



OMAN SELF DRIVE TOURS

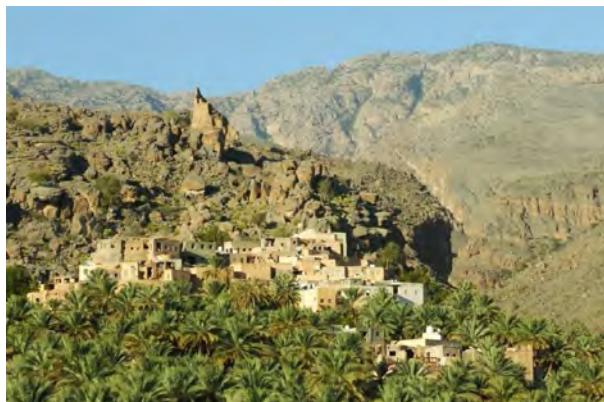
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Tour "Marvels of the Sultanate"

Discovery 4x4 self drive tour

7 days / 6 nights

2020 - 2021



During a comfort tour, first explore the south of the Western Hajar and the Jebel Shams. Stay in the most beautiful hotel in the Wahiba desert, then reach the coast. There await you turtles beaches, wadis and spectacular wild dirt roads.

Oman Self Drive Tours

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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 dirt roads without major difficulty but requiring a 4x4 vehicle. Under normal conditions, anybody can drive on these roads as long as he/she respects the basic safety rules. However, unpredictable events, especially weather-related, can make these dirt roads harder to negotiate.

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 - From Muscat to Al Hamra

- Muscat International Airport to Fanja |40km-30min|
- Fanja to Jabrin castle |140km-1h30|
- Jabrin castle |1h-2h|
- Jabrin to Al Hamra |30km-40min|
- Bahla fort |1h-2h|
- Town of Al Hamra |30min-2h|
- Al Hamra to your hotel on the mountain |10km-25min|4x4|
- Hotel **** (Al Hamra) Room Premier |HB|

DAY 2 - Around the Jebel Shams

- Your hotel to Al Hamra |10km-25min|4x4|
- Village and palm grove of Misfat al Abriyeen |30min-2h| 10km-15min
- Al Hamra to Al Khitaym : Up the Jebel Shams |45km-1h15|4x4|
- Old village of Ghul & Grand Canyon of Arabia |05min-1h30|4x4|
- The Balcony Walk : Hike above the Grand Canyon |1h-4h|
- Al Khitaym to Al Hamra : Down the Jebel Shams |45km-1h15|4x4|
- Al Hamra to Nizwa |50km-45min|
- Hotel *** (Nizwa) |BB|
- Hotel **** (Birkat al Mouz) |BB|

DAY 3 - From Nizwa to the Wahiba desert

- Town of Nizwa |1h-3h|
- Nizwa to Al Wasil : To the Wahiba desert |170km-2h15|
- Village of Birkat al Mouz |15min-1h30|
- Izki old town |30min-1h|
- Al Wasil to your camp in the desert |15km-15min|4x4|
- Walking in the Wahiba desert |30min-2h|
- Desert camp **** (Wahiba) Room Deluxe Suite |HB|

DAY 4 - From the Wahiba desert to the Indian Ocean

-  Your camp to Al Wasil |15km-15min|4x4|
-  Al Wasil to Al Kamil |65km-55min|
-   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|
-  Al Kamil to Ras al Hadd : From desert to Indian Ocean |135km-2h|
-  Ras al Jinz Turtle Reserve |1h|  20km-20min
-  Hotel *** (Ras al Hadd) Room Hamoor |HB|

DAY 5 - From Ras al Hadd to Tiwi

-  Ras al Hadd to Sur |40km-45min|
-    Town of Sur |1h-3h|
-  Sur to Tiwi : Along the Gulf of Oman |50km-45min|
-    Wadi Tiwi |1h-5h|4x4+|
-  Hotel ** (Tiwi) Room Standard |HB|
-  Hotel *** (Sur) |BB|

DAY 6 - From Tiwi to Muscat

-   Wadi Shab |1h-3h|
-  Tiwi to Muscat |170km-1h45|
-   Fins beach, coastal road and gazelle reserve |30min-1h|  10km-15min
-    Wadi al Arbiyeen |2h-4h|4x4|
-  Hotel **** (Qurum District) Room Sea View Balcony |BB|

DAY 7 - Muscat

-  Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque (Ghubrah district) |45min-1h30|
-    Mutrah District |1h-4h|
-    Old Muscat District and the Sultan's Palace |30min-1h|
-  The National Museum (Old Muscat district) |1h-3h|
-  Qurum district to Muscat International Airport |25km-30min|

PROGRAMME OF YOUR TOUR

DAY 1 - From Muscat to Al Hamra

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.

