



OMAN SELF DRIVE TOURS

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Tour "Jebels, desert and wadis"

Discovery 4x4+ self drive tour

7 days / 6 nights

2020 - 2021



After the visit of the capital, spectacular crossing of the Western Hajar mountains and discovery of its villages , great valleys and forts. Night among the dunes followed by the exploration of the wadis and swimming in their natural pools.

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Understand your travel proposition

Self drive tour

The travelers themselves will drive along all the road transfers detailed in the program as well as along possible additional transfers to reach an activity place (except for transfers with driver or guide).

Program type: "Freedom discovery"

Each day, a number of possible activities - cultural discoveries and strolls - are proposed. It is up to the travelers, during their trip, to choose which activity they are interested in depending on their wishes and the time available. The times given for each activity and each transfer are intended to give an idea as accurate as possible of what can be done in one day.

Driving level: 4x4+

The itinerary includes roads without specific difficulty as well as some mountain dirt roads that require self-confidence in the driving of the vehicle. The driver should not be afraid of heights, as some parts are narrow and along the edge of cliffs. These dirt roads can be very steep and a good 4x4 car is essential to negotiate them in total safety. Advices on the use of the vehicle are given at the start of the tour.

Possible activity

Activity not requiring prior reservation. The travelers are free to go for them or not. Most of them are free of charge.

Optional / Included activity

Paying activity requiring prior reservation. If it is a guided activity, it may involve transfers. In this case, such transfers will be arranged by the guide or a driver, with their own vehicle.

Variant

Road transfer longer than the reference transfer but of a greater interest in terms of landscape or possible activity.

Accommodation with surcharge

Hotel not included in the standard package, proposed as an upgrade of the accommodation already included that day.

Key

Transfers

-  Road
-  Scenic road
-  Plane
-  Ferry

|30min| Approx. time of transfer

|4x4| Dirt road: 4x4 required

|4x4+| Difficult dirt road: 4x4 and experience required

Landscapes (transfers & activities)

-  Mountain
-  Village/palm grove
-  Wadi
-  Town
-  Sea
-  Desert

Activities

-  Culture
-  Shopping
-  Viewpoint
-  Scenic road
-  Strolling
-  Walking/hiking
-  Canyoning
-  Bathing/swimming
-  Nature
-  Cruise

|1h-2h| Approx. time dedicated to the activity

 **|10min|** Approx. time up to the activity place (one way)

Meals

- RO** Room only
- BB** Breakfast
- HB** Half board
- FB** Full board
- L** Lunch (during an activity)

OVERVIEW OF YOUR TOUR

DAY 1 - Muscat

-  Muscat International Airport to the Mutrah district |30km-30min|
-  Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque (Ghubrah district) |45min-1h30|
-    Mutrah District |1h-4h|
-   Old Muscat District and the Sultan's Palace |30min-1h|
-    South Muscat coastline |1h-3h|
-  Hotel * (Mutrah District) |BB|
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DAY 2 - From Muscat to the Wadi bani Awf

-  Muscat to Nakhl |100km-1h10|
-   Nakhl fort |1h|
-  Nakhl to Al Awabi |35km-40min|
-    Village of Wakan and hiking in the Wadi Mistal |1h-5h|4x4+|  30km-45min
-   Wadi bani Kharus & Wadi Hajar |1h30-4h|
-  Al Awabi to the Wadi bani Awf mountain hut |30km-1h15|4x4+|
-   Snake Canyon |30min-2h|
-  Guesthouse (Wadi bani Awf) Room Private |HB|

DAY 3 - From the Wadi bani Awf to Misfat al Abriyeen

-  Your mountain hut to Sharaf al Alamain |13km-1h15|4x4+|
-    Village of Balad Sayt |30min-2h|  2km-10min
-   Sharaf al Alamain pass |15min-1h|
-  Sharaf al Alamain to Al Hamra |30km-30min|
-    Town of Al Hamra |30min-2h|
-    Old village of Ghul & Grand Canyon of Arabia |05min-1h30|4x4|  10km-10min
-  Al Hamra to Misfat al Abriyeen |6km-15min|
-  Guesthouse (Misfat al Abriyeen) |HB|

