, Nauman, a friend of our dear Dima.

In the evening, we spent time with our relatives, the sons of my cousin Abu Rabee, in the Al Taawun neighborhood. May they always be healthy and well.



Day 6 | Dubai Frame

Day 7

07

On the seventh day, the breakfast was Shamiah, "at the Tarbush restaurant in Ajman, accompanied by the loyal young man, Nour Siddiq, Hassan, who did not leave him, and then a break in the Beiruti restaurant. Ahmed and Hassan's friends are in Al-Mushrif's garden, which is rich with its lush trees and fragrant roses.



Day 7 | Al Tarboush Restaurant, Ajman

Day 8

08

The eighth day is a visit to the Ismaili Center in the heart of Dubai, accompanied by the daughter of the country, Najwa, for her a lot of thanks, and she is Dima's friend. The center was built on an area of 13,000 square meters, and was gifted by Mohammed bin Rashid, the ruler of Dubai, on the occasion of the silver jubilee of the Aga Khan assuming the leadership of the sect. M. Suhair Farid. And then a visit to the huge library of Mohammed bin Rashid, which is rich in books and rare manuscripts, in the form of an open book, hoping to read. Lunch is Turkish at Mall Festival, and in the morning, the breakfast was on a delicious and cheap sandwich, and then the delicious (karak) drink, the popular food of India and Pakistan.



Day 8 | The Ismaili Centre, Dubai

Days 9 & 10

09–10

The ninth and tenth day of the Dubai Mall Dubai, a tour around it, watching snowboarding, the oscillating waterfall, and lunch in the Bosnian restaurant, delicious and delicious, with a Bosnian white snow- like and graceful cod. Miracles are flowers and roses in the form of animals, birds, smurfs, and waterwheels, and they contain pleasure for the beholder and food for the soul.



Days 9 & 10 | Dubai Mall

Days 9 & 10



Days 9 & 10 | The garden visit

Days 11 & 12

11–12

A trip to the Al-Hadiriyat area on Abu Dhabi beach, enjoying a seafood meal of fish, oysters, and shrimp, accompanied by Dima. Spending the entire day with a charming sea view. In the evening, a tour of the Al-Maqtaa Canal and the National Aquarium next to the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque, accompanied by Nadeem, a friend of the youth, and enjoying coffee and juices.



Days 11 & 12 | Al Maqtaa waterfront

Day 13

13

We woke up early to travel to Khor Fakkan, which is about 240 kilometers northeast of Abu Dhabi, passing through Al Reef, Riverland, Last Exit, Dubai, Out Village, Sharjah, Al Bataeh, Al Dhaid, Masafi, Khor Fakkan, and from there to Dibba Al Fujairah.

Khor Fakkan is a coastal city located on the shores of the Gulf of Oman. It belongs to the Emirate of Sharjah and is nicknamed the "Bride of the East Coast of the UAE." Its name comes from the fact that it is a creek (khor) surrounded by two mountains.

In the distance, we saw Jebel Jais, the highest peak in the UAE, at an altitude of 1,900 meters.



Day 13 | On the road to Khor Fakkan

Day 14

14

Abu Dhabi (named so because it was the home of gazelles. It is also said that a hunter caught a gazelle on that island after much effort, and when he caught it, he was exhausted from thirst. He went to look for a well, but when he found it, the well had dried up. The hunter and the gazelle died, and their bodies were later discovered near the well. So they named the well Abu Dhabi, and its old name was Umm an-Nar (Mother of Fire). With energy and enthusiasm, we left in the morning for Al Ain, about 150 kilometers to the east, passing through Bani Yas, Al Nahda, Al Wathba, Ramlat Al Ghaya, Al Ghaya, Al Khazna, farms, Rumah, Al Saad, Tuam, and Al Buraimi. We toured the Al Ain region with its stunning natural beauty and climbed the winding road to Jebel Hafeet, which is 1,300 meters high, with a falcon soaring high in the sky. We had lunch at a hotel with a breathtaking view.

Days 15 & 16

15–16

We returned to Sharjah and checked into the Ariana Hotel.

