

## **A trip to the Desert** رحلة إلى الصحراء

Last week, our school arranged a trip to the desert. We reached there at 11 a.m. The weather was hot and dry. There were sand dunes everywhere and an oasis. Camels were everywhere. The Bedouins believe that the camel is a great gift. It was the main source of nourishment, transport, income and even fun. Interestingly, camels find smart ways to survive in the desert. They have long eyelashes to protect their eyes from the dust. Also, they store fat in their humps. The fat gives them energy, so they can go for many days without food or water. While walking in the desert we saw many tents and homes made from the date palms. They are known as 'arishah'. At 12 o'clock, we were very hungry. The Bedouins invited us to their tent. We were amazed by the huge trays full of rice with meat and bottles of fresh camel milk. The food was delicious. After lunch, we tried the Arabic coffee and dates. The taste and smell were fantastic. Around 3 o'clock, we gathered in one area to watch camel-racing. It was really fun. At 5 p.m. we boarded the bus and went back to school. My joy knew no bounds on seeing this wonderful place. Its memory will always remain fresh in my mind.

## **Describe a historical place in the UAE** رحلة إلى معلم تاريخي (مسجد)

There are many historical places in the UAE. One of the most famous historical places is Al Badyah Mosque. My classmates and I went on a school trip to visit that mosque. It is located in Al Badyah region in Fujairah. It is the oldest mosque in the UAE. Many tourists come to visit this historical place everyday. The mosque was built from stones and mud. It has a beautiful garden. The mosque is very small because it was built long time ago. Many people enjoy taking

photos there with their families and friends. People are still doing their prayers there. I hope I could have the chance to visit it again soon.

### **A trip to Al Fahidi Museum** (رحلة إلى معلم تاريخي (متحف)

There are many beautiful and worth seeing historical places in the UAE. AL Fahidi Museum is one of the oldest building in Dubai. The museum was opened in 1971. Many years ago, it was used as the king's residence and fort. Last week, our school arranged a visit to Al Fahidi Museum. We reached the museum by 10 a.m. The front door has two cannons that were once used to defend the fort. The artifacts, old furniture, traditional weapons, Al Arish house and the huge dhow taught us a great lesson on how people used to live in the past. We were excited to see the simple games played by the children and we really enjoyed walking through the traditional opened air -market and souq. The spice souq just looked real! The sea section was my favorite. watching the pearl divers searching for oysters was amazing. Life was difficult! At 12 p.m, we get on the bus and went back to the school. It was a very educative and enjoyable trip. I am proud of visiting such a historical place. Honestly, my joy knew no bounds on seeing this wonderful place. Its memory will always remain fresh in my mind.

### **Eid Al Fiter** عيد الفطر

Dear Sandy,

My name is Mahra Khalid and I am your penpal. I am 12 years old and I live in the UAE which is in the Middle East .

I am writing to tell you about Eid Al Fiter. It is celebrated on the first day of shawwal every year. The celebration usually lasts for three days. In this great day, we get up very early. We take a bath and put on our new clothes. We eat dates then we gather in a large open area to say a special prayers, called Salat al Eid. In this day, we enjoy collecting money because there are often carnivals or fairs during Eid. Friends and family members visit during Eid and they have lunch and dinner together. My joy know no bounds on this wonderful day. It is a time to forget bad feelings toward others. I am proud to be a Muslim .

.I look forward to receiving your letter

### **My holiday** - عطلة - زيارة دولة -

Why did you go there?  
What did you do there?  
Did you have a good time?  
Write 100-120 words.\_

Dear Helen,

How are you? I haven't seen you for a long time! How's life in America. I'm writing to tell you about a fantastic place. Last summer, I went with my family to Italy. We went by plane and there we rented a car. We spent six days there. We stayed in a hotel near the city center. The hotel was very big and beautiful. There were three swimming-pools, big gardens, a gym and five restaurants. The weather was variable; cloudy, rainy and also sunny. The first evening, we had dinner at an Italian Restaurant. The food was delicious. We went sightseeing all the time. We went shopping and spent a lot of money on clothes and accessories. We also bought a lot of suvenires for family and friends. It was a perfect holiday. My

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.Give my regards to your family

Keep in touch

Salama

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## **The National Day** اليوم الوطني

Dear Sara,

My name is Salama Ahmed and I am your penpal. I am 12 years old and I live in the UAE which is in the Middle East.

I am writing to tell you about my country National Day . It takes place on 2<sup>nd</sup> December every year. This was the day in 1971 when the UAE became an independent country The celebration usually lasts for two days. If you came, I'm sure you will love it because there are many activities and events. There are always parades including car parades and fireworks. The color of the flag are displayed everywhere. Flags and lights are used to decorate streets and buildings. People do many activities such as dancing, singing, playing games and organizing national poetry competition. My joy know no bounds on this wonderful day. I am proud of my country. What about you? How do you celebrate the national day in your country?

### **Life in the UAE** الحياة في الامارات

The UAE was found in 1971. Most of its land was sandy desert, so it was very difficult for people to inhabit this difficult environment. The Bedouins discovered sources of water known as oases. They planted date gardens and built their home known as areesh in the desert . Camel was a great gift to the Bedouin. They used it to travel , race and carry their loads. Also, the camel's milk and meat were a source of nourishment. Moreover, the camel's hide and hair were used to make goods and tents. The coastline was another source of life as people went fishing and pearl diving in the sea. Life in the past was very difficult.

### **After - school clubs** الانضمام الي نادي في المدرسة

I like going to the after school- clubs. Our school arranged many interesting after school clubs that I really enjoy. This year I joined the chess, film making and Chinese club. The chess clubs is

amazing. It takes place every Monday and there are around 30 students joining this club. The Film - making club is my favorite. We get together and make awesome films. The Chinese club is really fun. I am proud of myself because I can say short sentences in Chinese. Wow!

## **Social responsibility**

### **المسؤولية المجتمعية**

We live together in a community. This means it is important to think about other people as much as ourselves. This is social responsibility. Helping other people is very important. There are many different ways of helping others. Here are a few ideas.

1. Visiting sick people.
2. Donating clothes to charity
3. Helping elderly people
4. Preparing a meal for someone in need
5. Carrying shopping home for old people
6. Giving money to the homeless
7. Planting trees

Imagine what a happier world we would create if we all did one small act of kindness everyday!