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Let's explore for the first time the United Arab Emirates with the GBI community. We will spend five days full of cycling and fun while we discover inspiring cities, world-famous monuments, and a gorgeous countryside. We will sleep in exciting locations, eat and drink typical Arabic food and will return with unforgettable memories. **Don't miss this unique cycling tour!**

Online registration will open by
24 November 2021.



FROM THE COAST OF THE ARABIAN GULF TO THE COAST OF THE INDIAN OCEAN

As the pandemic has made it very difficult to travel to Europe, GBI has developed a new global event in the Middle East – easy to join from everywhere and at unique sceneries in almost all emirates of the UAE! We will start in Dubai, joining the Spinneys Dubai 92 Cycling Challenge, riding downtown with 1,500 other cyclists on closed roads across the mesmerizing city with its tallest tower in the world, Burj Khalifa, to the largest malls Dubai Mall, to Palm Jumeirah and many more spots in the city.

On the second day we will experience the unique Al Qudra Cycling Path, a cycling-dedicated and well-maintained track crossing the dunes of Dubai's desert, allowing several hundred kilometre individual routes. On the third day, we'll leave Dubai and cycle east till Mleiha in the emirate of Sharjah, where we will stay at the Archaeological Centre, a UNESCO World Heritage site and camping in tents in GBI-like fashion.

On the fourth day we will cross through the emirate of Ras al Khaimah climbing Shawka Mountain before heading to the scenic district of Hatta administered by Dubai emirate and on the boarder of Oman. Finally on the final day we will descend from Hatta to cycle alongside the Gulf of Oman (Indian Ocean), through the emirate of Fujairah and to Khor Fakkan in the emirate of Sharjah. After five amazing cycling days, we will take the bus back to Dubai on the following day.

Global Biking Initiative (GBI) wants to show you the most interesting places in Europe and Middle East the sportive way. We are proud of our international participants that make it easy for everybody to make new friends from other countries. Our main goal is a continuous support of charity projects worldwide. We achieve this by engaging the participants to raise funds that support charity projects in their home countries.



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Downtown Dubai, seeing Burj Khalifa and Dubai Mall on our free time in Dubai
- Spinneys Dubai 92 Cycling Challenge with 1,500 other cyclists and getting medal of participation
- Al Qudra Cycling Path
- Mleiha Archaeological Centre
- Scenic Hatta district on boarder of Oman
- Climbing Kalba and Shawka mountains
- Enjoy the coast of Khor Fakkan in Fujairah
- Emirates: Dubai - Ras Al Khaimah - Fujairah - Sharjah
- Gulf of Arabia
- Gulf of Oman

For those who want to extend on their own UAE offers so much more from sky diving over Palm Jumeirah to exploring the EXPO site happening this year in Dubai with more than 190 countries' pavilions to visiting The Louvre in Abu Dhabi and the mesmerizing Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque and much more that you can plan for in advance in extra time.

AT A GLANCE

Date: 18-23 February 2022

Duration: 6 days (5 cycling days)

