

# MUSCAT EXCURSIONS

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## MAJESTIC MUSCAT \*\*Every day except Friday

The **morning** half-day tour starts with a visit to the Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque, the architectural masterpiece. The main chandelier is made of pure Swarovski crystals and the carpet adorning the large prayer hall was woven by experts, made from pure Persian silk. The Mosque exterior is constructed with quality Rajasthan Sandstone and the main halls as well as the smaller prayer rooms are adorned with the finest Italian Marble. The Mosque is surrounded by 5 minarets, each of which symbolizes the holy five vows taken by every devout Muslim to reinforce his faith in the Almighty.

From the Mosque you will head to Mutrah to see the fishermen in action at the fish market followed by a walk around the traditional Souq, a visit Bait al Zubair museum with its display of archaeological findings and Omani national dress and jewellery, as well as Sultan's Al Alam Palace and the historic Jalali and Mirani forts which still guard the natural harbour.

*OPTIONAL: Visit to the Royal Opera House at the additional cost of USD 10 per person for the entrance fee*

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An **afternoon tour** starts with a photo stop visits to the major city sights, from architectural masterpiece Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque, finding the jewels of the city along the way to the famous Mutrah souq, where one can experience the traditional Arabic trading values and bargain for the pieces of everlasting memories.

You will also grab a chance to visit old Muscat, Bait al Zubair museum with its display of archaeological findings and Omani national dress and jewellery, Sultan's Al Alam Palace and the historic Jalali and Mirani forts which still guard the natural harbor.

*Please note: Due to opening hours, Grand Mosque and fish market in Mutrah are not possible to visit in the afternoon hours, but the Grand Mosque is a beautiful photo stop sight as well.*

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**Morning tour:** 09:00 hrs pick up from Muscat hotel

**Afternoon tour:** 16:00 hrs pick up from Muscat hotel

**Duration:** 4 hrs.

**\*\*Every day except Friday; on Friday only afternoon tour available**

#### Included:

- English speaking guide
- Return transfer to Muscat hotel
- Entrance fees to Bait al Zubair museum

#### Excluded:

- Any tips or personal expenses.
- Entrance fees other than mentioned above

**What to Wear:** Please ensure you dress respectfully. Please pay attention to the specified dress code by visiting Sultan Qaboos Mosque from inside.

# ABSOLUTE MUSCAT \*\*Every day except Friday

Enjoy the diversity of the capital in this full day tour starting with a visit to impressive architecture masterpiece Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque. Twist the plot with a visit to Natural History Museum, which is considered as one of the major museums in Oman.

You will follow the tread of Oman into famous House of Amouage for a lesson in perfume production.

After a lunch in a local restaurant, we will head to Mutrah – the old Muscat that still lives full glory. We will take a stroll in Corniche, pay a visit to local souq fishing some truly exquisite Omani souvenirs, take a walk around famous sights of Al Alam Palace (still in use for diplomatic and government related business), old forts Jalali and Mirani, as well as get introduction to Omani culture and heritage visiting Bait Al Zubair museum.

**Pick-up time:** 09:00 hrs. from Muscat hotel

**Duration:** up to 08 hrs.

#### Included:

- English speaking guide
- Return transfer to Muscat hotel
- Lunch in a local restaurant
- Entrance fee to Al Bait al Zubair museum

#### Excluded:

- Any tips or personal expenses.
- Entrance fees not mentioned above.

\*\*Every day except Friday

**What to Wear:** *Please ensure you dress respectfully. Please pay attention to the specified dress code by visiting Sultan Qaboos Mosque from inside.*





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## DOLPHIN WATCHING

**\*\*EXCURSION AVAILABLE IN THE MORNING ONLY – DURATION 2 HRS\*\***

Dolphin shoals visit the shores of Oman in large numbers, and Muscat and Musandam are famous for dolphin watching. You don't have to travel far from land to find yourself surrounded by countless dolphins dancing in the waters around your boat. The Sea Of Oman is heavily populated with a variety of dolphins and an early morning boat trip is an excellent way to experience them at close quarters.

Leaving from Marina Bandar Al Rowdha, the boat trip is an experience of the captains' teamwork, who navigate each other via radio to give the visitors the very best chance of finding these friendly fish.

Once you have enjoyed watching the dolphins you can come back to land or extend your day on the water.

## DOLPHIN WATCHING & SNORKELING

**\*\*EXCURSION AVAILABLE IN THE MORNING ONLY – DURATION 3 HRS\*\***

If you a snorkeling lover, then you can join the dolphin watching tour with snorkeling.

After exploring dolphins for an hour, you will be taken to the snorkeling point that starts with a nice scenic drive for 30 mins to Bandar Al Khayran [if the sea conditions allow]. Here you can admire stunning landscapes with mountains falling to the sea to form numerous fjords, coves and beaches. All you must do is putting the mask and dipping into the clear waters of the small white beaches surrounding the bays, exploring the magnificent soft and hard corals and beautiful underwater life. You will have the chance to see a different species of tropical colorful fish, and sometimes even Turtles, Moray Eels or Stingrays

**Pick-up time:** Between 07:00 and 09:00 hrs. from Muscat hotel

**Duration:** 02 hrs.

### Included:

- Return transfer to Muscat hotel
- Snorkeling equipment if/where applicable
- Towels
- Bottle of water
- English speaking staff onboard

### Excluded:

- Tips or any personal expenses

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## MEMORABLE SUNSET CRUISE

**\*\*EXCURSION AVAILABLE IN THE AFTERNOON ONLY – DURATION 2 HRS\*\***

Why not end your day with a relaxing cruise along the splendid Muscat coastline, seeing many of the sights from a different angle? For your voyage, you will either onboard a modern catamaran, speedboat or traditional fishing dhow.