DAY 4 - From Misfat al Abriyeen to Nizwa

-    Walk in the palm grove of Misfat al Abriyeen |30min-2h|

 Misfat al Abriyeen to Al Hamra |6km-15min|

 Al Hamra to Nizwa |50km-45min|

  Bahla Fort |1h-2h|

 7km-15min

   Wadi Tanuf and Wadi Qashah |1h-5h|4x4|

 Guesthouse (Nizwa) |BB|

 Hotel ** (Nizwa) |BB|

DAY 5 - From Nizwa to the Wahiba desert

  Town of Nizwa |1h-3h|

 Nizwa to Bidiyah : To the Wahiba desert |180km-2h30|

   Village of Birkat al Mouz |15min-1h30|

   Izki old town |30min-1h|

 Bidiyah to your desert camp (guided) |30km-45min|4x4+|

 Walking in the Wahiba desert |45min-2h|

 Desert camp ** (Wahiba) Room Chalet |HB|

DAY 6 - From the Wahiba desert to the Gulf of Oman

 Your camp to Bidiyah |30km-45min|4x4+|

 Bidiyah to Sur : From the desert to the Gulf of Oman |120km-1h30|

  Upper Wadi bani Khalid : Muqal pool |1h-2h|

 30km-40min

  Lower Wadi bani Khalid : village and palm grove of Al Baatan |1h-3h|

 15km-15min

 Al Kamil : Fortified houses and the Old Castle Museum |30min-1h30|

   Town of Sur |1h-3h|

 Hotel ** (Sur) |BB|

DAY 7 - From Sur to Muscat : Along the Gulf of Oman

 Sur to Muscat |215km-2h20|

   Wadi Tiwi |1h-5h|4x4+|

  Wadi Shab |1h-3h|

  Fins beach, coastal road and gazelle reserve |30min-1h|

 10km-15min

 Mutrah district to Muscat International Airport |30km-30min|

PROGRAMME OF YOUR TOUR

DAY 1 - Muscat

Arrival in Muscat International Airport.

Our agent welcomes you, hands over the travel documents to you and assists you in picking up your rental car.

Full day to visit the Omani capital and its surroundings.

Transfer



Muscat International Airport to the Mutrah district | 30km-30min |



For your first drive in Oman, you take the main highway crossing Muscat, the Sultan Qaboos Street, up to the Mutrah district. On the way, you pass by the Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque and the Royal Opera House.



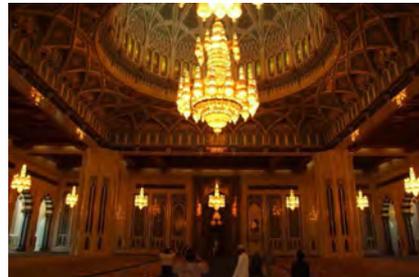
Possible activity along the transfer



Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque (Ghubrah district) | 45min-1h30 |

A magnificent mosque, the largest of the country and the only one allowed to non-muslim visitors. The main praying hall, famous for its huge chandelier, is truly spectacular.

Audioguides are available for an in-depth discovery.



Possible activity



Mutrah District | 1h-4h |



This historic district is the most interesting in the capital for tourists, with its beautiful sea-front (the so-called Corniche), its famous souq, its fish and vegetable market and even a short trekking path.



Possible activity

Old Muscat District and the Sultan's Palace |30min-1h|



A few kilometres from Mutrah, with its numerous mosques and government buildings, this small district is the actual capital of Oman, from which extended the whole city. You can enjoy this quiet place by a short stroll around the Sultan Palace. This is also where the National Museum is located.



Possible activity

South Muscat coastline |1h-3h|



Discover by car and by foot this surprising coast, meeting of the mountains and the sea, with its small coves and islands, occasionally fringed with mangrove or beaches (some from where swimming and snorkelling is possible). Bandar Khiran, the jewel of this coast, offers some very beautiful viewpoints.



Accommodation

Hotel * (Mutrah District) |BB|

Simple hotel but very well located on the Mutrah Corniche, a few minutes away by foot from the souq and the fish market. Among the few hotels on the Corniche, it is the best run.

The restaurant and some rooms are on the port and the sea side. Obviously, we request these ones whenever possible.



Accommodation



Hotel ** (Mutrah District) |BB|

In the rear of the Mutrah district, this hotel is well situated to visit the attractions of this part of the city: Mutrah of course but also the so-called "Old Muscat" and the beautiful coast lying at the South-East. The hotel has a restaurant and a bar.



DAY 2 - From Muscat to the Wadi bani Awf

Day dedicated to the discovery of the north-eastern side of the Western Hajar and beginning of this mountain range crossing.

