



OST-08 OMAN COAST & DESERT (08 DAYS)

What To Expect

Travel with Oman Safari Tours 07 Nts/08 Days. In this trip you will cover most of the places such as Muscat city, major touristic destinations Amouage Factory , Nizwa fort & Souq, Jabreen castle, Bahla fort, Jabel Shams, Mountain, Hiking, Grand Canyon, Wahiba Sands (Desert), Ras al Hadd, Ras al Jinz (Turtle watching), Sur Coastal route.

Tour Highlights

NO. DAYS	ITINERARY (Tour Highlights)-	OVERNIGHT
Day 01	Arrival Muscat International airport – Transfer to hotel	Muscat
Day 02	Muscat city tour(Grand Mosque-Muttra souq-Sultan Palace-Portuguese forts)	Muscat
Day 03	Muscat-Wadi Arbyeen-Bimmah Sink Hole-Wadi Shab-Ras al Hadd	Ras al Hadd
Day 04	JALAN BANI BU ALI – AL ASHAKARAH	Al Ashkara Resort
Day 05	AL ASHAKARA-CROSSING DESERT-WAHIBA	Desert Camp
Day 06	WADI BANI KHALID–IBRA- NIZWA	Nizwa
Day 07	BAHLA –WADI NAKHR – JEBEL SHAMS	Jabel Shams
Day 08	Jabal Shams-Bilad Sayt-Nakhal fort-Muscat int airport	

Specifications

Type:	Oman Round Trip
Arrival/Departure:	Muscat International airport
Duration:	07 Nts/08 Days tour
Every day drive:	500-600 Km
Availability:	As per request
Product code:	OST-08
Language	English
Special request for language speaking guide	Italian/French/German/Spanish/Chinese etc

Itinerary schedule

DAY 01: ARRIVAL MUSCAT

After arriving at the Muscat International Airport you will proceed directly to the Immigration. Customs and immigration are very quick and simple to deal with. Once you get there at the arrival lounge you'll be met by our smart and friendly chauffeur who'll guide you to our comfortable vehicle for hotel transportation.



DAY 02: HALF DAY MUSCAT CITY TOUR

Be picked up by our tour guide and driver from your Muscat hotel around 08:00am. The trip encompasses a visit to the famous Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque, the fifth biggest masjid in the planet, with Swarovski chandelier & a piece of carpet covering the entire male prayer hall. Then you'll drive pass the Royal Opera House and the diplomatic quarter. Also, explore the fish market, Bait Al Baranda museum & Muttrah Souk – the largest and oldest marketplace in the nation. Then you will be driven around Old Muscat to witness Sultan Palace with its 2 side-by-side Portuguese forts. Finally you'll be driven back to your Muscat hotel.



Overnight Stay in Muscat Hotel

DAY 3: MUSCAT-WADI ARBYEEN/WADI SHAB-BIMMAH SINK HOLE-RAS AL HADD

On day 3 your tour guide will be there at your hotel to pick you up at 8:30 and from there we will continue to Quriyat which rests on the east-coast at end of a sandy plain overlooked by the Eastern Hajar Mountains. Close to Dibab lies Bimah sinkhole that attracts visitors with its crystal clear water. We continue along the coastline and we will stop at Fins with its popular "White Beach" enfolded beneath the cliffs, sandy beaches with amazing turquoise sea. The tour proceed along the shore & through the picturesque seaside village of Tiwi. Then enter to Wadi Tiwi to admire its blue green pool enclosed by palm trees. Then visit Qalhat – one of the oldest town & seaports of Oman.



In the afternoon, you will arrive at Ras Al Hadd where you can loosen up before dinner & then move for turtle viewing.

Overnight Stay in Ras al Hadd Resort

DAY 4: JALAN BANI BU ALI – AL ASHAKARAH

After having a delicious breakfast your journey will start towards the massive Wahiba Sands. Your driver will take you on a ride along the Eastern coast, popular for its immaculate beaches & fascinating migratory bird watching locations. The drive offers some awe-inspiring views of the enclosing landscape. Explore the colonies of Jalan Bani Bu Hasan and Jalan Bani Bu Ali which are recognized for typical Arabic architecture & culture. There're also many wadis which feature different kinds of trees & interestingly shaped sand dunes with pools of standing water between them. The twin towns of Jalan Bani Bu Hasan and Jalan Bani Bu Ali are 17 kilometers from Al Kamil & 36km to Al Ashkarah and make a great diversion to or from Ras al Jinz. Now its time to back to your hotel!



