

OMAN ODYSSEY, Enchanting Landscapes & Rich Culture





8 Days 7 Nights



Oman is one of the oldest human-inhabited places on Earth and one of the safest countries in the world. Oman has five UNESCO World Heritage Sites. It's the most untouched of all the Arabian Gulf countries, and there are still places here where you can get away from it all and connect with nature in a way that feels almost prehistoric: From spectacular mountains, wind-blown deserts and a pristine coastline, Oman is the place for nature lovers, and tranquil oasis "for those seeking out the modern face of Arabia while still sensing its ancient soul".

Trip Highlight:

- Day 02: City Tour of Muscat
- Day 03: Muscat - Bimah Sink Hole - Wadi Tiwi
- Day 04: Ras AL Jinz - Wahiba Sands
- Day 05: Wahiba - Nizwa - Birkat Al Mouz - Wadi Tanuf
- Day 06: Nizwa - Bahla - Al Hamra - Misfat Al Abriyeen

-  Shared Tour, Fixed Departure Dates.
-  Oman Cultural & Historical Heritage: Grand Mosque, Bait Al Zubair Museum, Nizwa Fort
-  Oman Nature & Adventure: Bimah Sinkhole, Wahiba Sands, Ras Al Jinz.
-  Omani Villages: Al Hamra, Misfat Al Abriyeen.

Departure Dates 2024 & 2025	
October 2024	12 - 19 Oct.
November 2024	02 - 09 Nov.
	16 - 23 Nov.
December 2024	30 Nov - 07 Dec.
January 2025	18 - 25 Jan.
February 2025	01 - 08 Feb.
	15 - 22 Feb.
April 2025	05 - 12 Apr.

Package is quoted at 1,299 USD per person in a Twin / Double room and includes:

- 🛏 07-Night accommodation
- 🍳 Bed & Breakfast (BB) OR Half-board (HB) basis
- 🚗 Transfer: Airport - hotel - Airport
- 🗣 English guided tours
- 🎫 Entrance fees where applicable
- 🚗 Shuttle transfer from Bidyah to Desert Rose Camp
- 🌅 Dune bashing, Sun Set on the Dunes on day 4 and drop at main road on day 5
- 🚰 Bottled water during the tour
- 🛡 Travel insurance covering Covid
- 📶 Free E-Sim card
- 📅 Validity: Till April 12th (ref to above table)
- 🚫 Package excludes airline ticket

No. Nights	Hotel	Room category	Meal Plan
2N	Ramee Guestline Hotel / Similar	Standard Room	BB
1N	Sur Grand Hotel / Similar	Deluxe Room	HB
1N	Desert Rose Camp / Similar	Deluxe Tent	HB
2N	Nizwa Hotel Apartment / Similar	Standard Room	BB
1N	Ramee Guestline Hotel / Similar	Standard Room	BB

Important Notices:

- 🚫 Prices are subject to change according to Availability at the Date and Time of booking.
- 🚫 Sequence of itinerary or tours may be subject to change without prior notice.
- 🚫 In case the mentioned hotel is unavailable, then alternate hotel of similar category will be provided.
- 🚫 Room types or category may be different and subject to availability.
- 🚫 Kindly do the due diligence to go through the Hotel list: Check the hotel reviews, ranking, website, information, location and gallery to make an informed decision prior to booking.
- 🚫 For other Packages (i.e. Different Itineraries & Stay Duration), please contact us.
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ITINERARY

DAY 01: ARRIVAL AT MUSCAT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Meet our driver in main arrival hall. Transfer to Hotel. Rest of the day at leisure.
Overnight at Ramee Guestline hotel / similar.

DAY 02: CITY TOUR OF MUSCAT

- 🕌 Breakfast then visit the **Grand Mosque**. The Mosque complex, covering 40,000m², is constructed on a raised podium to be elevated from street level. It can accommodate up to 20,000 worshippers and consists of: main prayer hall, ladies prayer hall, covered passageways, meeting hall, and library which contains around 20,000 books.
- 🕌 A major feature of the main prayer hall is the hand-made Persian carpet consisting of 1,700 million knots, weighing 21 tons and made in a single piece measuring 70 x 60 metres. From design stage it took 4 years to complete, and 600 Iranian female weavers from the province of Khurasan.
- 🕌 *Note: Ladies visiting the mosque are required to cover their head with a scarf and cannot wear shorts, beachwear or sleeveless outfits. Men are required to wear long trousers. No shorts are allowed.*
- 🕌 Visit **Bait Al Zubair Museum**. A collection of traditional Omani Weapons such as swords, daggers, rifles and their accessories, along with jewellery, cosmetics, and costumes from various regions of Oman.
- 🕌 Photo stop at **Al Alam Palace**, the official residence of His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tariq, ruler of Oman. The palace is an architectural marvel for both its design and its location between the twin Portuguese forts Mirani and Jalali (from outside only).