Event type: Guided charity cycling holiday

Participants: approx. 100-150

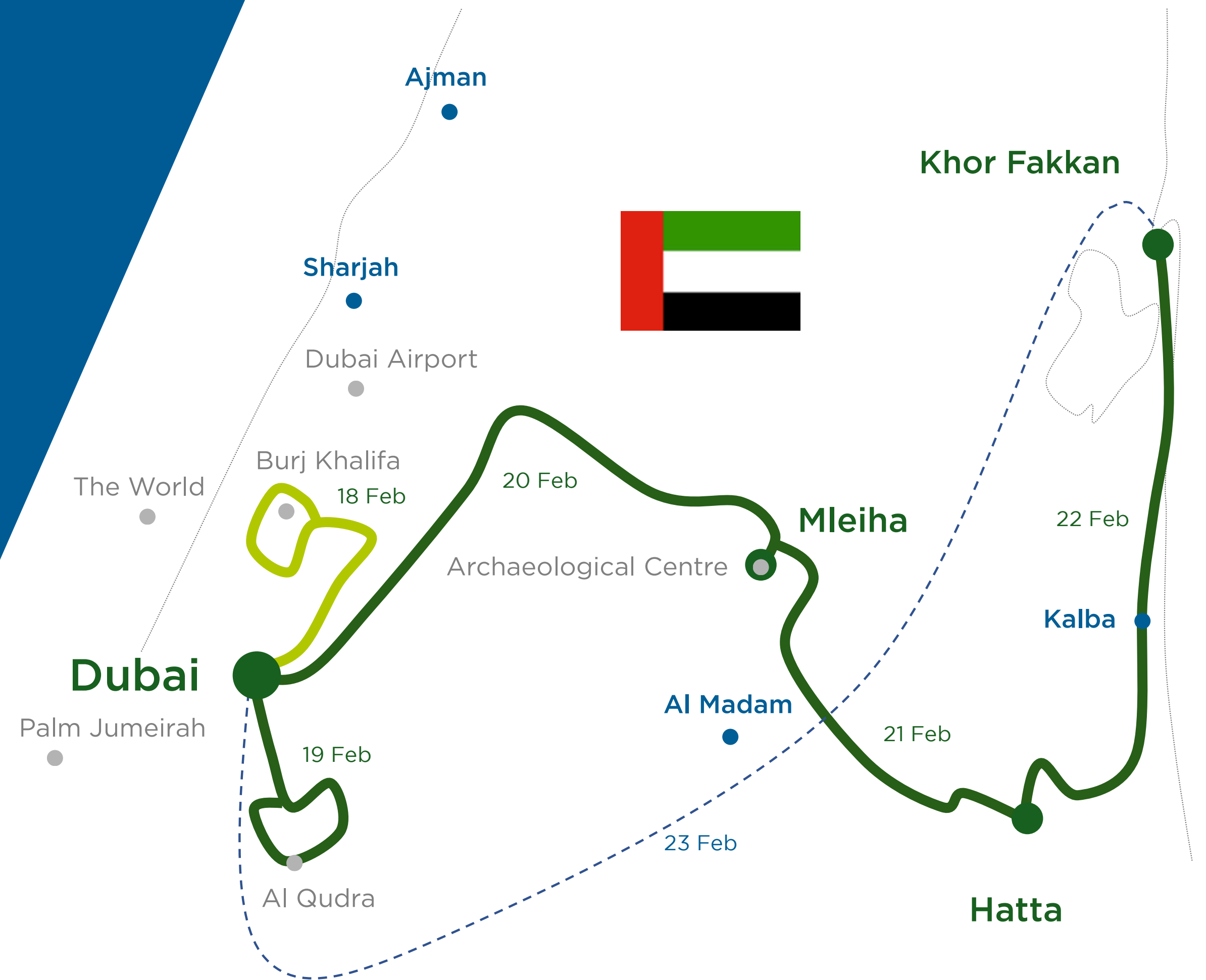
Distance: approx. 450 km

Climb: approx. 2,000 m

Participation fee: from 3,850 AED

Participation fee with pre-night: from 4,090 AED

Minimum donation for charities in your home country: 50 Euro



SERVICES

- Twin-room accommodation in hand-picked hotels with breakfast
- Luggage transport from hotel to hotel
- Service car with bike repair toolset
- Fast and easy online registration
- Online briefing prior event
- Several cycling teams with different speed levels
- Any kind of bicycle welcome (Roadbike, MTB, ATB, Pedelec, etc.)
- Spinneys Dubai 92 Cycling Challenge fee included | [cyclechallenge.ae](https://www.cyclechallenge.ae)
- Team leads with GPS navigation
- GPX tracks for download
- Route information and daily news

- Personal support (English, Arabic, German) during the tour
- Daily nutrition points with energy bars, fruits and drinks
- GBI bike bottle
- GBI starter bag
- GBI tour jersey
- Online photo service
- Closing ceremony with dinner
- International participants
- Support of charity projects worldwide
- A lot of fun, unforgettable moments, great international and cross-cultural companionship, challenging moments, and radiant eyes.



DAY 0: MOTOR CITY

If you booked the pre-night package, you can check-in at the Park-Inn Motor City hotel the day before the event and take advantage of the onsite registration during calm hours. You can watch live car races and trainings at Dubai Autodrome Racetrack just from your hotel room, explore Dubai on your own or just have a chat with your GBI friends at the bar while overlooking the Dubai Marina skyline.



