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07 Nights and 08 Days Program in
Oman with English Speaking Driver
Cum Guide



DAY 1 – ARRIVAL AT MUSCAT

Arrive Muscat airport.

[Nationals of 103 countries exempted from entry visa \(omanobserver.om\)](http://omanobserver.om)

As per latest announcement by Oman GOVT, European countries listed on the above link, one can get Free Tourist Visa for Oman for 10 days stay period and which is non extendable.

Visa procedure in Oman has changed, all passengers need to apply visa in advance through www.evisa.rop.gov.om / www.rop.gov.om and payment to be made through e-payment gateway in the site. Upon approval of visa application by immigration authorities, the client will receive intimation through email. The clients should carry the print of e-visa document and present to immigration on arrival to stamp visa in passport. The Present Visa fees are OMR 5.00 (USD 14.00) per person per Visa and OMR 20.00 (USD 53.00) per person for 30 day visa. (Visa charges are subject to change as per Oman GOVT).

After immigration and baggage check, you will enter at the general arrival hall and will be met by our English-speaking representative cum driver who will assist you to comfortably embark your vehicle and leave for Hotel. You will arrive at hotel. Check In time is 14:00 hrs. Hotel will try to allocate rooms upon arrival if same is available otherwise, guests can use hotel facilities till the time room allocated to them by check in time at 14:00 hrs. Rest of the day at leisure at the hotel.

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DAY 2 – HALF DAY MUSCAT TOUR

After breakfast, meet your guide at hotel lobby and embark your vehicle \ and drive towards Grand Mosque. Grand Mosque is one of the largest Mosques in the world and at one time, it can accommodate 20,000 worshippers. Grand Mosque has beautiful art work, chandeliers and one piece carpet covering entire prayer hall.

To visit Mosque, one has to be dressed in conservative manner. One should not wear revealing or transparent clothes and should be covered from head to toe. Ladies have to cover their head with a scarf. Grand Mosque is open for the tourists from Saturday to Thursday from 08:00 hrs to 11:00 hrs.

After the visit of Grand Mosque leave for tour of Old Muscat. You will first drive towards Bait Al Zubair Museum; it consists of a concise collection reflecting the splendid Omani Heritage. The collection includes traditional Omani Weapons such as swords, daggers, rifles & their accessories, along with jewelry, cosmetics & costumes from various regions of Oman.

Later, arrive at the official palace of His Majesty, Sultan Qaboos. Al Alam Palace is flanked by two Portuguese fort Jalali and Mirani. Jalali Fort has been completely refurbished and now used as a museum for guests of State and Royal Family. This will be an outside photo stop only as visit to Palace and Fort is not possible due to security reasons.

Later drive along the corniche side and arrive muttrah souq .Muttrah Souq is one of the oldest souq in Oman and the narrow alleys of souq with mystic smell of sandal wood make a great atmosphere. It is a place where you can communicate with local people and can buy souvenirs for friends and family. Return to the hotel after noon around 1300 Hrs. Afternoon at leisure at hotel.

Overnight at Al Falaj Hotel or similar.



DAY 2 – OPTIONAL SUNSET DHOW CRUISE- SIC BASIS

{Operates on Thursday , Friday , Saturday & Monday}

You will be transported to Marina Bandar, where you will board the traditional Arabic Dhow made of wood. Enjoy a Sunset cruise through the Muscat coast with snacks and juices on board. Return transfer to the hotel

Dhow Cruise {Sharing basis}: USD65 per person.

The above cost includes

Return transfers from Hotel in SIC basis

02 Hrs dhow cruise on sharing basis



DAY 3 – MUSCAT / WADI TIWI /SUR

After breakfast, check out from Hotel and meet your Guide at hotel lobby and embark on you 04WDS for exploring interior part of Oman . you will be driving on the black top road and reach at Quriyat at around 10:00 hrs

Quriyat Village, a very large fishing village between the lagoon and the sea. The fisherman goes every morning in sea to catch fishes and then they sell in the market (located at the beach). The port of Quriyat is still guarded by a watchtower. We will have a short photo stop at this village and later continue our drive to Wadi Arbyn.

