



## OST 15-EXPLORE DUBAI & OMAN (08NTS & 09DAYS)

### What To Expect

Travel with Oman Safari Tours 08 Nts/09 Days. Take a quick tour around Dubai and discover the city's rich mix of cultural traditions and cosmopolitan living with visits to some of its most important historic sites and popular modern landmarks. Embark on a cruise reminiscent of the Arabian tales of Sinbad's voyages of the seven seas. Enjoy a feast of Arabic and international cuisine as you sail along the scenic Dubai Creek aboard a traditional dhow.

Visit Beautiful pleases of Muscat, Oman forts & Jabel Safari (Mountains)

Explore beautiful Salalah and visit most famous areological sites & Land of frankincense visit museum of frankincense & areological sites

### Tour Highlights

Days	Tour highlights-Sightseeing	Overnights
DAY 01	ARRIVAL DUBAI	Dubai
DAY 02	HALF DAY DUBAI CITY TOUR & DINNER IN DHOW CRUISE	Dubai
Day 03	ARRIVAL MUSCAT-HALF DAY MUSCAT CITY TOUR	Muscat
Day 04	NIZWA FORT & SOUQ- JABREEN & BAHLA FORT	Nizwa Hotel
Day 05	NIZWA-AL HAMRA & MISFAT AL ABRAYEEN-JABEL SHAMS (GRAND CANYON)	Jabel Shams
DAY 06	JABEL SHAMS-BILAD SIYT-SNAKE CANYON-WADI BANI AUF-NAKHAL FORT-MUSCAT	Muscat
Day 07	ARRIVAL SALALAH AIRPORT-HALF DAAY SALALAH CITY TOUR-TRANSFER TO HOTEL	Salalah
Day 08	FULL DAY EAST & WEST SALALAH	Salalah
DAY 09	FINAL DEPARTURE TO SALALAH AIRPORT	

### Specifications

<b>Type:</b>	Dubai & Oman Round Trip
<b>Arrival/Departure:</b>	Muscat/Dubai/Salalah International airport
<b>Duration:</b>	08 Nts/09 Days tour
<b>Every day drive:</b>	500-600 Km
<b>Availability:</b>	As per request
<b>Product code:</b>	OST-15
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Special request for language speaking guide</b>	Italian/French/German/Spanish/Chinese etc

## **DAY 01: ARRIVAL DUBAI**

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 the hotel. check in (Standard Check-in time is 15:00hrs)

## **DAY 02: HALF DAY DUBAI CITY TOUR & DINNER IN DHOW CRUISE**

Pick up from hotel at 09:00 am and drive for ½ day Dubai city tour. Tour begins with a drive which passes through Dubai creek (Natural saltwater inlet in a historical part of the city which cuts through Bur Dubai and Deira), Gold & Spice Souks (Traditional market 'souk' with hundreds of trade retailers for wide varieties of shopping), Dubai museum at Bastakia area (Interactive museum located at Fahidi Fort established in 1971), Burj Khalifa (Inaugurated in 2010, currently the world's tallest structure, boasting 828m protruding the skyline of Down Town Dubai with more than 160 floors including the Armani residences & hotel resort), Jumeirah mosque (Tribute to modern Islamic architecture, a stone structure built in the medieval Fatimid tradition), Burj Al Arab (Famous sail shaped building, fourth tallest hotel in the world standing on an artificial island), The Jumeirah Palm Island (Group of artificial islands constructed in the shape of a palm tree containing luxury hotels (such as the Atlantis resort), beach side villas & apartments, marinas, water parks, restaurants, shopping malls, sports facilities & health spas, after completing the tour drop to the hotel.



### **Dinner Dhow Cruise**

Pickup : 7:00 PM

Drop Off: up to 11:00 PM

Discover the true beauty of Dubai while aboard a traditionally decorated wooden dhow (cabin cruise), as it sails along the Dubai creek under the moonlight. The major Dubai landmarks shine through the moonlit sky as the wooden vessel slips silently across the creek. The past and present architecture of the area is brought to its full beauty during this time, including the National Bank of Dubai, Dubai Chamber of Commerce, Sheikh Saeed's house, and the Heritage Village. This unforgettable romantic evening cruise includes a buffet dinner of either continental or oriental cuisine, along with soft drinks, traditional coffee, and mineral water. The tour also normally contains various sorts of entertainment and traditional Arabic background music, Soft Drinks & Mineral Water, International Buffet Dinner, Tanura Show.



