



# OMAN

Oman, the ancient land of frankincense and myrrh, possesses some of the most dramatic and spectacular natural scenery in Arabia. Bordered by the Arabian Gulf to the east and the Indian Ocean to the south, its scenery takes in endless desert sands, the rugged Hajar Mountains, wadis, hot springs, southern hills greened by the monsoon and a magnificent coastline fringed with stunning beaches. Add to this a wealth of historical sites, forts perched on rocky hilltops, intriguing souks and the warmth and hospitality of the people, you will soon discover the magic of the legendary home of Sinbad.

Muscat, its capital is a modern city of contrasts with sleek highways, exotic souks and alabaster villas is rich in tradition and offers many attractions for the visitor.



## MUST DO... OMAN

- Visit an ancient fort on the road to Nizwa
- Shop at the Muttrah souk for antique Bedouin jewellery, Khanjars & frankincense
- Spend dawn with the dolphins
- Travel to the ancient Wahiba Sands and stay in unique tented accommodation

## YOUR ACCOMMODATION

With our featured hotels bedrooms are standard rooms unless otherwise stated. If you desire extra space and luxury please ask for a superior room category or experience the Club or Executive floor where you will enjoy additional benefits including complimentary breakfast, refreshments and cocktails in the lounge.

## DESERTS

The Wahiba Sands is a highlight of any extended journey to Oman. Located in the southern most extension of the Empty Quarter a sea of orange, gold and amber coloured towering sand dunes will amaze. Wildlife Safari offers guests the opportunity to enjoy the adventure of sleeping under canvas with a touch of luxury. DESERT NIGHTS CAMP is designed in the style of a traditional Omani tent and includes all the comforts with sitting room, ensuite, air conditioning and a small verandah to enjoy a panoramic view of the Wahiba Sands.

## LEGENDS OF OMAN

Legend has it that Sinbad the Sailor sailed from the coastal town of Sohar. The distinctive Dhow boats (traditional wooden boats) are still hand built and you can view the dhows along the Muscat corniche, at many of the coastal towns or in Sur the most famous boat building centre visited on our Oman Odyssey private journey.

The Queen of Sheba lived in the fertile Dhofar region to ensure she had access to a plentiful supply of frankincense. 2,000 years ago frankincense from Oman was as highly prized as gold. Journey to Salalah and buy your own supply of frankincense at the Salalah souk on our Salalah Sojourn!



## Transfer in style

Wildlife Safari always includes PRIVATE vehicle transfers to your hotel or resort in Oman. A PRIVATE vehicle transfer eliminates lengthy shuttle bus transfers, where other passengers are dropped off at numerous hotels on the way to your hotel.





## MUSCAT SOJOURN 4 DAYS

MUSCAT is situated between the waters of the Gulf of Oman and the dramatic mountains. Historic Portuguese built forts of Jalali and Mirani guard the city and its white washed houses, a bustling souk, and the traditional old port add to the charm and beauty of the city. The Muscat Sojourn offers a taste of Muscat and is a perfect starting point to discover Oman.

### DAY 1

Arrive at the Seeb International Airport with private transfer to your hotel. Afternoon at leisure.

### DAY 2

Breakfast and depart on a private guided tour of Muscat. Sightseeing highlights include the Oman Museum, Grand Mosque, the Muttrah Souk, Jalali and Mirani Forts and Al Alam Palace. Afternoon at leisure.

### DAY 3

After breakfast depart for Nizwa, one of the oldest cities of the Sultanate. Visit the Nizwa souq with its distinct Omani charm which offers a wonderful array of Bedouin silver jewellery, antiques and intricately hand carved "Khanjars". Continue to Jabrin to discover the finest of Oman's castles built in the late 17th century. Return to Muscat.

### DAY 4

Private transfer to Seeb International Airport for your departure.

The Chedi Muscat from 1940.00 per person

Al Bustan Palace InterContinental Muscat from 2025.00 per person

Shangri La Al Husn from 2275.00 per person

Seasonal supplements apply

DEPARTURE: Daily.

#### Includes:

- Three nights accommodation twin share.
- Full breakfast daily.
- Picnic lunch on Day 3.
- Transport by air conditioned private vehicle.
- English speaking guide.
- Entrance fees, government taxes & charges.