We will be driving for some time on black top road and then enter in Wady Arbyn. 'Wadi' in Arabic means dead river bed. This is one of the interesting off-road drives in this region and after enjoying the off-road drive, you will exit from Wadi at around 12:00 hrs to drive towards Bima Sink hole

On arriving at Sink hole, a spectacular limestone crater with blue green water at the bottom and this stop will also be a rest stop. Enjoy sometime at the Bima Sinkhole before continuing your drive to the white sandy beach of Fins.

Later drive Wadi Tiwi. This wadi has old village with many farms of banana, papaya, etc. Enjoy a short walk in this old village / farms and continue your drive to Sur. On arrival check in to the Hotel in Sur.

After early dinner at hotel (Dinner charges are not included on the package cost), by 2000 Hrs leave to Turtle reserve to visit. Green turtles travel 100s of kilometer every year for nestling. It is a unique opportunity to sight turtles in their natural inhabitant. The turtle watching tours are lead in various groups by local naturalists. By 2100-Hrs join one of the groups along with your guide. (Sighting Turtles are not guaranteed since it is a natural Turtle reserve) Later return to the hotel.

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DAY 4 – SUR / WADI BANI KHALID / WAHIBA

After breakfast, check out from Sur Plaza, embark the vehicle and drive to Wahiba sands . Conduct orientation drive of the city with a visit to the Dhow Building yard and local souq, fish market of the city before continuing your drive to Wadi bani Khalid.

Dress Code for Swimming at Wadi - As per the Municipality both Men and Women should not wear swimming shorts or bikinis as local people object same. Hence, for swimming, Men should wear shorts (longer ones) and Ladies should wear shorts (longer ones) and T-shirts to cover upper body also otherwise local people object and authorities do not allow swimming.

“Wadi bani Khalid’ in arabic means natural oasis. Arrive Wadi Bani Khaled and visit. Wadi Bani Khaled stands a complete contrast to Wahiba Sands. It is like an oasis in the desert with clear green natural spring water pools. Enjoy a walk in the Wadi or swim in wadi (no towels from our end).

Later continue you drive to Wahiba sands.

The 'Wahiba Sands' often described as a perfect example of Sand Sea consists of large ranges of dunes running from North to South, some attaining a height of about 100 mts and orange in color.

Our experienced drivers will take you on a dune drive tour through the undulating sand dunes to experience the thrills of dune driving. After dune drive, visit Bedouin house and meet Bedouin ladies to know more about their life in desert. Enjoy Omani coffee and dates at their house and what ladies do to survive in desert. Evening watch the spectacular sunset from top of Sand dunes.

Dinner and overnight at Arabian Oryx Camp.



DAY 5 – WAHIBA / NIZWA

Breakfast at the camp and check out from the Camp, board your 04Wds by 0830 Hrs to exit from Desert. By 0900 Hrs you reach black top road and drive for Nizwa after enroute stop at Al Mudarib an old village near Ibra.

Later arrive at Jabreen and visit. Jabreen is the finest of Oman`s castle built in the late 17th century, which became a seat of Omani learning. This castle has extremely well-planned layouts with room for the bali, the ladies` room, the kitchen, the majlis etc. Most of the ceilings are decorated with beautiful paintings with Islamic motifs. The view from the top of the castle is mesmerizing.

Later drive to Bahla and Visit the fort

Bahla was known as mystical village and famous for Arabian potteries. Visit the magnificent mud fort from 12th century which is listed as UNESCO world heritage sites. The Bahla fort represents the typical Omani military fortress, and the area was fenced with 12 kms radius of fort walls. After visit of Bahla fort, Arrive at the old village of Al Hamra and walk through this village. Many of the mud houses found here are dated from 400 years old and some of them are still exist. The old falaj systems are still used for irrigation.

Later drive to hotel and check in to Golden Tulip Nizwa Hotel.

Rest of the day at leisure at hotel.



DAY 6 – NIZWA / MUSANNAH

After breakfast, check out from hotel and embark on your 04WD vehicle and drive to cultural city of Oman.

Arrive at Souq and visit. This is an old traditional souq and there are different spaces/ buildings allocated for vegetables, meat, souvenirs, spices etc. Stroll around the souq. Every Friday, there is cattle market at the souq wherein cattle sellers auction their cattles to locals. They move with cattles in the souq and do the bidding for their cattles. This is a old market for cattles and atmosphere is electrifying especially before Eid.

