



OMAN SELF DRIVE TOURS

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Tour "Hiking in the Western Hajar"

Hiking 4x4+ self drive tour

7 days / 6 nights

2020 - 2021



Discover by foot the Western Hajar range: its high massifs massifs - Jebel Akhdar and Jebel Shams -, its small perched villages - Misfat al Abriyeen, Balad Sayt, Wakan -, its hidden palm groves, its Bronze Age tombs and its deep valleys. Walk to the highest point in the country overlooking the "Grand Canyon of Arabia". Cross the mountain range by a spectacular dirt road.

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 hiking"

Each day, a number of possible activities - walks and hikes - 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 - From Muscat to the Jebel Akhdar

-  Muscat International Airport to Fanja | 40km-30min |
-  Fanja to Birkat al Mouz : the Samail Gap | 90km-1h |
-   **Wadi Qurai | 15min-2h |**
-  Birkat al Mouz to Saiq : Up the Jebel Akhdar | 40km-50min | 4x4 |
-   **Walk in the upper Wadi Halfayn | 1h-1h30 |**  4km-10min
-   **The rose villages | 1h-2h |**
-  **Hotel ** (Saiq Katenah) | BB |**
-  **Hotel *** (Saiq Katenah) Room Deluxe | HB |**

DAY 2 - The Jebel Akhdar

-  Saiq to Aqbat al Biyut | 25km-45min | 4x4 |
-  **Hiking in the Wadi Kawar (+650m -650m) | 5h-6h |**
-  Aqbat al Biyut to Soqrah | 25km-50min | 4x4 |
-  **Guesthouse (Soqrah) | HB |**

DAY 3 - From the Jebel Akhdar to Misfat al Abriyeen

-  Soqrah to Saiq | 11km-30min | 4x4 |
-  Saiq to Birkat al Mouz : Down the Jebel Akhdar | 40km-50min | 4x4 |
-    **Village of Birkat al Mouz | 15min-1h30 |**
-  Birkat al Mouz to Al Hamra | 65km-50min |
-    **Wadi Tanuf and Wadi Qashah | 1h-5h | 4x4 |**
-  Al Hamra to Misfat al Abriyeen | 6km-15min |
-  **Guesthouse (Misfat al Abriyeen) | HB |**

DAY 4 - From Misfat al Abriyeen to the Jebel Shams via the Al Ayn tombs

-    **Walk in the palm grove of Misfat al Abriyeen | 30min-2h |**
-  Misfat al Abriyeen to Al Hamra | 6km-15min |
-  Al Hamra to Minthar (Wadi Ghul) | 15km-20min |
-  Wadi Ghul to Al Ayn tombs | 30km-1h | 4x4 |
-   **Al Ayn Bronze Age tombs | 30min-1h |**

 Al Ayn tombs to the Wadi Ghul |30km-1h|4x4|

  Wadi Dam |1h-4h|2x4|

 Wadi Ghul to the Jebel Shams plateau |25km-45min|4x4|

 Hotel *** (Jebel Shams Plateau) Room Standard |HB|

 Hotel *** (Jebel Shams Plateau) Room Mountain View |HB|

DAY 5 - To the top of the Jebel Shams

 Hike to the summit of the Jebel Shams |5h-12h|

 Hotel *** (Jebel Shams Plateau) Room Standard |HB|

 Hotel *** (Jebel Shams Plateau) Room Mountain View |HB|

DAY 6 - From the Jebel Shams to the Wadi bani Awf

 Jebel Shams Plateau to Al Hamra |40km-1h|4x4|

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

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

  Sharaf al Alamain pass |15min-1h|

 Sharaf al Alamain to Wadi bani Awf mountain hut |13km-1h15|4x4+|

   Village of Balad Sayt |30min-2h|

 2km-10min

  Snake Canyon |30min-2h|

 Guesthouse (Wadi bani Awf) Room Private |HB|

DAY 7 - From the Wadi bani Awf to Muscat

 Your mountain hut to Al Awabi |30km-1h15|4x4+|

 Al Awabi to Nakhl |35km-40min|

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

 30km-45min

 Nakhl to Muscat |100km-1h10|

   Mutrah District |1h-4h|

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

PROGRAMME OF YOUR TOUR

DAY 1 - From Muscat to the Jebel Akhdar

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.