At the foot of the mountains lies the small town of Nakhl and its beautiful fort, as well as the town of Al Awabi. The Wadi Mistal, where sits the picturesque village of Wakan, flows out of the range between the 2 towns, whereas the Wadi bani Kharus arrives at Al Awabi itself.

From Al Awabi, the road follows the Wadi bani Awf, the only valley allowing the complete crossing of the mountains. There lies the "Little Snake Canyon", the actual Snake Canyon and your accommodation.

The Wadi bani Awf can also be reached by a dirt road from the Wadi bani Kharus.

Transfer



Muscat to Nakhl |100km-1h10|



Leave Muscat by the motorway and carry on until you arrive at the town of Nakhl.

Possible activity

Nakhl fort | 1h



The Nakhl fort, one of the most beautiful forts in Oman on account of its architecture and setting, overlooks the town and the palm grove from a rocky prominence. The residence of the wali (province governor), it protected commercial routes between the wadis and the coast. Thoroughly restored in 1990, it offers nice sweeping views of the surrounding landscape, the Batinah plain and the first massifs of the nearby Western Hajar.



Transfer

Nakhl to Al Awabi | 35km-40min



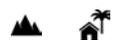
The road follows along the northern slopes of the Jebel Akhdar and its immense towering limestone slabs, goes past the Wadi Mistal cut and then winds its way between the low ophiolite hills along the Wadi bani Kharus.



Possible activity along the transfer

 **30km-45min | 4x4**

Village of Wakan and hiking in the Wadi Mistal | 1h-5h | 4x4+



Located at the far end of the Ghubrah Bowl, large cirque formed by the Wadi Mistal and its tributaries, on the slopes of the Jebel Akhdar, the tiny village of Wakan is a real jewel with its orchards - especially in February, when the peach and apricot trees blossom (at an altitude of 1500 m!).

The viewpoint upon the cirque is already exceptional from the parking at the village entrance, but the panorama from the gardens is well worth the 20 minutes of walking.

If you want to go further up, a donkey trail climbs up to a pass of the Jebel Akhdar (2300 m high).



Possible activity



Wadi bani Kharus & Wadi Hajar | 1h30-4h |



The Wadi bani Kharus descends from the Jebel Akhdar majestic plateau, cutting a deep valley, surrounded by high cliffs and pointed pics. On your way up from the mouth of the valley, you cross several villages and their palm groves. At the end of the road, the palm grove of Al Alya offers you the opportunity to stroll about. The Wadi Hajar, a tributary of the wadi bani Kharus, offers similar landscapes.



Transfer



Al Awabi to the Wadi bani Awf mountain hut | 30km-1h15 | 4x4+ |



At the foot of towering cliffs, penetrate into the mountains along a spectacular valley fringed with palm groves. The dirt road keeps following the wadi bed up to the Snake Canyon, an impressive narrow cleft that you have to bypass by driving on the heights. The slope is steep, with sharp zigzags, but the viewpoints are superb. A descent takes you to the guesthouse, nestled in a tributary of the main wadi.



Possible activity



Snake Canyon | 30min-2h |



Between the villages of Balad Sayt and Az Zammah, the Wadi bani Awf and the Wadi Bimah, one of its affluents, plunge into a deep cleft, 3 kilometre long : the "Snake Canyon", famous among canyoning lovers. Its vertical walls, sometimes 100 m high, are only a few metres apart in places! Travelling along its whole length requires a guide and canyoning equipment, but a short walk in one of its two entrances or at its exit gives you a good idea of this natural attraction.



Accommodation



Guesthouse (Wadi bani Awf) Room Private |HB|

The only mountain hut in Oman ! In the Nepalese refuge tradition, it is a rustic, convivial and lovely place for who likes nature and simplicity.

Isolated in a small valley, it is a stone's throw from the Snake Canyon and a few kilometres from the famous village of Balad Sayt.

It has dormitories, private rooms, shared bathrooms and an outside dining area. The food is prepared by Deep, the hut keeper.



DAY 3 - From the Wadi bani Awf to Misfat al Abriyeen

End of the Western Hajar crossing and discovery of the Al Hamra region.

A few kilometres from the guesthouse, the dirt road passes next to the famous village of Balad Sayt: a detour is a must!

Then you exit the Wadi bani Awf by a spectacular dirt road climbing up to the Sharaf al Alamain pass, 2000 m high.

Going down on the southern side leads you to the town of Al Hamra, its old town and ecomuseum.