DAY 1: SPINNEYS DUBAI 92 CYCLING CHALLENGE

After the onsite registration at the Park Inn Motor City, we will start at the hotel our tour and cycle mainly on cycling lanes downtown to the start of the Spinneys Dubai 92 Cycling Challenge. We will enjoy during the day together with 1,500 other cyclists on completely closed roads during 92 km in one of the most prosperous cities in the world, seeing a lot of impressive buildings like Burj Khalifa, the world's tallest building (829 m), one of the largest malls Dubai Mall (350,000 m²), the Dubai Fountains (83,000 litres of water at once), Emaar Boulevard, Dubai Opera and many more spots.



DAY 2: DUBAI AL QUDRA

After the breakfast at the Park Inn Motor City, we will leave Dubai towards south-east, enjoying for the entire day the Al Qudra cycling path. We will cycle all day long on cycling only paths, surrounded by palm trees, maintenance stations and sometimes coffee and dessert. The track system allows uncounted number of different tracks that can cater for different distances for the day.



DAY 3: DUBAI - MLEIHA

We'll leave Park Inn hotel and the Dubai Emirate and cross the desert. If you haven't cycled in the desert before, this will be a unique and unforgettable experience. Our maintenance cars guarantee that you won't be left behind and that you will always have access to nutrition and technical support. We will stay in an UNESCO world heritage site, the Mleiha Archaeological Centre where we shall enjoy millions of stars of the Milky Way galaxy above our heads.



DAY 4: MLEIHA – HATTA

It starts becoming hilly. Leaving Mleiha in the morning, we will cycle towards the borders of Oman and climb Shawka mountain. After three days on the saddle already, we should be ready by today to climb some moderate hills and enjoy great views over the United Arab Emirates.



DAY 5: HATTA – KHOR FAKKAN

We deserved it! Hatta is an amazing spot to start our cycling on the last day, where we will initially have few climbs in Kalba mountains of Fujairah, then we descend to cycle alongside the coast of the Indian Ocean (Gulf of Oman) where we will have time to take a bath in the comfortable waters of Khor Fakkan.



DAY 6: KHOR FAKKAN – DUBAI

No more cycling – what a pity! After our breakfast in the hotel, we'll load our bicycles on a bike carrier and take the bus back to Dubai. The rest of the day can be used to explore the city or whatever your plans are for the last day of your first GBI Emirates.



ROUTE CHARACTERISTICS

We will mainly cycle on paved roads, which are mostly dedicated cycling lanes. During the Spinneys Dubai 92 Cycling Challenge, all roads will be closed. On the second day, we will have some escorted road ride till we reach Al Qudra cycling tracks which are only open for cyclists. On the other days, if possible, we cycle on minor roads. But some parts of the track are often heavily frequented and cycling lanes are sometimes missing. So sometimes it is inevitable to use major roads. The tracks are most of the time flat, except on the second last day, we'll have the joy to experience some climbs. The daily distances are moderate and typically less than 100 km.



NO HELMET, NO RIDE!



TRAVEL ADVICE

Plane: Dubai International Airport (DXB)

Car: Parking for the duration of the tour at the Park Inn by Radisson Dubai Motor City (charged, limited space)

WE CYCLE FOR CHARITY

Each participant commits to raise a minimum donation of 50 Euro to support a charity project in his or her home country.



PRICES

	Early bird (before 7 Dec 2021)	Normal price (8 Dec 2021 to 15 Jan 2022)	Late registration (16 Jan to 4 Feb 2022)
Participation fee incl. double-bedroom accommodation and breakfast (18 to 22 Feb)	3,400 AED	3,800 AED	4,050 AED
Single-room upgrade (18 to 22 Feb)	230 AED / night (upon hotel availability)	300 AED / night (upon hotel availability)	400 AED / night (upon hotel availability)
Pre-Night double-room (17 Feb)	290 AED	330 AED	400 AED
Pre-Night single-room (17 Feb)	450 AED	500 AED	580 AED

Not included in the package:

Tips - Entrance fee for sightseeing spots - Lunch - Dinner (except closing ceremony) - Any other not mentioned services in the services overview

RENTAL BIKE ADVICE

- Rental Company
- Self organized bike rental. Click on the links below to book your ride with proper measurements for the number of days required. Ensure early booking to secure the bike as it is high season.
www.trek bikes.ae | www.thecyclehub.com