On this two hours cruise through unspoiled seas, you can enjoy the many scenes that reflect Omani history and Portuguese architecture around Old Muscat. Watch the sun setting behind the spectacular golden mountain back drop of Muscat city from the sea grabbing the chance to snap perfect mix of hues paintings the city. Just as the waters turn gold, you will return to marina with lots of memories to cherish.

**Pick-up time:** 15:00-16:00 hrs from Muscat hotel

**Duration:** 2 hrs.

**Included:**

- Return transfer to Muscat hotel
- Water, soft drinks on board

**Excluded:**

- Tips or any personal expenses



## AL BATINAH BATTLEMENTS

Al Batinah is the vegetable garden of the Sultanate, a multitude of refugee castles and fortress that protected their inhabitants for centuries. We will start with a visit to Fish Market in Barka, experiencing the noise and colours of a daily fisherman's life. On the way to Nakhl we will stop at Bait Al Ghasham house that belonged to Al Busaidi dynasty for 200 years, and it is now beautiful museum that witness the local heritage. Cherish the date palm plantations on the road to Nakhl where you will enjoy the warm waters of the Thowara Spring, see the impressive falaj system and wander around the highest fort in Oman.

After a picnic or a lunch in a local restaurant we will take the mountain-lined road to Rustaq to see its ancient fort rich in history and visit the Al Kisfr Hot Springs. The four towers of Rustaq Fort are called: Al Burj Al Ahmar, Al Burj Al Hadeeth, Al Burj Al Reeh and Al Burj Ashiateen which means the devil's tower. Thousands of visitors flock to Rustaq each year to bath in the medicinal hot waters of Al Kisfr.

Finally, we will drive to the gravel plains to see the 18th century Islamic architecture of Al Hazm Castle and its magnificent collection of restored cannons.

**Pick-up time:** 08:00 hrs from Muscat hotel

**Duration:** Up to 08 hrs

**Included:**

- Return transfer to Muscat hotel
- Entrance fee to Bait Al Ghasam museum
- Lunch in a local restaurant or a picnic box
- Local English-speaking guide in a suitable vehicle
- Water

**Excluded:**

- Entrance fees other than mentioned under inclusions
- Tips or any personal expense

**Info:**

- Nakhl and Rustaq forts are closed for visits due to maintenance till the further notice. Photo stops only till the work is in the progress.

*What to wear: Please make sure that you dress respectfully. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring hat, insect repellent and sunscreen.*



## MAGNIFICENT WADI BANI AUF

Wadi Bani Auf is a large wadi that covers large area with several villages and lots of cool attractions worth visiting. It is also considered one of the most memorable off roads drive of Oman.

We will start with a visit to Fish Market in Barka, experiencing the noise and colours of a daily fisherman's life. On the way to Nakhl we will stop at Bait Al Ghasham house that belonged to Al Busaidi dynasty for 200 years, and it is now beautiful museum that witness the local heritage. Cherish the date palm plantations on the road to Nakhl where you will enjoy the warm waters of the Thowara Spring, see the impressive falaj system and wander around the highest fort in Oman.

After a picnic or lunch in a local restaurant, we will head through a break in the Jabal Harim mountain range into Wadi Bani Auf. Enjoy the scenery and the thrilling drive as you venture further into the wadi until you reach the charming, tranquil village of Bilad Sayt, where you can enjoy a gentle walk around beautiful houses and terraces.

**Pick-up time:** 08:00 hrs from Muscat hotel

**Duration:** Up to 08 hrs

**Included:**

- Return transfer to Muscat hotel
- Entrance fee to Bait Al Ghasam museum
- Lunch in a local restaurant or a picnic box
- Local English-speaking guide in a suitable vehicle
- Water

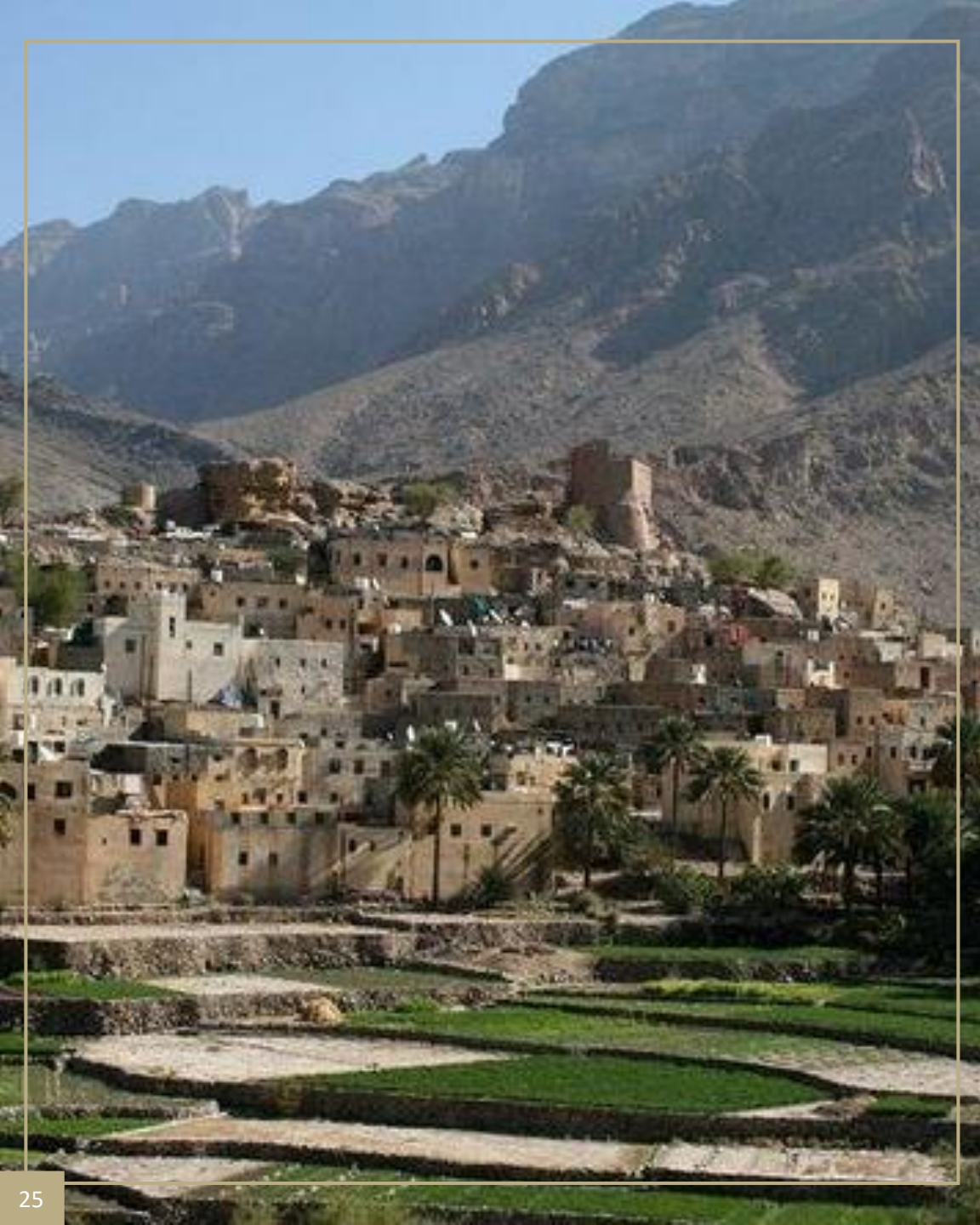
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## WAKAN VILLAGE

