



JEWELS 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 FORT & SOUQ- JABREEN CASTAL-BAHAL FORT & OSIS-MISFAT AL ABRAYEEN	Misfah Old House
Day 07	MIFAT AL ABRAYEEN-AL HAMRA-BAIT SIFAH MUSEUM-WADI NAKHAR-JABEL SHAMS	Jabel Shams
Day 08	JABEL SHAMS-BILAD SIYT-SNAKE CANYON-WADI BANI AUF-NAKHAL FORT-MUSCAT 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-06
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 chauffeur who will assist you to the comforts of our vehicle to drive you to 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 built 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 3: MUSCAT-WADI ARBYEEN/WADI SHAB-BIMMAH SINK HOLE-RAS AL HADD

- After Breakfast around 8h30 AM drive towards Sur.
- Explore **Wadi Arbaeen or Wadi shab**, drive through the wadi. en route you see lush village surrounded with dates, lemon, mango plantations.
- Each place. an oasis spot in the middle of the barren and dry mountains. It is one of the most beautiful wadis and its pools
- Visit on the coastal road you stop at the limestone **Sinkhole in Bimmah** and then continue.
- Photo stop at white sand beach that called **Fins beach**. Fins beach location just after Bimmah Sinkhole.
- Arrive Ras al Hadd to relax on beach
- Dinner around 6:30 pm and proceed for watching turtles in Ras al jinz.
- The turtles come to lay their eggs at night and this experience is a memorable one.
- **Overnight in Hotel Ras al Hadd or Sur**



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

- Morning breakfast around 8.30 am check out Hotel
- Drive towards sur. Once you will be in Sur, Visit sur factory that famous for its **trading and Dhow Building Yard in Sur** where boat building is more than just a task, but a way of culture, tradition, and life. Sur still offers a glimpse of those brandishing awls, bows, hammers and iron nails in the pursuit of perfecting the ancient craft which helped Oman establish itself as one of the oldest and most influential sultanates in the Gulf region. Though largely less commonplace than in centuries prior, dhow-building is still very much alive and well in Sur, and has become not only an attraction for tourists, but also for the likes of the ultra-wealthy who are keen to get their hands on some of the most storied hand-crafted ships in the world.



- Drive Towards Wadi Bani Khalid through small villages and towns. Before arriving at **Wadi Bani Khalid** driving through the mountain offering a panoramic view of the beautiful landscape below. You will pass many pretty villages embedded in the mountains. Here the road winds down to the wadi alongside a large, shallow pool fringed with vegetation & ends at a village. We park our vehicles at this point & continue on a short trek to the deep blue pools of the wadi. If you wish you may enjoy a swim in this glorious grace of nature. It is recommended to wear comfortable clothes & walking shoes for this trip.
- 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.

Buffet Dinner and Overnight stay at Desert Wahiba Sands

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

After breakfast check out camp at 8:00 am.

- Visit Oman Traditional village **Sinaw and Sinaw Bedouin Souq (market)**
It was one of the oldest cities in Oman and was once a centre of trade, religion, education and art.
- Visit Birkat al Mauaz for photo stop. 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.
- Arrive Nizwa at around 5:00 Pm
- Overnight in Nizwa hotel



DAY 06: NIZWA FORT & SOUQ- JABREEN CASTAL-BAHAL FORT & OSIS-MISFAT AL ABRAYEEN

- 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**.
- 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.
- Visit Misfat al Abraheen this village is located 1,000 m above sea level on the mountain foothills surrounding wilayat Al Hamra in Al Dhakhiyla Governorate.
- **Overnight in Misfah Old House.**



DAY 07- MIFAT AL ABRAYEEN-AL HAMRA-BAIT SIFAH MUSEUM-WADI NAKHAR-JABEL SHAMS

- Morning breakfast in Old House
- **Explore Oman Oldest village in Al Dhakhliya region Al Hamra** . 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.
- Driver towards **Jebel Shams**. Your journey then continues to the top of Jebel Shams, “Sun Mountain”, Oman’s highest peak, 3009 m... en-route Photo stop **Wadi Nakhr**, a narrow canyon.
- Visit Grand Canyon its stunning beautiful place, and is geologically spectacular, being one of the deepest canyons on the planet. get a spectacular view of the “Grand Canyon”.
- **Overnight Jabel Shams Resort.**



DAY 08- JABEL SHAMS-BILAD SIYT-SNAKE CANYON-WADI BANI AUF-NAKHAL FORT-MUSCAT AIRPORT

- Morning around 8.30 am after breakfast Drive towards Bilad Sayt village.
- It is a mountain village between the Western Hajar mountains bordering the Dakhiliyah and Batinah regions of Oman, and is part of *wilayat* Al Rustaq in the South Batinah Governorate.
- Visit quaint mountain village of **Bilad Sayt** framed by the dramatic mountains. Drive through the spectacular **Wadi Bani Auf** . This stretch of graded road is very adventurous & for the physically fit only as it



involves steep bends and bumpy roads. The journey continues to Nakhal and its 17th Century Fort built on the peak of a mountain.

- Visit **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.
- Visit 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. The stunning landscape will enchant you before heading down the mountain to return to Muscat international airport.

*****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)
- 02 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**
- 01 Nt Accommodation in **Hotel Al Diyar or Similar, Nizwa**
- 01 Nt Accommodation in **Misfah Old house or Similar, Misfat al Abrayeen**
- 01 Nt Accommodation in **Jabel Shams Resort or Similar, Jabel Shams Resort**
- Daily Breakfast at the hotel
- Dinner in Hotel on Day 03, 04, 06 & 07 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

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 wear 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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