

THE TRAVELOGUE By Vartika Srivastava



At the start of June, I stepped foot into the grand Emirates aeroplane to venture off to Dubai for a week. The reason for my trip was an Oxford Global Summit being held by Oxford itself, titled- ‘Academic Summit For Young Leaders’. Other students and I across other branches of amity in India were residing at the Amity University Dubai Hostel.

The main focus of the trip was the summit, but every day at 4 we’d leave the hostel and university campus and chase the sunset, exploring the magnificent city of Dubai. We went sightseeing in multiple places, out of which my favourite was definitely the Burj Khalifa. The 828-meter Burj Khalifa, designed by the architect Adrian Smith of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill and developed by Emaar Properties, has stood as a striking symbol on the desert ground of Dubai since 2010.

Its construction faced massive engineering challenges, including withstanding extreme desert heat and designing the world’s tallest structure. It was part of Dubai’s ambitious plan to diversify its economy and establish itself as a global hub for tourism and luxury. Watching the skyscraper firsthand left people in chills with such difficulties it faced historically, yet it stands tall and profound, marking the X on the map of Dubai, showing the rise of tourism in Dubai. Trust me, with sunrise or even after sunset, if you were to be far from the Burj Khalifa, you wouldn’t have problems finding it... - Vartika Srivastava