

## United Arab Emirates, Gulf of Oman

### Area

Just the name 'Gulf of Oman' makes many a fisherman's heart beat faster. Here you will find a true paradise for the fisherman who prefers to wear shorts and wants to catch big strong fish. With a lot of low cost carriers flying to Dubai it is also fairly easy to reach this destination. From Dubai you can reach your hotel in Fujairah with a comfortable and air-conditioned taxi in a little over one hour. The cost of this taxi ride is around 325 AED (Arabic Emirates Dirham) which equals about 80 Euro.



Fujairah is a harbour town that has been developed because of Arab oil. With a population of 100,000 it is many times smaller than Dubai, but it does have the same appearance and allure. Fujairah developed fast after opening its first harbour in 1983. This meant that the large tanker ships no longer had to sail into the Persian Gulf but could load and unload their goods and oil directly on the Gulf of Oman. Fujairah has there for become a very important city for the United Arab Emirates. It is located about 130 km south east of Dubai.



Off the coast, the oil tankers are waiting at anchor for loading and unloading. These are the places where the various species of fish come to seek shelter and safety in the shade of the boats. A little further away are the drop offs and the deeper waters where there is targeted trolling for sailfish, marlin, tuna and where you can jig and pop at various spots.





There are several possibilities to stay at this location. We work together with three hotels:

### 1. The Ibis Hotel



The hotel has a 3 star rating and is a short drive from the harbour in the heart of the city. It offers 180 comfortable rooms and amenities, plus free Wi-Fi, a restaurant, sports bar and coffee lounge. Guests can choose from a range of restaurants and bars, as well as take advantage of a fitness centre with swimming pool and the conference centre at the adjacent



Novotel. The modern, air-conditioned rooms feature a private flat-screen TV, safe and bathroom with shower and hairdryer.

### 2. The Fortune Royal Hotel



Located a 5-minute drive from the beach and the harbour, the hotel offers air-conditioned suites with free Wi-Fi and views of Fujairah or the Arabian Gulf. It also has an outdoor pool and a sauna. The rooms are equipped with a private bathroom, spacious seating area, flat-screen satellite TV, minibar and safe. Tiled floors, wooden furniture and warm tones define the classic décor.



The hotel also offers 4 in-house restaurants serving Asian, Arabic and Indian cuisine. Some restaurants have facilities for private dinners and in others you can enjoy live music. The Arabic nightclub features singers and belly dancers.

### 3. The Hilton Fujairah Resort

The 5-star Hilton Fujairah has a private beach, an outdoor swimming pool, a wide range of water sports facilities and all rooms overlook the garden or the sea. In addition, it has a well-equipped fitness centre with a sauna and steam bath, and there is even a separate playground for children. You won't want to miss a thing here.



The Breezes Bar & Terrace serves fresh fish and seafood dishes and the Al Ghourfa restaurant organises themed buffets. For a refreshing cocktail after a long day fishing, head to the Central



Pub or grab a nice cold beer at the Fez Bar where you can watch sports on big screens at the same time.

In all locations you will stay on the basis of accommodation (sometimes breakfast) and a double room. Other arrangements regarding food or other hotels are also possible.



This location is ideal to book with the family, partners or several couples. While the anglers are busy with 'other things' during the day, the remaining partners and children can enjoy themselves at the swimming pool, beach, shopping in Fujairah, Dubai or a rugged desert drive with a 4 x 4 or visit the old fortress of the city.

In the morning you catch a taxi that takes you for a small fee to the international marina of Fujairah. The cost of the taxi is around 30 to 50 AED (= 4 to 7 euros) depending on the hotel where you stay. There Darryn the captain is already waiting for you to leave the harbour and set out for a nice and impressive fishing day.

## Fishing

The Gulf of Oman has a very stable temperature. This ranges from 24°C to 33°C on average throughout the year. That is why the fish population has little variation during the year. Practically all species can be caught throughout the year. Dorado, bonito, tuna, dogtooth, barracuda, rainbow runner, cobia, barracuda, amberjack, dogtooth, wahoo, grouper, sailfish, jacks and marlin.



