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DUBAI
+ THE MALDIVES

AFRICAN AMERICAN TRAVELERS



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MEET THE TEAM



Lawrence McLean

**CEO/FOUNDER OF AAT
TRIP HOST**

Lawrence McLean developed the concept of AAT in 2012, as a result of the constant let down of friends backing out of travel plans, or simply not sharing his interest in traveling any further than the Caribbean. He started the group, African American Travelers of Philadelphia, followed by another chapter in New York, on meetup.com. Since, he has led thousands from around the country, on the most epic, unforgettable, international tours. AAT's groups have perused six continents, including its, signature, annual NYE in Dubai experience, and taking travelers "Home for the Holidays" to the beautiful motherland, Africa, year after year. According to "Madame Noir" Lawrence has been recognized as one of the three US entrepreneurs who is changing the perception of travel to Africa!



Andrea McLean

**SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGER
HOST ASSISTANT**

Andrea McLean is known for traveling with style, She has worked in customer service and sales for many years, mastering 60-second pitches since the spunky age of 6! She is focused on customer satisfaction, engagement, and bringing a smile to our travelers faces. Some believe that she may have been a comedian in her past life. Whenever she is around , there is always laughter.



William McLean


**SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGER
HOST ASSISTANT**

William Mclean is our newest addition to the team. William is currently in college majoring in business acquiring relevant skills that will not only enhance your traveling experience with African American Travelers but ensure that your experience is our top priority. William loves building connections and meeting new people, as our entire team is incredibly eager to present our customers with the opportunity to develop lifelong friendships and memories as that will last forever.

“Great things in business are never done by one person. They’re done by a team of people.”

– Steve Jobs

SAT, DECEMBER 27th

 USA → DUBAI

ARRIVE IN DUBAI



DUBAI HOTEL
3:00 PM CHECK IN

SUN, DECEMBER 28th



SKY DIVING
(Optional Activity)

6:30 AM DEPART FOR SKY DIVE DUBAI

11:00 AM RETURN TO HOTEL



11:30 AM
BLACK & GOLD HOST LUNCH



GOLD & SPICE SOUK

2:00 PM DEPART FOR GOLD & SPICE SOUK

6:00 PM DEPART FOR GLOBAL VILLAGE

10:00 AM RETURN TO HOTEL

MON, DECEMBER 29th



DUBAI CITY TOUR

7:00 AM DEPART FOR CITY TOUR W/LUNCH

- wear AAT t-shirt
- Burj Khalifa
- Miracle Garden
- Burj al Arab (Pictures Stop)
- Lunch at 4th Hotel
- Visit Al Fahidi Neighborhood

4:00 PM RETURN TO HOTEL

DINNER IN THE SKY

5:30 PM DEPART FOR RESERVATION 1

8:00 PM RETURN TO HOTEL

7:30 PM DEPART FOR RESERVATION 2

9:30 PM RETURN TO HOTEL

8:30 PM DEPART FOR RESERVATION 3

11:00 PM RETURN TO HOTEL

THE ITINERARY

TUES, DECEMBER 30th



NYE BRUNCH AT AURA (Optional Activity)

- 9:30 AM** DEPART FOR AURA SKYPOOL
- 1:00 PM** RETURN TO HOTEL



DUNE BUGGY IN THE DESERT (Optional Activity)

- 12:00 PM** DEPART FOR DUNE BUGGIES
- 4:00 PM** HEAD TO DESERT SAFARI



DESERT SAFARI

- 2:30 PM** DEPART FOR DESERT SAFARI
- 9:30 PM** DEPART FOR HOTEL (3HR DRIVE)

WED, DECEMBER 31th



YACHT TOUR (Optional Activity)

- 2:00 PM** DEPART FOR YACHT TOUR
- 6:00 PM** RETURN TO HOTEL



NYE PARTY (Optional Activity)

