



OST 18-MOUNTAIN TO DESERT TOUR (04 NTS /05 DAYS)

What To Expect

Travel with Oman Safari Tours 04 Nts/05 Days. 4x4 tour across wadis, Oman Desert (al Sharqiya region) you will cover most of the places such as Muscat city, Muscat-Sur Coastal route. Wadi al Arbyaean, oman creter bimmah sinkhole. You will have nature landscapes of Oman Wadis, natural beaches etc

Tour Highlights

Days	Tour highlights-Sightseeing	Overnights
DAY 01	ARRIVAL MUSCAT -HALF DAY MUSCAT CITY TOUR	Muscat
DAY 02	MUSCAT-NIZWA-JEBEL SHAMS	Jabel Shams
DAY 03	JABEL SHAMS-WADI BANI KHALID-WAHIBA DESERT	Wahiba sands
Day 04	WAHIBA DESERT-SUR DHOW FACTORY-BIBI MIRYAM TOMB-WADI ARBAIYEEN-MUSCAT	Muscat
DAY 05	Departure to Muscat international airport	

Specifications

Type:	Oman Round Trip
Arrival/Departure:	Muscat International airport
Duration:	04 Nts/05 Days tour
Every day drive:	500-600 Km
Availability:	As per request
Product code:	OST-18
Language	English
Special request for language speaking guide	Italian/French/German/Spanish/Chinese etc

Itinerary schedule

DAY 01: ARRIVAL MUSCAT-HALF DAY MUSCAT CITY TOUR

Morning, 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 for Half day City Tour. The tour begins with a visit to the beautiful **Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque** one of the largest mosques in the Middle East. Later you visit **Bait Al Zubair Museum**. You will have photo stops at the residence of his Majesty Sultan Qaboos, the **Al Alam Palace**, which is flanked by 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 in Muscat Hotel.

DAY 02: MUSCAT-NIZWA-JEBEL SHAMS

0800 hrs We stop at the pretty village of **Birkat Al Mauz** situated at the foothills of **Jebel Akhdar (Green Mountains)**. Enjoy a walk through its oasis and dense date plantations. Then we depart for **Jabrin**, the finest of Oman's castles built in the late 17th century became a seat of Omani learning. The castle displays the highest achievement in Omani ceiling painting & beautifully executed woodcarvings. Visit **Misfah** a pretty mountain village with stone dwellings still in existence. While heading for **Jebel Shams** stop at the terrace farming village of **Wadi Ghul**. Our next stop takes us to **Wadi Nakher** located in the depth of our deepest canyon. In the **Jebel Akhdar** range **Jebel Shams** the highest peak offers a spectacular view. **Nizwa**, capital of the interior, is the birthplace of Islam in the Sultanate of Oman. **Nizwa Souq** is renowned for its intricately hand-carved "Khanjars" (daggers) & ornamental silver jewellery.



Overnight at Jabel Shams High Resort, Jabel shams

DAY 03: JABEL SHAMS-WADI BANI KHALID-WAHIBA DESERT

Breakfast. 0800 hrs We depart from **Nizwa** for **Wahiba Sands**, a vast mass of undulating red and White sea of sand and dunes rising up to 200 meters, which are host to a variety of flora and fauna. The ever-changing patterns of the dunes are a photographer's delight. Visit a Bedouin house in this wilderness. In stark contrast to this is **Wadi Bani Khalid**. It comprises of small pretty villages embedded in the mountains. The Wadi has clear deep blue water. Continue drive to the great desert of Oman Known as the "**Wahiba Sands**". Soon you will come face to face with the enormous desert and our experienced drivers drive you through the sand dunes to give you a thrill of dune driving.



After having enjoyed the drives over the lovely dunes you could perhaps meet the Bedouin family to know more about their life style in the desert. Thereafter you will bid goodbye to the inhabitants of the desert to drive to reach the campsite

Buffet Dinner and Overnight stay at Desert Wahiba Sands

DAY 04: WAHIBA DESERT-SUR DHOW FACTORY-BIBI MIRYAM TOMB-WADI ARBAIYEEN-MUSCAT

Breakfast. 0800 hrs leave behind beautiful desert. Depart for sur. Visit Sur, renowned for its dhow shipyard in former times. There after you can start your fascinating coastal trip to Muscat. The road leads through scenic countryside and rugged mountains to the small fishing towns. On the coastal road you stop at **Bibi Miriam Mausoleum** in **Qalhat**. Later you visit Wadi Tiwi, an oasis well known for its lemon and date plantations and then proceed to **Fins beach**. Visit the picturesque **Wadi Arbayeen** with its deep pools of water set among the date palms. We then proceed to 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 waters or fleet footed Gazelles sprint across the landscape
Overnight in Muscat hotel.



DAY 05- 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:

- 02 Nts Accommodation at **Tulip inn or Similar, Muscat**
- 01 Nt Accommodation at **Jabel Shams high Resort, Jabel shams**
- 01 Nt Accommodation at **Arabian Oryx Camp**
- Daily Breakfast & Dinner in Hotel Day 02 & Day 03
- All Sightseeing in 4WD with Italian Speaking Guide
- All Entrance fees.

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.

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 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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