For those who can manage their own accommodation we are offering a partially self-organized tour at a lower price:

Early bird 1,950 AED
Normal price 2,350 AED

Package includes:

GBI registration - Mleiha over night camp accommodation on 20 Feb - Archaeological Museum tour in Mleiha and star gazing after arrival on 20 Feb - Breakfast on 21 Feb - Logistics support for 4 days from 20 to 23 Feb - Transporting luggage to the main accommodation of the tour (not to the self organized location in Hatta) - Tour branded cycling jersey - Photo services on the ride - Nutrition and water on the road - Oceanic Hotel on the night of 22 Feb in a double-room - Celebratory dinner in Oceanic on 22 Feb - Breakfast in Oceanic on 23 Feb - GBI tour medal - Extra cost of 150 AED (transport back to one agreed location in Dubai with the bike on 23 Feb).

Not included in the package:

Hotel on both nights in Dubai - Spinneys Race registration - Hotel in Hatta

TRACK-OVERVIEW

TRACKS

Day	Date	Start	End	Distance	Climb
Friday	18 Feb 2022	Dubai Motor City	Dubai Motor City	~ 100 km	~ 50 m
Saturday	19 Feb 2022	Dubai Motor City	Dubai Motor City	~ 85 km	~ 80 m
Sunday	20 Feb 2022	Dubai Motor City	Mlieha	~ 90 km	~ 80 m
Monday	21 Feb 2022	Mlieha	Hatta	~ 65 km	~ 1,000 m
Tuesday	22 Feb 2022	Hatta	Khor Fakkan	~ 108 km	~ 770 m
Wednesday	23 Feb 2022	Fujairah	Dubai	by car	

VENUES

Day	Date	Venue	Address
Thursday	16 Feb 2022	Park Inn Radisson Dubai Motor City	Turin Boulevard Road - Motor City
Friday	17 Feb 2022	Park Inn Radisson Dubai Motor City	Turin Boulevard Road - Motor City
Saturday	18 Feb 2022	Park Inn Radisson Dubai Motor City	Turin Boulevard Road - Motor City
Sunday	19 Feb 2022	Archaeological Centre	Sharjah
Monday	20 Feb 2022	JA Hatta Fort Hotel	Hatta Road (E 44 Road) - Dubai
Tuesday	21 Feb 2022	Oceanic Khor Fakkan Resort & Spa	Rugaylat Road - Khor Fakkan

Important Note: For the Hatta 4th night, JA Hatta Fort Hotel has limited availability for 50 participants (first come first served in registration) and for the remaining participants we will set a camping site in Hatta.

SCHEDULE

Date	Location	Time	Activity
17 Feb 2022	Park Inn Hotel	3 pm - 9 pm only	Check-in and onsite registration (pre-night package)
18 Feb 2022	Park Inn Hotel	4 am	Onsite registration (non pre-night package only), breakfast
18 Feb 2022	Park Inn Hotel	5 am	Departure to challenge start
18 Feb 2022	Dubai Sports City	6 am	Start Spinneys 92 Dubai Cycle Challenge
19 Feb 2022	Park Inn Hotel	6 am	Breakfast
19 Feb 2022	Park Inn Hotel	7 am	Departure to Al Qudra cycling track
20 Feb 2022	Park Inn Hotel	6 am	Breakfast
20 Feb 2022	Park Inn Hotel	7 am	Departure
21 Feb 2022	Archaeological Centre	6 am	Breakfast
21 Feb 2022	Archaeological Centre	7 am	Departure
22 Feb 2022	JA Hatta Fort Hotel	6 am	Breakfast
22 Feb 2022	JA Hatta Fort Hotel	7 am	Departure
22 Feb 2022	Oceanic Khor Fakkan Resort & Spa	7 pm	Dinner and closing ceremony
23 Feb 2022	Oceanic Khor Fakkan Resort & Spa	6 am	Breakfast
23 Feb 2022	Oceanic Khor Fakkan Resort & Spa	7 am	Loading bicycles
23 Feb 2022	Oceanic Khor Fakkan Resort & Spa	12 pm	Departure by bus
23 Feb 2022	Dubai mostly Park Inn Hotel	2 pm	Arrival and unloading bicycles

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