

Go pros

These GCC-based travel agents can get you anywhere you want in the world, but if you have somewhere specific in mind, here are our picks for who does what best

EUROPE & NORTH AMERICA

Dnata Travel's holiday options in the West make them the go-to agent when planning trips to Europe or North America. The expansive Holiday Collection brochure focuses on destinations across these regions with top-notch services. Rail journeys through Alpine Switzerland and Canada, adventure travel and private luxury accommodation – like staying in an apartment in London's Mayfair neighbourhood – are all on the menu. 00971-4-394 0100, dnatatravel.com

ASIA

Al Rais Holidays can sort out your Far Eastern travels. With holiday packages created for destinations that include Thailand, Singapore, South Korea and China, you'll be on your way to exploring Asia's varied culinary and cultural offerings. Malaysia is one of the top spots, and holiday packages are tailored to each traveller's specific needs and interests. 00971-4-355 7700, alraisholidays.com

AFRICA

Abercrombie & Kent only recently added a Middle East office, but the company's expertise goes back to the Sixties when it began coordinating safaris in East Africa. The luxury travel company boasts insider contacts around the continent: Tailor-made getaways, total privacy in exclusive accommodation and trekking experiences for the more adventurous can be coordinated. 00971-56-665 3106, abercrombiekent.ae

INDIAN OCEAN

Hudsons Travel has over 10 years experience in luxury travel and has strong relationships with some of the top destinations in the Indian Ocean. Five-star properties like Kahanda Kanda in Sri Lanka and the Seychelles' Desroches Island have been hand-picked to ensure a memorable experience. 00971-50-105 5053, hudsons-travel.com



Sandboarding in the dunes is just one adventure a specialist can organise

MIDDLE EAST

Desert Adventures is the best bet for exploring your own backyard. Whether you want to simply pick a package for a short break in Oman or have an itinerary curated for a trip to Jordan, or are looking for a memorable day-trip for visiting friends and family in Dubai, you'll find it here. 00971-4-450 4450, desertadventures.com



The agency will help travellers obtain visas, hotel and flight bookings, and assist once on the ground

UMRAH & HAJJ

Fast Aviation Travel and Tourism is based in Saudi Arabia and has been one of the leading agencies for religious travel since the Sixties. The agency will help Umrah and Hajj travellers around the world obtain visas, hotel and flight bookings, and will assist once on the ground to coordinate travel groups in Jeddah, Makkah and Madinah. 00966-12-261 6725, fastaviation.net

CRUISES

Sharaf Travel works in association with 16 cruise lines, with an online form allowing you to send your preferences directly to the agency so they can coordinate the trip to your taste. Cruise lines range from the family-friendly Disney to the high-end Crystal Cruises. Their dossier of itineraries is global, whether you want a trans-Atlantic tour or a taste of the Caribbean. 00971-4-327 8596, sharaftravel.com CNT