MUSCAT offers a selection of hotels and resorts situated in and around the city. Wildlife Safari can tailor make a Muscat stay to suit your requirements with a variety of excursions and tours. Extra nights, upgrades to a higher room category or single room supplement available on request.



## SALALAH SOJOURN 3 DAYS

### THE LAND OF FRANKINCENSE

Salalah, the capital of Dhofar province in the far south of the country has a climate which is dramatically different to the rest of Oman due to the monsoon rains (Khareef) which arrive in the summer months (mid June – mid September) and create humidity with moderate temperatures. Salalah is an ideal year round destination and is a popular extension to our Oman journeys.

The Salalah Sojourn from 950.00 per person includes return airfares from Muscat, two nights twin share accommodation at the Hilton Salalah Resort and return private airport transfers.



## JEWELS OF ARABIA 7 DAYS

*Jewels of Arabia is a luxury Private Journey combining the tradition and history of Oman with cosmopolitan and glamorous Dubai. Take in the sights of Muscat, the capital of Oman, travel inland to the forts of Nizwa and Jabrin and continue inland through the high passes of the Hajar Mountains before crossing the border into Dubai.*

### DAY 1

Arrive at Seeb International Airport Muscat with private transfer to your hotel.

SHANGRI LA'S BARR AL JISSAH RESORT & SPA – AL BANDAR

### DAY 2

Breakfast and depart on private guided tour of Muscat. Sightseeing highlights include the Museum, the Grand Mosque, the bustling Muttrah souk, and the 16<sup>th</sup> century Jalili and Mirani Forts. Return to your hotel with afternoon at leisure.

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### DAY 3

Depart for Nizwa, one of the oldest cities of the Sultanate. The Nizwa souq with its distinct Omani charm offers a wonderful array of Bedouin silver jewellery, antiques and intricately hand carved "Khanjars". Continue to Jabrin to view the finest of Oman's castles.

FALAJ DARIS HOTEL

### DAY 4

After breakfast depart for Ibbri and the famous village of Bat a well known archeological site. Continue the long drive crossing the Hajar Mountains to Sohar.

SOHAR BEACH HOTEL



### DAY 5

Morning departure on your overland drive to Dubai crossing at the Hatta border. Afternoon at leisure.

MADINAT JUMEIRAH MINA A'SALAM

### DAY 6

Day at leisure for optional sightseeing or shopping.

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### DAY 7

Private transfer to Dubai International Airport for your onward travel arrangements..

Jewels of Arabia from 2595.00 per person

#### DEPARTURE: Daily

Seasonal supplements apply. Optional upgrade to 4WD available.

#### Includes:

- Six nights accommodation twin share.
- Full breakfast daily.
- Lunch in Nizwa.
- Dinner at Sohar Beach Hotel.
- Dinner at Falaj Daris Hotel.
- Transport in private air conditioned vehicle.
- English speaking driver/guide.
- Entrance fees, government taxes & charges.

You may extend your stay or choose an alternative hotel in Dubai. Please ask for details.

## OMAN ODYSSEY 7 DAYS

*The Oman Odyssey is a Private Journey which includes many highlights of this vast country. Travel to the magnificent inland forts of Nizwa and Jabrin, view the traditional dhow building yards of Sur, experience the remoteness of Wahiba Sands and shop for Khanjars, frankincense and Bedouin jewellery in the bustling Muttrah souk in Muscat. Add our Salalah Sojourn for the complete Oman experience.*

### DAY 1

Arrive at Seeb International Airport Muscat with private transfer to your hotel.

INTERCONTINENTAL MUSCAT

### DAY 2

Breakfast and depart on a guided tour of Muscat. Sightseeing highlights include the Oman Museum which houses an excellent collection of chests, khanjars, Bedouin jewellery and pottery, the Grand Mosque, the Muttrah souq, and the 16<sup>th</sup> century Jalili and Mirani Forts. Return to your hotel.

INTERCONTINENTAL MUSCAT

### DAY 3

Drive to the coastal town of Sur, famous throughout Arabia as a major trading port where the dhows (traditional hand built wooden boats) continue to be built in the shipyard. Evening visit to turtle reserve. Return to your hotel.

