**Ferry Trip to Sharjah Aquarium and Maritime Museum**

This will take place on **Saturday, 5th October, 2019**. We will meet at **9am** near the Ferry Station in Ghubaiba. The specific meeting place will be sent to participants. Please note this is a paid parking area and parking is limited. An alternative way to get there is via the metro. If coming from the Marina area, change to the green line at Bur Juman interchange station.

The air-conditioned passenger ferry takes just over 30 minutes and we will exit the Creek, passing cargo dhows, the Deira Palm construction site and the re-located fish market (now named the 'Waterfront Market'), prior to our arrival at Sharjah Aquarium.

Opened in 2008, Sharjah Aquarium is similar to others around the world, housing many local fish, large and small, including the unusual Bowmouth guitar fish. The adjacent Maritime Museum exhibits many different types of local dhows and smaller boats, used for fishing, pearling and transport in the past. It also explains how ancient mariners were guided by the stars as well as many other interesting and informative facts.

Costs will include **15 dirhams** per person entry fee to the Sharjah Aquarium and **10 dirhams** into the Maritime Museum. The cost of the ferry is **15 dirhams** (Silver class) each way.

Members are requested to contact Margaret Swan at gazelleeditor@gmail.com if they wish to participate in this trip, which is limited to **20 people**.