

## Oman Private Tour

Please note that all of the itineraries listed in our web site are actual private tour itineraries we have prepared for clients over the past 12-18 months. By the very nature of what we do, each private tour itinerary is custom, exclusive and unique unto itself. Our over-riding goal is to create lifelong memories that you and your family will forever carry deep within your hearts.

### Overview

The Sultanate of Oman has one of the oldest civilizations in the Arabian Peninsula, dating back thousands of years with notable periods of greatness in the ancient world and in medieval times. Though Oman faded from prominence, it has recently reemerged under the leadership of Sultan Qaboos Bin Said. The country's rich heritage, a strong sense of identity, and pride in their ancient, frankincense-trading past offer travelers a rare chance to engage with the Arab world. Oman's many villages and towns are abundant with traditional charms and Bedouin values. From the rugged mountains, expansive deserts, and coastline buzzing with sea life, it is easy to see why we are big fans!

**Best Travel Time:** [Summer Fall](#)

#### **OMAN**

#### **Temperature Range**

Highs: Mid 90's

Lows: Low 70's

#### **Area**

309,500 SQ KM

119,500 SQ MILES

#### **Population**

2.9 Million

#### **Language**

Arabic

#### **Capital**

Muscat

#### **Currency**

Rial

#### **Day 1**

#### **Fly to Muscat**

Through our sister company, premium air provider TRAVNET, we may assist with your international airfare, as well as with mileage points conversion.

#### **Day 2**

#### **Arrive Muscat**

Upon arrival in Muscat, you will be privately transferred to the Al Bustan Palace hotel.

#### **Al Bustan Palace**

Situated between the Sea of Oman and the Al Hajar Mountains, the Al Bustan Palace offers an alluring blend of old and new with a style blend of local and global, mimicking the character of Muscat itself! Set within the only former palace remaining in Oman, the newly renovated guest rooms and suites offer sea or garden views.

There are five dining venues all facing the sea, as well as a private beach and five

swimming pools, plus a separate one for kids. The property's Six Senses Spa encompasses 33,000 sq. feet and three levels within an Arabian fort-inspired structure. The treatments include locally-sourced Omani ingredients and the treatment rooms include six hammam rooms, and separate ladies' and gentlemen's relaxation areas with infrared saunas, ice fountains, and steam rooms.

**Accommodations: Al Bustan Palace**

#### **Day 3**

#### **Half-Day Muscat Private Tour**

Following breakfast, your private guide and driver will take you on a half-day tour of Muscat — a unique opportunity to witness a modern commercial center existing in harmony with its traditional culture. The city

and its natural harbor means “Anchorage” and sits in a volcanic bowl. Today, you will visit the Al Bustan Palace and the Grand Mosque, a highlight of the city. Completed in 2001, the Grand Mosque is a beautiful building that blends modern craftsmanship with traditional design. After, you will have the option to visit the Bait Al Zubair Museum and the Al Alam Palace, the official palace of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos. flanked by the 16th-century Portuguese forts of Mirani and Jalali. You will enjoy a drive along the waterfront Corniche and stop to visit the bustling Muttrah Souq, before returning to your hotel.

**Meals: Breakfast**

**Accommodations: Al Bustan Palace**

#### **Day 4**

##### **Private Transfer to Nizwa with Half-Day Nizwa Area Private Tour & Afternoon Hike**

Following breakfast, your private driver will transfer you to Nizwa, stopping en route for area touring with your private guide to visit the Nizwa Round Tower Fort and the Nizwa Souk, before driving to the pretty village of Birkat Al Mauz. Here, you will enjoy a walk through the lush green date plantations. Your last stop will be at Jebel Akhdar, also known as the green jewel of the Al Hajar mountain ranges and a truly unique spot in the Arabian Peninsula. This area is famed for its fruit orchards, typically laid out terrace style along the slopes of mountains, which are endowed with natural springs and aflaj (ancient water irrigation channels).

Following check-in a freshening up at the Alila Resort, you have the option of a privately guided, leisurely, two-hour walk through the mountains via picturesque and dramatically situated villages with terraced gardens with. 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 (valleys).

##### **Alila Resort - Jabal Akhdar**

Perched 1.2 miles above sea level in the Al Hajar Mountains, Alila Resort - Jabal Akhdar is inspired by ancient forts. Designers of the Alila Resort utilized traditional Omani construction techniques with locally-sourced stones, combined with contemporary architecture with mesmerizing views of the surrounding mountains. Committed to a sustainable future, the hotel was constructed according to LEED principles and is designed to exist in harmony with the environment, in order to preserve the natural beauty of the region. Authentic elements of Omani design decorate the interiors, such as copper ornaments and handmade pottery from Bahla. In addition to the lovely Spa Alila, unique amenities here include bicycling, stargazing, and daily yoga and meditation classes.