## **DAY 03: ARRIVAL MUSCAT.-HALF DAY MUSCAT CITY TOUR**

Morning, Check out hotel then transfer to Dubai Airport for departure. (Standard Check out time is 12:00hrs). 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 Smart Travel & Tourism 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 04: NIZWA FORT & SOUQ- JABREEN & BAHLA FORT**

This tour provides a good insight on Omani history and glorious heritage. Precisely restored, each Fort has its own story. They were first built for military defense but were also used for social and community gatherings.

Before reaching Nizwa, you will stop to see the old village of **Birkat Al Mawz**, walking through the plantation and small streets with old crumbling houses. You will then continue to Nizwa, who was once the capital of Oman, go through the traditional and craft Souk where you can buy some souvenirs before visiting the **Fort of Nizwa** with its large circular tower and imagine life inside the Fort in the 17th century. The breathtaking view from the tower will show you how big the plantation is.



Continue your journey to Bahla, a charming little town surrounded by an old 12 km long wall; visit the place where they make pottery and also the old **fort of Bahla**, one of the oldest in Oman (under renovation, visit is from the outside only). Continue to **Jabrin**, for a visit of the Fort which was once the home of the Imam and was built to be a Palace at first, before being used for military purposes.

The tomb of the Imam is still located in the Fort. The Jabrin Fort is also believed to be one of the first schools in Oman. Overnight in Nizwa hotel.

### **DAY 05: NIZWA-AL HAMRA & MISFAT AL ABRAYEEN-JABEL SHAMS (GRAND CANYON)**

Morning after Breakfast at 8:00 am We will proceed to see Oman Old mud houses. **Al Hamra and Misfah** to see one of the oldest villages of this region. 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). Thereafter drive to visit **Wadi Gul & Wadi Nakhar** the remote villages exactly at the drop point of great canyon.



Then proceed tour to **Jebel Shams**. Along the road, Wadi Nakhar, a narrow canyon. It is a stunning beautiful place, and is geologically spectacular, being one of the deepest canyons on the planet. Go deep inside to visit the village where the main activity is weaving, especially Omani rugs ..... Your journey continues to the top of **Jebel Shams**, "Sun Mountain", Oman's highest peak, 3009 m. .... get a spectacular view of the "**Grand Canyon**". **Overnight in Jebel Shams High Resort.**

### **DAY 06: JABEL SHAMS-BILAD SIYT-SNAKE CANYON-WADI BANI AUF-NAKHAL FORT-MUSCAT**

Around 8.30 am you will be met by your tour guide and driver who will escort you to the comforts of our 4 wheel drive to embark on a soft adventurous trip Your first stop at the quaint mountain village of **Bilad Sayt** framed by the dramatic mountains. We then 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. **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. The stunning landscape will enchant you before heading down the mountain to return to Muscat.

Overnight in Muscat Hotel

#### **DAY 07: ARRIVAL SALALAH AIRPORT-HALF DAAY SALALAH CITY TOUR-TRANSFER TO HOTEL**

Check out hotel then transfer to Muscat Airport for departure. (Standard Check out time is 12:00hrs). You will arrive at the Salalah 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 Smart Travel & Tourism chauffer who will assist you to the comforts of our vehicle. Visit the **Al Baleed museum** of the Frankincense land. Opened in July 2007 at **Al Balid Archaeological Park** it is a large archaeological