Nearby lies the "Grand Canyon of Arabia" which can be explored from the bottom, by car, starting at the beautiful village of Ghul and continuing along the Wadi Nakhr.

Your guesthouse awaits you in the beautiful village of Misfat al Abriyeen, perched just above Al Hamra.

Transfer



Your mountain hut to Sharaf al Alamain |13km-1h15|4x4+|



The dirt road keeps going around the Snake Canyon and passes close by the beautiful village of Balad Sayt. Then starts the long climb (1100 m of height difference) along cliffs that yet look impassable. The views get more and more spectacular up to the pass of Sharaf al Alamain (2000 m high), from where the road is tarred.



Possible activity along the transfer

 2km-10min

   **Village of Balad Sayt | 30min-2h**



The "hidden village" is well named. Surrounded by high arid mountains and accessible by road since only 1984, it is a real jewel with its palm grove, culture terraces and its high-perched little fort. Admire it from the various viewpoints or take a walk in its gardens. You can also access the village by foot through a small gorge as was done in the old days.



Possible activity

  **Sharaf al Alamain pass | 15min-1h**



The Sharaf al Alamain pass, at an altitude of some 2000 m, affords breathtaking sights, in clear days, to the south over the foothills of the Western Hajar and the towns in the plain, to the north over the heart of the mountains, cut through by deep wadis.

The scenery is already exceptional from the road, but a short walk along the crest offers superb views down onto the villages of Hat and Balad Sayt, from the top of cliffs more than 800 m high!



Transfer

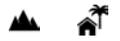
 **Sharaf al Alamain to Al Hamra | 30km-30min**



From the Sharaf al Alamain pass, the road zigzags down to the foot of the mountains, offering pretty views, on clear days, of the piedmont and the towns in the plain south of the Western Hajar.

Possible activity

   **Town of Al Hamra |30min-2h|**



The town of Al Hamra lies at the foot of the Western Hajar, in a small plain around the Wadi Ghul, and offers nice views of the Jebel Shams. It has a large palm grove where it is pleasant to stroll. The adobe ruins of the old town comprise some quite well preserved houses, one of which hosting an interesting little ecomuseum.



Possible activity

 **10km-10min**

   **Old village of Ghul & Grand Canyon of Arabia |05min-1h30|4x4|**



The Wadi Nakhr has cut an incredible valley in the heart of the Jebel Shams, the "Grand Canyon of Arabia". Make a photo stop in front of the old stone village of Ghul, clinging to the base of the mountain, discover the ruins by foot up to a fine viewpoint or follow the wadi by car between the spectacular cliffs.



Transfer

 **Al Hamra to Misfat al Abriyeen |6km-15min|**



The village of Misfat al Abriyeen lies just above Al Hamra, on the south side of the Western Hajar mountains. On the way you will enjoy nice views of the town.



Accommodation



Guesthouse (Misfat al Abriyeen) | HB |

Small guesthouse at the entrance of Misfat al Abriyeen, next to the beautiful palm grove of the village.

Ancient stone houses have been converted into bedrooms. They are small and the comfort is basic (mattresses on the floor), but what a setting !

Meals are taken on a terraced roof overlooking the palm grove and the old village. The "majlis" (sitting area) offers the same view.

The bathrooms are shared.



DAY 4 - From Misfat al Abriyeen to Nizwa

After having enjoyed the palm grove of Misfat al Abriyeen, you can visit the nearby town of Al Hamra and its ecomuseum. Then you pass near the majestic Bahla fort, recognized as a World Heritage site, and the beautiful Wadi Tanuf, before you settle in your hotel in Nizwa, which souq comes to life in the evening.

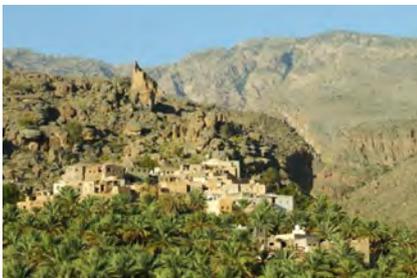
Possible activity



Walk in the palm grove of Misfat al Abriyeen |30min-2h|



The old stone village of Misfat al Abriyeen, invisible from the plain, is one of the most photogenic in Oman, with its terraced palm groves on both sides of a narrow valley.



Transfer



Misfat al Abriyeen to Al Hamra |6km-15min|



Return to Al Hamra.