Wakan itself is a tiny village in the mountains that become a huge attractions with its unique location, terraced gardens, mild temperature and indigenous Afalaj water system for irrigation. At the season of the blooming cherry blossom trees, it's turning into Sakura of Arabia.

We start with a visit to Fish Market in Barka, experiencing the noise and colours of a daily fisherman's life. On the way to Nakhl we will stop at Bait Al Ghasham house that belonged to Al Busaidi dynasty for 200 years, and it is now beautiful museum that witness the local heritage. Cherish the date palm plantations on the road to Nakhl where you will enjoy the warm waters of the Thowara Spring, see the impressive alaj system and wander around the highest fort in Oman.

After a picnic or lunch in a local restaurant you will head to mountain ward to the stunning Wadi Mistal. Take in the breathtaking scenery as you make your way across the wadi bed and start the climb to Wakan village, one of the most spectacular mountain villages in Oman. It is a real treat to see its abundant fruit trees and farmed terraces in the blossoming season.

**Pick-up time:** 08:00 hrs from Muscat hotel

**Duration:** Up to 08 hrs

### Included:

- Return transfer to Muscat hotel
- Entrance fee to Bait Al Ghasam museum
- Lunch in a local restaurant or a picnic box
- Local English-speaking guide in a suitable vehicle
- Water

### Excluded:

- Entrance fees other than mentioned under inclusions
- Tips or personal expenses.

### Info:

- Nakhl and Rustaq forts are closed for visits due to maintenance till the further notice. Photo stop only until the work is in the progress.
- Blossoming season usually starts some time at the end of January till the end of February, beginning of March – solely depending on the weather conditions and nature's call.

*What to wear: Please make sure that you dress respectfully. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring hat, insect repellent and sunscreen.*





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## HISTORICAL NIZWA

Nizwa regions is full of history and experiences. Our first stop will be the House of **Amouage** and visitors' center to experience one of the world's finest fragrances. After this visit, we are back on the road to **Nizwa** to admire the Fort and the Souq before stopping in town for a picnic or lunch at a local restaurant.

After lunch, the day continues with stunning pieces of architecture - **Bahla Fort**, which was the oldest and first Omani fort built in Islamic style, **Jabreen Castle**, probably the finest of Omanis castles built during the late 17th century. Further down the road we will stop in the traditional mountain village of **Al Hamra** that cherishes tradition with famous **Bait al Safah living museum**.

**Pick-up time:** 08:00 hrs from Muscat hotel (Sat-Thu; \*Fridays earlier start)

**Duration:** Up to 08 hrs

### Included:

- Return transfer to Muscat hotel
- Lunch in a local restaurant or a picnic box
- Local English-speaking guide in a suitable vehicle
- Water

### Excluded:

- Entrance fees if any
- Tips or any personal expense

### Info:

- On Fridays, the tour starts latest at 07:00 hrs from Muscat
- Bait Al Safah Museum frequently changes working hours without notice, hence the visit depends on the day

*What to wear:* Please make sure that you dress respectfully. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring hat, insect repellent and sunscreen.



## NIZWA AND JEBEL SHAMS GRAND CANYON

Nizwa region offers various experience. You will drive straight to **Nizwa** where you will be able to admire the Fort and the Souq. With a taste of this old capital, you will head up to the traditional mountain village of **Al Hamra**, on the bottom of Jebel Shams.

After a picnic or lunch at a local restaurant in the village, we will head to **Wadi Ghul** to see the old abandoned village perched on the rocks. There we have the opportunity to meet traditional Omani families on the side roads and admire some of the local handicrafts. Then, with Jebel Shams towering above you, plunge deeper into the Grand Canyon...