Head to **Muttrah Souq**, one of the most popular one in the Middle East, and is the frenetic, pulsating hub of Muscat's old quarter. Take a walk in its labyrinth of alleyways beckoning with a myriad of merchandise, from imported fabrics to exotic Oriental spices, perfumes and richly handcrafted artifacts. Here, scents of exotic Arabian perfumes and spices float through the air. Other shops specialise in famous Omani khanjars (daggers), antiques, traditional silver jewellery, and handicrafts in copper, camel bone, wood, leather and hand-made Omani costumes.

Overnight at Ramee Guestline hotel / similar

DAY 03: MUSCAT - BIMAH SINK HOLE - WADI TIWI



- Breakfast then check out from the hotel.
- Drive via coastal road to **Ras AL Jinz**. Stop at **Bimah Sinkhole** a spectacular limestone crater with inviting cool blue green waters. Created by erosion, or perhaps even a meteorite, this natural landmark is thought to be one of the most beautiful sinkholes on the planet.
- Journey to **Fins beach** and swim in one of the beautiful beaches in Oman. White Sand and blue waters are simply irresistible.
Spend your day on the beach (Please bring your own towels, and changing rooms are not available).
- We stop at **Wadi Tiwi**, a spectacular deep and narrow gorge carved out of the mountains, running between towering cliffs right down to the sea. It compensates with its old traditional villages, surrounded by lush plantations of *date and banana*, and crisscrossed with a network of *gurgling aflaj*.
Optional lunch at Sunrise Motel (not included in the package).



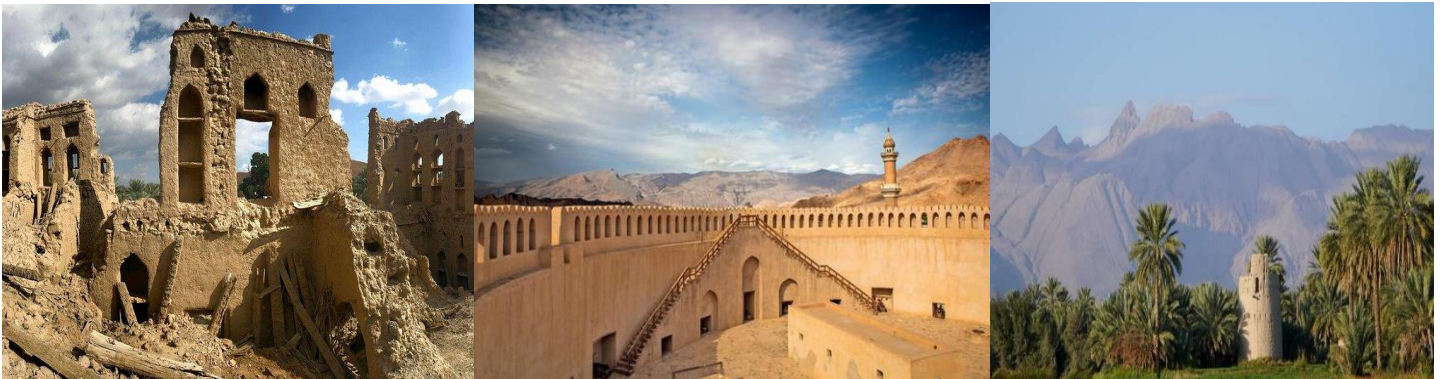
- Continue to **Sur** renowned in former times for its shipyard, where the dhows (traditional wooden Omani boats) were built.
Check in at Sur Plaza hotel. Dinner at hotel.
- After dinner drive to **Ras Al Jinz Turtle Reserve** (45-minute drive of hotel) to visit the turtle sanctuary, where at night green turtles, after a journey of thousands of kilometres will come ashore to lay their eggs. Turtle watching starts at 21:00. Preference is given to in-house guests. Outsiders will have to wait for their turn. Prior reservation is required.
Return to hotel. Overnight at Sur Grand Hotel / Similar