Giant sail on the popper



Giant barracuda during trolling

Our partner on site offers highly professional boats, equipment and guidance. It is therefore the best operator in this location. Fishing here is of a surprisingly good level. There are little other fishing charters and there is no commercial fishing with trawlers or longlines. You may come across some local fishermen but that is it.

The regular fishing focuses on trolling on deeper and large waters with also casting around the anchored oil tankers with lighter material. There are also plenty of opportunities for enthusiasts to jig or cast a popper. All in all, this location offers an enormous diversity of possibilities that are virtually unprecedented at such a short distance from Europe. It is possible to arrange a different type of fishing every fishing day. How much fun is that?





Almost all large fish are returned to the sea by means of catch & release and for some smaller species the “hook & cook” method is sometimes used.

Captains:



Calvin



Darryn



Bobby

The Du Plessis brothers have been running this operation for several years and grew up around these waters. They know how to find the fish on the different cuttings.

## Material

From the Fujairah International Marine Club four different boats can be booked.

### Yellowfin 1

Yellowfin 1 is a 32-foot centre console boat designed by fishermen for Fishermen. She is perfect for up to 4 anglers. She is equipped with state of the art Lowrance electronics, and radar components. She has a 50 Gallons live baitwell and is further equipped with a toilet, seating, padded gunnels and shaded T-Top. First Aid kit, life Jackets, VHF and Thuraya Phone are available on board.

Yellowfin 1 is fitted with twin 175 Hp Suzuki Four Stroke engines and is capable of speeds of up to 43 knots.







### Yellowfin 2

Yellowfin 2 is the big brother of Yellowfin. She is a 38 Foot Centre Console custom built speed boat that can carry up to 7 anglers in comfort. She is fitted with the latest state of the art Garmin touch screen electronics and navigation which includes Broadband 3G Radar and deep water Depth sounding technology. She also carries a 50 Gallon Live Baitwell, toilet facilities, 50 Gallon Fresh Water Tank, ample seating and shaded T-Top.

Yellowfin 2 is fitted with twin 225 Hp Suzuki Four Stroke engines and is capable of speeds of up to 40 knots.



### Yellowfin 3

Yellowfin 3 is almost identical to Yellowfin 2. She is a 38ft centre console custom designed to our needs and built by Ocean Boats UAE. Extremely seaworthy and functional, Yellowfin 3 is powered by twin 250 Yamaha 4-stroke outboards and is capable of speeds up to 40 knots.

Yellowfin 3 is equipped with dual live-bait tanks, Garmin electronics as well as the necessary safety equipment. She is very spacious and can accommodate up to 7 anglers with ease.

With comfort elements such as a generous T-Top and an on-board toilet, she is perfect for a full pleasurable day on the water.





### Yellowfin 4

Yellowfin 4 is our latest addition to the Soolyman Fleet. She is a 39 Foot Al Rubban Centre Console custom built speedboat that can carry up to 7 anglers in comfort. She is fitted with a Garmin Chartplotter and a dual Chirp Transducer. She also carries a dual 50 Gallon Live Baitwell, toilet facilities, 50 Gallon Fresh Water Tank, ample seating and a shaded T-Top.

Yellowfin 4 is fitted with twin 250 Hp Yamaha Stroke engines and is capable of a range of 450 Nautical miles.



The tackle consists of only the best Shimano Tiagra/TLD/Saragosa/Stella and Penn International multiplier and spinning reels. We have light action, medium action, and heavy action tackle to go with every angler and every situation. We also have both Monofilament and Braided lines from 30 pounds up to 80 pounds. As the captains are sponsored by Pulsator lures from South Africa their full range of high-quality handmade fishing lures are available on all boats.







Smaller poppers and bait fish are used for casting. Small sardines are used to lure the dorado's close to the boat and then they fish with a single hook and a live baitfish. If you want to bring your own equipment the following things are relevant.

#### Casting fish / Popping:

For this fishing it is wise to bring a light and a medium casting rod. For active fishing

for dorado's a rod with a casting weight of 75 to 100 grams and a rod with a casting weight of 120 to 180. For both rods you use a reel with good drag and braided lines of respectively 25 and 50 lbs. Because you fish from the boat, it is better if the rods are not too long.



