OMAN 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

TOUR PRICE FOR 8 DAYS/7 NIGHTS: 1,200 OMR (exclusive of any flights and accommodation)

• Day 1

Arrival in Muscat

After your arrival at Seeb airport / Muscat we will go directly to your hotel, so that you can check in and relax.

Depending on the time of your arrival, we can go to Muscat's vivid city centre Mattrah and stroll along the stunningly white beach to enjoy a delicious Omani meal with fresh fruit cocktails at one of the wonderful beach cafes until the sun sets romantically. Alternatively, you can also visit a performance at the world famous Royal Opera House if you have pre-booked some tickets or they are still available on site. In case you arrive in the evening, you can enjoy your dinner at your hotel.

• Day 2

Muscat

Our tour commences with a visit to the Grand Mosque, one of the largest and most artistically precious mosques in the Islamic world that was built between 1995 and 2001. We drive along the Ministry and Embassy area and you can visit the local fish market, if you like. We then go along the waterfront Corniche to indulge in the colourful Mattrah Souq as well as the Al Zuber Museum followed by a photo stop at Al Alam Palace, the Palace of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos. You stay at your hotel in Muscat again.

• Day 3

Muscat - Meteorite Sink Hole - Wadi Shab - Wadi Tiwi - Turtle Beach:

We depart by 4WD via the scenic and rugged coastal route. This tour offers breathtaking glimpses of the blue waters of the Gulf of Oman offset by pristine white beaches.

Afterwards we drive past fishing villages and have our first stop at Fins Beach, one of Oman's famous, white sandy beaches.

Next we carry on to the Meteorite Sink Hole, which actually occurred naturally due to limestone erosion and the collapse of the rocks thus forming the wonderfully turquoise pool. We then drive to Wadi Shab and Wadi Tiwi, where you can see lots of mango-, papaya- and banana trees. The road to Tiwi winds between old houses. The sight is remarkable with its lush green plantations and water flowing all year around. After checking in at the resort or the hotel and having had our dinner early, we visit Turtle Beach Reserve to see the wild turtles' nesting ground. Depending on the weather, we can either stay overnight at the Turtle Beach Resort or at the Ras al-Jinz Turtle Reserve Hotel.

Day 4

Turtle Beach – Sur Dhow Manufactury – Wadi Bani Khalid – Wahiba Sands:

We start by visiting **Sur** to see how Dhows, the traditional, luxurious ships, are manufactured and drive on to Wadi Bani Khalid – an oasis spot in the middle of the barren and dry mountains. After that we move on to Wahiba Sands, the great Arabian Desert. We visit a Bedouin house and indulge in the pittoresque sunset that turns the desert orange and gold. We spend a starlit night at the Safari Desert Camp or Desert Nights Camp.

• Day 5

Wahiba Sands - Berkat Al Mauz - Jebel Akhdar - Nizwa:

In the morning you have the chance to ride a camel and enjoy navigating on the sand dunes. We visit the Berkat Al Mauz, one of the oldest villages in Oman, and have stops for photo sessions at the village. We then proceed to Jebel Akhdar, the lush green mountain in Oman, where the roses for the world famous attar grow next to pomme granates and grapes. We stay overnight at the Golden Tulip Hotel in Nizwa.







Muscat, Grand Mosque









Meteorite Sink Hole

Wadi Tiwi











• Day 6

Nizwa - Bahla - Jabreen - Jebel Shams - Nizwa

We start our day in the centre of Nizwa and visit its famous round tower fort, probably one of the best examples of Omani architecture. Then we see the famous Nizwa souq where Arabian potteries and imported spices as well as gold- and silver-ware are sold. We leave Nizwa to visit **Bahla Fort** dating back to the 13th and 14th century. We next drive on to Jabreen Castle, probably the most stunningly furnished castle in Oman that was built in the 17th century. While heading for Jebel Shams, we can have a photo stop at the terrace-farming village of Wadi Ghul. Our next stop is at Al Hamra, one of the oldest and most impressive villages in Oman. We then return back to Nizwa and stay overnight at the Golden Tulip Hotel again.

• Day 7

Nizwa – Misfah – Wadi Bani Awf - Muscat:

We first embark on an excursion to Misfah, one of the oldest villages in Oman with its up to 400-year old mud houses that are still inhabited. Later we cross a mountain to visit **Wadi Bani Awf**, a stunning mini canyon. We drive through villages up and down until the end of the wadi as well as through the mountains to visit Wekan, a stunning oasis village at about 2,000m above sea level. Then we return to Muscat and you stay overnight at your hotel again.

• Day 8

Muscat- Nakhl Fort - Ain Thowarah Springs - Al Hazm Fort - Muscat:

We start our day by going to Nakhl Fort, that was originally built on rocks in the pre-Islamic period. Over the centuries, it underwent many renovations and improvements and was re-built by Omani architects in the 17th century. The gateway and towers seen now were extensions built in 1834. Next we will visit the natural spring water of Ain Thowarah. There is time for a stop at the Al Hazm Fort, that was founded in 1708. The tour then passes along picturesque wadis - (dry) river beds until we return to Muscat airport for your return to your country at night.

SERVICES INCLUDED IN THIS TOUR:

- Professional English-speaking tour guide
- All transfers by 4x4 vehicle
- All entry/ user fees to the sights as outlined
- · Water & sweets for each journey
- · Airport arrival/departure transfer

SERVICES EXCLUDED IN THIS TOUR:

- Flight tickets
- Accommodation and government taxes/service charges
- Accommodation for the guide in the travellers' hotel/camp/resort
- Food/Meals
- Travellers' insurance
- · Any additional tours
- Personal expenses
- Anything not mentioned in the 'Included in this tour' section

Recommended hotels

Hotels in	Number of nights	Meal plan	4* or 5*Hotels
Muscat	3	ВВ	4* Al Falaj 5* The Chedi
Sur	1	НВ	4* Ras al-Jinz Turtle Reserve Hotel
Wahiba Sands	1	НВ	4* Safari Desert Camp 4* 1000 Nights Camp 5* Desert Nights Camp
Nizwa	2	BB	4* Golden Tulip Hotel

- All accommodation needs to be booked and paid for by the travellers themselves (including the guide's accommodation)
- Subject to changes in petrol prices etc.











Jabreen Castle









Ain Thowarah Springs