Oman's Grand Canyon is situated amidst the rocky terrain of the Jabal Shams, the mountain of the Sun, crowned as the highest peak of Arabia. The view from the top over the Grand Canyon is breath-taking. Take a chance to experience untamed and rugged countryside, a pristine world interrupted here and there by tiny settlements.

**Pick-up time:** 08:00 hrs from Muscat hotel (Sat-Thu; \*Fridays earlier start)

**Duration:** Up to 08 hrs

**Included:**

- Return transfer to Muscat hotel
- Lunch in a local restaurant or a picnic box
- Local English-speaking guide in a suitable vehicle
- Water

**Excluded:**

- Entrance fees if any
- Tips or personal expenses

**Info:**

- On Fridays, the tour starts latest at 07:00 hrs from Muscat

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## THE GORGEOUS JABAL AKHDAR

Al Jabal Al Akhdar, The Green Mountain, belongs to Al Hajar mountain chain and is one of the most inhabited mountains in entire Oman. It is also a home to one of the world's best Damask Rose, pomegranate, Juniper and garlic. You will first stop in **Nizwa** to admire the past written in the Fort and get a glimpse of a local life in the Souq. After that we will head to a beautiful village of **Birkat al Mawz** taking a walk between old stone houses, the 17th century mosque and impressive falaj system.

You will stop for a lunch before proceeding to **Wadi Madaeen** and winding up the mountain onto Saiq Plateau. With sometimes much cooler air (special treat in hot days), enjoy the sights of al Jabal al Akhdar, including Wadi Bani Habib and Al Ayn.

**Pick-up time:** 08:00 hrs from Muscat hotel (Sat-Thu; \*Fridays earlier start)

**Duration:** Up to 08 hrs

### Included:

- Return transfer to Muscat hotel
- Lunch in a local restaurant or a picnic box
- Local English-speaking guide in a suitable vehicle
- Water

### Excluded:

- Entrance fees if any
- Tips or any personal expense

### Info:

- On Fridays, the tour starts latest at 07:00 hrs from Muscat
- Damask Rose picking season last for about 2 week, starting at the end of March

*What to wear: Please make sure that you dress respectfully. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring hat, insect repellent and sunscreen.*





## WADI SHAB

Coastal road from Muscat to Sur brings different experience to each traveler, with the mountains at one side and the blue sea at the other.

You will first stop in **Quriyat**, once important port, famous for exporting horses reared on the surrounding plains. Nowadays, it is an attractive old fishing port that boasts a pretty seafront, a harbour and an attractive 200- years-old fort. Not far from the town there is an impressive **Wadi Dayqah Dam**. Completed in 2012 it is one of the largest dams in Oman and the major supplier of the fresh water to Muscat.

On this trip, you will experience two wadis, each on its own. **Wadi Arbeeyn**, recently growing in popularity for its undeveloped tranquility and deep pools, and **Wadi Shab**, where you can get the most of your hiking and swimming skills.

**Pick-up time:** 08:00 hrs from Muscat hotel

**Duration:** Up to 08 hrs

**Included:**

- Return transfer to Muscat hotel
- Lunch in a local restaurant or a picnic box
- Local English-speaking guide in a suitable vehicle
- Water

**Excluded:**

- Entrance fees if any
- Tips or any personal expenses
- Towels

**Wadi checklist:**

- *Sturdy footwear with good grips: something that can get wet, and you can swim with in wadi*
- *Sunglasses, sunscreen and a sun hat*
- *Waterproof bag*
- *Food, snacks and plenty of drinking water*
- *Swimming clothes and towel*



# COMPLETE COASTAL

Coastal road from Muscat to Sur brings different experience to each traveler, with the mountains on one side and the blue sea on the other.

On this trip you will experience the sinkhole rated as the most beautiful in the world - **Bimmah Sinkhole**, that reflects the legend of the falling star; the white beach **Finns**, one of Oman's most stunning beaches and popular local camping site.

After lunch you can choose between a drive into Wadi Tiwi or a hike into Wadi Shab (approx 2,5 hrs) before getting back on the road to Sur where you can walk around the old Dhow Yard watching the traditional craftsmen at work.

**Pick-up time:** 08:00 hrs from Muscat hotel

**Duration:** Up to 08 hrs

#### Included:

- Return transfer to Muscat hotel
- Lunch in a local restaurant or a picnic box
- Local English-speaking guide in a suitable vehicle
- Water

#### Excluded:

- Entrance fees if any
- Tips or any personal expenses
- Towels

#### Info:

- Hiking in Wadi Shab is not recommended to children below 8 years old, or those with physical injuries due to slippery terrains.

#### Wadi checklist:

- *Sturdy footwear with good grips: something that can get wet, and you can swim with in wadi*
- *Sunglasses, sunscreen and a sun hat*
- *Waterproof bag*
- *Food, snacks and plenty of drinking water*
- *Swimming clothes and towel*





## A DAY AT THE DUNES

The desert is somehow must experience in the Middle East, be it day or night.

We will take inland road toward Wahiba, with a first top at **Wadi Bani Khalid**, the best-known wadi of the region. The wadi has large pools of water and boulders are scattered along its course that runs with water all year round. If you don't mind walking, try to reach some of the caves.