site that you can stroll through among Salalah Tours when you visit Oman, and the museum hosts an impressive collection about the archaeological and maritime history of Oman. (Open Sat - Wed 8:00 -14:00 & 16:00 - 20:00, Thu - Fri 16:00 - 20:00). In the **Heritage Souk**, you can find different types of Omani crafts and incense burners. You will have an exact view of the Arabian market after visiting the new souk. Drive to the Gold souk offers modern and olden style Dhofari ornaments. **Haffah souk** is very attractive with its small shops lined up with straight piles of incense boxes, clay incense burners *colourfully* decorated with traditional patterns and bags of incense crystals. Also on your way to Haffah Souk you can see some typical Dhofari houses with caravan windows and doors. Walking past the **Sultan Residential palace Al Husn**, reaches to the Old Souk where Frankincense, Dhofari traditional clothes and cosmetics are available. Before returning to the hotel, visit the ancient city of Zufar, the ruins of Al Balid, which was visited by Ibn Batuta and Marco Polo, describing it as a beautiful, large and noble city. **Overnight in Salalah Hotel (B).**

#### **DAY 08: FULL DAY EAST & WEST SALALAH**

The excursion begins in the morning with a visit to the old fishing village of **'Taqah'**, famous for the manufacture of 'Dried Sardines' & its traditional & old **'Dhofari Houses'**. Visit the century old **'Taqah Castle'**, the former official residence of the 'Wali' (Governor) of the region & obtain a glimpse into the rich history of the region.



Continue onto the ancient ruins of the once famous city of **Sumharam (Khor Rohri)**. The city was the easternmost outpost of the Hadramawt Kingdom on the ancient incense route between the Mediterranean Sea, Persian Gulf and India. Khor Rori was an important port on the coast of Dhofar, and one of the major trading cities with frankincense, believed to have been the hub & harbour for the shipping of Frankincense (UNESCO World Heritage site).

On the way back to western Salalah, explore the **'ever green Wadi Darbat'** for a relaxing stroll along the Wadi bed, surrounded by herds of Camels, Goats & Cattle. In the Khareef season (monsoon period), one could also witness an almost 100m natural Waterfall, spreading its 'tentacles' into



numerous lakes & lush green Vegetation. Thereafter proceed to 'Qara' mountains to explore the western part of Salalah. On a road steadily winding up a steep incline, herds of Camels & Cattle are a common sight which gives a scenic view of a traditional Dhofari rural beauty. Visit the ancient tomb of 'Prophet Job' situated in the scenic green mountains of the Salalah Plains.

Proceed to the **beach of Mughsail** where the white sand touches the deep blue of the ocean & at high tide, where waves burst through the natural titanic '**Blow Holes**', at the far end of the 'Rocky beach' with a cave-like entrance. Continue along the 'Hair-pin-bend' road towards Western Border of Oman, with its breathtaking cliffs on either side, to see the historical '**Frankincense trees**' growing in their natural habitat, deep down in the valleys, dotting the dry & craggy countryside. Take a short walk into the valleys to smell the 'Holy Incense' amidst the scenic view of the region. Return to the Salalah hotel. Overnight stay at the hotel. (B)

#### **DAY 09: FINAL DEPARTURE TO SALALAH AIRPORT**

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

**Typology:** Mountain hiking, Nizwa Friday souq, Grand canyon, Jabel Shams, Sand houses, off road, Desert Wahiba sands Ancient forts,

### **Know before tour start**

**Per Person cost is based on group of 04 person minimum**

#### **INCLUSIONS:**

- Return airport transfer Muscat & Salalah airport (both way)
- 02 Nts Accommodation in **City Max, Bur Dubai or Similar**
- 02 Nts Accommodation at **Tulip inn or Similar, Muscat**
- 01 Nt Accommodation at **Hotel Al Diyar Nizwa or Similar Muscat**
- 01 Nt Accommodation at **Jabel Shams High Resort or Similar Jabel shams**
- 02 Nts Accommodation at **Marriot resort or Similar, Salalah**
- Daily Breakfast in Hotel
- Day 05 Dinner in Jabel Shams
- Day 02 Dinner in Dhow cruise
- All Sightseeing in 4WD & Mini-Van
- 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.

#### **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.

- Amount charges will be according to the ROE for the date amount is being deposited/Handed over in our account.

#### **CANCELLATION FEES:**

- Less than 20 Days in advance : 50% of the total amount
- Less than 15 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.



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