



# OST 20-Oman Trekking and camping Trip 10 Nts/11 Days

## What To Expect

In this tour you will get a complete Oman trekking experience in Wadis and revers. You will cover most of the places such as Muscat city, major Hiking destinations, Jabel Shams Jabel Akhdar Ancient forts, Grand Canyon, Wahiba Sands (Desert), trekking and swimming.

## Route Description

Muscat city tour - Nakhal – Bani Awf -Bilad Sait - Sharaf/Sharaf Alamein -Jebel Shams - Jabal Akhdar - Nizwa ancient city - Wahiba Sands Desert camel ride for two days - Wadi Shab hiking and Swimming.

## Trip Highlights

- Muscat city tour including from outside view of the Portuguese Colonial remains.
- Birkat Al Mawz where you will explore ancient irrigation system of Oman: which is known as Falaj.
- Jebel Akhdar Hike Mountain for 3 hours.
- Jebel Shams Mountain Hike for 4 hours (Grand Canyon), highest mountain in the Gulf.
- Nizwa ancient city fort and Souq.
- Wahiba Sands Desert.
- Fins beach camp.
- Wadi Shab hiking and swimming.

## Specifications

<b>Type:</b>	<b>Oman Round Trip</b>
<b>Arrival/Departure:</b>	<b>Muscat International airport</b>
<b>Duration:</b>	<b>11 Nts/11 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-20</b>
<b>Language</b>	<b>English</b>
<b>Special request for language speaking guide</b>	<b>Italian/French/German/Spanish/Chinese etc</b>

### **Day 1: Arrive in Muscat**

Arriving at Muscat International Airport and transfer to the hotel.

**Overnight: Muscat**

### **Day 2: Muscat City Tour (B,L,D)**

At 8:00am you will be picked up from the hotel and taken by our guide for a tour of the Grand Mosque. (Women must wear head scarf which covers the hairline and neck and a long sleeve top and trousers which covers the ankles. Men also must dress respectfully wearing long trousers and top). After the mosque our guide will take us to the Sultan's Palace after which we will walk to Bait al Zubair museum. We then walk along the old walk to Muttrh souq market and back to the hotel around 5:00pm and have dinner our trip leader will give a full briefing about the rest of the trip..



**Overnight: Muscat**

### **Day 3: Muscat - Nakhal – Bani Awf and camp on Bilad Sait [Walk (1/2 hrs) (B,L,D)**

After breakfast we set off from the hotel in 4WD car at 8am and drive north towards Nakhal fort. Built on a large rock to help defend the farms of the plain, the fort is well worth a short stop. We then continue towards the Western Hajar mountains and enter Wadi Bani Awf. Leaving the blacktop road we quickly engage 4-wheel drive as we journey through this picturesque wadi lined with date farms and water pools (numbers vary depending on volume of recent rain). This is a steep and fun off -roading experience and after one hour we reach the pretty village of Bilad Sait where we will make wild camp



**Overnight: Bilad Sait**

### **Day 4: Bilad Sait / Sharaf Al alameen camp in Sharaf Al Alameen [walk (W8) (6-7hrs)] (B,L,D)**

After breakfast we start Hiking to Birkat al Sharaf we take the opportunity for a photo stop during the walk. We then continue our wind up to 2000m and get our nice views of the stunning Western Hajar mountain range, while walking along the Birkat Al Sharaf/Sharaf Alamein enjoys unique panoramic views of over 1000 square kilometres of the whole Jabal Akhdar area. Camp near by area.



**Overnight: Sharaf Alamein Camp**

### **Day 5: Jebel Shams balcony walk [walk (W6) (4hrs)] (B,L,D)**

After breakfast we leave our camp to village of Al Hamra Around 11:00 Am we will make our way towards Jebal Shams, the highest point in Oman at 3000m, where we make balcony walk we follow the balcony trail along the mountain edge to an abandoned village which clings to the rocks completely hidden from view from above and below.



Just beyond the village we can see the traditional farm terracing where locals used to produce their food and a short walk further takes us to the small lake that feeds the terracing. The walk back along the balcony trail offers more breathtaking views of the canyon and we stop to further enjoy the views over a picnic lunch and camp for a night under the stars.