Discover first the Samail Gap. You can have a short hike in the Wadi Qurai.

Next is the drive up the Jebel Akhdar plateau, 2000 m high, where await small villages and beautiful viewpoints overlooking the surrounding wadis : the classic Rose Villages, the lesser-known hanging village of Soqrah or the off-the-beaten-path Wadi Halfayn.

Night on the plateau.

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 Birkat al Mouz : the Samail Gap |90km-1h|



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.



Possible activity along the transfer

  **Wadi Qurai | 15min-2h |**



The Wadi Qurai has dug out a deep valley into the abrupt side of the Western Hajar. A small road running between palm groves provides nice views of this wadi from a distance. Walking up the wadi will take you to a few nice small pools of pristine water (but swimming there is not allowed).



Transfer

 **Birkat al Mouz to Saiq : Up the Jebel Akhdar | 40km-50min | 4x4 |**



The road enters the mountains by the Wadi Muaydin and then climbs up for 1500 m to the Saiq Plateau, where Saiq Katenah, the only (small) town of the massif is located.



Possible activity along the transfer

 **4km-10min**

  **Walk in the upper Wadi Halfayn | 1h-1h30 |**



Short hike up to a breathtaking viewpoint overlooking the whole valley of the Wadi Halfayn, going down from the Jebel Akhdar to the plain, more than 1000 m below.



Possible activity

The rose villages | 1h-2h|



The Jebel Akhdar is known for its pomegranate and rose water production. The fruits and roses are especially grown on the terraces of three villages, linked by a marked path. Along the edge of the plateau, the way overlooks the Wadi Salut.

The best time to go for this walk is April, when the roses are blooming, but it is possible to do it year-round.



Accommodation

Hotel ** (Saiq Katenah) |BB|

Comfortable hotel on the Jebel Akhdar plateau. Only a few minutes away from the small town of Saiq Katenah, the rose villages or the Wadi Halfayn, it is an ideal base to explore the region.



Accommodation with surcharge

Hotel * (Saiq Katenah) Room Deluxe |HB|**

Hotel opened in April 2018. It is comfortable and very well located on the edge of the Saiq plateau, 2000 m high. The terrace, where lie the (heated) swimming pool, the jacuzzi and the children playground, offers superb views over the valley and the famous Rose Villages, only a few hundreds of metres away. It has two restaurants with outdoor seating (international cuisine and barbecue).

The Deluxe rooms are divided between the 3 floors of the main building, half on the valley side and half on the town side. We obviously request the first ones whenever possible.



DAY 2 - The Jebel Akhdar

Full day to discover the Jebel Akhdar.

Superb day hike to the hidden gardens of Masirat al Jawamid.

Transfer



Saiq to Aqbat al Biyut | 25km-45min | 4x4 |



From the Saiq Plateau, you climb a little more, passing near the hanging village of Soqrah. Then a dirt road takes you along the deep Wadi Qashah and offers nice views down to the plain, 1500 m below. It ends at the small remote village of Aqbat al Biyut, sitting on the edge of Wadi Hijri.



Possible activity



Hiking in the Wadi Kawar (+650m -650m) | 5h-6h |



This great walk takes you down from the plateau into the deep valley of Wadi Kawar. There awaits the abandoned village of Masirat al Jawamid and its hidden palm grove : a real jewel surrounded by arid cliffs.

The path, still used by villagers going to look after their gardens with their donkeys, is good. It was marked for hikers in 2016.



Transfer



Aqbat al Biyut to Soqrah | 25km-50min | 4x4 |



You take the road going back to Saiq Katenah and then a dirt road goes down towards the upper valley of the Wadi bani Kharus, where sits the extraordinary hanging village of Soqrah.



Accommodation



Guesthouse (Soqrah) | HB |

An exceptional guesthouse! A basic comfort and a minimum service but a unique location and atmosphere, to relive the pre-oil Oman.

