

A glimpse of Oman
5 days - 4 nights
Muscat, Nakhal, Al Hamra, Jabal Shams, Bilad Sayt, Bahla, Nizwa
Discovery, Nature, Fun, Culture

This program may be operated for individual or for groups
This is a suggested itinerary – Please call us to customize

From incense to black gold, the history of the Sultanate of Oman is punctuated by maritime and land exchanges. According to legend, Sindbad the sailor lived around the tenth century in Sohar, a port in northern Omani. For centuries, dhows, these rot-proof teak dhows that plied the oceans, transported spices and incense between East and West, between Asia and Africa.

Day 1: Muscat

Arrive at Muscat Airport. After the immigration formalities, you will be met by our representative at the Arrival hall. Transfer from Muscat International Airport to Muscat Hotel of your choice. Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Muscat. [D]

Day 2: Muscat

Muscat offers the visitor a unique opportunity to witness a modern commercial center existing in harmony with its traditional culture. With its natural harbor, Muscat means “Anchorage” and lies in a natural volcanic bowl. Our tour of the Grand Mosque (except Friday) and Bait Al Zubair Museum (except Friday) is a brief introduction that traces Oman’s history and development. Drive along the waterfront Corniche visiting the fish Market & the colorful Muttrah Souq. We proceed for a photo stop to the magnificent Al Alam Palace, official palace of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos flanked by the 16th century Portuguese forts Mirani and Jalali. (Ladies fully covered by a head scarf and men in trousers). Afternoon at leisure. Overnight in Muscat. [B]

Day 3: Muscat, Nakhal, Al Hamra, Nizwa

Drive through the date palms to the sparkling springs and Fort at Nakhal. Turn towards Wadi Bani Auf; this stretch of graded road is very adventurous and for the physically fit only as it involves steep bends and bumpy roads. Visit the charming mountain village of Bilad Sayt where one is awestruck by the beauty of the landscape. This 45-mile stretch of road continues unto the village of Al Hamra famous for its date plantations. Drive 5 miles to the Jabal Shams Mountains for a wonderful panoramic view of Al Hamra, Bilad Sayt and Bahla. Continue to Nizwa for check in, dinner and overnight [B/D]

Day 4: Nizwa, Muscat

We drive to the famous Round Tower Fort, built in the 17th century, and its Souq renowned for its Friday cattle auction, intricately hand-carved “Khanjars” (daggers) and ornamental silver jewelry. Drive to the pretty village of Birkat Al Mauz and enjoy a walk through the lush green date plantations. Proceed to Wadi Al Madeen and, from here through a 23-mile stretch of winding road to arrive at Jebel Al Akhdar (6560 feet above sea level) the green jewel of the Al Hajar mountain ranges, a truly unique spot in the Arabian Peninsula. Enjoy the cool climate up in the mountains. Al Jebel Al Akhdar is famed for its fruit orchards typically laid out terrace style along the slopes of



mountains, which are endowed with natural springs and aflaj the typical irrigation systems of Oman. The villages of Saiq, Wadi Bani Habib (the village of the old houses) and Al Ain dot the landscape. The villages overlook a spectacular landscape of dramatic peaks, gorges and wadis. The roses of Jabal Al Akhdar fill the air with fragrance when in full bloom (March and April). Rose water is distilled in the homes of the villagers (It is advisable to wear light comfortable clothing and walking shoes). Return to Muscat for overnight and dinner at the hotel of your choice. [B/D]

Day 5: Muscat, USA

At the appointed time you'll be met and transferred to Muscat airport to board your return flight home.

[B] = Breakfast | [D] = Dinner | [B/D] = Breakfast and Dinner

Your Tour includes:

- Arrival and departure transfers
- 4nights' accommodation
 - Muscat 3 nights
 - Nizwa 1 night
- Meals
 - Breakfast daily
 - 3 dinners
- Sightseeing:
 - Grand Mosque
 - Bait Al Zubair Museum
 - Muttrah Corniche
 - Muttrah Souq
 - Al Alam Palace
 - Portugese Forts Mirani & Jalali,
 - Nakhal
 - Wadi Bani Auf
 - Bilad Sayt
 - Nizwa Souq
 - Birkat Al Mauz
 - Wadi Al Madeen
 - Wadi Bani Habib

- Transportation by saloon car with
- English-speaking driver/guide
- Entrance fees
- Handling charges
- Taxes

Optional Inclusions:

- International or Domestic airfares
- Any taxes and surcharges relating to airfares
- Lunches and dinners
- Travel insurance
- Wi-Fi at hotels

Tour does not Include:

- Optional tours and activities
- All alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks
- Other meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- Extras and gratuities
- Early check-in, late check-out (Most hotels begin check-in around 2:00pm).
- Expenses of personal nature
- Any service not specifically listed under "included"

Recommended hotels on your Tour:

City	Hotel Name	Tripadvisor
First Class		
Muscat	Crowne Plaza	4.5
	Radisson Blue	4
Nizwa	Sama Hotel Jabal al Akhdar	4
	Nizwa Hotel Apartments	4
Deluxe		
Muscat	Al Bustan Palace by Ritz-Carlton	4.5
	Shangri-La Al Husn Resort & Spa	4.5
Nizwa	Anantara Al Jabal AlAkhdar Resort	5
	Golden Tulip	4

Hotels will be confirmed at time of booking.

Tour Prices:

These programs can be customized for individuals and groups.

Changes to this program may be requested by phone (1855-55-TOURS) or using the web FIT Quote Request

- Airfare
We also be glad to add the necessary airfare from your gateway so you take advantage of our special discounted leisure fares
- Program
You may add or remove;
 - Trip days
 - Cities and sites
 - Meals
- Other options
 - The program was designed with private services, however, we may substitute shared sightseeing where available
 - If you prefer deluxe services we may operate this program including private driver, private guide and concierge service.
- Quotation
Once we have designed the program the way you want we'll give you a quote within 2 business days.

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Options:

- Lunches and dinners can be arranged for individuals, families and groups at top restaurants or any restaurant requested by you.
- We can revise the itinerary to spend more time and provide more depth in those areas that you are interested on.
- Any other changes to the itinerary will be accommodated depending on the facilities available in the area.

Group Quotations

- If you wish to use these programs for your group or as the basis for a customized journey please either call us (1-855-55-TOURS or use the web Group Quote Request.
- In either case our specialists will work with to refine all the details and they will get you a quote with 2 business days. Quotes may be obtained for the air and land portions of just for the land journey.
- Booking both air and land with us will represent savings for you because of our buying power and longtime relationship with the airlines.
- We will also may have the choice between regular fares and special leisure fares not available to the public.