Transfer



Al Hamra to Nizwa |50km-45min|



The road between Nizwa and Al Hamra runs across the narrow plain tucked between the high Jebel Akhdar range and the much less significant ophiolite reliefs of the Jebel Hallat and passes close to Bahla, famous for its beautiful fort.



Possible activity along the transfer

7km-15min



Bahla Fort |1h-2h|



The only Omani fort recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage site, the Bahla fort is also the largest and one of the oldest of the country. Enclosed in high walls dotted with many watch towers, it majestically dominates the old town and palm grove. You will get a spectacular panoramic view of the fort and surroundings from a nearby hill.



Possible activity along the transfer



Wadi Tanuf and Wadi Qashah |1h-5h|4x4|



The mighty Wadi Tanuf and its tributary the Wadi Qashah flow down from the Jebel Akhdar, cutting deep and beautiful valleys in the mountains. Discover them by car along a short dirt road that leads to a superb palm grove and a small canyon. A donkey path allows experienced hikers to go even further inside the valley.

At the mouth of the wadi, the ruined mudbrick village of Tanuf is a painful reminder of the unknown "Jebel War".



Accommodation



Guesthouse (Nizwa) |BB|

Guesthouse opened in 2018 and located in the old town of Nizwa, right next to the souq and 200 m away from the fort. It is the best situated accommodation of the town and you will not need the car during your stay.

The old town of Nizwa is made of mudbrick houses, today mostly abandoned and doomed to a slow decay. Four of these houses were renovated and converted into this 20-room guesthouse.

The bedrooms and bathrooms are small and a little dark but the beds are comfortable and the atmosphere obviously authentic!

The meals are taken on the roof-top terrace of a fifth house.



Accommodation



Hotel ** (Nizwa) |BB|

Comfortable hotel with a swimming pool.

It is one of the closest hotels to the centre of Nizwa and only a few minutes by car are needed to reach the souq and the fort.



DAY 5 - From Nizwa to the Wahiba desert

Day dedicated to the transfer from the mountains to the desert.

The morning spent in Nizwa is the opportunity to explore the souq, very busy at this time of the day and the fort. Then, before leaving the Western Hajar, you can make a short detour to discover the old towns of Birkat al Mouz and Izki (see descriptions in the previous days).

The road then takes you, across the arid plain, to the foot of the Eastern Hajar range. You eventually spend the night among the dunes of the Wahiba.

Possible activity



Town of Nizwa |1h-3h|



Nizwa, the biggest town in the region, lies in a strategic position, at the foot of the Jebel Akhdar and on the rim of the desert, at the starting point of the main road connecting the coast and the south of the mountains. It has historically been the capital of the interior, and even, occasionally, the official capital of the country. It also was the capital of ibadism and is still today markedly more conservative than its historical rival, Muscat. Which makes it all the more attractive to those searching for "authentic" Arabia! Its famous souq and its 17th century fort, with its unique architecture, attract many visitors.



Transfer



Nizwa to Bidiyah : To the Wahiba desert |180km-2h30|



The road runs along the mountains for a while. Then it veers away from the high summits of the Jebel Akhdar and crosses low rocky relief areas to finally reach a narrow plain between the Eastern Hajar mountains and the dunes of the Wahiba desert.

Possible activity along the transfer



Village of Birkat al Mouz |15min-1h30|



The big village of Birkat al Mouz, at the end of the Wadi Muaydin, has at all times been the entrance to the Jebel Akhdar range as evidenced by its fort and numerous watch towers. Its large palm grove and the ruins of its old districts can be watched from a panoramic viewpoint or during a stroll.



Possible activity along the transfer

Izki old town |30min-1h|



The town of Izki, at the south entrance of the Samail Gap, is one of the oldest town in Oman. Its ancient walled town is among the most worth visiting of the country. Even if its mudbrick houses are now ruined, it boasts two nice traditional mosques.



Transfer

Bidiyah to your desert camp (guided) |30km-45min|4x4+|



At Bidiyah, you meet a car from the camp and follow it through the desert. The 20 km drive in the dunes is a first contact with the Wahiba desert. You proceed along a "valley", between long orange dunes about 50 meters in height.

The road to the camp is easy, even without any sand driving experience. Furthermore, your roadbook will include driving advices. Though, be aware that in Oman, cars are not insured for sand. If you prefer not to drive yourself, note that it is possible to do the round trip with a driver and his car (35 OMR up to 4 passengers).