After lunch we will follow the road to the sand dunes, where you will meet one of few remaining Bedu families in the heart of beautiful **Wahiba Sands**, and enjoy short dune driving in the undulating dunes\*\*

**Pick-up time:** 08:00 hrs from Muscat hotel

**Duration:** Up to 08 hrs

### Included:

- Return transfer to Muscat hotel
- Lunch in a local restaurant or a picnic box
- Local English-speaking guide in a suitable vehicle
- Water

### Excluded:

- Entrance fees if any
- Tips or any personal expenses
- Towels

*\*\*Kindly note: Due to safety reasons the dune bashing has been monitored and restricted by ROP. Following the security measures given by Omani Authorities, instead of dune bashing our experienced guide will take you for the lighter dune driving to get the sense of the sand. We kindly ask you to always follow the guide's advices.*

### Wadi checklist:

- *Sturdy footwear with good grips: something that can get wet, and you can swim with in wadi*
- *Sunglasses, sunscreen and a sun hat*
- *Waterproof bag*
- *Food, snacks and plenty of drinking water*
- *Swimming clothes and towel*





# SALALAH EXCURSIONS

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## SALALAH CITY HIGHLIGHTS \*\*Except Fridays & Saturdays

Salalah marks the southern region of Oman, famous for its Khareef (monsoon season). We start exploring the city by visiting magnificent **Sultan Grand Mosque**, which features exquisite artwork and stained tiles. After that you will proceed to the garden farms with coconut, banana, papayas and vegetable plantations will be on your way to **Al Baleed Archaeological Park**, UNESCO heritage site, which displays vivid illustration of the Region's historical and archaeological heritage, along with Museum of the Frankincense Land. After historical part, we will proceed to the **Al Haffa Souq** (the best place to shop some Frankincense gum and incense) and a photo stop at **Al Husn Palace**.

**Duration:** 4 hrs.

### Highlights

- Sultan Qaboos Mosque
- Plantations
- Al Baleed Archeological Site
- Museum of the Frankincense land
- Al Haffa Souq
- Al Husn Palace (photo stop)

### Included:

- Return transfer from Salalah/Taqah or Mirbat hotel
- Entrance fee to Al Baleed Museum
- Bottled water on board
- English speaking Guide/Driver

### Excluded:

- Tips or Any personal expenses

**What to Wear:** Please ensure you dress respectfully. Knees and shoulders should be always covered. Please pay attention to the specified dress code by visiting Sultan Qaboos Mosque from inside. Please wear comfortable walking shoes and bring hat, insect repellent and sunscreen.



## HISTORICAL DHOFAR (EAST SALALAH)

Begin the day to the Eastern part of Dhofar at **Ain Razat**, collection of natural springs (some appearing only during Khareef season). This location is popular all year around and serves as one of Salalah's primary water sources. The trip continues to the old fishing village of **Taqah**, famous for the manufacture of dried sardines, its traditional and old Dhofari Houses, and intriguing Taqah Castle that gives a glimpse into the rich history of the region.

After Taqah we will drive to the most unexpected location in Dhofar – **Wadi Darbat**. Hidden in the mountains overlooking Khor Rori, the wadi is natural park with breathtaking views of waterfalls, camels, lakes, mountains, caves and lush green vegetation with monsoon. During Khareef Season, water from the mountains replenish the wadi, creating magnificent waterfalls gushing from 30 meters.

We will continue to the ancient ruins of the once famous city of **Sumharam** (Khor Rohri). Nowadays UNESCO World Heritage Site, Khor Rori was an important port on the coast of Dhofar, and one of the major trading cities with frankincense and cooper trade.

**Duration:** approx. 4 hrs.

### Highlights

- Ain Razat
- Taqah
- Wadi Darbat
- Sumhuram (Khor Rori)

### Included:

- Bottled water on board
- English speaking Guide
- Suitable vehicle
- Return transfer from Salalah/Taqah or Mirbat hotel
- Entrance fees to Taqah castle & Sumhuram

### Excluded:

- Any of personal expenses
- Tips

*What to wear: This tour involves walking over rough and inclined ground. Please wear comfortable walking shoes and bring hat, insect repellent and sunscreen.*





## SPLENDOURS OF DHOFAR (WEST SALALAH)

The first place on your itinerary would be **Ain Garziz**, one of the springs in Dhofar region. We will continue driving to the mountains to visit **Nabi Ayoub** (Prophet Jobs Tomb), which can be seen from a high point. Due its historical significance, this is one of the most visited sites in Dhofar. Near by we will stop for a photo stop at the mesmerizing viewpoint.

Following historical site, we will travel to **Mughsail** beach, where the white sand touches the deep blue ocean. It is one of the must places in Salalah for its geysers, where waves burst through the natural titanic blowholes.

**Duration:** 4 hrs

### Highlights

- Ain Garziz
- Prophet Ayoub Tomb
- Mughsail Beach
- Viewpoint
- Al Mughsail Beach and blowholes

### Included:

- Bottled water on board
- English speaking Guide
- Suitable vehicle
- Return transfer from Salalah/Taqah or Mirbat hotel

### Excluded:

- Tips or Any personal expenses

*What to wear: Ladies must cover their heads with a scarf when visiting Job's Tomb and all guests should be dressed decently (No shorts and sleeveless blouses!). Guests must remove their shoes inside. Due to uneven and slanted terrain, please wear comfortable walking shoes and bring hat, insect repellent and sunscreen.*



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## JEBEL SAFARI WEST

The first place on your itinerary would be **Ain Garziz**, one of the springs in Dhofar region. We will continue driving to the mountains to visit **Nabi Ayoub** (Prophet Jobs Tomb), which can be seen from a high point. Due its historical significance, this is one of the most visited sites in Dhofar. Near by we will stop for a photo stop at the mesmerizing viewpoint.

Following historical site, we will travel to **Mughsail beach**, where the white sand touches the deep blue ocean. It is one of the must places in Salalah for its geysers, where waves burst through the natural titanic blowholes. We'll make a photo stop at **Mughsail's lagoon**, which is a home to migratory birds.

We thereafter continue up with the **ZigZag road**, for around 10-15 km, towards the historical Frankincense trees growing in their natural habitat, deep down in the valleys, dotting the dry and craggy countryside. After that we will drive to **Fazayah Beach** along the hairpin bend road near Western Boarder of Oman.