For casting and popping you can use different types of lures, poppers, stickbaits etc from 50 to 200 grams. But don't forget the tuna squids and lures for tuna and dorado and silver spoons that work well for barracuda for example. And last but not least don't forget the single (circle) hooks to fish with live sardines. When fishing for barracuda a steel leader might come in handy 😊.



#### Jigging:

For this fishing a short rod in the weight class of 30 to 50 lbs (casting weight 200 - 500 grams) of 1.7 to 2 meters is recommended. Some examples of good rods are: Hart Bloody Classic Jig, the Jigstick from Savage Gear, the Beastmaster Boat or Jigwrex from Shimano or the Accurate Extreme Boss Jig.



The selection criteria for the reel to be used are a good retrieving speed (at least 1 metre per wind but preferably more) and an extremely powerful drag with a 'drag-power' from 20 kilo continuous. The line capacity is around 300 metres for braided line with a breaking strength of around 30 kilos. As a leader, a fluorocarbon line of about 1.5 metres is used. This leader stroke has a breaking strength of 150 lbs.

The jigs used vary from 100 to 300 grams. Depth and current play an important role. They must sink quickly and end up in the striking zone. After that it is a matter of quick and effective jigging and the result will follow! Pay attention to the quality of the hooks and split rings! As jigging takes place at depths of 30 to 80 metres, bright, brilliant and reflective colours are important. Also fluorescent colours are used a lot here.



## Season / Weather

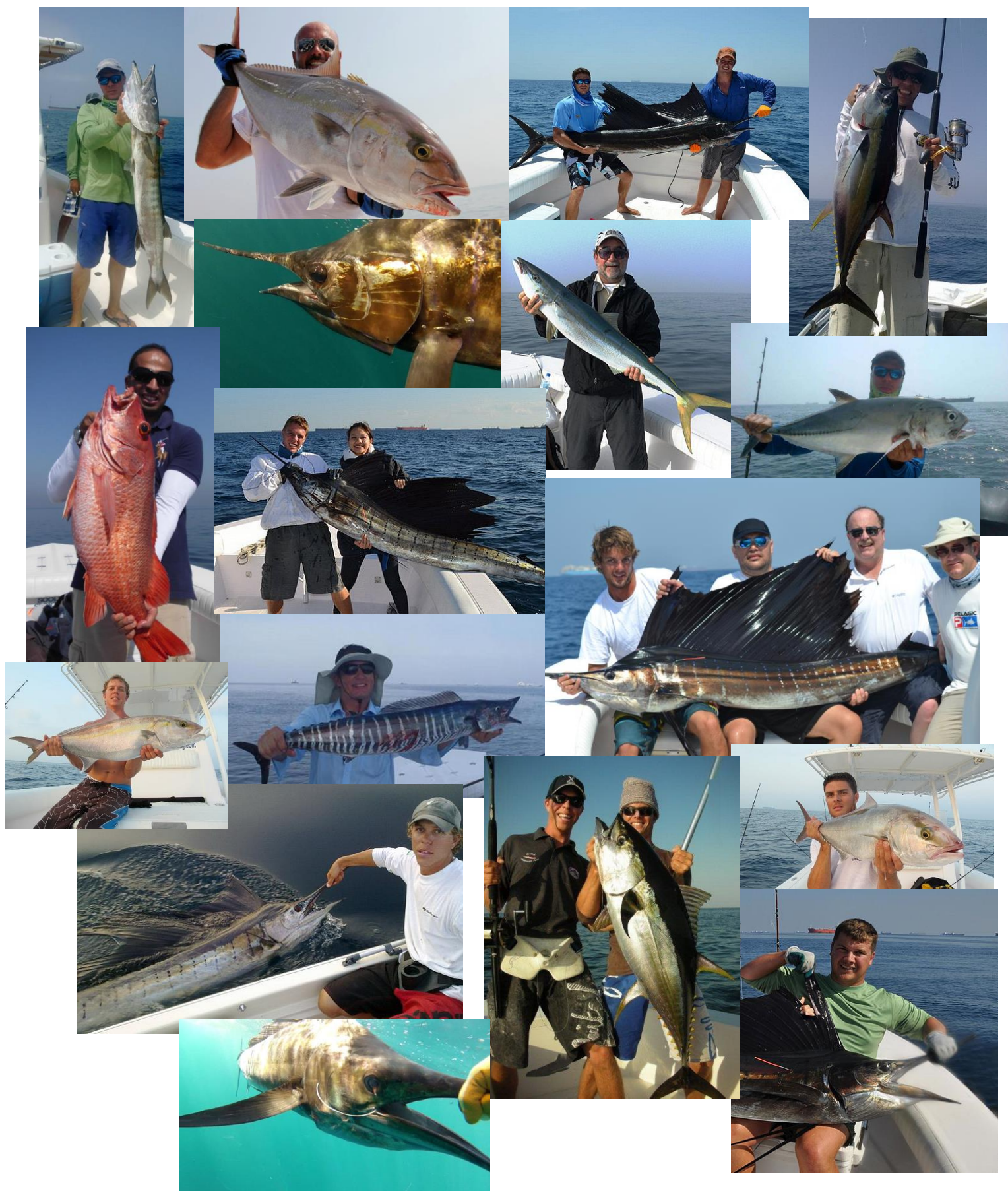
The fishing season here is really 12 months with similar results in summer and winter. The main species targeted are marlin, sailfish, yellowfin tuna, dorado, trevally, rainbow runner and amberjack. Sailfish, barracuda and dorado are very good all year round. You will always catch beautiful and tropical fish here. As the seawater gets warmer, the number of marlin present also increases. Disadvantage for us is that it is warm in that period but since you fish on the sea there is almost always a cooling breeze. We advise to always wear long sleeved t-shirts as well as sunglasses and fish cap. The use of sun lotion is also a must.

