



OST 03-CLASSICAL SULTANATE OF OMAN (10 Nts & 11 Days)

What To Expect

Travel with Oman Safari Tours 10 Nts/11 Days. In this trip you will cover most of the places such as Muscat & Salalah city, major touristic destinations, Nizwa fort & Souq, Jabreen castle, Bahla fort, Wahiba Sands (Desert), Ras al Hadd, Ras al Jinz (Turtle watching), Sur Coastal route.

In Salalah you will cover Salalah city, Al Balid Archaeological Park, Markets, Castls, Frankincense trees, Archaeological sits, Mountains & Beach

Tour Highlights

Days	Tour higlhts-Sightseeing	Overnights
Day 01	Arrival Muscat International Airport-Transfer To Hotel	Muscat
Day 02	Half Day Muscat City Tour	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 Desert	Desert Camp
Day 05	Wahiba-Sinaw-Birkat Al Moze-Nizwa	Nizwa
Day 06	Nizwa-Jabreen Castle-Bahla Fort & Osis-Jabel Shams- Nizwa	Jabel Shams
Day 07	Nizwa Fort & Souq-Muscat Amouage Perfume Factory-Muscat Hotel	Muscat
Day 08	Muscat Departure-Arrival To Salalah Airport-Transfer To Hotel	Salalah
Day 09	Salalah Half Day City Tour	Salalah
Day 10	FULL DAY EAST & WEST SALALAH	Salalah
Day 11	FINAL DEPARTURE TO SALALAH AIRPORT	

Specifications

Type:	Oman Round Trip
Arrival/Departure:	Muscat & Salalah International airport
Duration:	10 Nts/11 Days tour
Every day drive:	500-600 Km
Availability:	As per request
Product code:	OST-03

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.

Overnight in Muscat.



DAY 02: HALF DAY MUSCAT CITY TOUR

Your tour will start with a trip to the magnificent Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque which is one of the largest mosques found in the Middle East. Afterward, you will be visiting to Bait Al Zubair Museum which is located in the heart of Muscat, Oman's historic capital city. You'll have great photo taking the opportunity at the abode of his Majesty Majesty Sultan Qaboos, the Al Alam Palace, which is bordered by the sixteenth-century Portuguese citadels Mirani & Jalali. In the evening you'll be ambling through Muttrah Souq, where you'll be haggling for handicrafts & silver items.

Overnight in Muscat.



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

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. You will enjoy exploring Wadi Arbyeen – one of the most fascinating wadis placed just 90 minutes from Muscat. Wadi Al Arbaeen offers the ultimate audio recording of nature, that refer to the sounds of running birds, running water and the wind flowing through the narrowed channels. 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.



Your next stoppage will be in Sur, yet another to town renowned for its trading & Dhow Building Yard. Then you will be driven back to your camp for a comfortable night sleep.

Overnight in Ras Al Hadd Hotel

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

After having breakfast your driver will drive you to the coastal city of Sur where you will see how it sustains its centuries' old heritage, not just in terms of looks, but in many of its industrial activities that still operate much the way they happen to, from fishing to the major attraction of our journey, dhow making. Unique in their structure and design, the unique brown wooden dhows were key to Oman's historic emergence to the top of the sea trade industry.



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 nested 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 exhilaration of dune driving.

Now it's time to say good bye to the beautiful inhabitants here and head to your campsite for overnight lodging.

Overnight in Desert Camp.

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

Following your breakfast, you'll leave behind the beautiful Wahiba desert & proceed your trip to the traditional Omani village Sinaw. Then your trip will continue towards Foot of Jabel Akhdar & you'll stop en route to explore the old village - Birkat Al Moze, strolling through the plantation & tiny streets with old crumbled homes.



Overnight in Nizwa Hotel.

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

Our driver and guide will be there at your hotel at 8.00am to pick you for historic journey to the Jabreen Castle – the most gorgeous historic castle of Oman. The castle is a 3-storey building that features 2 towers, several reception halls, meeting rooms, dining areas, a library, a court room, and classrooms. Your next stop will be at Bahala Fort – the oldest & biggest fort in Oman and the only fort in the Sultanate to be listed on the UNESCO World Heritage List.