- 8:00 PM** DEPART FOR NYE PARTY
- 1:00 AM** RETURN TO HOTEL

THUR, JANUARY 1st



ABU DHABI CITY TOUR

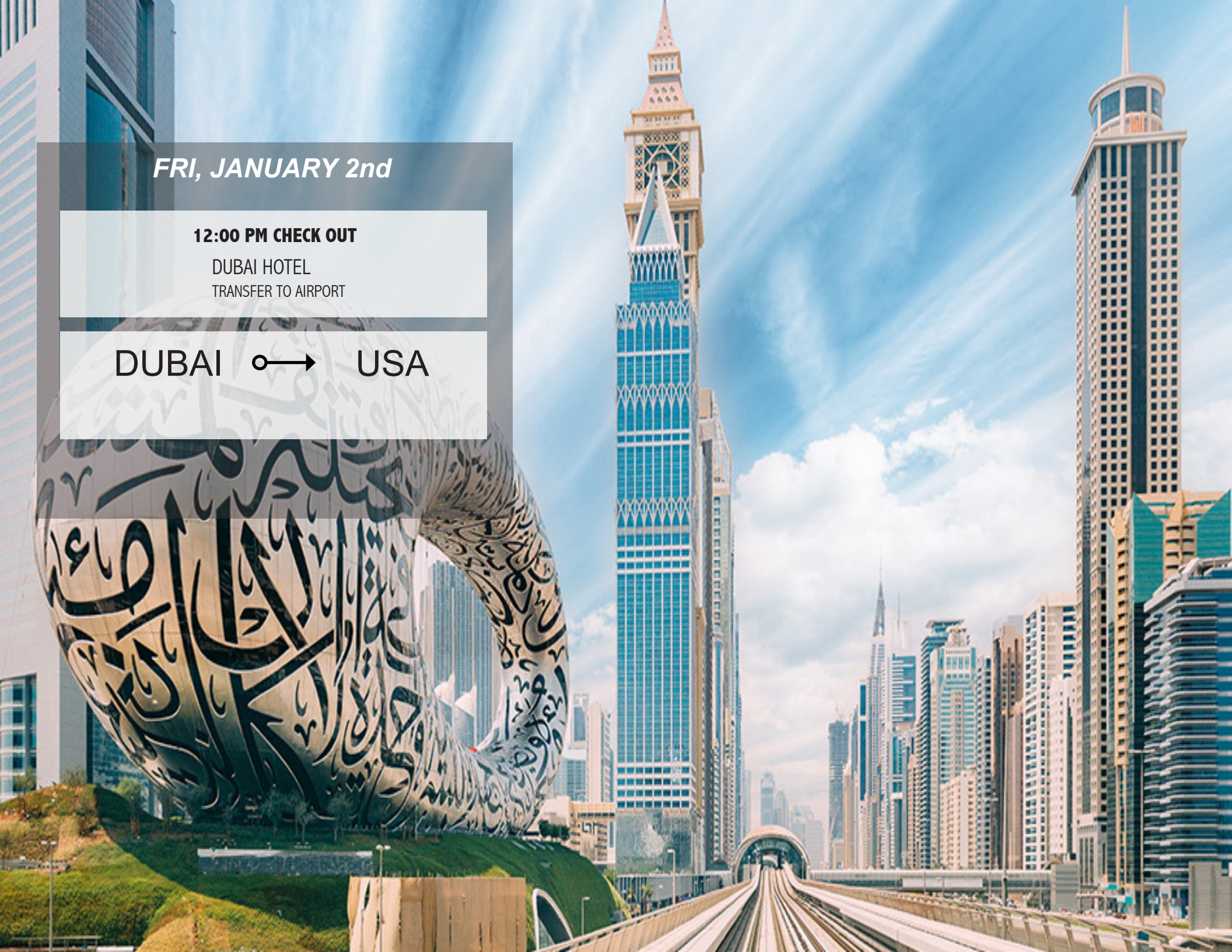
- 1:00 PM** DEPART FOR ABU DHABI
- 2:30 PM** ARRIVE AT MOSQUE
- 6:00 PM** FARWELL DINNER
- 7:30 PM** RETURN TO HOTEL

FRI, JANUARY 2nd

12:00 PM CHECK OUT

DUBAI HOTEL
TRANSFER TO AIRPORT

DUBAI → USA



THE MALDIVES EXTENSION

FRI, JANUARY 2nd



FREE DAY

SAT JANUARY 3rd



DUBAI HOTEL

6:00 AM CHECK OUT/ TRANSFER TO AIRPORT



DUBAI →

10:10 AM DEPART FOR MALDIVES
Via Emirates flight No. EK660 (4h 15m ft)

3:25 PM ARRIVE IN MALDIVES
BOAT RIDE TO RESORT (1h boat ride)

SUN, JANUARY 4th



SUNSET CRUISE

4:00 PM DEPART FOR LOCAL ISLAND TOUR

6:30 PM RETURN TO HOTEL

THE MALDIVES EXTENSION

MON, JANUARY 5th




FREE DAY

TUES, JANUARY 6th

12:00 PM CHECK OUT

MALDIVES HOTEL
TRANSFER TO AIRPORT

MALDIVES  → USA



Miracle Garden

The garden was launched on Valentine's Day in 2013. The garden occupies over 72,000 square metres, making it the world's largest natural flower garden featuring over 50 million flowers and 250 million plants. Each year Dubai Miracle Garden reinvents itself, as they bring a whole new concept and design experience to their visitors.



