

Half Day Tours

A- Muscat City Tour (half day)

Price: 59 OMR for 2 persons

Duration: ½ day

Highlights: Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque – Muttrah Souk – Al Alam Palace

Depart at 8h30 AM

The tour begins with a visit to the magical Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque (except on Fridays), a splendor of unique Islamic architecture. From here you will drive through the Ministries and stop for photo or souvenir shop in Shatti District, the most prestigious district in Muscat. Continue and pass by the brand new Royal Opera house (outside only), this building reflects contemporary Omani architecture, and has a capacity to accommodate maximum of 1,100 people. Sultan Qaboos Bin Said has always been a fan of classical music and arts. Pass by Qurum Corniche where Omanis from Muscat like to take a walk at night with their families. Stop at the traditional Mutrah Souk for some souvenir shopping. Get a glance at Oman's culture, tradition and history at the Museum. You then stroll along for a view of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos's Palace, the Al Alam Palace (outside only), guarded by the two forts, Fort Jalali and Fort Mirani.

From Saturday to Thursday

*Please, note that women have to be fully covered from head to ankles and men should wear long trousers in order to be allowed inside the Grand Mosque.

Price includes:

Pickup and drop off at your hotel

4x4 with English speaking Omani guide

1/2 day tour

Entry fees to Museum

Water on tour

B- Dolphin Watching and snorkelling 3 Hours

Code HD – 02

Price: 25 OMR per person (min. 2 pers)

Duration: ½ day

Highlights: Muscat coastal line – Dolphin watching – swim in Bandar Khayran

Depart at 10 AM

Dolphins are a familiar sight here in Oman; it is home to a variety of dolphins and whale species. You can see the dolphins all year round playing in the waters of Oman and sometimes you don't even have to go far to spot them. They will play in front of your eyes to the joy of the entire family. This trip will also offer you a chance to get wet and discover life under the sea. Your boat will stop in a stunning bay and you can find out for yourself the beauty of marine life in Omani waters.

Program:

Meeting point at Marina Bandar Rhowda 15 mn before 10 AM

Board speed boat for a fun, 3 hour, dolphin watching and snorkeling trip

Snorkeling equipment will be on board

Back to the Marina at 1 PM

Conditions apply if availability and if weather conditions allow it. Advance booking preferred.

C- Snorkeling in the Damayniat Islands

CODE: HD – 03

Price: 59 OMR for 2 persons (including transfers)

Duration: ½ day

Highlights: Damayniat islands – Snorkeling in the coral reef

Depart at 8h00 AM

Enjoy snorkeling in the famous Damayniat Islands.

The Damayniat Islands are the jewels of Oman, a protected group of nine islands, abundant with marine life. The islands with their crystal clear waters invite you to snorkel among the most beautiful corals and colorful fish you can find in the Middle East.

You will snorkel in 2 different sites.

Transfer to and from your hotel included

Price includes:

Transfers to and from your hotel included

Boat transfer to the Damayniat islands

Permit to the Damayniat islands

Snorkeling equipment

Water and snack

D- Sunset Dhow Cruise

Sunset Dhow Cruise

CODE: HD – 04

Price: 86 OMR for 2 persons

Duration: 2 hours

Highlights: Muscat coastal line – Sunset

Depart: 1 hour before sunset – check schedule for departure days

Indulge yourself to a perfect end of the day treat, a sunset Dhow Cruise.

Watch the sun set behind the coastline of Muscat onboard a traditional Dhow.

It is the perfect start to a romantic evening that ends a beautiful day.

Program:

Meeting point at Marina Bandar Rhowda 15 mn before departure

Board Dhow 1 hour before sunset

Includes soft drinks

5 Days/ 4 Nights

Day1: Coast – Wadi Shab and Turtles (L – D)

Your guide will pick you up at your hotel at 9 AM and take you for an incredible journey. Start the tour by going towards Bimah sinkhole, a spectacular limestone crater with inviting blue-green water. Continue to Wadi Shab (optional) which means a “wadi between the cliffs”, enjoy a walk through the wadi, walking shoes are strongly recommended. Going up the wadi you will soon see pools appearing before you and you may also enjoy a refreshing swim in those pools. If you feel brave enough there is a cave that you can reach by swimming underwater or through a very narrow gorge where your head can nearly fit into. Come back to the car and enter Wadi Tiwi with its green pools and lush plantations.

