



TRAVELLING TO NEW PLACES WITH CONFIDENCE

Oman: Sea, Desert and Canyons

9-Day, 8-Night Journey

Muscat, Jebel Shamsh, Nizwa, Wahiba Sands, Ras Al Jinz, Sur

This spectacular 9-day tour welcomes you with an array of adventures and charms like no other. This has to be one of our more exciting Oman tours as it covers the amazing Sea, Desert, and Canyon landscapes. Oman wouldn't be complete without sand dune bashing through the desert (a bumpy and thrilling ride on a 4-wheel drive) and Omani BBQ around a campfire, under an incredible starry-night sky.

As you travel through this vast land and meet the locals, you would be able to appreciate Omani's down-to-earth and refreshing take to its natural beauties and attractions. Bring home fabulous photos, aromatic Arabic perfumes and incense, beautiful silverware and the famous Omani sweets as souvenirs of your Arabian adventure!

✦ 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 (Swin or Hike) ▸ Bimmah Sinkhole
- Evening Turtle Beach Visit (Ras Al Jinz)

Why You'll Love This Tour



OMAN FROM ALL ANGLES

A country that has it all, this journey takes you into the three dimensions of Oman; Sea, Desert and Mountains. It's majestic heritage and culture will not only have you mesmerized but Oman is also all about natural beauty.



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!

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 2nd 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 back at camp.

DAY 6: WAHIBA SANDS - RAS AL JINZ | SAND DUNE/WADI BASHING (B)

Today is all about off-road adventures. En route to the coastline of **Ras Al Jinz**, 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.

DAY 7: RAS AL JINZ | WADI BANI KHALID, TURTLE BEACH (B)

Enjoy a breakfast in the desert before leaving for the coastline, with a chance to have a swim or to take a walk in the evergreen **Wadi Bani Khalid**. Evening excursion to **Green Turtle Beach (Ras Al Jinz)** where turtles can be seen laying their eggs, as well as baby turtles leaving their nests (*please note there is no guarantee of seeing any turtles when visiting during the low season*).

DAY 8: RAS AL JINZ – MUSCAT | SUR, BIMMAH SINKHOLE (B)

Today is all about water as we head back to Muscat along the coastal road with a photo op at Sur, dubbed the port city of Oman. Along the way we 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 9: 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.

