



## **Explore Oman - 4 Days (Tour of Jebel Shams, Wahiba & Ras AI Hadd) (#6006)**

**Note:** Price printed on this PDF is valid until **08-09-2024** and is subject to change without notice due to Partner changes and currency fluctuations

### **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 – Wahiba Sands - Wadi Bani Khalid – Ras AI Hadd - Wadi Shab – Coastal road - Muscat

### **Detailed Itinerary**



**Day 01****Day 01 – Muscat – Nakhl - Wadi Bani Awf - Bilad Sayt – Jebel Shams**

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. Move inland to see the mineral-laden hot springs and spend some time relaxing in the shades of date palms.

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 meters. Feel the cooler climate change on top of the Canyon.

Meals Included: Dinner

**Hotel:** Jebel Shams Resort - Chalet

**Meal:** Dinner

**Day 02****Day 02 – Jebel Shams – 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 Hajars 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 starlit sky.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

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

**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner

**Day 03****Day 03 – 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.

Meals included: Breakfast

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

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 04****Day 04 – Ras Al Jinz – Wadi Shab – Coastal road - Muscat**

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 passing by one of the most popular beaches between Sur and Muscat, which is the Fins Beach. You will next visit the Bimah sinkhole, a geological formation of the



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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.

Meals included: Breakfast

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

**Meal:** Breakfast

## Inclusions

- 3 Night's accommodation on twin sharing basis (1 night at Jabal Shams Resort, 1 night at Arabian Oryx Camp and 1 night at Ras Al Jinz Turtle Reserve)
- Meals as mentioned in the program
- 4WD Car for 4 days as mentioned.
- English speaking guide cum driver.
- 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.





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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:

Jebel Shams - Jebel Shams Resort

Wahiba Sands - Arabian Oryx Camp

Ras Al Jinz - Ras Al Jinz Turtle Reserve

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.

Vehicle utilized: 4WD Car

Supplement for German/French speaking guide cum driver AUD 1357.00 for the full tour subject to availability.

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**



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

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