



## Oman, Land of Legend - 6 Days – 5 Nights

Day	Destination
2 Nights	Muscat
1 Night	Wahiba Camp (Sharqiya Sands)
2 Nights	Jebel Akhdar

### Day 1: Day 1, Muscat Airport arrival

Arrival at Muscat International airport.

Transfer to the hotel.

Overnight Stay at Hotel.

### Day 2: Day 2, Muscat hotel - Full-day Muscat tour Muscat tour

Breakfast at the hotel.

Start the full-day tour of Muscat with a visit to the magnificent Grand Mosque built with sandstone and marble. A beautiful Swarovski chandelier and a huge handmade Persian carpet adorn the main prayer hall. Pass through the Ministry district, before visiting the Opera House. Next, stop for a photo opportunity at Al Alam palace, the palace of the Sultan, before continuing on to admire the two Portuguese forts, Mirani and Jalali, from the outside. Move on to Bait Al Zubair Museum. This privately-owned museum located in the old town of Muscat is known for its fine collection of traditional costumes, antique jewellery and weapons. Continue to Muttrah Souq, which is one of the

oldest markets in Oman, dating back about two hundred years. Shop for artefacts, antiques, traditional textiles and jewellery in the bustling lanes of the traditional Arabian market. Return to the hotel.

(Mosque Notes: Please consider the dress code for the visit of Grand Mosque: Women must fully cover their hair, arms and legs; men must wear long trousers and a shirt. Visits are not possible on Fridays).

Overnight Stay at Hotel.

### **Day 3: Day 3, Muscat hotel - Bimah sinkhole - Wadi Shab - Sur visit - Wahiba desert - Wahiba overnight**

Breakfast at the hotel.

Stop at Bimah sinkhole, a deep natural depression filled with water. The locals say that a meteor fell on this spot resulting in the natural depression and forming a small lake.

Photo opportunity at Wadi Shab. Fresh water cascading from top of the mountains meets the briny sea water on its banks, creating an environmental diversity unique to this wadi and making it stand on a pedestal of its own when compared with the other wadis (valleys) in the Sultanate.

Arrival at the coastal city of Sur. Visit the dhow factory to see the construction of traditional wooden boats that vary in design and size. Thereafter take a photo opportunity at Al Ayjah lighthouse.

Arrival at the entrance of Wahiba Sands (also known as Sharqiya Sands). The longitudinal dunes stretch 200 km long and 100 km wide until the Arabian Sea and have been home to the Bedouin for 7,000 years. You can venture up the high dunes and witness the unforgettable desert sunset, before gently driving through the sand dunes to reach the camp.

Overnight Stay at Wahiba Camp.

### **Day 4: Day 4, Wahiba camp - Wadi Bani Khalid - Nizwa visit - Bahla fort visit - Jibrin castle - Jebel Akhdar overnight**

Breakfast at the camp.

Visit the enchanting Wadi Bani Khalid. Drive past the village with its endless date plantations until you reach the magnificent wadi. The pools are cool, deep and absolutely stunning. Feel free to plunge in and experience the crystal-clear waters.

Visit Nizwa, the former capital of Oman. Explore the 17th-century Nizwa fort with its vast tower and superb views of the oasis. In the bustling souq nearby you will find local products such as Omani daggers (khanjar), copper, silver jewellery, livestock, fish, vegetables and handicrafts for sale.

Visit the massive fort of Bahla (UNESCO site) that was built in the third millennium BC. The length of its south façade is about 112 metres, while its eastern facade is about 114 metres. It is evident that

the Bahla Wall, which extends over a distance of 12 kilometres, with its terraces, apertures for opening fire and guardhouses, was designed for defence purposes.

Visit Jibrin castle, a large rectangular building consisting of five floors and containing 55 rooms. This castle is distinguished by the inscriptions and frescoes that adorn its rooms. The castle's ceilings are decorated with paintings and Islamic inscriptions, and its doors are beautifully carved. A falaj runs through the middle of the castle.