Your next stop will be in Sur, another town famous for its trading and still now famous for its Dhow Building Yard. The sheltered lagoon is a perfect picture with all the white houses of Sur in the background and old Dhows floating ...or not...in the lagoon.

Arrive at Ras Al Hadd in the afternoon where you can relax before dinner and after go for turtle watching. The turtles come to lay their eggs at night and this experience is a memorable one.

Night at Turtle Beach Resort

Entry fees to Turtle reserve not included, 8 OMR/pers.

Day 2: Wadi Bani Khalid – Wahiba sands desert (B – L – D)

After breakfast, you will start by a drive to Wadi Bani Khalid, one of the most picturesque wadis in Oman where water flows all year round. You can cool down in the green pools or walk up the wadi and see more pools with waterfalls. Your journey continues to Wahiba sands, with its golden sand dunes. Meet a Bedouin family, do some dune bashing which consists in going up and down the dunes like a roller coaster with your 4x4. Enjoy the tranquility of the desert at the desert camp before going back up the dune to watch the sunset over the dunes. The night in the desert will be a memorable one.

You will be invited by a Bedouin family for lunch.

Night at Arabian Oryx Camp

Day 3: Wahiba – Nizwa – Bahla (B – L – D)

After a nice breakfast, leave the golden sand dunes behind you and after a stop in Ibra head towards Nizwa. Nizwa was once the capital of Oman, go through the traditional and craft Souk where you can buy some souvenirs before visiting the Fort of Nizwa with its large circular tower and imagine life inside the Fort in the 17th century. The breathtaking view from the tower will show you how big the plantation is.

Continue your journey to Bahla, a charming little town surrounded by an old 12 km long wall; visit the place where they make pottery and also the old fort of Bahla, one of the oldest in Oman.

Dinner in local restaurant.

Night at Al Diyar hotel

Day 4: Nizwa – Jebel Shams – Wadi Nakhr (B – L – D)

Meet your guide after breakfast to travel to Jebel Shams. Before going up the mountain there is an interesting wadi, Wadi Nakhr, a narrow canyon. It is a stunning beautiful place, and is geologically spectacular, being one of the deepest canyons on the planet. Going inside by car is not easy but you can do a small and easy trek in this wadi where there used to be a village where the main activity was weaving because of the permanent floods, this village disappeared.

Your journey then continues to the top of Jebel Shams, “Sun Mountain”, Oman’s highest peak, 3009 m. The cooler temperatures will surprise you as you reach the top to get a spectacular view of the “Grand Canyon”. The stunning landscape will enchant.

Night at Jebel Shams Resort

Day 5: Misfat Al Abreen – Wadi Bani Awf – Bilad Sayt – Muscat (B – L)

A nice breakfast will prepare you for this big journey in the mountains and villages. Head first towards Misfat Al Abreen, set in a stunning landscape above terraced plantations of date palms. This is a rare sight in Oman as most palms are grown on the plains. The ancient houses and ruined watchtower perched on the mountain complete the scene. The track to Wadi Bani Awf is a stunning, exhilarating trip over the mountains. Deep in Oman’s countryside are many villages that still retain their traditional charm and sense of rural solitude. Perhaps the most appealing of these is Bilad Sayt, a tranquil mountain hamlet tucked away in the mountains. The road or should I say track is steep to go on the other side but worth the trip.

Return to Muscat.

10 Days/ 9 Nights

Day 1: Arrival

Meet and transfer to your hotel

Night in a hotel in Muscat

Day 2: Muscat City Tour ½ day

The tour begins with a visit to the magical Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque (except on Fridays), a splendor of unique Islamic architecture. From here you will drive through the Ministries and stop for photo or souvenir shop in Shatti District, the most prestigious district in Muscat.