Then, we will proceed to Jebel Shams - Oman's highest mountain best known for its peak but for the view into the stunningly deep Wadi Ghul lying alongside it. Your tour continues to the zenith of Jebel Shams where you will get to witness the exceptional view of the Grand Canyon.

Overnight In Jabel Shams.

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

Your day 7 will start with a spectacular drive through the Hajar mountains through the oases of Fanjah & Birkat Al Mauz, to reach the Nizwa Fort. Your tour guide will also help you surf for silver jewelry & handicrafts at Nizwa souk. We will continue to the popular Amouage perfume factory of Muscat which is recognized for producing some of the most delicately crafted & exotic perfumes in the planet. (Perfume factory is closed on Fridays and Saturdays). Then you will be dropped at your Muscat hotel for a restful night sleep.



Overnight Muscat Hotel.

DAY 08: MUSCAT DEPARTURE-ARRIVAL TO SALALAH AIRPORT-TRANSFER TO HOTEL

After hotel **check out**, you will be transferred to the Muscat International Airport for departure. After arriving at the Salalah 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 to drive you to your Salalah hotel.



Overnight in Salalah.

DAY 09: SALALAH HALF DAY CITY TOUR

On day 09, our smart and friendly chauffeur will be there at your hotel to pick you up in our comfortable 4x4 vehicle to take you a delightful ride to the Al Baleed museum of the Frankincense land. Open (Sat-Wed 8:00-14:00 & 16:00-20:00, Thu-Fri 16:00-20:00) the museum features a remarkable collection regarding the archaeological & maritime history of Oman. You will come across a variety of Omani crafts & incense burners in the Heritage Souk. After exploring the new souk you'll have a great view of the Arabian market. A drive to the Gold souk will offer you modern & classical style Dhofari jewels. Haffah Souk is pretty eye-catching with its tiny shops lined with straight heaps of perfume boxes, clay perfume burners vibrantly embellished with classical patterns & bags of incense crystals. On your way to Haffah Souk you can also see some regular Dhofari homes with caravan doors and windows. Strolling past the Sultan Residential palace Al Husn, you will reach to the Old Souk where Frankincense, Dhofari typical garments and cosmetics are accessible. Before coming back to your hotel, pay a trip to the ancient metropolis of Zufar, the relics of Al Balid.



Overnight In Salalah Hotel.

DAY 10: FULL DAY EAST & WEST SALALAH

The trip starts in the morning at 08:00am with a tour to Taqah – an old fishing village popular for the making of ‘Dried Sardiness’ and its typical old Dhofari Houses. Also visit the age old Taqah Castle and get a glance into the opulence history of the area.

Then continue to the ancient relics of the once popular metropolis of Sumharam which was a vital harbor on the shore of Dhofar, and one of the main trading cities with frankincense.

On your way back to western Salalah, discover the ‘ever-green Wadi Darbat’ for a refreshing walk along the Wadi bed, enclosed by herds of cattle, goats and camels. Thenceforth continue to Qara mountains to discover Salalah’s western part. On a route unwaveringly ending up a rigid slope, herds of cattle and camels are a familiar sight which offers a picturesque view of a typical Dhofari rural splendor.

Then continue to the beach of Mughsail where waves rupture through the natural titanic ‘Blow Holes’, at the far end of the ‘Rocky beach’ with a cave-like entranceway. Proceed along the ‘Hair-pin-bend’ trail towards the Western Border of Oman. With its fascinating cliffs on both side, to witness the famous ‘Frankincense Trees’ budding in their natural home. Take a brief stroll into the gorges to get a fragrance of the ‘Holy Incense’ surrounded by the picturesque of the area. Now its time to return to the Salalah hotel.

11: LEISURE IN HOTEL

Full day Leisure in Hotel

DAY 12: FINAL DEPARTURE TO SALALAH AIRPORT

Departure transfers to Airport to connect the flight back home as per flight timing.

***** 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**
- 04 Nts Accommodation in **Salalah Beach Resort 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

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.

