

Reading: the Dune Hotel



THE DUNE HOTEL

A. Something for everyone!

The Dune Hotel is situated in the middle of the desert just a 35 km drive from the city centre. If you enjoy peace and quiet, spend a few days with us. For relaxing, there is a swimming pool and a spa. For more energetic activities, rent bikes or dune buggies. For great shopping, catch the hourly bus to the city centre malls.

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C. Dates and Room Prices (per night)

Month	1 person	2-4 people
March	Dhs 780	Dhs 1,200
April	Dhs 850	Dhs 1,350
May	Dhs 1,300	Dhs 1,800
June	Dhs 1,200	Dhs 1,650
July	Dhs 600	Dhs 1,000
August	Dhs 700	Dhs 1,150

B. Special trips from the hotel

desert camping	3 nights	Saturday to Tuesday
desert camping	1 night	Friday night only
camel ride	daily	5:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.
camel ride	daily	4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
balloon trip	daily	9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

- The desert camping trips are at no extra cost.
- The camel rides cost 150 Dhs per person.
- The balloon trips cost 300 Dhs per person.

Children under the age of 10 are not allowed to fly in the balloon without their parents.

D. Equipment hire

bicycle	6 hours	100 Dhs
bicycle	12 hours	180 Dhs
quad bike	6 hours	400 Dhs
quad bike	12 hours	750 Dhs

E. Transport Services

bus to city centre	free	Every hour: 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
bus to airport	adult - Dhs 60 child - Dhs 30*	Every 2 hours: 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
taxi to city centre	90 Dhs	call the reception desk 20 minutes before you want to leave.
taxi to airport	110 Dhs	call the reception desk 30 minutes before you want to leave.

* children under 5 travel free

Exam practice

Where would you find this information about the Dune Hotel?

1. A. in a history book B. in a travel website C. in an art shop D. in a book about camels.

2. What is the main purpose of section A?

A. To give information about how much the rooms are and where you can eat.
B. To give information about where the hotel is and what you can do there.
C. To give information about the time of the special trips and the cost.
D. To give information about the transport services to the airport and the cost.

3. Look at all the information about the hotel and find the correct section A, B, C, D or E for the information you need. Write the letter of the section in the table below. You can use one letter twice. Number 1 is an example.

Information needed	section
1. You want to know how far the hotel is from the city centre.	A
2. You want to know the cost of a taxi from the hotel to the airport.	
3. You want to know if you can take a camel ride from the hotel.	
4. You want to know how much it costs to rent a bicycle from the hotel.	
5. You want to know the cheapest time to have a holiday at the hotel.	
6. You want to know the best way to travel from the hotel to the city centre.	

4. Answer the following questions:

a. How much is a room per night for 2 to 4 people in June? _____

b. What is the price of a bus ticket to the airport for a 7-year old child? _____

c. How often are the balloon trips? _____

d. Can you go for a camel ride at 9:00 a.m.? Yes / No

e. What time is the last bus to the city centre from the hotel? _____

f. If you pay 400 Dhs, how long can you rent a quad bike? _____

Exam practice

1. The most expensive month to stay at the Dune Hotel is.....
A. April B. May C. June D. July
2. If I want to go on a 3 - night desert camping trip, it will be
A. Dhs 300 B. Dhs 150 C. Dhs 100 D. free
3. I am going on holiday alone, so a room in August will cost me.....
A. Dhs 1,000 B. Dhs 600 C. Dhs 700 D. Dhs 1,150
4. If I want to get a taxi to the airport at the end of my holiday, I have to
A. call reception the night before. B. call reception 30 minutes before.
C. call reception 20 minutes before D. call reception 2 hours before.
5. I'm planning to go on a balloon trip from the hotel with my family. I will pay
for my 8-year old daughter.
A. Dhs 300 B. Dhs 150 C. Dhs 100 D. nothing
6. If I want to go on a shopping trip to the city centre malls, there is a bus.....
A. every 30 minutes B. every 20 minutes C. every 2 hours D. every hour
7. You can go for a 3-hour camel ride
A. once a day B. twice a day C. once a week D. twice a week
8. I am staying at the hotel on Friday and Saturday. I can take a camel ride at.....
A. 2:00 p.m. B. 3:00 p.m. C. 4:00 p.m. D. 8:00 p.m.
9. There are four people in my family. My wife, a 6-year-old son and a 3-year-old daughter. I
will have to buy a bus ticket to the airport for.....
A. me and my wife only B. me, my wife and son only. C. my wife and son only. D. all my
family.
10. If I pay 750 Dhs, I can hire a quad bike for
A. 6 hours B. 12 hours C. 3 hours D. 24 hours