



TRAVELLING TO NEW PLACES WITH CONFIDENCE

# Discover Oman

## 7-Day, 6-Night Journey

*Muscat, Nizwa, Jebel Shamsh, Wahiba Sands*

This one-week tour shares an opportunity to engage and be mesmerized by traditional Arabian charms and Bedouin hospitality. Oman is filled with much history (dating as far back as the third millennium BC), bustling markets and magical sightseeing attractions, all which will simply take your breath away.

Soak up the atmosphere, chat with the locals and really absorb the culture. From its high mountains to its deep valleys, secluded beaches, and long pristine coastlines, not forgetting the delicious Omani dates and famous fragrant frankincense, there's just so much to explore in every corner of Oman. Take off for your thrill-seeking adventures - sand dune bashing and swimming in Bimmah Sinkhole. And Live a day in the life of a true Bedouin in the desert camp. A wonderful experience you surely won't want to miss!

### ♦ Customizable Private Tour

## Trip Overview (\*UNESCO World Heritage Sites)

- ▶ 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
- ▶ Gentle Hike on Jebel Shamsh (Oman's Grand Canyon)
- ▶ Nizwa City Tour
- ▶ Nizwa Fort
- ▶ Nizwa Souq
- ▶ Livestock Market
- ▶ **Bahla Fort\***
- ▶ Izki & Sinaw (Desert Towns)
- ▶ Old Abandoned Districts
- ▶ Wahiba Sands Desert Camp

- Camel Safari
- Desert Camp & Dinner

- Sand Dune Or Wadi Bashing on a 4-Wheel Drive

- Wadi Bani Khalid (Swim or Hike)
- Bimmah Sinkhole

## 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 (MCT)

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

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

Muscat has been an important ancient seaport since the 2<sup>nd</sup> century. Today you will experience the influence of Persians, Portuguese and Ottomans in **Muscat** with your tour guide. You will get to explore the city for an in-depth 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.

### DAY 3: MUSCAT – NIZWA | OMAN'S GRAND CANYON (B)

After breakfast, hotel check out and depart for Nizwa. En route, drive up the **Jebel Shamsh**, also called "mountain of the sun". A gentle hike on its plateau gives you an impressive view of the canyon, also known as "**Oman's Grand Canyon**". **Continue to Nizwa**.

### DAY 4: NIZWA | NIZWA FORT; BAHLA FORT; NIZWA SOUQ, LIVESTOCK MARKET (B)

Discover the old capital of Oman, Nizwa and witness the traditional culture that still drives today's modern society. Visit **Nizwa Fort** (the most popular national monument). At **Nizwa Souq**, the traditions never change. If it is Friday, watch the bartering at the **Livestock Market**. Walk around **Bahla Fort** for wonderful photos of the picturesque old village.

### DAY 5: NIZWA - WAHIBA SANDS | DESERT TOWNS, CAMEL SAFARI, DESERT CAMP (B, L, D)

Our Sand & Stone day! After breakfast and hotel check out, we head to the desert. We visit a desert city, **Izki**, the oldest town in Oman and **Sinaw** where locals from all over come to market day on Thursday to its camel and fish market. You will also see the old abandoned districts. Followed by a picnic lunch.



Drive through the dunes to the desert camp in **Wahiba Sands** for a unique desert experience. This experience takes you on a cultural and historical adventure into a bygone era and gives you the chance to live a day in the life of a true **Bedouin**. Enjoy a short **camel safari** and watch the sunset over the dunes before a traditional dinner at the camp.

#### **DAY 6: WAHIBA SANDS - MUSCT | SAND DUNE/WADI BASHING (B)**

Today is all about off-road adventures. Your driver will take you over the sand dunes or through floodwater to see the best of the Arabian peninsula's landscape on a 4-Wheel drive. It is all about location, location, location.

As we head back to Muscat along the coastal road, if time allows we could have a swim or walk at the evergreen **Wadi Bani Khalid**. We also visit **Bimmah Sinkhole**, a peculiar 130 ft by 65 ft limestone hole filled with blue-green, brackish water. If time allows, enjoy a swim before returning to Muscat city.

#### **DAY 7: MUSCAT (MCT) (B)**

The tour comes to an end after breakfast. Please provide details of your flight home so we can schedule your airport transfer.

## 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.