After visit of Souq, walk towards the Fort.

Nizwa fort with its enormous round tower built in the 17th century by Imam Sultan Bin Saif Al Ya'arubi to defend the route to the interior. The fort dominates the entire area, with the town having grown around the edifice. Access to the top is only by means of a narrow twisting staircase barred by heavy wooden doors, studded with metal. From the top of the tower one can get a bird's eye view of the Nizwa city.

Later visit Birkat Al Mauz.

Birkat Al mauz is a place where locals grow date palm trees. Pass through the old village and the farms of date palm trees. Your guide will explain the complete cultivation process as well as old irrigation system in Oman – Falaj System.

Thereafter drive to Musannah for check in at Barcelo Musannah Resort (EX-Millennium Musannah).

Dinner and overnight at Barcelo Musannah Resort (Previously known as Millennium Resort Musannah).



DAY 7 – HALF DAY NAKHAL

Breakfast at Hotel, Embark your vehicle and leave towards Barkha where you visit the fish and vegetable market at the beach. You will witness fresh catch coming in from the Arabian sea.

From here, drive to one of the most fascinating fort of Oman, Al Hazm Fort.

Arrive at Al Hazm Fort and visit.

Al Hazm Castle was built around the beginning of the 18th century towards the end of the reign of Al Yarubi tribe over Oman when they made Al Rustaq the capital of their state.

After the visit of the fort, embark your vehicle and pass by the Nakhl Village to arrive at Al Thowarah Springs. This warm water full of minerals has been offering relief from the dry surroundings for centuries. Here you will see the Falaj system, which is a cleverly constructed irrigation system. Spend some time at Hot Springs and return to hotel. (Please bring your own Towel). Return to Millennium Mussanah Hotel.

Afternoon free at leisure at Hotel.

Dinner and Overnight at Barcelo Mussanah Resort (EX-Millennium Mussanah).

DAY 8 – DEPARTURE

Breakfast at Hotel.

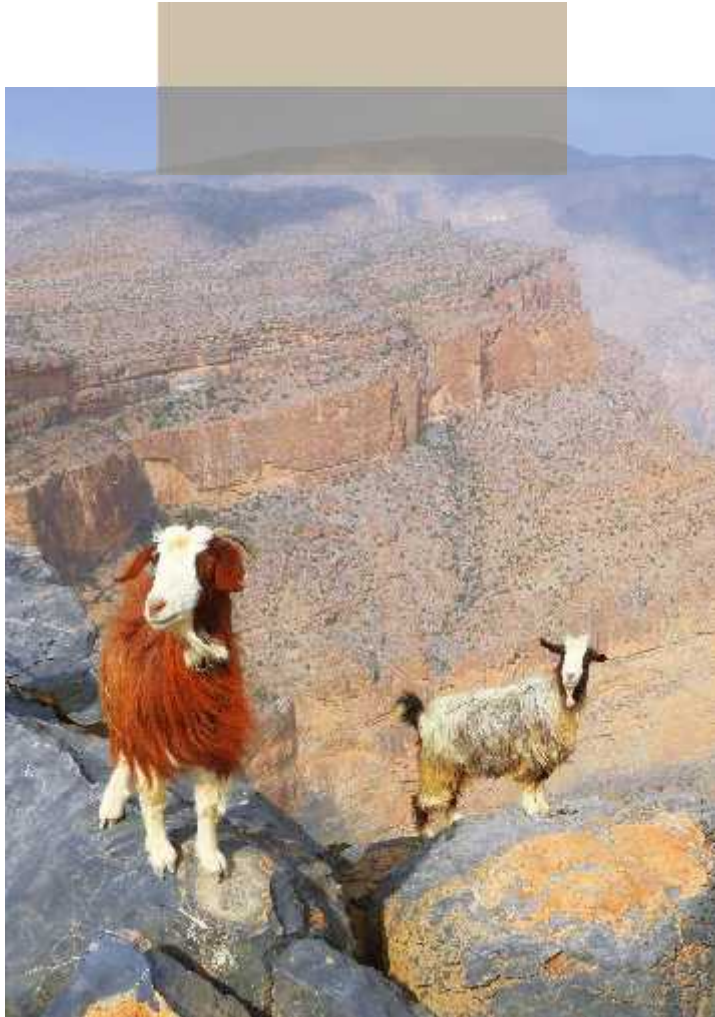
Normal Hotel Check out time is 12 NOON. Departure transfer to airport to connect the flight for next destination.