Overnight stay in Al Ashkara Resort

Day 5: AL ASHAKARA-CROSSING DESERT-WAHIBA

After having your breakfast, your tour guide will take you on a journey of lifetime From vast sand dunes to wadis and beautiful coastlines this tour includes everything. In between, we'll take you across the popular Wahiba Sands & Empty Quarter Deserts along isolated wadis leading into the Hajar Mountains. The 2 desert regions you'll visit have some stark contrasts. Rub Al Khali, or the Empty Quarter Desert is the biggest sandy deserts on the planet, inhabiting an area larger than France.

One of the fondest desert experiences here will be walk alone over a sand dune, out of sight of your vehicle or any indication of humanity and just imagine what it'd be like to be left alone here.

Overnight lodging at Desert Camp



DAY 6: WAHIBA-WADI BANI KHALID-IBRA- NIZWA

After breakfast and hotel check-out, your tour guide will escort you to our 4x4 comfortable vehicle to proceed to Wadi Bani Khalid which is Oman's most gorgeous Wadis with unlimited date palms & crystal clear water. You can proceed to hike up further into the wadi to discover more pools & eventually a cave with an underwater stream. If swimming is not your cup of tea you can always relax & see the local boys cliff dive.

After a great afternoon soaking up some sun & discovering Wadi Bani Khalid, proceed northwest on Highway 23 to Ibra. Let your tour guide help you explore many of the ancient mud buildings still active in Ibra. Ibra also has souq to check out that stays pretty active on Wednesday mornings. If you proceed past the souq & turn right you will arrive in Al-Munisifeh, the washed-up village of Old Ibra. This is the part of the city that is still stacked with the crumbling old mud buildings from days past. This's the part of the city that's still piled with the crumbling ancient mud buildings from days past.



Your next stop will be Nizwa where you will check out the popular Nizwa Fortress & Nizwa's Souq. The Fortress is the most visited national monument of Oman, so expect it to be pretty busy. Most of the time there will be food stalls where you can try out all types of traditional Omani food & other stalls where you can witness Oman handicrafts being made live & in action. The Souq is also worth roving around to buy traditional garments, spices and memento. Now its time to get back to your hotel and wait for the next morning adventure.

Overnight Stay In Nizwa:

DAY 7: BAHLA –WADI NAKHR – JEBEL SHAMS

Day 07 will start with a morning breakfast and then you will proceed to Bahla, west of Nizwa, and see its own fortress, which is inscribed a UNESCO- listed World Heritage Site. Marvel at its huge dimension, an evidence to the potency of persian people who constructed it. We have a photo stop of grand Bahla fort.

Then we will continue to Wadi An Nakhr which is a remarkable 600km stretch of mountains and also home to pulsating activities such as trekking in the wadis, walking in the Snake Gorge and climbing up to the highest peak. En route you will notice the special synopsis of Jebel Misht standing proudly on the west. The last few kilometers are especially remarkable, with wonderful views down into the magnificent hole of "Wadi An Nakhr".

Your next stop will be at Jebel Shams – Oman's highest mountain – best known for its peak and the view into the stunningly deep Wadi Ghul lying alongside it. While there's nothing 'to do' precisely at the zenith, the area makes an excellent place to take photographs, trek the balcony trail and have a picnic. We will back to your hotel in the late afternoon.

Overnight Stay at Jabel Shams Resort

DAY 08: DEPARTURE TRANSFER

Your driver and tour guide will meet you around 8.30 am to escort you to our jeep to board on a gentle adventurous journey. Your first stop will be at the picturesque mountain village Bilad Say which is enclosed by a few spectacular mountains. Then we drive through the magnificent Wadi Bani Auf. This route is pretty adventures and means only for the physically fit as it involves many steep bends & uneven roads. The tour continues to Nakhal & its seventeenth century fort constructed in the crest of a mountain.

Recognized as one of the most spectacular forts of Oman, Nakhal Fort is located beautifully at the edge of the Jebel Akhdar Mountains and enclosed by a gorgeous Oasis. There's a region with therapeutic warm springs, and most noteworthy being Ayn A' Thowarah whose water run at 45°C & are considered as a remedy for rheumatism & skin diseases because of its heavy sulfur content.



Later on will be transported to Muscat International Airport to catch your flight back home. Good-Bye! Wish you a safe journey.