To this day, the guesthouse has only four rooms, renovated in houses of the small ancient village of Soqrah, hanging at the base of a high cliff. The houses are built on a ledge, several tens of meters high.

The old village was recently abandoned for modern houses on the other side of the valley, reachable by car. The access to the guesthouse is an old stone staircase descending down to the gardens in the wadi bed and climbing uphill on the other side.

The simple meals are taken on a covered terrace with a view on the valley.



DAY 3 - From the Jebel Akhdar to Misfat al Abriyeen

Day dedicated to the discovery of the south of the Jebel Akhdar.

From the plateau, you go back down to Birkat al Mouz with its old stone village and its large palm grove. Then the Wadi Tanuf is the opportunity to go for a nice hike out of the beaten path.

You eventually reach the beautiful village of Misfat al Abriyeen, where you stay for the night.

Transfer



Soqrah to Saiq | 11km-30min | 4x4 |



Drive back to the Saiq Plateau.



Transfer



Saiq to Birkat al Mouz : Down the Jebel Akhdar |40km-50min|4x4|



The Jebel Akhdar road being a dead end, return by the same way you came up, enjoying the plunging views down to the plain again.



Possible activity



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.



Transfer



Birkat al Mouz to Al Hamra |65km-50min|



The road runs westward along the south slopes of the high Jebel Akhdar range. It goes past a few large wadis that flow downstream from the mountains and have dug out huge valleys through the limestone slabs.



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".



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 the Jebel Shams via the Al Ayn tombs

On the way to the Jebel Shams plateau, you can make a detour towards the beautiful valleys located at the south-west of the massif. A little-used dirt road takes you away from the Wadi Ghul valley and to the Wadi Dam one. A little further sit the Al Ayn Bronze Age tombs, prettily arranged at the foot of the Jebel Misht.

Then you come back to the Wadi Ghul and climb on the Jebel Shams massif. Your accommodation sits on the mountain, about 2000 m high, very close to the "Grand Canyon of Arabia"

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 Minthar (Wadi Ghul) |15km-20min|**



Following the Wadi Ghul, the road runs along the southern side of the Jebel Shams. On the way, you drive past the entrance of the Wadi Nakhr, the "Grand Canyon of Arabia".

Transfer



Wadi Ghul to Al Ayn tombs |30km-1h|4x4|



Passing between several massifs of different colours and shapes, you leave the Wadi Ghul by a mountain dirt road. Then the road takes you along the beautiful Wadi al Ayn.

Possible activity



Al Ayn Bronze Age tombs |30min-1h|



Listed as world heritage, the archeological site of Al Ayn is made of monumental tombs, similar to stone towers a few metres in diameter and height, dating back to the 3rd millennium BC. The setting is superb: a small hill overlooking a palm grove with the majestic cliffs of the Jebel Misht in the background. The tombs are reached by foot from the road in a few minutes.



Transfer



Al Ayn tombs to the Wadi Ghul |30km-1h|4x4|

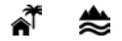


Drive back to the Wadi Ghul.

Possible activity along the transfer



Wadi Dam | 1h-4h | 2x4 |



Walk upstream in this narrow valley to reach in less than 20 minutes a first pool where you can swim and maybe jump from some rocks. The more adventurous can go further in the gorge to reach a second pool. You can also walk through the Dam palm grove, overlooked by the majestic Jebels Misht and Shams.



Transfer



Wadi Ghul to the Jebel Shams plateau | 25km-45min | 4x4 |



The ascent on the steep slopes of the Jebel Shams 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.



Accommodation

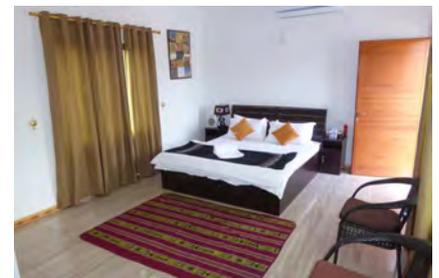


Hotel *** (Jebel Shams Plateau) Room Standard | HB |

Hotel fully renovated in 2017 located on the Jebel Shams plateau, more than 2000 m high. The viewpoints over the Grand Canyon of Arabia are next door and the start of the Balcony Walk only a few minutes away. The hike to the summit starts right next to the hotel.