Duration: 8 hrs.

### Highlights

- Ain Garziz
- Nabi Ayoub
- Viewpoint
- Al Mughsail Beach and Blowholes
- ZigZag road
- Frankincense trees
- Fazayah Beach

### Services included:

- Return transfer from Salalah/Taqah or Mirbat hotel
- Bottled water on board
- English speaking Guide
- Suitable vehicle
- Picnic local lunch or picnic box

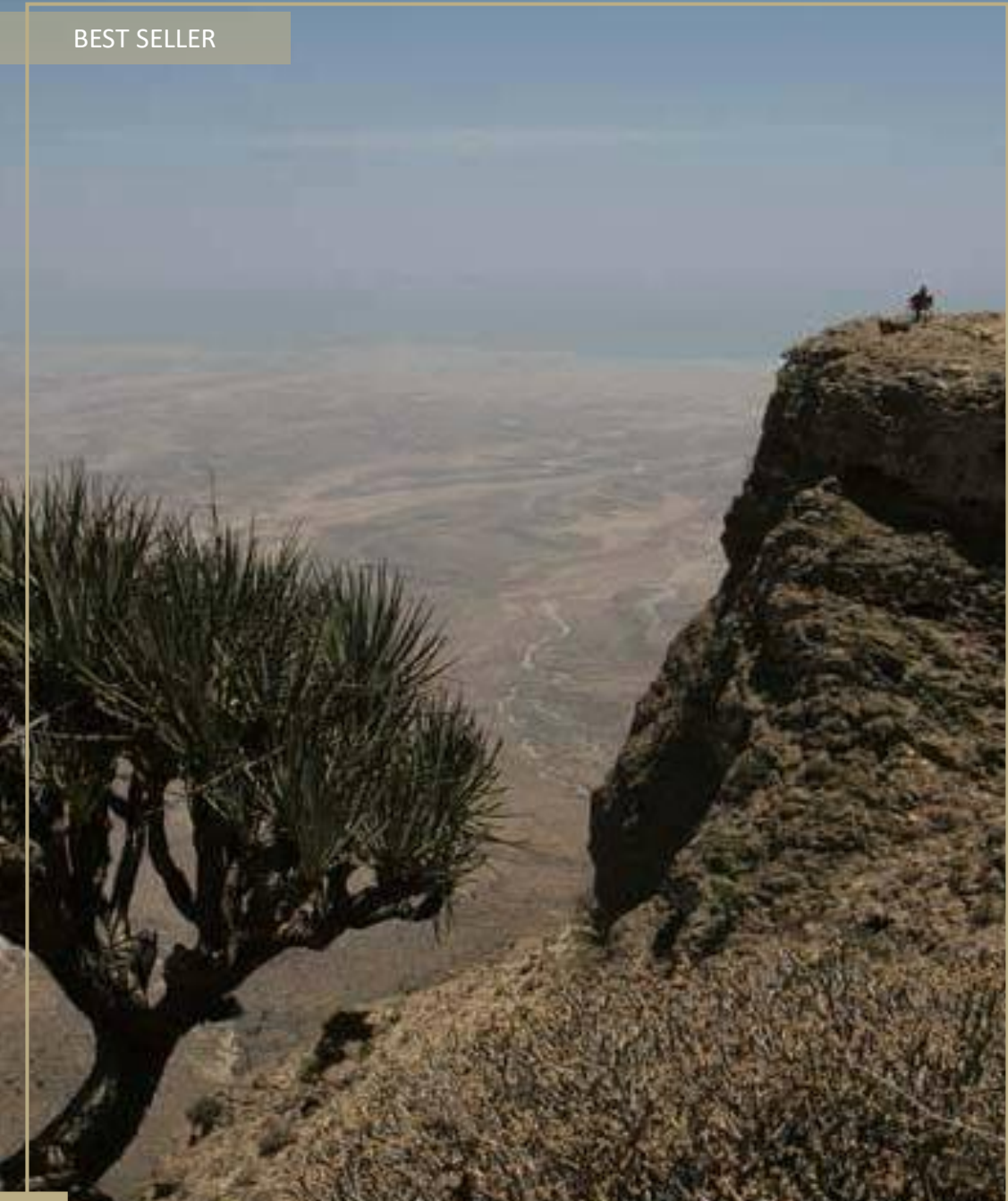
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## JEBEL SAFARI EAST

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After Taqah we will drive to the most unexpected location in Dhofar – **Wadi Darbat**. Hidden in the mountains overlooking Khor Rori, the wadi is natural park with breathtaking views of waterfalls, camels, lakes, mountains, caves and lush green vegetation with monsoon. During Khareef Season, water from the mountains replenish the wadi, creating magnificent waterfalls gushing from 30 meters. We will continue to **Tawi Ateer**, known as the Birds Well, and one of the most dramatic sinkholes in Dhofar. On the way up to the peaks of Jebel Samhain we will stop at **Babul Tree** (Baobab) and drive to Salalah **Anti-Gravity point**.

Duration: 8 hrs.

### Highlights

- Ain Razat
- Taqah
- Wadi Darbat
- Tawi Ateer
- Teeq Cave
- Jebel Samhan
- Baobab Trees
- Anti-Gravity Point

### Services included:

- Return transfer from Salalah/Taqah or Mirbat hotel
- Bottled water on board
- English speaking Guide
- Suitable vehicle
- Picnic local lunch or picnic box

### Excluded:

- Tips / Any personal expenses

*What to wear: Due to uneven and slanted terrain, please wear comfortable walking shoes and bring hat, insect repellent and sunscreen.*



## HISTORICAL EAST

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Continue to Mirbat, where you can see the historical Mirbat Castle, the Wali house, old souq, the old village and mina (the port). You will also stop at Bin Ali's Tomb on the way, classic example of medieval architecture. Finally, you will go to Khor Rori Creek, the ancient ruins of once famous city of **Sumhara**. Nowadays UNESCO World Heritage Site, Khor Rori was an important port on the coast of Dhofar, and one of the major trading cities with frankincense and cooper trade.

