



## **Exotic Oman - 7 Days (Jebel Shams, Jebel Akhdar, Wahiba & Ras AI Hadd) (#6038)**

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### **Overview**

At the crossroads between three continents and four seas, Oman has always been a strategic country at the tip of the Arabian gulf, with a great maritime history, symbolized by the adventures of Sinbad the Sailor. An enchanting land, home to an ancient civilization, already mentioned in Mesopotamian texts of five thousand years ago. Its inhabitants lived in the desert and the sea taking advantage of the natural resources, building forts and Palaces, Castles, walls and boats agile and fast. Ruled by one of the oldest dynasties in the region, is now also one of the most peaceful countries in the Gulf with a population proud of its traditions and famous for its hospitality.

### **Trip Highlights**

Muscat – Nakhl - Wadi Bani Awf - Bilad Sayt – Jebel Shams - Nizwa - Sayq Plateau – Nizwa - Wahiba – Wadi Bani Khalid – Ras AI Hadd - Wadi Shab – Coastal road - Muscat

### **Detailed Itinerary**



**Day 01**

**Day 01 – Arrival in Muscat**

Arrival at Muscat International airport. Meet & greet by our representative and thereafter transfer to the hotel.

Overnight at: Al Falaj Hotel

Hotel category: 4 star category accommodation

Room category: Standard Room

Meals included: N/A

**Hotel:** Al Falaj Hotel - Standard Room

**Day 02**

**Day 02 – Muscat – Nakhl - Wadi Bani Awf - Bilad Sayt – Jebel Shams**

Breakfast at your hotel. This morning or you will be able to profit from our multitude selection of tours we offer in BEIRUT. Depending on your departure time, you will be transferred to BEIRUT airport. After breakfast at 08:30hrs you will meet our tour guide at the lobby of your hotel and commence on your tour. Start your journey along the Batinah coast. You stop at Barka, a seaside town with small souks and a fort along the shoreline. You will visit the fish market. Batinah is the most fertile region of Oman. Your next stop will be in Nakhl to see a 17th century fortress that is spectacularly perched on a rocky prominence in the foothills of the Western Hajar Mountains. The fort's origin is pre-Islamic with major contribution by the Al Yaruba and the Al Busaid dynasties. (Currently closed for renovation) Move inland to see the mineral-laden hot springs and spend some time relaxing in the shades of date palms. (Lunch at your own expense)

From Nakhl proceed to towards the most beautiful remote village in Oman, Billad sayt in the Western Hajars. Near Awabi we turn to a beautiful wadi, Wadi Bani Awf. After a spectacular drive we reach the beautiful village of Bilad Sayt, where your eyes are treated to an amazing view, of Palm groves and terraced gardens between the stone walls. From here, we proceed to Jabel Shams - Oman's highest peak at a staggering 3000 metres. Feel the cooler climate change on top of the Canyon.

Overnight at: Jebel Shams Resort

Hotel category: Tourist category accommodation

Room category: Sunset Chalet

Meals Included: Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Jebel Shams Resort - Sunset Chalet

**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner



**Day 03**

**Day 03 – Jabal shams – Sayq Plateau – Nizwa**

After breakfast, you will leave the hotel at 0830 Hrs and proceed to Misfat Al Abrein, a picturesque village strapped on to the side of a mountain. As you walk around this beautiful village where time has come to a standstill, you will be moved by the simplicity and friendliness of the people. You will then drive towards Jebel Akdar via Birkat al Mawz. (Lunch at your own expense) Jebel Akdar in Arabic means "Green Mountains" and this region is one of the most verdant outside of Salalah and the Batinah Coast. One of the most scenic areas in Oman, coupled with the friendly local inhabitants, this region is a natural spot for tourism. Points of interest include the towns of Wadi Bani Habib, Saiq and Al Ayn, where local farmers raise grapes, pomegranates, apricots and walnuts. The climate is moderate year-round as the mean altitude is about 1800 metres. Return to Nizwa.

Overnight at: Falaj Daris Hotel

Hotel category: 3 star category accommodation

Room category: Standard Room

Meals included: Breakfast

**Hotel:** Falaj Daris Hotel - Standard Room

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 04**

**Day 04 – Nizwa – Wahiba Sands**

Breakfast at the Hotel. By 0830Hrs, you continue on your tour towards Nizwa, the old capital of Oman. You visit the souk showcasing a wonderful array of handicrafts - coffee pots, swords, leather goods, silverware, antiques, and household utensils. Your next visit is the Nizwa fort, which completed in the 1650's, was the seat of power during the rule of the Al Ya'ruba dynasty and is Oman's most visited National monument. You will then drive to the undulating Golden sands of the Wahiba Desert. (Lunch at your own expense)

The great Wahiba sands are longitudinal dunes 200 KM's long and 100 KM's wide running south from the Eastern Hajar to the Arabian Sea. This is the traditional home of the Bedouin, hardy spirited people who know how to survive in these harsh desert conditions. You are invited to meet with a Bedouin family and gain an intimate insight into their traditional lifestyle.

You will then be driven approximately 20KM's in to the desert to reach your camp for your overnight stay. The drive is an exciting and an adrenaline filled experience driving through high sand dunes.







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After reaching your camp and completing check-in formalities, you will be driven on top of a dune to watch the magnificent sunset. Return to the Camp and enjoy a traditional BBQ style dinner under the sky.

