



TRAVELLING TO NEW PLACES WITH CONFIDENCE

## Highlights of Oman

5-Day, 4-Night Journey

Muscat, Nakhal Fort, Nizwa, Wahiba Sands

Break up a long flight or take a short trip that highlights the best of Oman. Roam without the rush and get the most from your visit with a private guide. On this journey you will get to experience the lifestyle like a true Omani. From the grandeur architectures in Muscat to historical castles then ancient ruins in the desert. Get the rush from sand dune bashing, cool down at desert oasis and rest at a 4-star desert camp. Soak up the desert atmosphere, chat with the locals and absorb the culture. There's just so much to explore and take in from every corner!

## **→ Customizable Private Tour**

## Trip Overview

- ► Muscat City Tour
- ► Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque
- ► Al Alam Palace
- ► Bait Al Zubair
- ► Royal Opera House
- ► Al Jalali Fort
- ► Mutrah Souq
- ► National Museum
- ► Mutrah Corniche
- ► Fort Al Mirani

- ▶ Sunset Cruise
- ► Nakhl City Tour
- ▶ Nakhal Fort
- Ain Thowarah(Hot Springs System)
- ► Wadi Bani Awf
- ► Bilad Sayt (Mountain Village)
- ► Al Hamra Village Ruins
- ► Nizwa City Tour
- Nizwa Souq

- Livestock Market
- Wadi Bani Khalid
- Sharqiyah Sands
- ► Wadi Bashing on a 4-Wheel Drive
- Desert Camp & Dinner.
- ▶ Dhow Factory (Wooden Ships)
- Wadi Shab
- ► Wadi Tiwi

(Wadi of Nine Villages)

## Why You'll Love This Tour



#### LIFESTYLE IN THE DESERT

Turn the pages back to over 100 years ago, pre-1920's before there were cars or any modern amenities, when camels were 'the ships of the desert'. This experience takes you on an adventure into the culture and history of a bygone era and gives you the chance to live a day in the life of a true Bedouin.



## SEE THE ANCIENT CITY OF NIZWA COME TO LIFE

On Fridays, watch as farmers and traders from all over Oman come together to barter and trade their livestock and handicrafts for a living. Located at one of the finest traditional markets that exist today, there are some traditions that never change. See what life must have been like in a much older time!



#### MUSCAT IS AN ADVENTURE-OF-A-DIFFERENT-KIND

Oman's city capital is a reflection of how its country has traditionally kept one eye on trade across the Indian Ocean and the other on the ancient routes of the desert. Today, with its respect for heritage, its elegant mosques, conservative tastes, and smart cafes have made Oman a quiet champion of modern Arab culture.

## Inclusions

- · Airport Transfers, Meet and Greet
- Hotel Accommodations
- Daily Breakfast & Selected Meals (See tour plan for details)
- English-speaking Local Guide
- Entrance Fees to Monuments and Attractions per Itinerary

## **Exclusions**

- ► Air Fare
- · Travel Insurance
- Medical Expenses
- → Visa Fee
- Gratuity
- Personal Expenses

## **Nearby Airport**

Muscat - Muscat International Airport (MCT)

## Itinerary

(B)-Breakfast, (L)-Lunch, (D)-Dinner

### DAY 1: MUSCAT | ARRIVAL

Welcome to **Muscat**, the capital of Oman! Your driver will meet you at the airport and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is free.



## DAY 2: MUSCAT | CITY TOUR (B)

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 indepth feel of the culture at: Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque; Al Alam Palace; Bait Al Zubair; Royal Opera House; Al Jalali Fort; Mutrah Souq; National Museum; Mutrah Corniche; Fort Al Mirani.

Walk through its narrow alleys where the air is filled with the aroma of frankincense and sandalwood. In the late afternoon, enjoy a **sunset cruise** along the coastline of Muscat and a beautiful view of Mutrah Corniche.

## DAY 3: MUSCAT - NIZWA | NAKHAL FORT, HOT SPRINGS, TRADITIONAL VILLAGE (B)

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 Nahkl.

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.

# DAY 4: NIZWA - WAHIBA SANDS | NIZWA, WADI BANI KHALID, SAND DUNE BASHING, DESERT CAMP (B, D)

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**.

## DAY 5: WAHIBA SANDS – MUSCAT (MCT) | WADI TIWI, WADI SHAB (B)

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.

## Hotels

We carefully handpick our hotels to ensure they provide you with the best comfort and experience. For Private Tours, you may request a specific hotel as one of the customizable options.







