



# OST-02-ALL COLORS OF OMAN ARAB (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, Jabreen castle, Bahla fort, Jabel Shams, Grand Canyon, Wahiba Sands (Desert), Ras al Hadd, Ras al Jinz (Turtle watching), Sur Coastal route.

## Tour Highlights

Days	Tour highlights-Sightseeing	Overnights
DAY 01	ARRIVAL MUSCAT International Airport-Transfer to Hotel	Muscat
DAY 02	Half day Muscat city tour	Muscat
DAY 03	Muscat-Nizwa fort & Souq-Jabreen castle-Bahla fort & Oasis-Nizwa	Nizwa
DAY 04	Nizwa-Al Hamra-Misfat al Abrayeen-Wadi Gul-Jabel Shams- Grand Canyon	Jabel Shams
DAY 05	Nizwa-Birkat al moze-Old Ibra and Souq-Wahiba Sands	Desert camp
DAY 06	Wahiba- Wadi Bani Khalid-Sur Dhow factory-Ras al Hadd	Ras al Hadd
DAY 07	Ras al Hadd- Bibi Miram photo stop-Wadi Tiwi-Bimmah sinkhol-Wadi al arbayeen-Muscat	Muscat
Day 08	Departure to Muscat international airport	Muscat

## 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-02
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.
- Upon your arrival, you proceed straight to the Immigration.
- Immigration & customs are quick & simple. Upon arrival at the General arrival lounge you will be met by our friendly & efficient Oman Safari



Tours chauffer who will assist you to the comforts of our vehicle to drive you the hotel.

- Overnight at Muscat Hotel.

#### DAY 02: HALF DAY MUSCAT CITY TOUR

- Morning after breakfast tour begins with a visit to the beautiful **Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque** one of the largest mosques in the Middle East.
- Visit **Bait Al Zubair Museum**. The collections of Omani artefacts, Oman's rich heritage and culture and explanations of Zubair Family
- Photo stops at the residence of his Majesty Sultan Qaboos, the **Al Alam Palace**, which is build in the 16th century Portuguese forts **Mirani and Jalali**.
- Evening you will be strolling through **Muttrah Souq**, where you will be bargaining for handicrafts and silver items. Overnight Muscat Hotel.



#### DAY 03: NIZWA – JABREEN- BAHLA

- Morning after breakfast full day visit of the historic town of Nizwa, Oman's cultural capital (Muscat to Nizwa 170 Km distance)
- Visit **Jabrin castle** built in 17th century is one of the finest of its kind. Its magnificent plasterwork, the carved doors and the painted wooden beams of the ceilings makes this castle amazingly different.
- Photo Stop at the Persian **Bahla fort**, one of the oldest small towns of Oman and in the 12th century the capital of the tribe living in the region. As the monumental fort is closed for renovation only a photo stop is planned.
- Bahla is also famous for its pottery.
- Overnight at Nizwa Hotel.



#### DAY 04: NIZWA – JABEL SHAMS

- Morning breakfast in Hotel.
- Visit the powerful **Fort** with its massive Circular Cannon Tower, one of the most impressive forts in Oman and the traditional Souq.
- **Explore Oman Oldest villages in Al Dhakhlia region Al Hamra and Misfah**. The traditional mud houses dated back from 400 years are still occupied. The falaj system used in this village one of the oldest of this kind (UNESCO site).
- Visit **Wadi Gul & Wadi Nakhar** the remote villages exactly at the drop point of great canyon.
- Then proceed to **Jabel Shams**, one of the highest peak of Jabel Akdhar mountain range and is popularly known as the Great Grand canyon of Oman.
- Overnight Jabel Shams Resort.



#### DAY 05: NIZWA – WAHIBA

- Morning drive to Wahiba sands, on the photo stop of **Birkat A Mauz**. It is a traditional village located on the way to Jebel Akhdar, you can find the ruins of the Tribes that lived in those mountains surrounded by plantations. There was a traditional falaj irrigation system which was a home of local people this is one of the Unesco World heritage list.
- **Visit IBRA** that was one of the oldest cities in Oman and was once a centre of trade, religion, education and art.
- Arrive Wahiba sands around 3:30 PM Wahiba sands, a vast mass of undulating red and white sea of sand. The ever-changing patterns of the dunes are a photographer's delight.
- Some exciting sand dune driving which offers excellent thrills and chills for all.
- Evening watch sunset from top of the dunes.
- BBQ dinner and overnight at Wahiba Sands.



#### DAY 06: WAHIBA – SUR

- Breakfast in Camp.
- Visit **Wadi Bani Khalid** at around 11:00 to 1:00 Pm
- Explore Wadi bani Khalid that is one of the most beautiful wadis in Oman and its pools with clear deep blue water give you an opportunity to take a refreshing dip. Enjoy the ambiance of the Wadi. Then drive to you visit fishing town of Sur, the eastern most town on the Arabian Peninsula, where until recently the famous Omani Dhows were built.
- **Visit Dhow building in Sur** dates back centuries and is closely linked with the maritime heritage of Oman. From Sur too, in the old days, the Omanis were sailing the seas, mainly to India.
- After an early dinner you will visit the turtle sanctuary at **Ras Al Jinz**, where at night the **Green Turtles**, after a journey of thousands of kilometers will come ashore to lay their eggs.



You then return to Hotel for the overnight Ras Al Hadd.

#### DAY 07 SUR –QALHAT- BIMAH SINKH HOTEL-MUSCAT.

- Morning Breakfast Hotel
- Visit ruins of **Bibi Miriam's Tomb** can be seen at the village of **Qalhat** on coastal road to Muscat(Photo stop Only).
- Our next stop is the **Bimah Sinkhole**, a spectacular limestone crater with blue green water at the bottom. On clear sunny days while driving along the coast one might chance to see sharks in the deep blue water or fleet footed Gazelle sprint across the landscape.
- **Overnight in Muscat Hotel**



## **DAY 08 DEPARTURE TRANSFER**

Departure transfers to Airport to connect the flight back home.

\*\*\*\*\* 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**
- 01 Nt Accommodation in **Turtle Beach Resort or similar, Ras Al Hadd**
- 01 Nt Accommodation in **Hotel Al Diyar or similar, Nizwa**
- 01 Nt Accommodation in **Jabel Shams resort or Similar, Jabel shams**
- 01 Nt Accommodation in **Arabian Oryx camp or similar, Wahiba sands**
- Daily Breakfast at the hotel
- Dinner on Day 05 & Day 06 at the hotel
- All the sightseeing as per mentioned itinerary
- All Tours & Sightseeing with 4X4 wheel Drive & Mini Coach
- 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

## **CANCELLATION FEES:**

- Less than 20 Days in advance : 50% of the total amount
- Less than 15 Days in advance: 70% of the total amount
- Less than 10 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 footwear 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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