**Duration:** 8 hrs.

### Highlights

- Ain Razat
- Taqah
- Wadi Darbat
- Mirbat
- Bin Ali tomb
- Sumhuram (Khor Rori)

### Included:

- Return transfer from Salalah/Taqah or Mirbat hotel
- Bottled water on board
- English speaking Guide
- Suitable vehicle
- Picnic local lunch or picnic box
- Entrance fees to Taqah & Mirbat Castle & Sumhuram

### Excluded:

- Tips and any personal expenses

*What to wear: Ladies must cover their heads with a scarf when visiting Job's Tomb and all guests should be dressed decently (No shorts and sleeveless blouses!). Guests must remove their shoes inside. Due to uneven and slanted terrain, please wear comfortable walking shoes and bring hat, insect repellent and sunscreen.*



## FAZAYAH BEACH – Beach Escape

The west side of Salalah is full of many stretches of beautiful beaches, and **Mughsail** is one of the most popular. It is also one of the must-see beaches in Dhofar for the famous blowholes (perforations in the limestone rock). We'll make a photo stop at **Mughsail's lagoon**, which is a home to migratory birds.

On your way experience the **ZigZag Road**, approximately 10-15 kms long, with the breathtaking views due to heights involved. Enroute keep an eye on the stark shape of leafless **Frankincense Tree** dotting the landscape. Frankincense harvested in Dhofar is rated as the best in the world. We thereafter continue along the hairpin bend road towards Western Border of Oman, and unforgettable **Fazayah Beach** with the pristine turquoise waters of the Indian Ocean.

You can spend some time relaxing and taking in the sights.

Pick-up time: 13:30

Duration: 6-7 hrs.

### Highlights

- Al Mughsail Beach
- ZigZag Road
- Frankincense tree
- Fazayah Beach

### Included:

- Return transfer from Salalah/Taqah or Mirbat hotel
- Bottled water on board
- English speaking Guide
- Suitable vehicle

### Excluded:

- Tips and any personal expenses

*What to wear: Due to uneven and slanted terrain, please wear comfortable walking shoes and bring hat, insect repellent and sunscreen.*





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## EAST & WEST

We will start your exploring by visiting magnificent **Sultan Grand Mosque**, which features exquisite artwork and stained tiles. We will continue with **Al Baleed Archaeological Park**, UNESCO heritage site, which displays vivid illustration of the Region's historical and archaeological heritage, along with Museum of the Frankincense Land.

We will continue to **Taqah**, the old fishing village famous for the manufacture of dried sardines, its traditional and old Dhofari Houses, and intriguing Taqah Castle that gives a glimpse into the rich history of the region. Another important heritage stop are the ancient ruins of once famous city of **Sumharam** (Khor Rohri). Nowadays UNESCO World Heritage Site, Khor Rori was an important port on the coast of Dhofar, and one of the major trading cities with frankincense and cooper trade.

Keeping history behind, we will follow the natural beauty of the west side reaching **Mughsail beach**, famous for the blowholes and one of the must-see places in Dhofar region.

Duration: 8 hrs.

### Highlights

- Sultan Grand Mosque
- Al Baleed Archeological Site, Museum of Frankincense land
- Taqah
- Khor Rori (Sumhuran)
- Al Mughsail Beach

### Included:

- Return transfer from Salalah/Taqah or Mirbat hotel
- Bottled water on board
- English speaking Guide
- Suitable vehicle
- Picnic local lunch or picnic box
- Entrance fees to Taqah & Sumhuram

### Excluded:

- Tips and any personal expenses

*What to wear: Due to uneven and slanted terrain, please wear comfortable walking shoes and bring hat, insect repellent and sunscreen.*



BEST SELLER



## DESERT SAFARI

Rub Al Khali known as The Empty Quarter is the biggest sand desert in the world, shared between Oman, Saudi and Emirates, and one of remarkable sites.

We will start the day driving to Wadi Dawka, UNESCO World Heritage site, also known as Frankincense trees due to largest collections of the naturally grown Frankincense in the region. Reaching the sand, we will be arriving at the Lost city of Ubar, another UNESCO World Heritage site. According to myth, the desert swallowed Ubar. Quite literally, it sank without a trace becoming fabled *Atlantis of the Sands*.

After walking around the site, we will proceed to Rub al Khali that stretches from the mountain's foothills to enormous sandy plain known for many archeological discoveries.

On the way back we will stop at Thumrait for some refreshments.

**Pick-up time:** 13:30

**Duration:** 7 hrs.

### Highlights

- Lost City of Ubar
- Wadi Dawka and Frankincense trees
- Sand Dunes of Rub Al Khali Desert

### Included:

- Bottled water on board
- Return transfer from Salalah/Taqah or Mirbat hotel
- Suitable vehicle
- English speaking Guide
- Entrance fees Ubhar

### Excluded:

- Tips and any personal expenses

### Info:

- This tour is not suitable for those with injuries or conditions, which may be affected by the bumpy ride. It is not recommended to pregnant women.
- Temperature in the desert may vary according to the seasonal weather. There is no signal in the desert.