Know before tour start

Per Person cost is based on group of 04 person minimum

INCLUSIONS:-

- Return Airport Transfer from Muscat International Airport to hotel (Both Way)
- 02 Nts Accommodation in **Hotel Muscat Holidays or Similar, Muscat**
- 01 Nt Accommodation in **Sur Beach Holidays or Similar, Sur**
- 01 Nt Accommodation in **Al Ashkara Resort, Al Ashkara**
- 01 Nt Accommodation in **Arabian Oryx camp or Similar, Wahiba sands**
- 01 Nt Accommodation in **Hotel Al Diyar or Similar, Nizwa**
- 01 Nt Accommodation in **Jabel Shams Height resort, Jabel shams**
- Daily Breakfast at the hotel
- Dinner in Hotel on Day 03, 04, 05 & 07 at the hotel
- All the sightseeing as per mentioned itinerary
- All Tours & Sightseeing with 4X4 wheel Drive
- Complimentary water during the Tour
- Turtle watching reservation charges, Museum & fort Tickets
- Applicable Taxes & Service charges
- English Speaking Driver cum Guide

EXCLUSIONS:-

- Any air fare
- VISA charges.
- All meals other than mentioned.
- All expenses of personal in nature.
- Anything which is not specifically mentioned in inclusions part.

NOTE:-

- All tours are guided & on private basis.
- Booking can be made on first cum first services basis.
- If any supplement will be applicable by hotel for special occasion then the same will be informed and applied. Especially for Christmas and New Year period.
- If quoted hotel for the tour will not be confirmed alternative hotel will be used and either supplement or reduction will apply.
- Maximum 04 PAX can be accommodated in a 4 WD
- 4 WD & Minivan will be considered wherever there is more the 04 PAX

CANCELLATION FEES:

- Less than 15 Days in advance : 50% of the total amount
- Less than 10 Days in advance: 70% of the total amount
- Less than 07 Days in advance : 100% of the total amount

ADDITIONAL NOTE

Please note that this tour is on request basis and can be started any day of the week. In case we are not able to secure the accommodation as per the above program we would give you the option of operating the tour in reverse

All Museum / forts visits are subject to change without notice. Museums are normally closed on, Fridays, Saturdays and Public Holidays. Similarly visits to forts may be changed without notice since certain forts are often closed temporarily for renovations on a regular basis.

** The Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque in Muscat can be visited between 0800 – 1100 hrs on working days from Saturdays to Thursdays and it remains closed on Friday and public holidays

GUIDELINES FOR TOURIST

- **LUGGAGE:** For your convenience. Please bring only light luggage, maximum 1 medium suitcase+1 small hand carry bag.
- **DRESS CODE:** Please be aware that you will be visiting a predominantly Muslim country and it is always wise to dress with more modest clothing in public places in respect of their culture. No sleeveless shirts or shorts or other similar clothing (except on the beach or hotel pool where beachwear is allowed) Good and comfortable shoes are essential for sightseeing. You may be required to remove your foot were before entering mosques or other religious sites. For visit at grand mosque, men and women should wear attire covering their arms and legs. Women should cover their heads with scarf.
- **WATER:** Drinking water bottle is widely available and is advised in all areas outside of Muscat. Outside of Muscat, milk may be unpasteurized. Only eat well-cooked meat and fish. Vegetables should be cooked and fruit peeled.
- **PHOTOGRAPHERS** will find an enormous choice of subjects here. It is advisable to take photographs of locals only with their permission. Women in particular do not like being photographed. It is forbidden to take pictures of military facilities, border and airports. Observe 'NO PHOTOGRAPHY' signs particularly in Mosques.

- **TIPPING** is always at the discretion of the client and is not obligatory. Tips for porterage at hotel check-in/check-out services have not been included in cost of your tour. Gratuities for your guide have not been included in your cost. Tipping of your transfer staff, drivers have not been included in your tour cost. Tipping for restaurant services, portage within hotels, room service, and any optional sightseeing is NOT included
- Tipping guidelines for services of your Private guide/Driver is approximately Eur 2/Eur 8 per traveler per day. Gratuities to your transfer staff are approximately EUR 4/2 per traveler per day. Tips in restaurant are usually 10% per meal
- **CREDIT CARDS** : All major credit such as visa and master Card are widely accepted
- **HOURS OF BUSINESS**: Normal Business hours are 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM and 4:00 to 7:00 PM. Saturday-Wednesday; banking hours are generally 8AM to noon, though some banks reopen from 4 to 6 PM. Banks and businesses close at 11:30 AM on Thursday and remain close Friday. Business hours are reduced during the Ramadan fast.



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