**Overnight: Jebel Shams Camp**

### **Day 6: Jabal shams– wadi Ghul & Nakhar village to Tanuf (B,L,D)**

After breakfast we set off in 4x4's down the mountain to Wadi Ghul and Nakhr village to view the canyon in reverse – from the bottom up, which is equally as dramatic and stunning, as this journey takes us through more than half a billion years of geological time. Stopping for coffee and dates with the people of Nakhr village we see goat hair carpets being woven and dyed. We then head off to Tanuf makes an ideal resting place for our d night of wild camping.



**Overnight: Tanuf Camp**

### **Day 7: Jebel Akhdar (B,L,D) [(8-9hrs)]**

Start 7/8 hrs trek in Jebel Akhdar – abandoned village where we take 8-9 hours Nice view in rim of Jebel Akhdar stop for lunch then to plateau Today sees us rising early and after a hearty breakfast we break camp and start our 7-8hr trek up Oman's beautiful 'green mountain. Jebel Akhdar. The initial path is quite steep as we move over smooth rock slabs and quickly gain altitude covering much of the 1400m (from 700m to 2200m) in the first 3-4hrs to enjoy views at 1400m out over the village of Al Far and Wadi Al Qashah. A short detour brings us to an abandoned cliff village where we stop to enjoy our picnic lunch, before setting off for the gentler afternoon hike, aiming to reach camp on Sayq Plateau at 2200m by 4pm, allowing time to relax and to enjoy the sunset before dinner.



**Overnight: Jebel Al Khadar**

### **Day 8: Nizwa- Wahiba Sands Desert (B,L,D)**

After breakfast will drive to Nizwa and we will make a city tour of Nizwa city, the former capital city of Oman. Today, Nizwa is still the largest and most important town in this area of the interior and is noted for its 17th century fort and atmospheric souks full of silversmiths' art, especially ornately engraved khanjars. After lunch in a local restaurant we make the 3.5hr journey to Wahiba Sands Desert.



## Overnight: Wahiba Sands Desert

### Day 9: Wadi Bani Khalid oasis –Sur- Fins beach (B,L,D)

After breakfast we make short journey to Sur and then Wadi Bani Khalid and oasis sitting between mountain cliffs. Once refreshed we move the final gentle stretch to the cars and go on to our camp on soft white Fins beach

Overnight: Fins beach



### Day 10: Wadi Shab [30-45 minutes' walk (B,L,D)]

Relax day: after breakfast visit Wadi Shab enjoy short hike for 45 minutes and then swimming in the pools after lunch walk back to the cars and back to Muscat.

Overnight: Muscat



### Day 11: Departure (B)

After breakfast we will accompany you to Muscat International Airport for the departure.

## What's included?

- ✓ 4 Nights' Accommodation in Hotel double Room with Breakfast.
- ✓ 6 night accommodation in wild camping in mountain, beach and desert.
- ✓ Airport / Hotel pickup and drop-off.
- ✓ All transportation by an air-conditioned vehicle.
- ✓ Itinerary and Entrances to the sightseeing mention by itinerary.
- ✓ English Speaking Tour Guide.
- ✓ Meals as per itinerary (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner).
- ✓ 6 days camping Equipements.
- ✓ breakfast, lunch, dinner.

## What's not included?

- × International Flight.
- × Visa Consular Fee.
- × Travel Insurance.
- × All Items Not Included In the Inclusions.

## In brief

Trip Type	<b>Nature – Cultural</b>
Starting	Muscat

<i>Ending</i>	Muscat
<i>Departs</i>	October to April
<i>Hotel Ratings</i>	3 to 4 Star Hotel / and tent Camp
<i>Tour Guide</i>	Yes (Multi language)
<i>Meals</i>	
<i>B*= Breakfast</i>	(B) 10
<i>L*=Lunch</i>	(L) 9
<i>D*=Dinner</i>	(D) 9

## Visa

It is recommended to obtain the visa at the closest embassy before departure or send us email we can process your visa applications.

## 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

## Reservation and Cancellation Policy

- 1) The full balance must be paid prior to the commencement of the tour before 30 days.
- 2) The company reserves the right to cancel the booking if the payment is not received within these terms.
- 3) We accept no responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delays or changes in airline or other services, natural distorter for example cyclones or bad weather conditions, sickness, sickness, or other causes. All such losses and expenses will have to be done by the passengers.

**If you must cancel your trip, this cancellation must be done sending an email with below documents**

- 1) Name of the passenger
- 2) Passport number
- 3) Reasons of the cancelling the booking.

**Cancellation refunds will be calculated as of the date we receive cancellation request per person:**

## 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, portering 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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