Parasailing on the beach makes for a great way to beat the summer heat

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Summer is here and although summers in Dubai are full of events and attractions that drag people indoors into malls; most of us prefer spending some time outdoors on the beach; taking in the views; breathing some non-air-conditioned air for once.

A trip to one of Dubaiâ€™s beaches is always fun and always full of surprises because you never know who may come across. But what makes the beach the perfect place to be every summer is the sea. Thereâ€™s nothing like taking a dip in the pristine blue waters of the Jumeirah Beach and having a ball of a time with friends or family.

To add to that, there are a tonne of water sports activities that one can part take in, while youâ€™re at the beach itself. Parasailing makes for a great way to take in some great viewsâ€”200 metres above the seaâ€”and get your adrenaline pumping as well. It involves a lot of safety equipment that you get strapped into, but eventually your hands and legs are free when you are up in the air.

Most tour companies or booking agents in Dubai get the bookings done online since there is always a queue for such activities. So it is wise to do an online booking from one of the many dhow cruise companies in Dubai well in advance. Even the Dubai Marina cruise operators would be more than glad to help you and friends out for advance bookings.

It is a bit scary initially when you take off from the boat, but once you are up in the air, the fear evaporates and the fun factor sets in. The views of Dubai when you are flying 200 metres of the ground are truly amazing and breathtaking. And it is of course completely different compared to the views from a skyscraper because there is nothing below you but air and the blue sea. Itâ€™s a thrill ride that most people often want to do twice. The ride lasts for about 15 minutes after which you are gradually brought down into the sea next to the boat with a couple of fun splashes while landing.

The great thing about this ride is that one can go in for this activity with a group of friends (all individually parasailing of course!) So the entire ride eventually lasts a couple of hours. Giving you enough time to decide on whatâ€™s going to be your next plan of action once you get back to the shore.

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