



IAPA EMEA and Asia Pacific Conferences, 2017, Dubai

The Ritz Carlton DIFC, 17-19 March 2017

Delegate and Companion agenda

Thursday 16 March 2017

IAPA EMEA golfing day

We are delighted to host this popular pre-conference networking day once again, however please note most clubs in Dubai have a requirement that players have at least a 28 handicap. If anybody isn't signed up to the golf that would like to be, please contact j.lord@iapa.net.

Friday 17 March 2017

EMEA and Asia Pacific joint conference begins

Ballroom C & D, Mezzanine floor

- 8.30am: Conference registration:
Outside ballroom C & D, Mezzanine floor
- 9.00am: Conference start:
Welcome, *EMEA & Asia Pacific Chairs*
New members' presentations
Doing Business in Dubai, *Vipul Kothari, Kothari Auditors & Accountants, Dubai*
The Future of IAPA
- 10.30am: COFFEE BREAK and continued networking
- 11.00am: The secrets of superior accounting firms
Martin Bissett, The Upward Spiral Partnership, will present cases studies and facilitate discussions.
- 1.00pm: LUNCH for delegates and companions
Cara restaurant

Afternoon and evening, joint delegate and companion activities:

- 2.50pm. Delegates and companions taking part in the dune bashing experience to meet in the hotel lobby for a 3.00pm departure.

Guests will depart the hotel in 4x4 jeeps to take them out of the city into the desert for a dune driving experience. After speeding up and down the sand dunes, guests will stop at sunset for a relaxing drink and watch a falcon show. A further short ride into the desert, guests will arrive at a private camp for dinner under the stars, where a typical Arabian BBQ awaits IAPA guests with Arabian entertainment throughout the evening including camel rides, Arabian music, Henna painting and Arabian dancers.

The dune bashing experience is designed to be fast and exhilarating and may be uncomfortable if you suffer easily from motion sickness, if you have back injuries or if you are pregnant. Should guests not want to take part in this, arrangements can be made to be taken directly to the sunset stop with the falcon show.

- 3.50pm. Delegates and companions NOT taking part in the dune bashing experience to meet in the lobby for a 4.00pm departure.

Guests are expected to be back at the hotel at 10.30pm.

Dress code: **Casual**. Evenings may be chilly – advised to bring a wrap/jacket and suitable clothing for a camel ride (not skirts or short dresses).

Companions:

8.45am: Early morning visit up the Burj Khalifa including coach and guide

The Burj Khalifa is the tallest structure in the world, standing at 829.8m. Companions will take the high-speed elevator to the observation deck at Level 125 and see the incredible views over Dubai marina, the Burj-Al Arab and other sights.

Companions will then be given free time to explore the famous Dubai shopping mall and a coach will return all companions to the hotel for lunch with IAPA delegates.

12.45pm: Arrive back at the hotel.

Saturday 18 March

Ballroom C & D, Mezzanine floor

Conference starts with concurrent technical forums:

9.00am IAPA Tax Forum. Ballroom C

Setting up business in an overseas country.
Chaired by Jay Sanghrajka, Price Bailey, UK and Mun Kit Wong, Fiduciary Asia, Hong Kong.

A case study will be presented on this wide-ranging topic that will cover issues such as

- Structuring business in the overseas location (branch v subsidiary)
- Financing the overseas business
- Sending employees to work overseas
- Transfer pricing issues
- VAT/ sales tax issues

10.00am IAPA Audit Forum. Ballroom D

Maximising recoveries and improving audit efficiency.

Chaired by David Stevens, Ellacotts, UK

11.30am: COFFEE BREAK and continued networking

11.45am: Concurrent meetings:

IAPA EMEA discussions and regional AGM

Ballroom C

Regional discussions for the IAPA EMEA Regional members, followed by their AGM.

IAPA Asia Pacific discussions and regional AGM

Ballroom D

Roundtable discussions for the IAPA Asia Pacific Regional members, followed by their regional AGM.

1.00-1.30pm: LUNCH for delegates only
Cara restaurant
Depending on finishing times of the AGM's

2.30pm: IAPA Deals & Opportunities Forum

Jan van Wijngaarden, JM Corporate Finance, The Netherlands and Simon Blake, Price Bailey, UK will chair this technical forum.

- 3.45pm: COFFEE BREAK
- 4.00pm: Recent trends in financial fraud and detection techniques
Presentation by Mr Uday Gandhi, Managing Partner, US Gandhi & Co, India
 Using relevant case studies, this interactive presentation will highlight types of financial fraud, detection techniques and root cause analysis.
- 4.45pm: Future conference presentations, conference end

Evening, beach side dinner at the Ritz Carlton Jumeriah Beach:

- 5.20pm: Gather in hotel lobby to depart by 5.30pm
- 6.15pm: Opening cocktail drink at the Ritz Carlton, Jumeriah Beach
- 7.00pm: Dinner, speeches and entertainment

The dinner will take place outside overlooking the beautiful Jumeirah Beach. From here, a clear view of the Bluewaters Island can be seen that will seat the Dubai Eye, billed to be the world's tallest Ferris wheel (under construction). Coaches will depart at 10.15pm due to strict noise restrictions. Arrangements will be made for guests who want to continue the evening at the bar in the Grosvenor House Hotel. **Dress code: smart/casual**



Companions: OPTIONAL ACTIVITY FOR SATURDAY 18 MARCH – 90 EUROS SUPPLEMENT

During the day, companions have the option of relaxing and choosing their own activities OR, for those who register online, please join us for the organised activity:

9.45am: Meet in hotel lobby for DUBAI OLD CITY TOUR

Companions can feel the essence of Arabia by exploring Dubai Creek, home to the Dubai Museum and the historic Al Fahidi Fort, built in 1787 to guard the landward approach to the city. Companions will wander around the quiet lanes and discover the art galleries, cafes and interesting shops, some housed within original Arabic wind-tower houses. You will then take a boat ride across the water on a traditional abra – to visit the souks on the other side. This is a truly authentic Dubai experience where companions can sample the famous spice and gold markets. As the government carefully regulates the quality of all the merchandise, you can be sure that your purchases will be genuine!

Lunch is included at 'Bastakiah Nights' restaurant, serving authentic, delicious Middle Eastern food. Companions will then be returned to the hotel. Guests can decide if they want to return via the more modern sites that Dubai is so famous for, including the Burj Al Arab (please note, you will not be able to go inside the hotel but can stop outside by the beach for photos).

Guests should return to the hotel mid-afternoon approx. 2.30pm. Dress code: casual.