**Meals: Breakfast & Lunch**

**Accommodations: Alila Resort - Jabal Akhdar**

#### **Day 5**

##### **Full-Day Nizwa Area Private Tour & Horseback Riding**

Your Nizwa area private touring today will begin with a visit to Jabrin Fort, where you may recapture the atmosphere of medieval Oman. This 17th-century fort is one of Oman’s finest castles and has some exquisite hand-painted ceilings, Islamic inscriptions, and secret hiding places for soldiers. You will then journey to the village of Al Hamra. Nestled in the foothills of the Jebel Akhdar, Al Hamra's multistory mud houses are among the oldest preserved in Oman, dating back 300 years ago. Here, you will have the opportunity to ride Arabian Horses through the village. Following lunch, you will visit Misfah, a pretty village with stone houses,

precariously clinging to the side of a huge mountain cliff. The village is laden with date, lemon, and banana groves.

**Meals: Breakfast & Lunch**

**Accommodations: Alila Resort - Jabal Akhdar**

## **Day 6**

### **Private Transfer to Wahiba Sands Desert + Sunset Camel Safari**

Following breakfast, you will be privately transferred to the Wahiba Sands Desert, a vast sea of red and white sand and dunes rising up to 650 feet, and a host to a variety of flora and fauna. This evening you will enjoy a sunset camel safari, followed by a starlit dinner at camp.

### **Desert Nights Camp**

Desert Nights Camp is the only luxury desert camp in Oman. We consider it to be an ideal base for your Arabian Desert adventure only a two-hour drive from Muscat, occupying 10-acres of the desert with mountain views, endless dunes, and crystalline wadis (ravines). The camp is comprised of 39 luxurious Bedouin-style (nomadic) tented suites — with air-conditioning and en suites! Here, you will enjoy dune biking, camel rides, and delicious meals complemented by fresh Omani dates and khawa (traditional Arabic coffee).

**Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

**Accommodations: Desert Nights Camp**

## **Day 7**

### **Half-Day Wahiba Sands Area Private Tour + Private Transfer to Ras al Jinz & Sunset Sea Turtle Experience**

Following breakfast at camp, you will have the opportunity to meet a group of Bedouins (nomadic Arab people) to learn about their unique lifestyle. You will then head towards Wadi Bani Khalid, a compound of small, pretty villages embedded in the mountains and a perfect spot for a picnic. In Sur, you will see the fish jetty and dhow factory, a famous and historic boat-building center. Sur is located on an attractive corniche looking out over the turquoise waters to the village of Ayajh with its three watchtowers, distinctive lighthouse, and attractive whitewashed architecture. Upon arrival at the Ras Al Jinz Turtle Reserve, you will have the afternoon free to relax and prepare for an evening spent on the beach, watching the sea turtles lay eggs or watch the hatched turtles make their way to the water (depending on the season).

### **Ras Al Jinz Turtle Reserve**

Located in a unique natural landscape, the Ras Al Jinz is internationally famous for the nesting of the endangered green turtle (*Cheloniemydas*), among the most important nesting concentration on the Indian Ocean. This is the only place where the public may watch the turtles nest and hatch. For overnight guests, the Ras Al Jinz offers 12 air-conditioned luxury eco-tents. For families, there are also 17 double rooms and two bunk-bedded rooms. All tents and rooms are en suite and spacious with complimentary Wi-Fi, an in-room safe, mini-refrigerator, tea and coffee makers, and TVs.

**Meals: Breakfast & Lunch**

**Accommodations: Ras Al Jinz Turtle Reserve**

## **Day 8**

### **Half-Day Sur Area Private Tour + Private Transfer to Muscat**

Following breakfast, you will be met by your private guide and driver for a half-day of Sur area private touring. Today, you will see the ruins of Bibi Maryam's Tomb from the village of Qalhat, a coastal area on the road to Muscat. You may enjoy a walk next to the Wadi Shab (Gulf of Oman) and Fins Beach — a great fishing area! Following lunch at the Wadi Shab Resort, you will stop at the Bimah Sinkhole, a spectacular limestone crater with blue-green water at the bottom, before traveling the rest of the way back to Muscat.

**Meals: Breakfast & Lunch**

**Accommodations: Al Bustan Palace**

## **Day 9**

### **Half-Day Dolphin Watching & Snorkeling off a Private Yacht**

Following breakfast, you will be transferred to the marina to board an exclusive yacht for a dolphin watching and snorkeling excursion. Oman is well-known for its dolphin and whale watching and beautiful waters! You will continue towards Bandar Al Khyran, a haven of tidal creeks and sheltered bays fringed by a dense growth of mangroves. Lunch will be served surrounded by the placid water and framed by the copper-colored mountains.

**Meals: Breakfast & Lunch**

**Accommodations: Al Bustan Palace**

## **Day 10**

### **Free-Day in Muscat**

Enjoy the day at your leisure in Oman's capital.

**Meals: Breakfast**

**Accommodations: Al Bustan Palace**

## **Day 11**

### **Fly Muscat/Home**

Following breakfast, you will be privately transferred to Muscat International Airport for your onward flight home.

**Meals: Breakfast**