The hotel has a restaurant using as much local products as possible.

The Standard rooms have very simple bathrooms.



Accommodation with surcharge



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The Mountain View rooms are built of local stones and have a shaded balcony looking at the mountains.



DAY 5 - To the top of the Jebel Shams

Day for hiking along the Grand Canyon of Arabia and to the country's highest point.

Possible activity



Hike to the summit of the Jebel Shams |5h-12h|



Hiking to the highest point of the country is not for the occasional hiker: 10 to 12 walking hours, nearly 25 km back and forth, 1500 m of elevation gain and as much in vertical drop.

However, there is no obligation to reach the summit and two shorter itineraries along the same route can be contemplated. They are appreciably more difficult than the popular "Balcony Walk", but can be inviting alternatives for hiking enthusiasts.

Whatever the option, sceneries are stunning, on the first portion with sights of the Grand Canyon and the neighboring mountains (Jebels Misht, Misfah, Khawr, Waalah), and at the end with superb views of the prodigious Sahtan Bowl and the whole Western Hajar range.



Accommodation



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DAY 6 - From the Jebel Shams to the Wadi bani Awf

Beginning of the crossing of the Western Hajar mountains.

From the Jebel Shams, you drive back down to Al Hamra passing by the entrance of the Wadi Nakhr (the Grand Canyon). From there, the road goes up to the Sharaf al Alamain pass, 2000 m high. On the northern side, a spectacular dirt road leads down to the bottom of the Wadi bani Awf. There lies the famous village of Balad Sayt: a detour is a must!

Your mountain hut awaits you a few kilometres further, next to the impressive Snake Canyon.

Transfer



Jebel Shams Plateau to Al Hamra | 40km-1h | 4x4 |



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



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.



Transfer



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



Cross Al Hamra and its palm grove with prosperous-looking houses before taking the road that goes uphill up to the pass. It offers nice views, in clear days, of the piedmont and the towns in the plain.

The Sharaf al Alamain pass, at an altitude of 2000 m, discloses the spectacular panorama of the Wadi bani Awf valley.

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 Wadi bani Awf mountain hut | 13km-1h15 | 4x4+ |



At the pass of Sharaf al Alamain, the dirt road starts its long descent down to the Wadi bani Awf (1100 m of height difference) and offers spectacular views on the surrounding mountains. It passes close by the beautiful village of Balad Sayt and goes around the Snake Canyon to arrive at the mountain hut, nestled in a tributary of the main wadi.



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



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 7 - From the Wadi bani Awf to Muscat

End of the Western Hajar crossing and discovery of the north-eastern side of the range.

The road follows the Snake Canyon and the Wadi bani Awf, passes by the "Little Snake Canyon" and exits the mountains at Al Awabi. From there, it goes along the range up to Nakhl, before joining the highway to Muscat.

The Wadi Mistal flows out of the range just before Nakhl. There you will find the picturesque village of Wakan, from which a hiking path reaches the mountain ridges, offering great views over the cirque.

Transfer



Your mountain hut to Al Awabi |30km-1h15|4x4+|



From the mountain hut, the dirt road keeps going around the Snake Canyon and reaches the bed of the Wadi bani Awf. The slope is steep, with sharp zigzags, but the viewpoints are superb. The road keeps going at the bottom of the wadi until it exits the mountains by a spectacular valley fringed with palm groves, between towering cliffs.



Transfer



Al Awabi to Nakhl |35km-40min|



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



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).



Transfer



Nakhl to Muscat |100km-1h10|



From Nakhl, the road reaches the highway that follows the coast up to the capital.



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.



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)	380	280
Toyota Fortuner or similar (7 days)	1	1

Options and extras (prices per person)

Accommodation upgrade on day 1 Hotel*** (Saiq Katenah) Room Deluxe HB 	15 OMR
Accommodation upgrade on day 4 (2 nights) Hotel*** (Jebel Shams Plateau) Room Mountain View HB 	20 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



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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