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Afternoon at leisure

Night in a hotel in Muscat

Day 3: Coast – Wadi Shab and Turtles

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Your next stop will be in Sur, another town famous for its trading and still now famous for its Dhow Building Yard. The sheltered lagoon is a perfect picture with all the white houses of Sur in the background and old Dhows floating ...or not...in the lagoon.

Arrive at Ras Al Jinz in the afternoon where you can relax before dinner and after go for turtle watching. The turtles come to lay their eggs at night and this experience is a memorable one.

Night at Ras Al Jinz Turtle Reserve – 1 DBL room

Dinner at hotel

Entry fees to Turtle reserve included.

Day 4: Wadi Bani Khalid – Wahiba sands desert

Early birds will have a second chance if they wish to go before sunrise and see the turtles, sometimes you can even see the babies coming out of the sand and start a race to the ocean. (To be booked in advance)

After breakfast, you will start by a drive to the Wadi Bani Khalid, one of the most picturesque wadis in Oman where water flows all year round. You can cool down in the green pools or walk up the wadi and see more pools with waterfalls. Your journey continues to Wahiba sands, with its golden sand dunes. Meet a Bedouin family, do some dune bashing which consists in going up and down the dunes like a roller coaster with your 4x4. Enjoy the tranquility of the desert at the desert camp before going back up the dune to watch the sunset over the dunes. The night in the desert will be a memorable one.

Night in a desert camp

Day 5: Ibra – Nizwa

After a nice breakfast, leave the golden sand dunes behind you and after a stop in Ibra for a closer look at the watchtowers proudly looking over villages from the top of the hills.

Head towards Nizwa, which was once the capital of Oman, go through the traditional and craft Souk where you can buy some souvenirs before visiting the Fort of Nizwa with its large circular tower and imagine life inside the Fort in the 17th century. The breathtaking view from the tower will show you how big the plantation is.

Night in a hotel in Nizwa

Day 6: Birkat Al Mauz – Jebel Akhdar

Take a walk in the middle of this palm plantation in Birkat Al Mauz that will take you to the old village where you can see the mud houses. The view point will give you the opportunity to take a great picture of Oman's natural beauty.

Continue your journey to Jebel Akhdar or "Green Mountain" it use to be accessible only by donkey, at present only 4x4 can go there. This mountain offers discovery and adventure. Experience a sense of awe as you witness nature's primordial beauty as seen in the soaring peaks and plunging canyons. The rise of terraces on extremely steep mountain slopes is particularly impressive. There is a trek that goes from one village to another through the terraces and along the falaj system.

Take a picture at the splendid view of the hanging terraces and continue to the remote village of Wadi Bani Habib, which would not look out of place in a cover of the "National Geographic Magazine".

Night in a hotel in Nizwa/ Jebel Akhdar

Day 7: Tanuf – Bahla – Jabrin – Al Hamra – Misfat Al Abreen

First encounter the ruins of Old Tanuf, a relic from bombings during the Jabal War. Continue your journey to Bahla, a charming little town surrounded by an old 12 km long wall; visit the place where they make pottery and also the old Fort of Bahla, one of the oldest in Oman at present under renovation. Continue to Jabrin, for a visit of the Fort which was once the home of the Imam and was built to be a Palace at first, before being used for military purposes. The tomb of the Imam is still located in the Fort. The Jabrin Fort is also believed to be one of the first schools in Oman.

Visit Al Hamra, where you can find some of the oldest preserved houses in Oman.

Your journey ends in Misfat Al Abreen, set in a stunning landscape above terraced plantations of date palms. This is a rare sight in Oman as most palms are grown on the plains. The ancient houses and ruined watchtower perched on the mountain complete the scene.

Night in Misfah Old House, an authentic Omani home nestled in a plantation.

Day 8: Wadi Nakhr – Jebel Shams – trek (optional)

Meet your guide after breakfast to travel to Jebel Shams. Before going up the mountain there is an interesting wadi, Wadi Nakhr, a narrow canyon. It is a stunning beautiful place, and is

geologically spectacular, being one of the deepest canyons on the planet. Going inside by car is not easy but you can do a small and easy trek in this wadi where there used to be a village where the main activity was weaving because of the permanent floods, this village disappeared. Your journey then continues to the top of Jebel Shams, “Sun Mountain”, Oman’s highest peak, 3009 m. The cooler temperatures will surprise you as you reach the top to get a spectacular view of the “Grand Canyon”. The stunning landscape will enchant you.