The Global Village

.Global Village, which has all along provided a cosmopolitan and diverse shopping experience to millions of visitors. Also, all these years, guests have been entertained with exclusive live performances, delicious international cuisines, thrilling new rides, authentic crafts and merchandise from its worldwide pavilions. Global Village hosts more than 3500 shops, which makes it the ultimate destination for authentic shopping, as it displays a mix of modern and cultural products and unique handmade global items. The retail outlets at Global Village exhibits culturally rooted products like handicrafts, desserts, traditional cuisines, all prepared right in front of visitors, apart from other authentic products, to draw tourists every season. Global Village also includes about 150 different kiosks, offering a unique shopping experience in the form of top art handicrafts, and authentic products from across the world, apart from food and beverages. The International pavilions at Global Village include those from MENA and Far East regions, Europe, America, Africa and South Asia.



Dubai City Tour

The distinctive sail-shaped silhouette of Burj Al Arab Jumeirah is more than just a stunning hotel, it is a symbol of modern Dubai. Yet for all the wonder this stunning structure provides when you finally see it in person, it is the service within that really makes the Burj Al Arab Jumeirah so extraordinary.

Repeatedly voted the world's most luxurious hotel, this magnificent destination offers you the finest service and experiences throughout - right down to an optional chauffeur-driven Rolls-Royce, helicopter trips from an iconic helipad, luxury leisure on a breathtaking terrace with pools and cabanas as well as some of the world's best dining venues, including the highly acclaimed Nathan Outlaw at Al Mahara.



Burj Khalifa Tour

Look out from the Burj Khalifa's 'At the Top' observation deck with this entrance ticket to the 124th-floor viewing point. Ride the moving sidewalk to the tower as you watch a multimedia presentation on Dubai's history, and take the high-speed elevator up to the observation deck. Then, behold the incredible views over Dubai Marina, the Burj-Al Arab and other sights through the panoramic windows. Use the digital telescopes to view and learn about the landmarks below, and browse the gift store before returning to ground level



Dubai Museum

The museum was opened by the ruler of Dubai in 1971, with the aim of presenting the traditional way of life in the Emirate of Dubai. It includes local antiquities as well as artifacts from African and Asian countries that traded with Dubai. It also includes several dioramas showing life in the emirate before the advent of oil, in addition to artifacts from recent discoveries as old as 3000 B.C. In 2007, Dubai Museum welcomed 1,800 visitors daily, with a yearly total of 611,840. In March 2008, the Museum had 80,000 visitors. The most popular times are from August to April. The Museum received over 1 Million Visitors in the year 2013



The Gold/Spice Souk

Whether or not you're ready to buy, a stroll through the dazzling Gold Souk is a must. The stores also offer platinum, diamonds and occasionally silver, and the government keeps tight control over the quality of all the merchandise, so rest assured that your purchases will be genuine. If something in the window catches your fancy, be sure to barter — persistent protest capped with a walkaway will get merchants to drop their asking price by as much as half.

This is a great place to buy the traditional Muslim garment (Abaya/Thobe) that you will need if going on the Abu Dhabi Tour.



Dinner in The Sky

Take part in an unforgettable experience in Dubai and dine from a table suspended 50 meters in the sky by special crane. Once you have been lifted above the ground, watch your chef as they start preparing and cooking a 3-course menu live before your eyes.

Join other brave travelers at the shared experience, with a maximum group size of 22 people. Take photos from the suspended table as it rotates slightly as you dine. Marvel at Dubai's vertical monuments and skyscrapers, along with landmark sights such as Palm Jumeirah, Dubai Marina, the Burj Al Arab and much more.

Benefit from a professional supervisor who will happily assist you at the table during your meal for your safety.