Then discovery of the Samail Gap and the Al Hamra region.

The highway takes you along the spectacular Western Hajar, at the foot of which lies the old town of Izki. Follow the fort of Bahla, recognized as a World Heritage site, and the town of Al Hamra, its large palm grove and ecomuseum. Drive a few kilometers from there to reach your comfortable hotel, perched above the town of Al Hamra, on the foothills of the Jebel Shams.

Transfer



Muscat International Airport to Fanja | 40km-30min|



From Muscat, the highway goes south and passes between the first low mountains of the Samail Gap.

Transfer



Fanja to Jabrin castle | 140km-1h30|



The highway runs through valleys separating the two great mountain ranges of northern Oman. Historically used to connect the coast and the inland regions, this passage, called the Samail Gap, features many villages, palm groves and watch towers. It also offers nice views of the steep side of the Western Hajar.

Then the road goes around the mountains and runs westward at the edge of the desert plain.



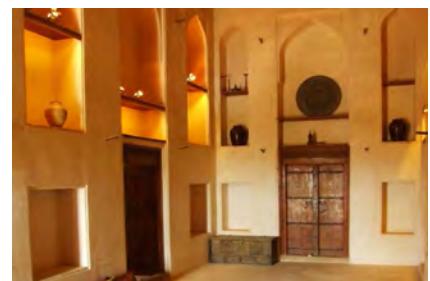
Possible activity



Jabrin castle |1h-2h|



Home of the Yaruba Imams during the 17th and 18th centuries, Jabrin castle stands out among Omani forts by its rooms beautifully decorated and fitted with carpets and ancient furniture. Audioguides are available for an in-depth discovery.



Transfer



Jabrin to Al Hamra |30km-40min|



You drive first through the town of Bahla, lying between two low rocky massifs and renowned for its beautiful fort. Then you reach the foot of the high Western Hajar range and the town of Al Hamra.



Possible activity along the transfer



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

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.



Transfer

Al Hamra to your hotel on the mountain |10km-25min|4x4|



From Al Hamra, take the dirt road that goes uphill to the hotel 800 m higher on the southern slope of the Jebel Shams. As you proceed, you get ever more panoramic views of the surrounding scenery.



Accommodation

Hotel **** (Al Hamra) Room Premier |HB|



Beautiful lodge high above the town of Al Hamra. The rooms and the restaurant of the hotel offer a great view over the town and the surrounding mountains, by day as well as by night.

The area offers many activity options : the towns of Al Hamra and Bahla, the Jebel Shams and Al Hoota Cave. The hotel has a restaurant, a café and a temperature-controlled swimming pool.

The Premier rooms are in the first row of rooms and have the best views.



DAY 2 - Around the Jebel Shams

Day dedicated to the discovery of Oman highest mountain.

From Al Hamra and its old town, you can drive to the neighbouring village of Misfat Al Abriyeen and its superb mountain palm grove or to the "Grand Canyon of Arabia". The latter can be explored from the bottom, by car, starting at the beautiful village of Ghul and continuing along the Wadi Nakhr, or from the top, by foot along the famous "Balcony Walk".

Then you leave the Jebel Shams to settle in your hotel in Nizwa, which souq comes to life in the evening.

Transfer



Your hotel to Al Hamra |10km-25min|4x4|



Drive back down to Al Hamra.



Possible activity



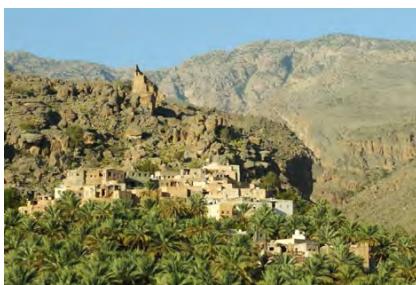
Village and palm grove of Misfat al Abriyeen |30min-2h|



10km-15min



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. Don't miss its superb viewpoint, take a stroll in the village or a walk in the palm grove.



