



OST 04-THE TREASURES OF OMAN (07 Nts/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 Costal 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	Ras al Hadd-Sur dhow factory-Wadi Bani Khalid-Wahiba	Wahiba desert
Day 05	Wahiba-Sinaw-Birkat al Moze-Nizwa	Nizwa
Day 06	Nizwa-Jabreen castal-Bahal fort & Osis-Jabel Shams- Nizwa	Nizwa
Day 07	Nizwa fort & Souq-Muscat Amouage perfume factory-Muscat hotel	Muscat
Day 08	Departure to Muscat international 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-04
Language	English
Special request for language speaking guide	Italian/French/German/Spanish/Chinese etc

Itinerary schedule

DAY 01: ARRIVAL MUSCAT

You will arrive at the Muscat International Airport.

After your arrival at the Muscat International Airport and you will enjoy simple and fast immigration and customs clearance. Then a professional Smart Oman Safari Tours chauffeur will meet you at the general arrival lounge to guide you towards a comfortable and clean vehicle to provide a comfortable transfer to the hotel.



DAY 02: HALF DAY MUSCAT CITY TOUR

Your day two of the Treasure of Oman tour starts after the breakfast session that will take you to explore the Muscat city attractions:

Grand Mosque- the Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque, which is the glorious piece of modern Islamic architecture and is considered as a gift to the nation from the Sultan Qaboos (that marks his 30th year of reign).

Muttra souq- One of the most popular tourist attraction, the Muttra souq or Mutrah Souq is one of the oldest markets in the Sultanate of Oman, which dates back about two hundred years. Its extent beauty, magic, charm, and antiquity will help you have the utmost fun while exploring this traditional Arabian market.

Sultan Palace- The Al Alam Palace in Muscat is the Sultan's Palace that is recognized for its delightful mushroom pillars in blue and gold. The palace is closed to the public, but here you can enjoy quintessential photo opportunities.

Portuguese forts- On a guided tour, you can explore the Portuguese Forts in Muscat like the Al Mirani & Jalali Fort and *Mutrah Fort*. These forts were built by the Portuguese.

Enjoy an overnight stay at a hotel in Muscat.



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

Having the breakfast, you will head towards Wadi Arbyeen from your hotel in Muscat. The journey to Wadi Arbyeen will take you into Oman's remote world of natural beauty that has deep pools of water set among the date palms. Here you will experience the serenity of walking through a wadi. Then after, we drive you towards the spectacular Bimmah SinkHole. This attraction is an impressive limestone crater, which has a green and blue water at the bottom. Thereafter, you will head towards the exquisite turtle beach resort- Ras Al Hadd, which is located in Ash Aharqiyah. At the Ras Al Hadd, you will catch an exciting turtle watching.

Enjoy an overnight stay at a hotel in Ras Al Hadd.



DAY 04: RAS AL HADD-SUR DHOW FACTORY-WADI BANI KHALID-WAHIBA DESERT

In the morning, after having the breakfast, you will leave Ras al Hadd to enjoy a Sur dhow factory tour. Sur is located on the Gulf of Oman where Oman's majestic dhows have been built. Here you can witness the ancient residential dwellings and well-worn streets and experience the centuries old heritage. Thereafter, you will visit the Wadi Bani Khalid, which is

the most popular wadi of the Sharqiyah region that maintains a constant flow of water (flows from a natural spring) throughout the year. Here you will find long series of plantations, villages and abundant vegetation. We drive you towards the Wahiba Sands, which is the desert region in Oman. Here you will get an opportunity to experience a perfect specimen of sand sea.

Enjoy an overnight stay at a hotel in Wahiba.

DAY 05: WAHIBA-SINAW-BIRKAT AL MOZE-NIZWA

The day five of your Treasure of Oman tour starts a drive to the Sinaw City by leaving behind the Wahiba. On your visit to the Sinaw City, you will get an opportunity to learn more about the cattle market and its wonderful souq. This modest town boasts of well-preserved multi-storey mud houses and a fascinating heritage. Your journey will then head towards the beautiful Birkat al Moze, which is located near Nizwa in Oman. This tour will help you know about Omani history and glorious heritage. We then drive to Nizwa.

Enjoy an overnight stay at a hotel in Nizwa.



DAY 06: NIZWA-JABREEN CASTAL-BAHAL FORT & OSIS-JABEL SHAMS- NIZWA

The fourth day of your tour will be a full day visit to the historic town- Nizwa, which is known as Oman's capital.

Thereafter you proceed to visit the Jabrin castle, built in the 17th century and is known as one of the finest castles with magnificent plasterwork, carved doors, and painted wooden beams. These all things make the castle amazingly different. We then continue to Bahla, which is one of the oldest small towns of Oman (In the 12th century it was the capital of the tribe living in the region). Here the monumental fort is closed for renovation, so you will enjoy only a photo stop. You can also explore the Bahla famous pottery work.



While heading for Jebel Shams, you will enjoy a stop at the terrace farming village of Wadi Ghul. The next stop will be the Wadi Nakher that is located in the depth of the deepest canyon. At the Jebel Akhdar range, the highest peak-Jebel Shams offers a spectacular view. In the Sultanate of Oman, Nizwa is the birthplace of Islam and is renowned for Nizwa Souq. This souq is renowned for its intricately hand-carved "Khanjars" (daggers) & beautiful ornamental silver jewelry.

Enjoy an overnight in Nizwa hotel.

DAY 07- NIZWA FORT & SOUQ-MUSCAT AMOUAGE PERFUME FACTORY-MUSCAT HOTEL

After having the breakfast, your tour starts with a visit to Nizwa- In the Sultanate of Oman, Nizwa is the birthplace of Islam and is renowned for Nizwa Souq. This souq is renowned for its intricately hand-carved "Khanjars" (daggers) & beautiful ornamental silver jewelry.

Jabreen Castle-This is the most beautiful and historic castle in Oman. Then you will get an opportunity to explore the Nizwa souq, which is one of the oldest souqs in the country. At this souq, you can see local craftsmanship, handicrafts,



antiques and more. We then drive you to the Muscat Amouage perfume factory, which is a popular perfume house in Oman. The name Amouage is recognized as a luxury brand in the world and is famous for its sophistication and decadence.

Then we drive you back to your Muscat hotel to enjoy an overnight stay.

DAY 08: MUSCAT DEPARTURE.

We arrange for you stress-free departure transfers to airport, from where you will catch the flight back home.

*****End of the 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**
- 01 Nt Accommodation in **Turtle Beach Resort or Similar, Ras Al Hadd**
- 01 Nt Accommodation in **Arabian Oryx camp or Similar, Wahiba sands**
- 02 Nts Accommodation in **Hotel Al Diyar or Similar, Nizwa**
- Daily Breakfast at the hotel
- Dinner in Hotel on Day 03, & 04 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
- Special arrangements can be done for large group with 4 WD also.
- For self-drive if there are more than 04 PAX consider the additional costing per person as per the costing mentioned

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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