SUR BEACH HOTEL

### DAY 4

Depart for Wahiba Sands, a sea of high rolling dunes inhabited by Bedouin tribes. Enjoy an exhilarating roller coaster ride on the sand dunes. Drive through the picturesque valley to Wadi Bani Khalid, a clear blue waterhole surrounded by palm groves. Continue to your desert camp for your overnight.

DESERT NIGHTS CAMP

### DAY 5

Depart for Nizwa visiting the 17th century Nizwa fort overlooking the ancient souqs and markets. Continue to Jabreen castle the finest of Oman's castles. Visit Bahla fort, the oldest and first Omani fort to be built in the Islamic style and the village of Tanuf. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. Late afternoon return to your hotel.

GOLDEN TULIP NIZWA

### DAY 6

After breakfast drive to the scenic oasis of Birkat Al Mauz and continue to Al Sawadi. Afternoon at leisure.

AL SAWADI BEACH RESORT

### DAY 7

Private transfer to Seeb International Airport for your onward travel arrangements.

Oman Odyssey from 2595.00 per person

#### DEPARTURE: Daily

Seasonal supplements may apply.

#### Includes:

- Six nights accommodation twin share.
- Full breakfast daily.
- Dinner from day 3 – day 6.
- Lunch at Wahiba Sands and Wadi Bani Khalid.
- Transport in private air conditioned 4WD drive.
- English speaking driver/guide.
- Entrance fees, government taxes & charges.

Extra nights in Muscat available on request.



## MUSANDAM SOJOURN 3 DAYS

Situated on the tip of Arabia the Musandam Peninsula juts into the Straits of Hormuz. Isolated from the rest of Oman by the United Arab Emirates dramatic mountains dominate the landscape which rise straight from the sea creating a fjord-like coastline unique to the region.

## SIX SENSES HIDEAWAY ZIGHY BAY

The Six Senses Hideaway at the wonderfully named Zighy Bay is located between mountains on one side and a private sandy beach on the other. The secluded resort offers 85 pool villas and pool villa suites. The private drive from Dubai to the resort through the Hajar Mountains takes just over two hours. On arrival guests have the choice of an arrival experience, 4WD drive from the top of the hill, by speedboat, or paraglide as a companion with the resort's professional paraglider!

Six Senses Hideaway Zighy Bay from 1375.00 per person

DEPARTURE: Daily  
Seasonal supplements apply

**Includes:**

- Three nights accommodation twin share.
- Full breakfast daily.
- Return private Dubai airport to resort transfers.
- Government taxes & charges.



## EXCURSIONS AND TOURS

### WADI SHAB

Duration: Full Day  
Operates: Daily  
Cost: 225.00

Wadi in Arabic means dry creek or river bed. Travel by 4WD visiting many sights including Bimah Sinkhole on your way to Wadi Shab where you will relax and enjoy a picnic lunch. Continue to the scenic fishing village of Tiwi on the coast before returning to Muscat on the scenic mountain route.



### MYSTICAL MUSCAT

Duration: Half Day  
Operates: Daily  
Cost: 65.00

A must for all first time visitors to Oman. Muscat offers its modern and ancient charms on this tour visiting the Oman Museum, the Museum of Natural History, Sultan Qaboos Mosque and stopping for many photo opportunities. Shop at Muttrah Souq for frankincense, silver and Khanjars.

### FASCINATING FORTS

Duration: Full Day  
Operates: Daily  
Cost: 115.00

Experience the essence of Oman visiting picturesque villages and historical towns. Depart for Nizwa, the ancient capital in the interior province. Visit the 17th Century Fort and the bustling Souq (take this tour on a Friday for the added experience of the cattle and goat auction). The village of Bahla is the next stop before continuing to the fort of Jabrin, one of the prettiest Omani forts.

Excursions are sold **ONLY** in conjunction with our accommodation packages and require a minimum of 2 passengers. Private excursions with private guide are available. All excursions are operated in air conditioned vehicles and depart from your Muscat hotel. Museum visits are subject to change and the museum is closed on Thursday, Friday and Public Holidays. Forts are often temporarily closed for renovations. The Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque in Muscat may only be visited in the morning (closed Friday & public holidays) and women are required to cover their head and shoulders.