DAY 04: RAS AL JINZ - WAHIBA SANDS



- 🌊 Breakfast at hotel then check out.
- 🌊 Drive to **Wadi Bani Khalid**. We will change from the coach to Jeeps. Toilet stop. Journey to Wadi Bani Khalid, an oasis in the middle of barren and dry mountains. One of the most beautiful Wadis in Oman, with its clear deep blue water pools.
The pool is about 500 meter walk from the parking. As per the Ministry of Tourism, ladies who wish to swim must wear shorts and T-shirts to cover their body. (Swimming suits are not permitted).
- 🌊 Head to **Wahiba Sands**. Drive over the dunes to reach your camp. Arrive and check in at Desert Rose Camp.
- 🌊 Evening Dune bashing and sun set on the dunes. BBQ dinner at Camp. Overnight at Desert Rose Camp / Similar

DAY 05: WAHIBA - NIZWA - BIRKAT AL MOUZ - WADI TANUF



- 🌊 Breakfast at Camp, check-out. Drive to **Nizwa**: visit **Nizwa Souq**. The impressive New Souq complex has been designed using Omani fort architecture and elegant Islamic arches. The air-conditioned halls are filled with fresh fruit, vegetables, herbs, spices, huge stacks of dates, and freshly caught fish. This is still the best place to buy traditional silver “Khanjars” (hand-carved Omani daggers) and Bedouin jewellery, where silver is still sold by weight.
- 🌊 Continue to **Nizwa Fort** with its massive **Circular Cannon Tower**. It is one of the most impressive forts in Oman, built on a rock, and was designed to withstand the vibrations of 24 cannons. From the top, a superb panoramic view of Nizwa and the surrounding plains - a sure delight for all avid photographers!
- 🌊 Enroute, visit **Birkat Ul Mauz** surrounded by date plantations and **aflaj**. Aflaj is the ancient irrigation system developed during the Iron Age (ca. 1300 - 300 B.C.). The water canals are a UNESCO world heritage site.



- 🌿 Visit **Wadi Tanuf**, one of the most stunning natural site. The valleys, the flow of waters, canals and springs form an aesthetic painting that one rarely see at this time of the year.
 - 🌿 The **Tanuf Falaj** is one of the oldest falaj in the region. Its name is associated with long history as it passes through the middle of **Tanuf Fortress** and the **Imam Salim Bin Rashid Al Kharousi Mosque**. The Falaj was previously known as Falaj Al Haiqi and was built before Ya'ariba era.
- Later check in at hotel in Nizwa. Dinner at hotel. Overnight at Nizwa Hotel Apartment / Similar.

DAY 06: NIZWA - BAHLA - AL HAMRA - MISFAT AL ABRIYEEN



- 🌿 Breakfast at hotel then visit **Jabreen Castle**, built in 17th century and one of the finest of its kind. Its magnificent plasterwork, carved doors, painted wooden beams of the ceilings make this castle amazingly different.
- 🌿 Continue to **Bahla**, one of the oldest small towns of Oman, and was in the 12th century the capital of the tribes living in the region. Photo-stop of **Bahla Fort**.
- 🌿 Drive to **Al Hamra**, an inhabited 400-year old village with its traditional mud houses.
- 🌿 Continue to **Misfat Al Abriyeen**. A cultural tour in the village. Explore the agricultural, irrigation and the water distribution system from a bygone-era. Mingle with locals who would give you insights into their traditional daily works. The guide will provide you with detailed information to make this tour an enriching cultural experience. Return to your hotel. Dinner at Hotel. Overnight at Nizwa Hotel Apartment / similar.

DAY 07: NIZWA - MUSCAT

- 🌿 Breakfast and morning at leisure. You may wander around in the Nizwa Souq, or enjoy a tranquil stroll through the date palm groves in this Omani gem. Check out from the hotel and drive to Muscat.
- 🌿 Arrive Muscat and check in at Ramee Guestline Hotel / similar. Afternoon at leisure.

DAY 08: DEPARTURE

- 🌿 Breakfast and Check out. Transfer to Muscat International Airport for your flight back home.