Located next to Al Qasba, it offers a stunning view of Al Khalid and Al Khazen lagoons, connected by a bridge.

We then went to Umm Al Quwain for a swim at the clean and beautiful beach of Kit Beach Center.

In the evening, we enjoyed a family gathering with our friend Ahed at his cozy home in Al Rahmaniyah.



Days 15 & 16 | Kite Beach Center

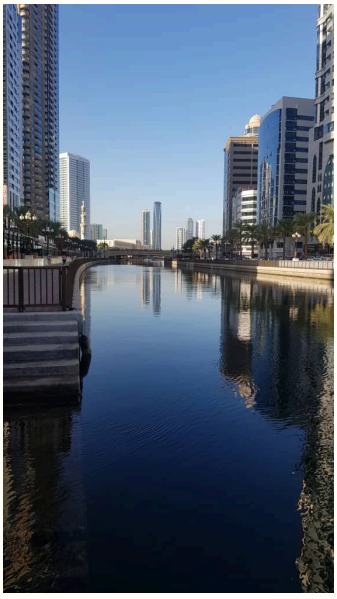
Day 17

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A morning stroll along the canal between Al- Khan (Al-Taawun) and Al-Majaz (Khalid) lakes, accompanied by myna birds on the Corniche. In the distance, a giant fountain, ninety meters high, came into view.

A Levantine lunch at Baba Ghanoush Restaurant: fattoush, hummus, and falafel. For dessert, we had knafeh, made by Syrian hands.

In the evening, we went to the Al-Farhoud area of Dubai to watch a football match in the Syrian community qualifiers between the Masyaf youth team and the Arab team from As-Suwayda. We won 3-1 and earned three points.



Day 17 | The canal walk

Day 17



Day 17 | The football match

Day 18

18

From Sharjah to Abu Dhabi

With my dear friend Dima, we went up to the 25th floor of the Coriander Restaurant, which boasts a breathtaking view of all of Abu Dhabi, and an open buffet.

In the evening, a tour of Global Village reminded me of the days at the Damascus International Fair, from pavilion to pavilion, with Fairouz singing and the water fountains spraying us with a refreshing coolness.



Day 18 | A view over Abu Dhabi

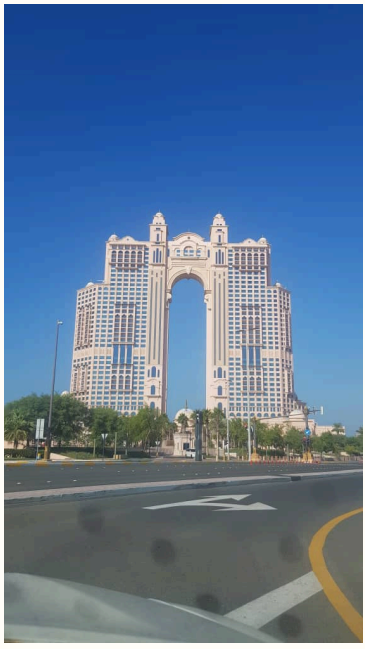
Day 19

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A stroll along the Abu Dhabi Corniche and lunch at Mirage Restaurant. Most of the staff were from As-Suwayda.

A tour of Marina Mall, Abu Dhabi Mall, and Al Khalidiyah Mall. Dinner at Gazino Restaurant was Indian (biryani) with various flavors.

Afterwards, a break at the corner of the street (Mono) on Al-Difaa Street with Dima's friend. We returned home to a brightly lit house with electric lights draped around the palm trees and the number 52 spelled out in celebration of the formation of the Union on December 2, 1971.



Day 19 | Abu Dhabi

The Last Day

20

The sun dipped into the sea, its salty light bidding farewell to the beautiful days we spent with our loved ones, hoping to meet again in our beautiful homeland.

We went to Dubai and booked a hotel in the Deira area. In the morning, Hassan left for Germany. Our last meal was at the Zawarib restaurant. We went to the airport, said goodbye to our dear friend Ahmed, and arrived at Hmeimim Airport at 10:00 PM on a large Syrian Airbus, amidst a biting chill.