Skydive Dubai

The quickest and easiest way to experience the thrill of freefall at over 120 miles per hour, while securely harnessed to one of our experienced and accomplished instructors. Adrenaline enthusiasts can live this adventure. Get a stunning view of the iconic Palm Jumeirah island from 13,000 ft. You will receive a USB provided by us which contains photographs and our standard edited video of their experience. This can be collected from the on-site Shop, 45 minutes after you complete your skydive.



Evening Desert Safari

Experience the thrill of a life time as your 4WD vehicle takes you over the seemingly endless dunes to reach a Bedouin campsite. Like a roller coaster ride, you twist and turn down, leaving behind a trail on the satiny sands of the dune behind you. Dip low in the deep trenches and rise high on the pinnacle of the dunes. Drive up to the highest dune and take a break to view the spectacular sunset over the horizon.

At dusk, proceed towards a Bedouin campsite for a barbeque dinner buffet. At the campsite, you can get yourself henna tattoos and try Arabian traditional dress. Enjoy these activities while sipping on soft drinks, tea or coffee (as per your choice). You also have an option to take a camel ride and try out different flavors of shisha or hubbly bubbly (a traditional tobacco pipe). Sandboarding may also available for an additional fee, please speak to your guide on arrival at the camp. To make the evening even more enchanting, watch the belly dancers perform alongside rhythmic Arabic tunes, while relishing a delicious three-course barbeque buffet dinner. After a memorable evening of desert exploration, you will be dropped back to the starting point of the tour.



Dune Buggy Tour

Explore dune buggy tours - the best outdoor activity in UAE
We provide everybody with the most memorable buggy tours imaginable. There is simply no better way to traverse across the majestic Arabian desert than in a powerful 1-seater Polaris or a Can-Am X3 dune buggy. These buggies come with a 4-wheel drive system and automatic gearboxes – making them super easy to operate. Free pick-up and drop-off is included in all of our tours. And at Big Red, your safety is our number one priority. That's why we will provide all required safety gear and only offer guided tours.



Aura Skypool Lounge

Suspended 200 metres in the air, AURA is the world's highest 360-degree infinity pool offering incredible views of the iconic Dubai skyline, Palm Jumeirah and the glistening horizon of the Arabian Gulf.

AURA is a one-of-a-kind experience triggering all the senses, and a truly unmissable spot to capture the essence Dubai at new heights.



Dubai Yacht Tour

A beautiful ocean right at your feet and there is no end to it – that is what the oceanic Dubai has got to offer. But what you can take apart from the sea blue panorama is the ways and means of enjoying them. Sea is not just about being on the beach and seeing the sun set in the horizon. If you want to enjoy the sea, enjoy to the fullest!

With the right kind of food, services, photography and amazing views of the sea, you are sure you don't want to head back to the land. A silent cruise along the coast to see the 7 star Burj Al Arab, Burj Dubai which is the tallest tower in the world right now, Jumeirah Palm and the three hundred manmade world islands – it is all in here and waiting just for you! Be a part of an experience that you never want to forget!



NYE Party at Dubai White

Voted World's 20th Club, on DJ MAG Top 100 Clubs, WHITE Dubai has made nightlife history as Dubai's very first outdoor rooftop nightlife experience. WHITE Dubai is a high-tech and ultramodern outdoor rooftop space that is the ultimate go-to party destination to steer anyone's evening escapades in the right direction, a night full of energy, thumping music and an overall feel-good vibe. WHITE Dubai's incredible light shows, energetic dance floor and bumping music, all while dancing under the stars



Abu Dhabi City Tour

Rising majestically from beautifully manicured gardens and visible from each of the bridges joining Abu Dhabi Island to the mainland, the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque represents an impressive welcome to the city. Conceived by the first president of the United Arab Emirates, Sheikh Zayed, and marking his final resting place, the mosque accommodates 50,000 worshippers and is one of the few in the region open to non-Muslims.

More than 80 marble domes on a roofline held aloft by 1000 pillars and punctuated by four 107m-high minarets, Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque is a masterpiece of modern Islamic architecture and design. More than 100,000 tons of pure white Greek and Macedonian marble were used in its construction. Delicate floral designs inlaid with semi-precious stones, such as lapis lazuli, red agate, amethyst, abalone, jasper and mother-of-pearl, decorate a variety of marbles and contrast with the more traditional geometric ceramic details.

ACCOMODATIONS



**Crowne Plaza Dubai Marina,
an IHG Hotel**



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**Holiday Inn Resort Kandooma
Maldives, an IHG Hotel**

