

Oman: The Jewel of Arabia

A Journey of Sands, Fortresses & Frankincense

Small Group Experience | Expert Local Guides | 5-Star Stays Throughout

From the silken sands of the Wahiba Desert to the coastal elegance of Salalah, this extraordinary journey invites you to experience Oman's hidden treasures. Traverse ancient wadis, wander storied souqs, dine under starlit skies, and breathe in the scent of frankincense carried by the desert breeze. Immerse yourself in a land where natural beauty meets noble tradition—an Arabia both timeless and unforgettable.

Duration: 12 Nights / 13 Days

Destinations: Oman

Day 1: Welcome to the Sultanate

Arrive Muscat

Upon arrival at Muscat International Airport, a warm Omani welcome awaits. You will be met by our local team and escorted in comfort to your 5-star hotel. Settle into your luxurious accommodations and enjoy the evening at leisure.

- **Included Meals: Dinner**
 - **Overnight: Muscat**
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Day 2: Cultural Mosaic of Muscat

Explore the Capital

Begin your Omani odyssey with a visit to the Grand Mosque—an architectural marvel of white marble and Persian carpets. Then, wander the winding alleys of Muttrah Souq, alive with the scent of incense and the shimmer of silver. Visit Old Muscat, home to Al Alam Palace and the twin forts of Jalali and Mirani. After lunch, enjoy a coastal drive through Qantab and a visit to the Royal Opera House before a sunset stroll along the Corniche.

- **Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**
 - **Overnight: Muscat**
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Day 3: Along the Coastal Road to Ras Al Hadd

Sinkholes & Seafaring Traditions

Today's coastal drive is a masterpiece of nature. Stop first at the turquoise Bimmah Sinkhole, then hike through Wadi Shab's emerald pools and waterfalls. Continue to Sur to witness traditional dhow boatbuilding—a craft passed down through generations. Arrive at Ras Al Hadd, where the golden beach is a sanctuary for nesting green turtles. At nightfall, we join a guided excursion to observe these majestic creatures under a starlit sky.

- **Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**
 - **Overnight: Ras Al Hadd**
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Day 4: Desert Dreams

From Wadis to Wahiba Sands

Enjoy a leisurely morning before continuing to Wadi Bani Khalid, an oasis framed by palm trees and sparkling blue pools. Later, venture deep into the endless dunes of Wahiba Sands by 4x4. Arrive at your luxury desert camp in time for sunset over the golden sands, followed by an Omani feast beneath the stars.

- **Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**
 - **Overnight: Wahiba Desert Camp**
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Day 5: Old Towns & Oasis Trails

From Ibra to Nizwa

Optional: Greet the day with a camel ride or desert balloon flight. After breakfast, visit the traditional town of Ibra before continuing to Birkat Al Mouz, a picturesque village surrounded by banana plantations and ancient falaj irrigation channels. Arrive in Nizwa, Oman's cultural heart, and relax at your hotel nestled between date palms and mountains.

- **Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**
 - **Overnight: Nizwa**
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Day 6: Fortresses & Fairytales

Nizwa Fort | Jabrin Castle | Misfat Al Abriyeen

Begin the day at Nizwa's bustling souq, alive with the sights and sounds of Omani commerce. Visit the iconic Nizwa Fort with its imposing circular tower. Continue to the enchanting village of Misfat Al Abriyeen—its stone houses and terraced gardens seemingly frozen in time. In the afternoon, explore the painted ceilings and carved doors of Jabrin Castle, one of Oman's finest examples of Islamic architecture.

- **Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**
 - **Overnight: Nizwa**
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Day 7: The Grand Canyon of Arabia

Jebel Shams & Al Hamra

Travel through the ancient town of Al Hamra, visiting the living museum of Bait Al Safa, where Omani life is brought vividly to life. Continue to Jebel Shams, Oman's highest peak, and witness the dramatic views into Wadi Ghul—the Arabian Grand Canyon. Enjoy a peaceful night in your mountain resort, surrounded by stars and silence.

- **Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**
 - **Overnight: Jebel Shams**
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Day 8: Into the Mountains & Back to the Sea

Wadi Bani Awf | Nakhal Fort

Today's descent through the rugged cliffs of Wadi Bani Awf is among the most thrilling drives in Oman. Stop at charming mountain villages and visit the historic Nakhal Fort. Enjoy a final view of Oman's ancient defense systems before arriving back in Muscat for a serene evening by the sea.

- **Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**
 - **Overnight: Muscat**
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Day 9: The Southern Escape

Fly to Salalah

Board a short flight to Salalah, the jewel of southern Oman. Arrive to lush landscapes and a dramatic coastline. Transfer to your beachfront resort and spend the day at leisure—whether by the infinity pool or strolling the palm-lined shores of the Arabian Sea.

- **Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**
 - **Overnight: Salalah**
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Day 10: The Ancient Incense Trail

East Salalah | Wadi Darbat | Samhan Mountains

Explore the ruins of Sumhuram, once a vital port on the Frankincense Trail. Visit the coastal town of Taqah, then discover the verdant beauty of Wadi Darbat's waterfalls. Ascend Jebel Samhan for panoramic views of the plains below, followed by a visit to Ain Razat's spring gardens.

- **Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**
 - **Overnight: Salalah**
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Day 11: Mughsail & The Mountains of Frankincense

West Salalah | Nabi Ayyub's Tomb

Today we journey west to Mughsail Beach and its natural blowholes, then follow the incense road into the mountains where the Boswellia trees still grow wild. Visit the revered tomb of the Prophet Job (Nabi Ayyub), then return to your resort for a final sunset dinner.

- **Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**
 - **Overnight: Salalah**
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Day 12: Return to Muscat

Farewell to the South

After breakfast, fly back to Muscat. Enjoy your final day at leisure—shop for souvenirs, relax at the beach, or revisit a favorite corner of the capital. A farewell dinner concludes your extraordinary journey.

- **Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**
 - **Overnight: Muscat**
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Day 13: Departure Day

Until We Meet Again

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your departure. As you leave Oman behind, take with you not only memories but the spirit of the land itself—wild, welcoming, and timeless.

- **Included Meals: Breakfast**
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Accommodations *(or similar)*

- **Muscat:** Kempinski Hotel | Shangri-La Barr Al Jissah
 - **Ras Al Hadd:** Ras Al Jinz Turtle Reserve Lodge
 - **Wahiba Desert:** Desert Nights Camp
 - **Nizwa:** Golden Tulip or Anantara Al Jabal Al Akhdar
 - **Jebel Shams:** The View Oman
 - **Salalah:** Al Baleed Resort by Anantara | Hilton Salalah Resort
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Package Included:

- 12 nights in luxury accommodations
 - All domestic flights within Oman
 - All transfers in private air-conditioned vehicles
 - Services of a professional English-speaking guide throughout
 - All entrance fees to mentioned sites
 - Meals: 12 Breakfasts, 11 Lunches, 12 Dinners
 - Bottled water and soft drinks with meals
 - Turtle watching experience
 - 4x4 dune safari in Wahiba Sands
 - All taxes and service charges
 - VIP airport meet & assist
 - Gratuities and tips to all service providers throughout the journey (\$130 value included)
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Package Excludes:

- International airfare
- Oman tourist visa (available on arrival for most nationalities)
- Travel insurance
- Optional Hot Air Balloon Ride / Camel Ride
- Personal expenses