If you are up to it and have enough time, you may do the trek to the Abandoned village. The view of the Grand Canyon all along the trek is just magnificent. It’s a 2h30 return trek and not too difficult. the abandoned village is literally on the cliff face of Wadi an Nakhr; there is no less than about a 900m drop from the village down to the wadi floor. The route follows a narrow donkey track along the edge of the canyon side at an altitude of 1,900m affording amazing views across the wadi and up to Jebel Shams.

Sleeping in high altitude will get you closer to the stars.

Night in Jebel Shams Resort

Day 9: Wadi Bani Awf – Bilad Sayt – Nakhal – Muscat

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Return to Muscat.

Night in a hotel in Muscat

Day 10: Departure

Transfer from your hotel to the airport.

15 Days/ 14 Nights

Day 1: Arrival

Meet and transfer to your hotel

Night in a hotel in Muscat

Day 2: Muscat City Tour ½ day

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Afternoon at leisure

Night in hotel in Muscat

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Night at Turtle Beach Resort

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Night at Jebel Shams Resort

Day 6: Jebel Shams trek – Wadi Nakhr – Muscat

Trek to the Abandoned village, walk is not compulsory. The view is just magnificent....

Enter Wadi Nakhr, a narrow canyon, geologically spectacular, being one of the deepest canyons on the planet. Go deep inside to visit the village where the main activity is weaving, especially Omani rugs Return to Muscat.

Night in a hotel in Muscat

Day 7: Mussandam

Transfer to Muscat airport. Oman Air, own booking.

Arrive in Khasab (Mussandam) and meet your guide.

Start your tour, Mountain Safari to Jebel Harim. Spectacular scenic routes through mountain and valleysvisit centuries old village of Bait Al Qafil the old house and Khalidiya with its many acacia trees.

Night at Golden Tulip hotel or camping on the beach (your choice)

Day 8: Dhow Cruise

Dhow Cruise to Khor Sham in azure waters through a majestic fjord (Khor) enjoy dolphin watching. The Dhow will anchor at Telegraph Island and Seebi Island for swimming and snorkeling in pristine waters.

Night at Golden Tulip hotel

Day 9: Salalah

Transfer to Khasab airport. Oman Air flight, own booking.

Arrival in Salalah and transfer to your hotel

Night in hotel in Salalah

Day 10: West Salalah ½ day

Visit Nabi Ayub or Job's Tomb just outside the Jabbali village. Continue to Mughsayl, and blow holes, the almost vertical holes, real geological wonders.

Learn about the famous Frankincense trees and the ritual of cutting the frankincense trees.

Night in hotel in Salalah

Day 11: East Salalah

Start your tour with a visit of Sumhuram, the pre-islamic Frankincense port and beloved bird watching spot.

Continue with Wadi Dirbat famous dam in the Dhofar mountain range.

Visit Taqah Fort and drive to a fishermen's village, Mirbat, famous for horses and the Frankincense trade.

Night in hotel in Salalah

Day 12: Muscat

Transfer to Salalah airport.

Flight with Oman Air. Own booking.

Arrive in Muscat and meet your guide and transfer to your hotel.

Night in hotel in Muscat

Day 13: Day at leisure

Night in hotel in Muscat

Day 14: Dolphin watching and snorkeling cruise 3 H

Transfer to the Marina to board the Dolphin watching cruise.

Dolphins are a familiar sight here in Oman; it is home to a variety of dolphins and whale species. You can see the dolphins playing in the waters of Oman. This trip will also stop in a stunning bay and you can find out for yourself the beauty of marine life in Omani waters.

Night in hotel in Muscat

Day 15: Departure

Transfer from your hotel to the airport.

Tour details are mentioned in our website: www.goldentoursoman.com

Please note:

Prices are subject to availability.

Prices are listed as a guide only.

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