Overnight Stay at Hotel.

## **Day 5: Day 5, Jebel Akhdar hotel - Jebel Akhdar visit - Free time Jebel Akhdar - Jebel Akhdar overnight**

Breakfast at the hotel.

Discover Jebel Akhdar (the green mountain). It is neither green nor a single mountain, but a large grey-brown massif covering more than 1,800 square km with several peaks, rising to nearly 3,050 metres. The mountain range is dotted with Omani villages and in many areas, villagers have dug terraces in parts of the mountain for growing crops. Wadi Bani Habib is one of several interesting villages located on the massive plateau. Jebel Akhdar is also famous for rose water distillation. Of the thousands of varieties of rose, only a few produce the fragrant oil required to make rosewater, 'damascina' being one of the most famous of this prized varieties. The rose season begins mid-March and finishes mid-May).

Free time at leisure.

Overnight Stay at Hotel.

## **Day 6: Day 6, Jebel Akhdar hotel - Muscat Airport departure**

Breakfast at the hotel.

Transfer to Muscat Airport.

## **Highlights**

A hidden jewel at the top of the Arabian Peninsula, Oman is a wonderful combination of ageless heritage and modern life. From high mountains and deep gorges, to water-filled wadis, endless beaches and some of the world's most stunning desert landscapes, the diverse beauty of Oman is apparent in every part of the country.

For nature lovers, there are white sandy beaches that extend as far as the eye can see, often modulating into shimmering golden sand dunes surrounding refreshing oases that are a welcome surprise to the wandering traveller.

For lovers of high terrain, they will surely be captivated by the mountainous regions that conceal

countless wadis (valleys) and lagoons that constitute a single and independent ecosystems by themselves.

Oman is the ultimate destination for cultural tourism. This is where you will find hundreds of castles, forts and museums dating back to various historic epochs.

## **Price**

Prices From INR 67,232\* per person

## **Tour Includes**

- Meet & Assist at the airport after luggage collection
- Return airport transfers with English-speaking guide or driver
- English-speaking guide / guide cum driver during the sightseeing visits
- Accommodation in the above mentioned Hotels or Similar
- Breakfast
- Modern, air-conditioned transportation during the excursions (size adapted according to the number of guests)
- 4x4 vehicle as per program. (3-4 pax + driver/4x4)
- 4x4 vehicle shuttles if required as per program (3 – 4 pax + driver/4x4) to access to: Wahiba Camp / Wadi Bani Khalid (only needed if 18 pax+)/ Jebel Shams Canyon
- Entrance fees to the sites mentioned in the itinerary
- 1 small bottle of water in the vehicle

## **Tour Excludes**

- Airfare / Visa / Insurance.
- GST 5%
- TCS at 5% (Tax Collected at Source)
- Any Increase in Airfare, Visa Fees, Airport Taxes, Govt. Taxes, Fuel Surcharges And Any Applicability Of New Taxes From Govt.
- Any increase in the Rate Of Exchange leading to an increase in the overall cost.

- Any Extra Expense Such As Route Change, Airline Change, Date Change, Accommodation Facilities, Etc Incurred Due To The Unforeseen, Unavoidable Forced Majeure Circumstances During The Tour.
- Porterage, Laundry, Telephone Charges, Shopping, Wines & Alcoholic Beverages, Items Of Personal Nature And Food Or Drink.
- Any Extra Cost Incurred On Behalf Of An Individual Due To Illness, Accident, Hospitalization, Or Any Personal Emergency
- Any Services Or Activity Charges Other Than Those Included In The Group Tour Itinerary
- Anything Specifically Not Mentioned In The 'Tour Price Includes' Column
- The conversion rate on the date of actual payment will be based on the rate of the Euro /USD on Xe.Com + INR 1.50
- Airfare To Be Calculated At The Time Of Booking As Per Actual.
- City Tax, if any
- Entrance & Guide charges other than those mentioned in inclusions

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