For the purpose of booking a suitable size Bellobus, please can you let me know by Thursday morning at  the very latest if you would like to come on this trip.

Dubai Natural History Group Sharjah Museums Trip by Bellobus on Saturday 19th January 2019

Dubai

**8.15 a.m.**    Meet for Bellobus opposite JESS School and Medcare Hospital near Safa Park (usual bus meeting place)

**8.30 a.m.**    Departure for Sharjah.

Sharjah

**9.30 a.m.**  Arrive at Sharjah Archaeological Museum

Temporary Exhibition of Saudi Archaeology: Echos of the Caravan. The exhibition presents objects that have never been seen before outside Saudi Arabia from three important commercial centres from the ancient trade routes: Najran, Al Ula and Tayma. There will be a guide provided. Entry 10 AED.

There are also permanent displays that introduce archaeology in Sharjah.

**11.30a.m. - 12.00 p.m.**

Depart by bus for Sharjah Islamic Museum.  The bus will drop off members by the Museum.

Lunch in the area of Sharjah Islamic Museum where there are lots of small Indian and Pakistani working men's cafes that usually serve very good food. There are cafes in Souq Shinasiya and a coffee shop called Ratio. A bit further away there is a traditional cafe in Souq Al Arsa.

**14.00 p.m**. Arrive at Sharjah Islamic Museum

Temporary Exhibition: Crossroads. This exhibition marks the 10th anniversary of the reopening of Sharjah Museum of Islamic Civilization. The exhibition is inspired by the interchange between the Islamic world, Europe and the Far East and the sharing of ideas, technology and art. There will be a guide provided. Entry 10 AED.

Some of the permanent exhibitions can also be viewed. The Science and Technology Gallery has recently been upgraded.

The 19th is also the last day for the Islamic arts festival which is at Sharjah Art Museum and Calligraphy Square. Entry is free. A long lunch would allow people to visit this too.

**16.30 p.m.** Bus departs from Sharjah Islamic Museum car park for return to Dubai.

 Maximum number for the trip is **30.**

Cost of Bellobus will be **Dh60/Dh65** depending on numbers.

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