Possible activity

Walking in the Wahiba desert |45min-2h|



What a delight to walk out of the camp and climb up the nearby dunes to watch the sun sink behind the horizon! But the grazing light in the early morning over the orange sand undulations is most appealing too...



Accommodation



Desert camp ** (Wahiba) Room Chalet |HB|

One of the accommodations the most inside the Wahiba desert, surrounded by the dunes and accessed by a 20-km sand road.

The Chalet rooms are simple, with a "bedouin tent" feel and have an attached bathroom opened to the sky.

Note that the power of the camp is provided by solar panels and is not always working round the clock.



DAY 6 - From the Wahiba desert to the Gulf of Oman

When leaving a sand desert, what could be more enjoyable than bathing in a wadi or strolling in the shadow of a lush palm grove? On your way to the ocean, two different routes can lead you to the Wadi bani Khalid.

Past Al Kamil and its old fortified houses, the road continues to the coast and the lovely town of Sur, where your hotel is located.

Transfer



Your camp to Bidiyah |30km-45min|4x4+|



You go back out of the dunes (on your own if drove in, with a driver if you left your car in Bidiyah).



Transfer



Bidiyah to Sur : From the desert to the Gulf of Oman |120km-1h30|



Starting between the desert and the mountains, the road takes you to Sur, the main coastal town of the region, passing by Al Kamil and its typical fortified houses.

Possible activity along the transfer

🚗 30km-40min

🚶 🏞️ **Upper Wadi bani Khalid : Muqal pool | 1h-2h|**



This large pool, between the Muqal palm grove and the gorge of the wadi, has been developed for tourism and is highly appreciated by locals who come there for picnics at weekends. The setting is magnificent and it is possible to walk along the wadi or go up a donkey path for a bird's eye view of the place.



Possible activity along the transfer

🚗 15km-15min

🚶 🏞️ **Lower Wadi bani Khalid : village and palm grove of Al Baatan | 1h-3h|**



The small village of Al Baatan has a very beautiful palm grove along the Wadi bani Khalid. The walk, along a falaj winding between palm and mango trees, is very pleasant and gives access to a small natural pool. It is also possible to proceed on a rocky path up to a larger pool.



Possible activity along the transfer

🏰 **Al Kamil : Fortified houses and the Old Castle Museum | 30min-1h30|**



The old town of Al Kamil offers a few beautiful examples of fortified houses, typical in this area. One of them has been converted into a little museum, its first attractions maybe being to be able to enter one of these old houses and to meet its owner if he is present.



Possible activity

Town of Sur |1h-3h|



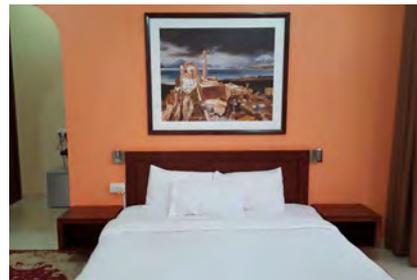
A lovely seaside city, Sur is one of the few Omani towns that is worth a visit. Its strategic position – a peninsula between the sea and a laguna – and its old white houses with beautiful doors add up to bring about a real touch of charm. The last traditional dhow building yard is located here – a must visit! As a fishing town, its fish souq is worth a look. Finally, a watchtower perched on a hill provides a superb view of the area.



Accommodation

Hotel ** (Sur) |BB|

Small and comfortable hotel by the Sur laguna and at the foot of the best viewpoint over the town. It is ideally located to visit Sur: the dhow factory, the Al Ajjah district and the Corniche all are only 1 km away and can be reached by foot.



DAY 7 - From Sur to Muscat : Along the Gulf of Oman

From Sur, short transfer to the fishing village of Tiwi. There, two wadis close to each other expect your arrival: Tiwi and Shab. The latter, the most famous, is ideal for bathing, but it may be a bit crowded by mid-morning, especially at weekends. The former, wilder and less accessible, is certainly more spectacular. Then the highway takes you to Muscat, passing near the beautiful beach of Fins.

Transfer



Sur to Muscat |215km-2h20|



The highway follows the coast, between the Gulf of Oman and the Eastern Hajar range, and offers pretty views on the sea and the mountains.

It goes past the entrance of the Wadi al Arbiyeen, then veers inland to find a way around the Jebel abu Daud massif before reaching Muscat.