Overnight at: Arabian Oryx Camp

Hotel category: Tourist category accommodation

Room category: Standard Room

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Arabian Oryx Camp - Standard Room

**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner

### Day 05

### Day 05 – Wahiba – Wadi Bani Khalid – Ras Al Jinz

Breakfast at the Camp. By 0830Hrs, you embark on your tour towards Wadi Bani Khalid the Lost Shangri La. Starting off at the village with its endless date plantation, we then walk on following intricate cave passages weaving through the wadi. The pool is cool, deep and absolutely stunning with silky clear water.

After spending some time there, you will then proceed to Sur the old African port and visit dhow yards and you might see the dhow still being made by hand. (Lunch at your own expense) Continue your journey to Ras Al Jinz and check in to your hotel for overnight stay.

After an early dinner you proceed towards the beach to observe the nesting habits of green turtles. Thereafter, return to your hotel after the tour.

Overnight at: Ras Al Jinz Turtle Reserve

Hotel category: 3 star category accommodation

Room category: Standard Room

Meals included: Breakfast

**Hotel:** Ras Al Jinz Turtle Reserve - Standard Room

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 06

### Day 06 – Ras Al Jinz – Wadi Shab – Coastal Road - Muscat





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After breakfast, you then proceed along the coastal road and you will then make a stop at Wadi Shab which translates as a gorge between the cliffs. You can take a hike in to the wadi which is only accessible on foot, the path winds its ways up the wadi past caves, plantations, cliffs and deep pools with the scenery changing at every step. At the end of Wadi Shab there is a swim through the famous keyhole into the secluded world thrilling of fantasy.

After spending some time there, you continue on your journey back to Muscat. You will next visit the Bimah sinkhole, a geological formation of the karst topography and a scenic wonder, before you pass through some spectacular mountain scenery up the coast as you make your way back to Muscat and we drop you off at your hotel for overnight stay.

Overnight at: Al Falaj Hotel

Hotel category: 4 star category accommodation

Room category: Standard Room

Meals included: Breakfast

**Hotel:** Al Falaj Hotel - Standard Room

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 07

### Day 07 – Departure

Breakfast at the hotel. Morning at leisure and thereafter transfer to Muscat International Airport to connect your return flight home with fond memories of Oman.

Meals included: Breakfast

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## Inclusions

- 6 Night's accommodation on twin sharing basis (2 nights at Al Falaj Hotel, 1 night at Jabal Shams Resort, 1 night at Falaj Daris Hotel, 1 night at Arabian Oryx Camp and 1 night at Ras Al Jinz Turtle Reserve)
- Meals as mentioned in the program
- 4WD Car for 5 days as mentioned.
- Airport Transfers (Airport – Hotel – Airport)
- English speaking guide cum driver from Day 2 to Day 6.
- Entrance fees to Forts and turtle watch tour.
- Water & soft drinks.



## Exclusions

- Any items of personal nature such as alcohol, laundry, telephone etc.
- Visa charges if any.
- Meals apart from the ones mentioned in the itinerary.
- Any activity or expense which are not listed in the “**cost includes**” sector.

## Note

### DRESS CODE DURING TOURS

Grand Mosque - Women should wear attire covering their arms and legs and should cover their head with scarf. Men should wear casual shirt and trousers).

Swimming in Wadis – Wadis are a public tourist area and hence, it attracts both tourist & locals equally. Keeping in mind the country’s culture, all women are requested to wear clothes up to the knees. T-shirts & shorts are fine. However, bikinis only are not recommended.

Trekking - Take as little as possible as conditions are usually steep and hot. Boots are required and it should be lightweight but beware of the aggressive nature of the rocks. Trekking shoes and light coloured clothes are advisable.

During other tours – Smart casuals are suitable especially if visiting local villages and meeting local people.

Hotels Used:

Muscat - Al Falaj Hotel Muscat

Jebel Shams - Jebel Shams Resort

Nizwa - Falaj Daris Hotel

Wahiba Sands - Arabian Oryx Camp

Ras Al Jinz - Ras Al Jinz Turtle Reserve

Muscat - Al Falaj Hotel Muscat

Standard check in time at the hotels: 1400 hrs. Standard check out time at the hotels: 1100 hrs.

All hotel reservations are subject to room availability at the time of actual confirmation.

In a case, where the requested hotel is not available for the travel dates mentioned, an alternate hotel of the same star category would be suggested. However, it would be confirmed only after getting the confirmation from the Tour Operator/client.

We are not holding any booking now. Confirmation will be subject to availability at the time of booking.





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Vehicle utilized: 4WD Car

Supplement for German/French speaking guide cum driver AUD 1696.00 for the full tour subject to availability.

Supplement for 5 local/picnic lunch: AUD 187.00 per person

Supplement for Optional activities is available on request.

We will make every effort to carry out the services offered herein to the satisfaction of the client, it may not be possible to provide the services fully or partially in the event of circumstances beyond our control like unfavorable weather, natural perils and acts of God etc. It may also necessitate deviation from the original itinerary in the event of damage to roads and wadi being inundated due to rains. We cannot be held responsible for any financial loss or consequential claims raised by the clients due to failure in service under these circumstances.

## Program Touring / Guide

Private touring

## Departure Period

**01 May, 2024 to 30 Sep, 2024**

2 pax

AUD 3,991 P P twin share

AUD 4,648 P P single

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3 pax

AUD 3,057 P P twin share

AUD 3,715 P P single

AVAILABLE

4 pax

AUD 2,580 P P twin share

AUD 3,237 P P single

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