Transfer



Al Hamra to Al Khitaym : Up the Jebel Shams |45km-1h15|4x4|



From Al Hamra, the Jebel Shams road first follows the Wadi Ghul, passing through a few villages. It continues past the entrance of the Wadi Nakhr, the "Grand Canyon of Arabia", guarded by an old village clinging to the side of the mountain. Then the ascent on the steep slopes of the massif offers ever more plunging views over the surrounding mountains and wadis. The dirt road comes to an end, at an altitude greater than 1800 m, on the rim of the spectacular Grand Canyon.



Possible activity along the transfer



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.



Possible activity



The Balcony Walk : Hike above the Grand Canyon |1h-4h|



A wonderful hike along an old donkey track down to an abandoned village. This mid-cliff path follows the Wadi Nakhr several hundreds meters above the bottom and provides breathtaking views on the "Grand Canyon of Arabia". This easy walk path, with a few rocky stretches, gently slopes down to the village nested at mid-height of immense cliffs.



Transfer



Al Khitaym to Al Hamra : Down the Jebel Shams | 45km-1h15| 4x4|



The Jebel Shams road being a dead end, return by the same way you came up, admiring the spectacular panorama again.



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.



Accommodation



Hotel *** (Nizwa) | BB|



The best hotel inside the town of Nizwa. It is one of the hotels the closest to the centre - the souq and the fort are a few minutes away by car.

It has 2 outside swimming pools, a good restaurant, a bar serving alcohol and a children playground.



Accommodation with surcharge



Hotel **** (Birkat al Mouz) | BB|

Comfortable hotel decorated in a modern arab style. It is located outside the town of Nizwa, a few kilometres from the nice village of Birkat al Mouz, at the foot of the Jebel Akhdar massif.

The hotel has a swimming pool, a sauna, a restaurant, 4 bars/cafés, one of them on the poolside, and a shisha bar. The 31 m² rooms offer views on the mountains, the pool or the gardens.



DAY 3 - 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 Al Wasil : To the Wahiba desert |170km-2h15|



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



Al Wasil to your camp in the desert |15km-15min|4x4|



The dirt road leaves the town and takes you between the beautiful dunes to the camp.



Possible activity



Walking in the Wahiba desert |30min-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 Deluxe Suite |HB|



The only luxury camp in the Wahiba. At 10 km from the entrance of the desert, it is surrounded by beautiful orange dunes. Further away, on clear days, you can see the Eastern Hajar mountains.

The rooms are spacious and decorated with taste in an Arabian style. They are sprawled across 10 acres of sand.

The restaurant offers a varied and very good quality buffet and it is possible to eat inside or outside.

The stay includes a short camel ride within the camp and a 4x4 transfer to the summit of the nearest dune for sunset.

The Deluxe Suites (37 m²) have a small sitting area.



DAY 4 - From the Wahiba desert to the Indian Ocean

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. Then you drive through the towns of the north-east of the Wahiba and their ancient fortifications. The road continues crossing a mineral landscape up to the coast and follows it to finally arrive at the village of Ras al Hadd, where lies your accommodation.

Transfer



Your camp to Al Wasil |15km-15min|4x4|



Drive back out of the dunes.



Transfer



Al Wasil to Al Kamil |65km-55min|



The road follows a narrow plain between the Eastern Hajar mountains and the Wahiba dunes.

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

car 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



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.



Transfer



Al Kamil to Ras al Hadd : From desert to Indian Ocean |135km-2h|



A road traversing very varied landscapes! Starting between the desert and the mountain, it comes to an end along the beaches and cliffs of the Indian Ocean after passing through typical towns of the region and a few dunes.



Optional activity

20km-20min



Ras al Jinz Turtle Reserve |1h|



Guided visit organized by the reserve, which protects 40 km of coastline and the turtles that come there to lay eggs. On the beach, watch the females that crawl out of the water, at night, to dig out their nests and lay some one hundred eggs before heading back to the high sea.



Accommodation



Hotel *** (Ras al Hadd) Room Hamoor |HB|

Hotel opened in the end of 2017. For the sea view and the beach, it is the best located hotel in the Ras al Hadd/Ras al Jinz region. Built on a small rocky tip between the Gulf of Oman and the Ras al Hadd laguna, it is surrounded on 3 sides by the sea. There is a direct access to the long Ras al Hadd beach that ends at the foot of the hotel. Even if it is used by the village fishermen, it is possible to swim next to the hotel.

