



# OST -06 OMAN CROSSING DESERT & MASIRAH ISLAND (07NTS & 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, Nizwa fort & Souq, Jabel Shams, Mountain, Hiking, Grand Canyon, Wahiba Sands (Desert), Crossing Desert (Qahid) Sur Costal route.

## Tour Highlights

NO. DAYS	ITINERARY (Tour Highlights)-	OVERNIGHT
Day 01	Arrival Muscat International airport – Transfer to hotel	Muscat
Day 02	MUSCAT-WADI BANI KHALID-WAHIBA SANDS	Wahiba Sands
Day 03	WAHIBA SANDS CROSSING-QAHID-MASIRAH	Masirah island
Day 04	MASIRAH SIGHTSEEING	Masirah island
Day 05	MASIRAH TO NIZWA	Nizwa
Day 06	NIZWA / JABEL SHAAMS/ MUSCAT	Muscat
Day 07	Muscat city tour (Grand Mosque-Muttra souq-Sultan Palace-Portuguese forts)	Muscat
Day 08	Departure Transfer	

## Specifications

<b>Type:</b>	<b>Oman Round Trip</b>
<b>Arrival/Departure:</b>	<b>Muscat International airport</b>
<b>Duration:</b>	<b>07 Nts/08 Days tour</b>
<b>Every day drive:</b>	<b>500-600 Km</b>
<b>Availability:</b>	<b>As per request</b>
<b>Product code:</b>	<b>OST-06</b>
<b>Language</b>	<b>English</b>
<b>Special request for language speaking guide</b>	<b>Italian/French/German/Spanish/Chinese etc</b>

# 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.

Overnight in Muscat Hotel



## DAY 02: MUSCAT/WADI BANI KHALID/WAHIBA SANDS

Around 08:00am our tour guide & drive will meet you to give you an adventure ride to the fascinating desert of Oman. You'll ride through tiny villages & towns prior to arriving at Wadi Bani Khalid driving through the mountain giving a picturesque view of the magnificent terrain below. You'll travel through several beautiful villages nestled in the huge mountains. The road here winds down to the wadi along with a large pool bordered with vegetation and concludes at a village. Here we will park our vehicle and proceed on a brief hike to the deep pools of the wadi. You can enjoy a swim here if you want to experience the divine grace of nature.

Then you will continue to the Wahiba Sands (the great desert of Oman).

Soon you'll come face-to-face with the massive desert & our veteran driver will drive you through the beautiful sand dunes to offer you an excitement of dune driving.

Buffet Dinner & Overnight lodging at Wahiba Sand Camp



## DAY 03: WAHIBA SANDS CROSSING /QAHID/MASIRAH

After taking breakfast depart the camp to Qahid crossing Wahiba sands driving off the beautiful dunes. It'll take us four hours to cross the desert.

Then we will reach Qahid & proceed driving to Shannah. On the way you will be mesmerized by the azure of Arabian sea and desert dunes. After having lunch you will be guided on a half hour drive to the reach the Marisha Island which is located fifteen kilometers off the southeast shore of Oman with miles of remote sandy beaches.



**Note: Ferry will be subject to weather condition, ebb tide/high tide.**

Reach Masirah before sunset

Dinner and Overnight at Masirah Island Resort.

***Masirah Island Resort** is situated on the borders of the breeding grounds of the Turtles, make it a perfect destination for nature lovers. Also for travelers with an edge for edge for adventure with umpteen nautical sports to choose from.*

#### **DAY 04: MASIRAH**

After having breakfast discover the expanse of the infinite beach where you can find plenty of wrecked ships, bones and skeletons of whales, dolphins, camels, turtle birds and several other creatures who live & die in the wild place.

Relish a cozy evening tour discovering the wild windswept exquisiteness of this isolated island & have dinner in your hotel.

Overnight in Masihrah Island Resort



#### **DAY 05: MASIRAH/NIZWA**

After taking breakfast depart for the mainland by our 4x4 vehicle. From Shannah drive to Nizwa through Mahoot & Sinaw. Explore the Sinaw Souq on the route. After having a local lunch in Nizwa check into your hotel.

Overnight in Nizwa hotel



#### **DAY 06: NIZWA / JABEL SHAAMS/ MUSCAT**

Your day 07 will start with an exploration of the Oasis city of Nizwa. We'll explore the impressive seventeenth century fort with its massive spherical tower constructed by Imam Sultan Bin Saif Al Ya'aruba to protect the route. From here we will continue to Nizwa souq which is recognized for its elaborately handmade "Khanjar" and wonderfully designed silver ornaments. On Friday the atmosphere here is electric as a unique cattle and goat auction is held.

The we will proceed to Misfah – an old village where the homes cling to the hills. Following a brief stroll via the village come back to your jeep & proceed the trip to Jabel Shams – the tallest Oman peak at more than 3,000m. Also known as "Mountain of the Sun" Jabel Shams is home to weavers of dense woolen rugs in unique colors. Your lunch with be arranged at the Jabel Shams camp. After enjoying some more quality time at Jabel Shaams, we will drive back to your Muscat hotel.

Overnight in Muscat Hotel



#### **DAY 07: 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 in Muscat Hotel



## **DAY 08 DEPARTURE TRANSFER**

After checkout you will be transported to Muscat International Airport to catch your flight back home. Your journey with us ends here.

\*\*\*\*\*END OF TOUR\*\*\*\*\*

## **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)
- 03 Nts Accommodation in **Hotel Muscat Holidays or similar, Muscat**
- 02 Nts Accommodation in **Masirah Island Resort or similar**
- 01 Nt Accommodation in **Hotel Al Diyar or similar, Nizwa**
- 01 Nt Accommodation in **Arabian Oryx camp or similar, Wahiba sands**
- Daily Breakfast at the hotel
- Dinner on Day 02 & Day 03 at the hotel
- All the sightseeing as per mentioned itinerary
- All Tours & Sightseeing with 4X4 wheel Drive
- Complimentary water during the Tour
- Ferry Tickets , 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 porter age 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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