

Reach Dubai – Oman 2026

March 11–20, 2026

Reaching people for Jesus. Encouraging Christians in the region.

Learning what it means to live and serve in the Middle East.



Short Overview

The metropolis of Dubai, located on the Arabian Peninsula, uniquely connects Asia, Europe, and Africa. Of its approximately 3.3 million residents from more than 150 nations, around 90 percent are expats. Many come from India, the Philippines, Bangladesh, or West Africa. They arrive in Dubai with hopes of prosperity and a better life.

Dubai is often compared to Babylon, a spectacular city where everything seems possible and whose allure is powerful. But appearances can be deceiving. Yes, there are people living in unimaginable luxury, but there are also hundreds of thousands who live in poor conditions, work seven days a week, and see their families back home only once a year. Jesus loves them all. And the Gospel is spreading in this city. You can be part of that. We will spend the majority of the outreach in Dubai. For two days, we will travel to Oman to meet local Christians and connect with the local population.

Reach Dubai/Oman 2026 has three clear goals:

- Share the Gospel with people
- Encourage local Christian communities in Dubai and Oman
- Learn what life and ministry in the Middle East look like in practice

What Will We Be Doing? The outreach begins at midday on **March 11**. We will start with a connection and orientation day in Dubai. From **March 12–14**, we will travel by bus to Oman. After returning to Dubai, we will work alongside a church network consisting of around **150 small international communities**, mainly from Africa and Asia. Many of these groups meet in homes, while others gather in rented event halls. In addition to two introductory motivation evenings, we will be active throughout the city during the day.

From Monday to Thursday, our days will begin in the morning at the hotel with teaching sessions on topics such as: Sharing the Gospel, Understanding Muslims, Life and ministry in the Arab world, and Mission as a lifestyle

In the afternoons, we will prepare for outreach activities. There will also be time to rest, or we will use the time for longer travel to outreach locations within the city. Whenever possible, we will conduct evangelistic outreaches in the evenings together with young adults from local churches. Locations include Jumeirah Beach, public parks, shopping malls around the Burj Khalifa, the old city, and labor camps where much of the city's service workforce lives.

Only about 10 percent of Dubai's population are Emiratis. Expect to meet people from all over the world. **Departure day is March 20.**

Sightseeing During the Outreach? We will be staying in central Dubai, surrounded by many of the landmarks the city is known for. Despite the geographical proximity, we ask participants to plan additional vacation days if they want relaxed sightseeing. During the outreach itself, our focus should remain clearly on the outreach goals.

Team Size: We are planning for a group of approximately 20 participants **from Germany, the USA, Austria, and Switzerland.**

Registration Deadline: February 20, 2026

Language: When we are among ourselves, we will speak German and English. When local young adults are present or during outreach activities, English will be the primary language.

Cultural Sensitivity and Guidelines: Dubai is a relatively liberal city with a high level of religious freedom. However, we are still in an Islamic emirate and working alongside local Christians who will continue living there long after we leave. This affects how we behave, dress, and especially how we talk about Jesus. We expect every participant to demonstrate a high level of willingness to adapt to outreach guidelines, rules, and cultural norms, and to accept correction if necessary. These guidelines apply even more strongly during our time in Oman, which is significantly more conservative than Dubai.

Preparation Meetings: There will be two mandatory online preparation meetings via Zoom for all participants. **Dates:** February 19 and March 3, both at 7:30 pm (European Time). The Zoom link will be sent via WhatsApp.

Accommodation and Flights: Our accommodation in Dubai will be at the **Arabian Park Hotel**, a well-maintained 3-star hotel with a swimming pool and a generous breakfast buffet.

All participants should arrive by **midday on March 11**. Since most flights are overnight, we recommend flying during the night of **March 10–11**. Flights and transportation from the airport to the hotel are organized individually. Coordination with other participants is possible in advance. Accommodation will be in double and triple rooms. If you would like to share a room with specific people, please indicate this during registration. Triple rooms cannot be guaranteed. Single rooms are available at a significant additional cost (equivalent to the price of a double room).

Participants registering individually will be assigned to a room with someone of the same gender. Couples may only share a room if they are married. Rooms typically have single beds rather than double beds. Accommodation in Oman is still being finalized and will either be in

a rented house or a budget hotel. Flight prices can vary greatly depending on travel dates. Especially for the return flight, extending your stay by one or two days can significantly reduce costs.

Outreach Leadership: The outreach will be led by **Tim and Sally Zimmermann, Gernot Elsner, and team**. The organizing body is **GOSPELTRIBE**.

Outreach Cost: The participation cost is **€579**.

Included in the price:

- Hotel accommodation
- Breakfast
- Transportation within Dubai
- Transportation to and within Oman

– Outreach materials

– All other outreach-related costs

Not included:

- Flights
- Meals, approx. **€15 per day**

Donations: We aim to keep the participation cost as low as possible. However, planned activities in Dubai, including venue rentals for seminars and youth events, will require several thousand euros in additional funding. These costs are covered through donations.

If you or your church would like to support this outreach financially, please donate with the reference: **“Dubai/Oman Outreach”** to **GOSPELTRIBE**.

For donations in the USA: Donations can be made through **Bridge Steps Inc. Memo: Dubai/Oman Outreach**

Thank you very much for your support.

Vacation After the Outreach: If you would like to extend your stay with vacation days after the outreach, you are welcome to book accommodation at the Arabian Park Hotel or elsewhere independently starting **March 20**, and adjust your return flight accordingly. The outreach officially ends on the morning of **March 20**.