The village of Ras al Hadd is a few minutes away by car and the centre from which is organised the turtle watching is 20 minutes away.

The Hamoor rooms are comfortable and decorated in an Omani style. Each has a terrace with table and chairs.



DAY 5 - From Ras al Hadd to Tiwi

Day dedicated to the discovery of the north-eastern coast.

First, a visit of the beautiful town of Sur is a must. Then, in close proximity to your hotel, 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.

Transfer



Ras al Hadd to Sur |40km-45min|



From the Indian Ocean to the Oman Gulf, the road runs along the Khawr Gramma laguna and across a plateau before reaching the beach of Sur.



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.



Transfer



Sur to Tiwi : Along the Gulf of Oman |50km-45min|



The highway runs along the coastline, squeezed between the Gulf of Oman and the Eastern Hajar, providing nice views of the sea and the mountains.



Possible activity



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.



Accommodation



Hotel ** (Tiwi) Room Standard | HB |

Comfortable hotel on a hill overlooking the Gulf of Oman and the village of Tiwi nearby.

It is ideally situated to visit the Wadis Shab and Tiwi, only a few minutes away by car.

A staircase leads down to the white pebble beach where swimming is possible. And if you have your snorkelling equipment, the rocks at the end of the beach host many fishes.

The hotel has a small swimming pool and a restaurant, both with views on the sea.



Accommodation



Hotel *** (Sur) | BB |

Good hotel located in the modern side of the town, a few minutes by car from the centre. It has a restaurant and a bar, an outside swimming pool and a gym.



DAY 6 - From Tiwi to Muscat

Day dedicated to the discovery of the wadis of the Eastern Hajar.

In addition to the Wadis Tiwi and Shab, you can make detours, on the way to Muscat, on nice dirt roads to discover the Wadis al Arbiyeen and Dayqah. The former is a spectacular valley with a few pools to refresh and swim (one is just a few steps away). The latter boasts the largest dam lake of Oman, an unreal vision in this mineral landscape.

The coast is attractive too, with the beautiful beach of Fins and one of the very few places where watching wild gazelles is possible.

Possible activity



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 !



Transfer



Tiwi to Muscat |170km-1h45|



The highway, first running between the sea and the mountains, 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

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.



Possible activity along the transfer



Wadi al Arbiyeen |2h-4h|4x4|



From the sea side, drive inside the mountains on a dirt road along the bed of this spectacular wadi, dotted with some villages and palm groves. A very large water pool awaits you to swim. A nice walk along the wadi is also possible. The way back to the coast is by another road.



Accommodation



Hotel **** (Qurum District) Room Sea View Balcony |BB|

Perched on a small seaside hill of the Qurum district, this hotel offers a great view over the sandy coast of Muscat. Renovated in 2018, it has a swimming pool, a small private beach, a bar and 4 restaurants, one of them with a balcony overlooking the pool and the sea (the Iranian one is very good, the Italian one can be disappointing in terms of quantity). You can also find restaurants a few minutes driving away (especially a very good Turkish and an excellent Thai).

The Sea View Balcony rooms are large and beautifully furnished with a balcony overlooking the sea.



DAY 7 - Muscat

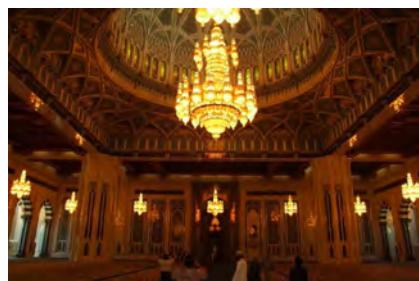
Full day to visit the Omani capital and its surroundings.

Possible activity



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



The National Museum (Old Muscat district) |1h-3h|

Open to the public since the end of 2016, the National Museum displays rich collections describing Oman history. The artefacts, on show in bright rooms, are arranged according to the period they belong to, from prehistory to nowadays, or sorted by theme as in the Maritime Gallery.



Transfer



Qurum district to Muscat International Airport |25km-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)	from 535	from 435
Toyota Fortuner or similar (7 days)	1	1

Options and extras (prices per person)

Accommodation upgrade on day 2	15 OMR
Hotel**** (Birkat al Mouz) BB 	
Ras al Jinz Turtle Reserve on day 4	7 OMR

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



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