	jan	feb	mar	apr	may	jun	jul	aug	sep	oct	nov	dec
<b>Blue marlin</b>												
<b>Black marlin</b>												
<b>Striped marlin</b>												
<b>Sailfish</b>												
<b>Mahi mahi</b>												
<b>Yellowfin tuna</b>												
<b>Amberjack</b>												
<b>Barracuda</b>												
<b>Red snapper</b>												

<b>Good</b>	
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	ave. temp max	hours sun	rain days	ave. temp sea
<b>January</b>	23	8	2	24
<b>February</b>	24	8	4	23
<b>March</b>	28	8	4	24
<b>April</b>	33	9	2	26
<b>May</b>	38	11	1	29
<b>June</b>	40	11	0	32
<b>Jul</b>	40	10	0	33
<b>August</b>	39	10	0	33
<b>September</b>	38	10	0	32
<b>October</b>	34	10	0	30
<b>November</b>	29	9	1	28
<b>December</b>	25	8	2	25



For the Emirates, two vaccinations are recommended for all travellers: DTP and hepatitis A. For trips longer than two weeks, a typhoid fever vaccination is recommended. But always check with your local GP or healthcare centre what is the latest news. To charge your mobile phone and (film) camera it is recommended to bring a multi an electric socket adapter and a distribution plug to charge several electrical devices at once.

## Travel & Price

There are direct flights available from several countries to Dubai. So getting there is not a problem. From central Europe flight times are between 4 and 7 hours and that make it highly accessible and often not too expensive. Holiday periods of course have higher fares than the low season. In addition, there are various options in terms of amount of luggage, seat types, etc. We will be happy to arrange these with you personally.



Assuming a week's stay, excluding flight and five days fishing on the Yellowfin 1, this trip is already available from just 1.495,- euro per person based on 4 participants and two double rooms. Please note: this is the 'starting price'! Prices vary based on availability and timely booking of flight tickets and additional requirements. If you choose a larger boat and a more expensive hotel, this price will of course be higher. Additional costs are for the taxi from Dubai to Fujairah (about 75 euros), the local taxi from hotel to boat (about 4 to 5 euros), lunches, dinners and any tips for the crew.





Furthermore, it is possible to schedule this fishing trip the way you want. For example staying longer and less days fishing, a diving excursion or a quad tour is all possible and completely dependent on your own wishes.

To travel to Dubai you need a valid passport. Your passport needs to be valid for another 6 months when you enter Dubai. If you have a European passport, you do not need a visa. You will receive a free entry visa stamped in your passport on entry to Dubai for thirty days. Children must have their own passport.

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