*What to wear: Due to uneven and slanted terrain, please wear comfortable walking shoes and bring hat, insect repellent and sunscreen; comfortable breathable clothes and avoid wearing jewelry, expensive watch.*



## SUNSET SAFARI with dinner in Desert Camp

Rub Al Khali known as The Empty Quarter is the biggest sand desert in the world, shared between Oman, Saudi and Emirates, and one of remarkable sites.

At the midday we will start the day driving to Wadi Dawka, UNESCO World Heritage site, also known as Frankincense trees due to largest collections of the naturally grown Frankincense in the region. Reaching the sand, we will be arriving at the Lost city of Ubar, another UNESCO World Heritage site. According to myth, the desert swallowed Ubar. Quite literally, it sank without a trace becoming fabled *Atlantis of the Sands*.

After walking around the site, we will proceed to Rub al Khali that stretches from the mountain's foothills to enormous sandy plain known for many archeological discoveries. Enjoy the exciting and thrilling driving tactics in the fine sand and take in breathtaking sunset over the dunes.

**Pick-up time:** 13:30

**Duration:** 7-8 hrs.

### Highlights

- Lost City of Ubar
- Wadi Dawka and Frankincense trees
- Sand Dunes of Rub Al Khali Desert

### Included:

- Bottled water on board
- Return transfer from Salalah/Taqah or Mirbat hotel
- Suitable vehicle
- English speaking Guide
- Entrance fees Ubhar
- Dinner at the desert

### Excluded:

- Tips and any personal expenses

### Info:

- This tour is not suitable for those with injuries or conditions, which may be affected by the bumpy ride. It is not recommended to pregnant women.
- Temperature in the desert may vary according to the seasonal weather. There is no signal in desert.

*What to wear: Due to uneven and slanted terrain, please wear comfortable walking shoes and bring hat, insect repellent and sunscreen; comfortable breathable clothes and avoid wearing jewelry, expensive watch.*



## NIGHT IN THE ARABIAN DESERT (Overnight)

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After walking around the site, we will proceed to Rub al Khali that stretches from the mountain's foothills to enormous sandy plain known for many archeological discoveries. Before arriving at the campsite, enjoy the exciting and thrilling driving tactics in the fine sand and take in breathtaking sunset over the dunes. On arrival at the camp, local host will welcome you with the traditional kahwa and the dates, following with dinner and shisha (the Arabic water pipe). After the breakfast next morning we will return to Salalah.

**Pick-up time:** 13:30

**Duration:** Overnight

### Highlights

- Lost City of Ubar
- Wadi Dawka and Frankincense trees
- Sand Dunes of Rub Al Khali Desert

### Included:

- Bottled water on board
- Return transfer from Salalah/Taqah or Mirbat hotel
- Suitable vehicle
- English speaking Guide
- Entrance fees to Ubar
- Overnight at the basic fixed camp with dinner and breakfast at the compulsory supplement

### Excluded:

- Tips and any personal expenses

### Info:

- This tour is not suitable for those with injuries or conditions, which may be affected by the bumpy ride. It is not recommended for pregnant women.
- Temperature in the desert may vary according to the seasonal weather. There is no signal in desert.

*What to wear: Due to uneven and slanted terrain, please wear comfortable walking shoes and bring hat, insect repellent and sunscreen; comfortable breathable clothes and avoid wearing jewelry, expensive watch.*





## KAYAKING IN HASSEK

Embark on an exciting kayaking adventure to uncover one of Oman's hidden gems. After a scenic 2-hour journey, experience the thrill of a 1-hour kayaking session in a magnificent khor (river). Our destination is a secluded beach where we'll set up a barbecue for a delightful day of relaxation. Later, we'll head back to our starting point, return to our transportation, and finally arrive back in Salalah. Just simply discover the hidden wadis (rivers which Dhofar has if you adore kayaking).

**Pick-up time:** 09.30am

**Duration:** Full day (8 hours)

### Highlights

- Kayaking in Khori (river) through the scenic journey

### Included:

- Bottled water on board
- Pick up / Drop of from/to hotel
- Suitable vehicle
- English speaking Guide
- Transportation, Kayaking, barbeque

### Excluded:

- Tips and any personal expenses

### Info:

Recommended: bring sun screen, hat, towel & spare clothes



## JEEP DRIVE EXPERIENCE

Immerse yourself in an exhilarating Jeep drive adventure that commences at your hotel and unfolds over a span of approximately two hours, culminating at the picturesque destination of Fushi. Upon arrival, our experienced guide, Haitham, a prominent member of both the Jeep group and Dhofar rescue team, will provide valuable tips and a comprehensive demonstration.

Clients will have the unique opportunity to take the wheel, navigating the sandy terrain with Haitham serving as a knowledgeable co-pilot. The driving experience itself spans around two hours, offering an immersive encounter with the desert landscape. Following the drive, we will arrange a charming camp setup complete with tea, snacks, and shisha, providing an idyllic setting to witness the breathtaking sunset and engage in sandboarding activities. After the sunset, we will return to your hotel, concluding this memorable experience. The entire duration of the adventure is estimated to be around 5 hours, with an ideal starting time set for after lunch. For those seeking to capture the moments, we offer the option to include GoPro and drone services for creating special videos, subject to additional charges.

Engage yourself in the thrill of off-road exploration with our Jeep drive experience, expertly curated for an unforgettable desert adventure.

**Pick-up time:** around 14.00hrs

**Duration:** 5 hours

### Highlights

- Fushi beach
- Jeep sand drive experience
- Sand board
- Picnic on Fushi beach with tea Back to the hotel

### Included:

- Bottled water on board
- Pick up / Drop of from/to hotel
- Jeep vehicle
- English speaking Guide / driver & co-pilot
- Transportation, set up small snaky beach camp

### Excluded:

- Tips and any personal expenses

### Info:

Recommended: bring sun screen, hat, towel & spare clothes