

**OUTLINE ITINERARY (all times local)**

**DAY 1: MONDAY, 6<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

Between 05:30–06:40 hrs., please meet your Ian Allan Tour Manager and fellow enthusiasts at London's Heathrow Airport, at Royal Brunei's check-in area which is located on the ground floor (Departures) in Terminal 3. We recommend you check-in no later than 06:40 hrs..

✈ Heathrow Airport, Terminal 3	Flight: BI 98	Departs: 08:40
✈ Dubai		Arrives: 18:55

After going through Immigration, Baggage Reclaim and Customs, we are met by our 'greeter' in the Arrivals Hall who escorts us to the coach for the transfer to the Marco Polo Hotel, situated in the suburb of Deira, where we stay 4-nights on a bed and buffet breakfast basis. With its excellent facilities it has been very popular with all our previous groups over the years. It has a 24-hour café plus 5 excellent restaurants: Sri Lankan, Chinese, American (Tex/Mex) and the Fox and Hounds English pub serving pub-meals. The last two have live entertainment. There is also an outside swimming pool.

The hotel is a short drive away from Dubai Airport (DXB); it is situated alongside the approach path and in a good place to log and photograph landing aircraft from the roof (depending on wind direction). Aircraft do not pass directly overhead the Marco Polo like they do at other hotels nearer the airport, but alongside allowing photographs from the side and not from underneath. We have permission to go on the roof at any time during the day and night.

With the recent re-introduction of Photo Passes you again have the opportunity to 'tramp the ramps' at SIA. Our group in November spent a memorable day photographing aircraft parked on the ramps, as they taxied past and on landing and take-off – see Day 5 below.

**DAYS 2 - 4: TUESDAY, 7<sup>th</sup> - THURSDAY, 9<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

Enjoy 3 days, as you like:

- At the "Middle East Business Aviation (MEBA) 2010", which is held at Airport Expo at DXB (the same ramp as the Dubai Airshow). At the 2008 event there were over 50 biz jets on display in the static area, plus dozens of biz jets flew in for the event. MEBA runs from 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> December.
- From the MEBA ramp you can also log and/or photograph airliners landing and taking off!

On the Wednesday – and subject to demand - we will hire a coach for an optional, full day coach excursion to the airports at Fujairah and Ras Al Khaimah (ramp tours are currently possible only at the latter at a cost of AED8,000.00 (£1,335.00 divided equally by the number wanting ramp access) and subject to security check well in advance of arrival); the Il-76 at Umm Aq; and the excellent Sharjah Aviation Museum. Please annotate your booking form if you are interested.

## DAY 5: FRIDAY, 10<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

With MEBA over, and access air-side at DXB, today you have the option of logging/photographing airline traffic going into Dubai from the hotel roof; sightseeing; duty free shopping; or even taking a Cessna Caravan floatplane flight around Dubai.

Or you can spend a fabulous day out on the ramps at Sharjah International Airport. Air-side, we are transported to each ramp where we are then free to walk as we like; we can go to the ramps as many times as we like with our dedicated coach and driver. When we are not 'ramping' we sit outside the airport fire station, ideally located at the runway mid-point, whose facilities includes shaded seating, cold water, toilets and air-conditioning. Along with your Pass you will receive a complimentary hi-viz, orange 'day-glo' jacket (wearing is mandatory air-side) and cap; and at lunchtime, a sandwich lunchbox.

Subject to 10 enthusiasts applying for a Photo Pass we will receive a 20% discount, reducing the price of a daily Pass to AED800.00 (approximately £133.00). Please annotate your booking form if you are interested.

At 23:00 hrs. we transfer to DXB by the hotel's mini-coach where we check-in with Royal Brunei for our flight back to London. Recommended latest check-in time is 23:40 hrs..

## DAY 6: SATURDAY, 11<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

✈ Dubai

Flight: BI 97

Departs: 01:40

✈ Heathrow Airport, Terminal 3

Arrives: 06:25

This tour is based on flying with Royal Brunei from London's Heathrow Airport; for options of flying from your local airport please contact us to discuss your requirements.

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