Possible activity along the transfer



Wadi Tiwi |1h-5h|4x4+|



Discover this fantastic wadi first by car. The road, sometimes at the bottom of the valley, sometimes on the heights, offers spectacular views over the palm-fringed wadi bed and its natural pools nestled among huge boulders fallen down from the high cliffs on each side.

Walking on a marked trail is also possible to discover the wadi at a slower pace.



Possible activity along the transfer



Wadi Shab |1h-3h|



The most famous wadi in Oman ! Leave your car right under the highway and start walking upstream on the mostly dry river bed. Marvel at this deep canyon and reach the first pools. Continue further along the base of the cliff and between the small boulders until you cannot avoid swimming... up to an incredible small pool with a waterfall hidden under some huge rocks !



Possible activity along the transfer

 10km-15min



Fins beach, coastal road and gazelle reserve | 30min-1h |



Close to the fishermen's village of Fins is a superb white pebble beach with turquoise waters. The road that goes along the coast between Fins and the Wadi al Arbiyeen is worth the detour for its nice views upon the sea. It also passes through a protected area hosting some gazelles.



Transfer



Mutrah district to Muscat International Airport | 30km-30min |



Return to the airport and rental car drop-off.

PRICES / TERMS AND CONDITIONS

01/10/2020 - 30/04/2021

Number of people	2	4
Price per person in double room (in OMR)	350	250
Toyota Fortuner or similar (7 days)	1	1

Prices valid at the dates and for the types of room mentioned above.

These prices are given in Omani rials (OMR).

For conversion into another currency, you can use www.xe.com. Note that these conversions do not include bank fees and transfer charges.

Note that this document is an quote and that no reservation has been made to this day.

Prices are therefore subject to changes in accordance with the availability of accommodations, vehicles and guides at the time of the reservation. Insofar as possible, we offer alternatives of equivalent quality and cost in the event of unavailability.

Proposed vehicle (non contractual photo)



Toyota Fortuner

SUV 2x4/4x4 2.7L automatic



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The price of the tour includes:

- Meet and greet service and rental car pick up assistance
 - Your travel documents
 - The whole self drive tour recorded in a GPS application
 - An Oman road map (and a Muscat road map if required by the programme)
 - A mobile phone with credit for 1 hour of local calls
 - Phone assistance by our local agency throughout your trip
 - Accommodations as mentioned in the programme
 - Meals at the accommodations as mentioned in the programme along with each accommodation (cf. key)
 - Lunches on guided days
 - Bottled water in hotels
 - Included activities as mentioned in the programme
 - For each included guided activity:
 - The guide
 - The car(s) and driver(s) if required for this activity
 - Safety and camping equipment (tents, mattresses, kitchenware) if required for this activity
 - Included transfers with driver or guide as mentioned in the program
 - The rental of the above-mentioned vehicle(s), for the above-mentioned period of time, with:
 - 2 possible drivers
 - Unlimited kilometres
 - Comprehensive insurance: zero excess in case of damage (provided you get a police report)

Caution: Damages occurred when driving off roads or off trails clearly marked on the terrain are not covered by the insurance (particularly when driving on sand).
 - Carbon offsetting for the mileage driven during your tour
- On completion of your trip, we grant our specialist partner a certain amount in order to offset the CO2 emitted during the transfers.*

The price of the tour does not include:

- VAT: nonexistent to date, it may be implemented in 2020 at the rate of 5%

- International flights
- Tourist visa fees: as at 01/01/2019, 5 OMR for 10 days or 20 OMR for 30 days (per person)
Check for visa issuing formalities on <https://evisa.rop.gov.om/en/visa-eligibility>. Passports must be valid at least 6 months after the return date.
- Meals not included in the program (from 1.5 OMR per person in small restaurants or 5 OMR at hotels)
- Beverages
- Entrance fees, if any, of the “possible activities” mentioned in the program (forts: 0.5 OMR pp; museums: 2 to 5 OMR pp)
- Tips to guides and drivers, if any
- Sleeping bags and personal camping equipment (headlight) if required
- Personal expenses
- Fuel for your self driven car(s) (approx. 30 to 50 OMR per car and per week of tour)
- The rental car refundable deposit: the amount of 125 OMR per vehicle is blocked on your credit card but not debited
- Fines for driving offenses (speed cameras notably)
- Tyre repair or replacement fees in case of puncture
- The cost of repairing damages suffered by the rental cars if not justified by a police report
- Your personal repatriation insurance
- Your medical insurance