



TRAVELLING TO NEW PLACES WITH CONFIDENCE

Discover UAE & Oman

8-Day, 7-Night Journey

Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Muscat, Nakhal Fort, Nizwa, Wahiba Sands

Experience the beauty of nature combined with modern life at a rare meeting point between ancient beginnings and today's lavish new and old city culture. This journey will definitely be enlightening and change the way you see the world. Explore the Arabian Peninsula and go beyond the gleaming skyscrapers of Dubai and Abu Dhabi into neighboring Oman to visit an array of landscapes, from magnificent canyons and desert to pristine coastlines. You'll also visit many historic forts and ancient castles, and experience the heart-warming legendary Bedouin hospitality.



Burj Al Arab, Dubai



Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque



Wadi: Ponds overflowing with life – you can swim among rocks and into nearby caves.



Muscat Promenade: a cliff-top 16th-century Portuguese fort and the Grand Mosque.



Nakhal Fort: The top offers excellent views of the Batinah plains and cooling breeze even in the summer.



Sur: The sea plays a big part in life in Oman and is the main source of serenity..

Inclusions

- ▶ Hotel Accommodations
- ▶ Daily Breakfast, 1 Lunch, 1 Dinner (See tour plan for details)
- ▶ English-speaking driver and guide per itinerary
- ▶ Entrance Fees to Monuments and Attractions per itinerary
- ▶ Airport Transfer

Exclusions

- ▶ International Airfare
- ▶ Government Tourism Fee
- ▶ Travel Insurance
- ▶ Medical Expenses
- ▶ Visa Fee (If applicable. Visa is not required for Americans and Canadians)
- ▶ Gratuities
- ▶ Personal Expenses

Nearby Airport

Dubai - Dubai International Airport (DXB)

Muscat - Muscat International Airport (MCT)

Itinerary

3 NIGHTS DUBAI

DAY 1: ARRIVE DUBAI, UAE

After arriving at **Dubai International Airport (DXB)**, you will be transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is free.

*Hotel check-in time is generally 3 pm or later. If your flight arrives in the early morning (e.g. midnight or 7 am) we suggest you add a pre-tour hotel night during booking for a well-deserved rest before starting your tour.

[Meals: None]



DAY 2: GUIDED DUBAI CITY TOUR & BURJ KHALIFA

Full day guided excursion of **Modern Dubai** (group, 8 hours @9am):

- Photo stop at Jumeirah beach.
- Visit Madinat Jumeirah Souk
- Ride the Palm Monorail for a scenic view of the Palm Islands

- Photo stop at Palm Jumeirah, Museum of the Future, Dubai Frame
- Marina Walk
- Dubai Mall
- Proceed to **Burj Khalifa At-the-Top** entrance at the reservation time of your ticket (at non-prime hours). Take the elevator to 124th floor. Step out onto the highest outdoor observation deck in the world soaring at 452 meters (1,483 ft) high and then walk up the spiral staircase to the 125th floor (at non-prime hours).

[Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 3: ABU DHABI EXCURSION

Full day guided excursion to explore the splendid city of **Abu Dhabi**, the federal capital of the **United Arab Emirates or UAE**. (group, 10 hours @8am)

Visit the **Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque**, one of the largest mosques in the world. It features 82 domes, more than 1,000 columns, 24-carat-gold gilded Swarovski chandeliers and the world's largest hand-knotted carpet.

Visit the iconic **Louvre Abu Dhabi Museum** (showcasing ancient artifacts and heritage from the Middle East).

Visit **Heritage Village**.

Photo stop at Emirates Palace.

Enjoy a scrumptious Buffet Lunch.

Please note the required dress code for visiting **Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque**:

- Women: Loose, long trousers or skirts reaching ankles and long sleeves reaching wrists. Shoulders must be covered. No shorts, tight or transparent clothing and no visible tattoos. Women must cover their heads and hair with a scarf.
- Men: Long pants and shirts with sleeves.

[Meals: Breakfast, Lunch]

4 NIGHTS MUSCAT

DAY 4: DUBAI BEACH DAY OR SHOPPING DAY | DUBAI - MUSCAT

Breakfast at the hotel. A vehicle with driver is available for 8 hours for transfers between hotel, beach and shopping malls within selected areas in Dubai City.

This evening we fly to **Muscat**. You'll be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is free.

[Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 5: MUSCAT CITY TOUR

Muscat has been an important ancient seaport since the 2nd century. During your city tour you will experience the influence of Persians, Portuguese and Ottomans in **Muscat**. Explore the city for an in-

depth feel of the culture at: **Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque, Bait Al Baranda Museum, Royal Opera House, Mutrah Souq** (the oldest market in Oman) and a photo op at **Al Alam Palace**.

In the late afternoon we enjoy a **sunset cruise** along the coastline of Muscat with a beautiful view of **Mutrah Corniche**.

[Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 6: MUSCAT - NIZWA | NAKHAL FORT, HOT SPRINGS, TRADITIONAL VILLAGE

After breakfast and hotel check out, we will explore the interior of Oman and one of the oldest settlements in this area, **Nakhl** and the impressive **Nakhal Fort**. The fort was built on a 60-meter high rock with many defensive features like spiked doors and cannonball deflecting round towers. Drive through the old part of Nakhl, where mud houses are surrounded by gardens, and reach **Ain Thowarah**, the hot springs system of Nakhl.

Experience an epic off-road drive across the mountains via **Wadi Bani Awf**. If time allows, enjoy a walk in the quaint mountain village of **Bilad Sayt**. Visit the 400-year old **Al Hamra** village to see the ruins and remains.

[Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 7: NIZWA - WAHIBA SANDS | NIZWA, WADI BANI KHALID, SAND DUNE BASHING, DESERT CAMP

Discover the old capital of Oman, **Nizwa** and witness the traditional culture that still drives today's modern society. At **Nizwa Souq**, the traditions never change. If it is Friday, watch the bartering at the **Livestock Market**.

Continue to the evergreen **Wadi Bani Khalid**, you can have a swim or just enjoy the oasis scenery. After that, enter the magical desert **Sharqiyah Sands**. A chance for **sand dune bashing** on a 4-wheel drive vehicle. Enjoy the sunset on top of the dunes and a traditional **dinner at the desert camp**.

[Meals: Breakfast, Dinner]

DAY 8: WAHIBA SANDS – MUSCAT (MCT) | WADI TIWI, WADI SHAB

Additional sightseeing is possible for guests with flights departing late enough in the day. The additional sightseeing is at **Sur** on the coast. Visit the **dhow factory**, where traditional wooden ships are made and the open-air Dhow museum. After leaving Sur we will drive alongside the coastline to Muscat. We will also have the opportunity to walk through **Wadi Shab** or to explore **Wadi Tiwi (Wadi of Nine villages)** by car. Just in time to reach to **Muscat** International Airport (MCT) for your flight home.

[Meals: Breakfast]

*Hotel check-out time is generally around 11 am. If your flight departs in the evening or past midnight, we suggest you consider adding a post-tour hotel night during booking, to be comfortable and well rested before your flight home.

*The duration and start time of excursions are subject to change without prior notice.