***** END OF SERVICES *****

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Hotel Envisaged:

Muscat	Al Falaj Hotel	02 Nights
Sur	Sur Plaza	01 Night
Wahiba	Arabian Oryx	01 Night
Nizwa	Golden tulip Nizwa	01 Night
Musannah	Barcelo Musssanah	02 Nights

PRICE VALID FROM:

01 OCT 2021 – 23 DEC 2021 & 06 JAN 2022 - 30 APR 2022 (**INCLUDING VAT**)

PAX SIZE	02 Pax	03 Pax	04 pax	06 pax
Per Person in USD	1618	1374	1210	1291
Single supplement		443		

BELOW SUPPLEMENTS APPLICABLE FOR HOTELS IF BOOKED ON DATES

Al Falaj Hotel & Sur Plaza

- 24 DEC: Compulsory Christmas gala dinner supplement: USD40 per person
- 31 DEC: Compulsory New year gala dinner supplement: USD42 per person

Arabian Oryx

- 31 Dec: Compulsory New year gala dinner supplement: USD42 per person

Golden Tulip Nizwa

- 24 DEC: Compulsory Christmas gala dinner supplement: USD59 per person
- 31 DEC: Compulsory New year gala dinner supplement: USD59 per person



Important Notes:

Barcelo Resorts Musannah (Previously known as Millennium Resort Musannah)-
THERE WILL BE **MLOS 4 NIGHTS** ON BELOW DATES.

- Christmas and New Year Period: 24 Dec 2021 to 07 Jan 2022

Book before 28 FEB 2022: Enjoy discount of USD40 per room per night at Millennium Resorts.

THE ABOVE COST INCLUDES:

- 07-Nights' accommodation in Standard rooms on twin / double sharing basis on bed & breakfast basis.
- Transfers and Muscat city tour using Saloon car (02-Pax) , Large car (04-Pax), Mini Van (7-Pax), Coaster (Mini Bus) 8-Pax onwards
- 04WDs with maximum 04-pax + 01 driver will be used from day 03 – day 07
- English speaking driver guide from day 02– day 07
- All entrance fees mentioned on the above itinerary.
- 03-Dinners on Day 4, Day 6 & 7.
- VAT 5 %

THE ABOVE COST DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Any items like tips, laundry, telephone expenses, and meals other than mentioned.
- Any beverages during meals
- Visa / Visa cost
- Any lunches
- Any flight fare.



Important Notes:

- Language speaking guide (German / Italian): USD 1160 per guide. (DAY 01 – Day 07)

Note: Maximum capacity in a 04WD is 04 Pax + 01 Driver) In case there are 04-pax + language speaking guide travelling together, please calculate USD 950 for additional per 04WDs accordingly.

Notes: Please note down hotels are subject to availability, incase any hotel not available, we need to find an alternative and will advise you the difference (Either a reduction or an additional supplement).

Important notes:

The above quotes are based on current tax structure of Oman and including VAT from 01 April 2021 onwards. In case of any change in tax structure introduced by Government, will be billed accordingly.

- Normal check in time is 1400 hrs and check out time is 1200 hrs
- Travco Oman reserves the right to cancel any part of the schedules program and /
- or to allocate the group to Hotel/s of similar standards for reasons beyond our control.
- All timings and distances given are approximate, There are many places enroute where road widening construction is happening , hence are chances to delays in reaching each destinations/ sites due to slow traffic .
- Travco Oman does not accept any responsibility for losses or expenses due to
- Delays, sickness, weather, strikes, war, quarantine, flooding or other causes.
- No refund will be made for unused portion of the tour / tours.
- Friday is the weekend in Oman.
- Forts will close at 1100 hrs on Fridays.
- Any change in the Government tax structure will reflect in the final invoice only.
- Sight seeing places mentioned above are currently open and in case of sudden
- Closure, Travco will not be held responsible for the changes.
- Meals & drinks not mentioned above and any extras have to be settled by the
- clients before check out from the hotels.
- Incase the tour dates falls on Eid day , Monuments / Souks will be closed.