

# CT 09-Al BATINAH TOUR-NAKHAL FORT & AIN THOWARA

# What To Expect

Tour start from port of Muscat. This tour offers you Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque, Nakhal fort, Oman historical, Traditions, architecture, administrated homes, Hot spring water, Ain Thowara, Mutthra Souq

## **Guaranteed Tour Dates 2018**

Everyday tour from Monday-Sunday except Friday

# **Specification**

TYPE:	Day trip
DEPARTS FROM:	Muscat Port/Muscat Airport/Muscat Sea Port
MEETING POINT:	Muscat Port/Muscat Airport/Muscat Sea Port
DURATION:	08 Hrs
AVAILABILITY:	Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday
PRODUCT CODE	CT 09
LANGUAGE:	English
Special Request For Language Speaking Guide	Italian/French/German & Spanish

# **Package description**

You start your journey from Muscat towards **AI Bathina region**. The journey continues to Nakhal and its 17th Century Fort built on the peak of a mountain. Nakhal Fort is one of the most spectacular forts, dramatically located at the edge of the Jebel Akhdar Mountains in northwest Oman. It is surrounded by a beautiful oasis. There is an area with healing warm springs, the most notable being Ayn A' Thowarah. Its waters run at 45°C and are regarded as a cure for rheumatism and skin diseases due to its sulfur content.



Your guide, will then take you to **Wadi Al Abyad**, enter the wadi to see the famous "blue pools" and calcite. If you have enough time, you can do the

easy walk all the way to the village Al Abyad or explore the pools in the immediate vicinity, the blue pools are roughly five minutes down the wadi. Lush scenery and if there is enough water, you can do some wadi bashing. Head back to Muscat.

## **Know before tour start**

Per Person cost is based on group of 04 person minimum

#### THE COST INCLUDES

- Full day tour as per above mentioned itinerary.
- English speaking Guide
- 02 bottle mineral water per person.
- Entrance fees.

#### THE COST DOES NOT INCLUDE

- 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.

### **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 I medium suitcase+1 small hand carry bag.
- DRESS CODE: Please be aware that you will be visiting an 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 nit obligatory. Tips for porter age at hotel check-in/checkout 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, porterage 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.

