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## Self-drive road trip Northern Oman 6 Nights & 7 Days



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# Sultanate of Oman – Beauty has an address



Oman is an intoxicating mix of incredible scenery and fascinating culture. On this short group tour we take in the very best of the country, visiting the towns of Muscat and Nizwa, packed full of history before heading further inland. Follow ancient spice trails, tackle the dunes of the Wahiba Sands, meet traditional communities and enjoy superb coastal scenery in this enigmatic corner of Arabia.

## HIGHLIGHTS & ITINERARY

Start and end in Muscat! With the discovery tour Oman - From the Desert to the Coast, you have a 8 day tour package taking you through Muscat, Oman and 8 other destinations in Oman. Oman - From the Desert to the Coast is a small group tour that includes accommodation as well as an expert guide, meals, transport and more.

Self-drive road trip to the highlights of Northern Oman



# Day 01

## Arrival Muscat – Transfer to Hotel

Arrival at the airport in Muscat in the morning. A representative of our agency awaits you and brings you to the hotel. As a small introduction to your Oman adventure, one of our tour guides will assist you today for a half-day city exploration. Visit the Grand Mosque of Sultan Qaboos, one of the most famous mosques in the Middle East. Admire the imposing, hand-knotted prayer rug and the gigantic crystal chandelier. Note: The mosque can be visited daily from 08:00 until 11:00, except on Fridays. If the city tour is due to your arrival time in the afternoon, you can do the tour on your own the next day. Later we drive through the government district, past the Royal Opera and the city beaches of Qurum, to the Old Souk located at the Muttrah waterfront, which, with its winding alleys, colors and smells, represents the Arabia of bygone days. At the Sultan's Palace, between the medieval fortresses Mirani and Jalali, we take a short walk. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

**Over night in Muscat**



# Day 02

**Handover of the vehicle and detailed expert briefing. Exploring the wadis and fortresses in the Al Batinah region.**

After breakfast transfer of the four-wheel drive vehicle and handover of your information material. Extensive briefing with an expert of our agency about the itinerary, as well as a detailed briefing on the topic of safety and traffic rules in Oman. Afterwards you start your Oman adventure in the direction of Nakhal. The lovingly restored fortress of Nakhal, from the 17th century, is spectacularly perched on a rocky outcrop overlooking the oasis. The origin of this fortress goes back to the Yoruba dynasty. Continue to the hot spring in Thawarah, just a few minutes from the fort. Then drive towards Wadi Mistal. After a short time the asphalt road ends and we drive over gravel roads to Wakan. The picturesque village in the Hajar Mountains is a popular destination for hikers. We also leave our car here and take a walk through the orchards and the village. Then we cross the wadi Bani Awf and Sahtan, which are characterized by steep ravines and bizarre rock formations. After driving through this magnificent landscape, we reach Rustaq. Here we can take a photo stop at the old fortress. Our last destination for today is the Fort Al Hazm. Built in 1708 and restored not too long ago, it is considered one of the most interesting and largest fortifications in the country. Then return to Muscat.



**Over night in Muscat**

# Day 03

## Muscat – Wadi Shab – Sur

Breakfast in the hotel. Today you drive along the coastal road from Muscat to Sur. We cross the Wadi Quriyat from Muscat on well-developed asphalt roads. The road will take you from time to time all the way down to the shores of the Indian Ocean, offering views of the sea and the beautiful white sandy beaches. On the way you pass the Bimah Sinkhole, a millennia-old limestone crater that is fed underground with seawater. Before you reach the port city of Sur, we take a short walk in the picturesque Wadi Shab, one of the most beautiful dry river valleys in the country. In Sur you will visit a Dhow shipyard, where even today the typical Omani wooden ships are made without nails and glue in an old tradition.



Over night in Sur

## Day 04

### Sur – Wadi Bani Khalid – Wahiba Sands desert

Start your program of today after breakfast and drive towards the Wahiba desert. You visit Wadi Bani Khalid; the most beautiful wadi in the Al Sharqiyah region. The river never completely dries out, so several pools filled with turquoise water, surrounded by lush greenery, invite you to cool off. From there it goes on into the desert. At 3 pm, you will meet our Bedouin guide at the Al Maha petrol station in Al Wasil and drive to the desert camp. The Wahiba Sands extend over an area of 15000 km<sup>2</sup> in the east of the Sultanate and to the coast of the Indian Ocean.

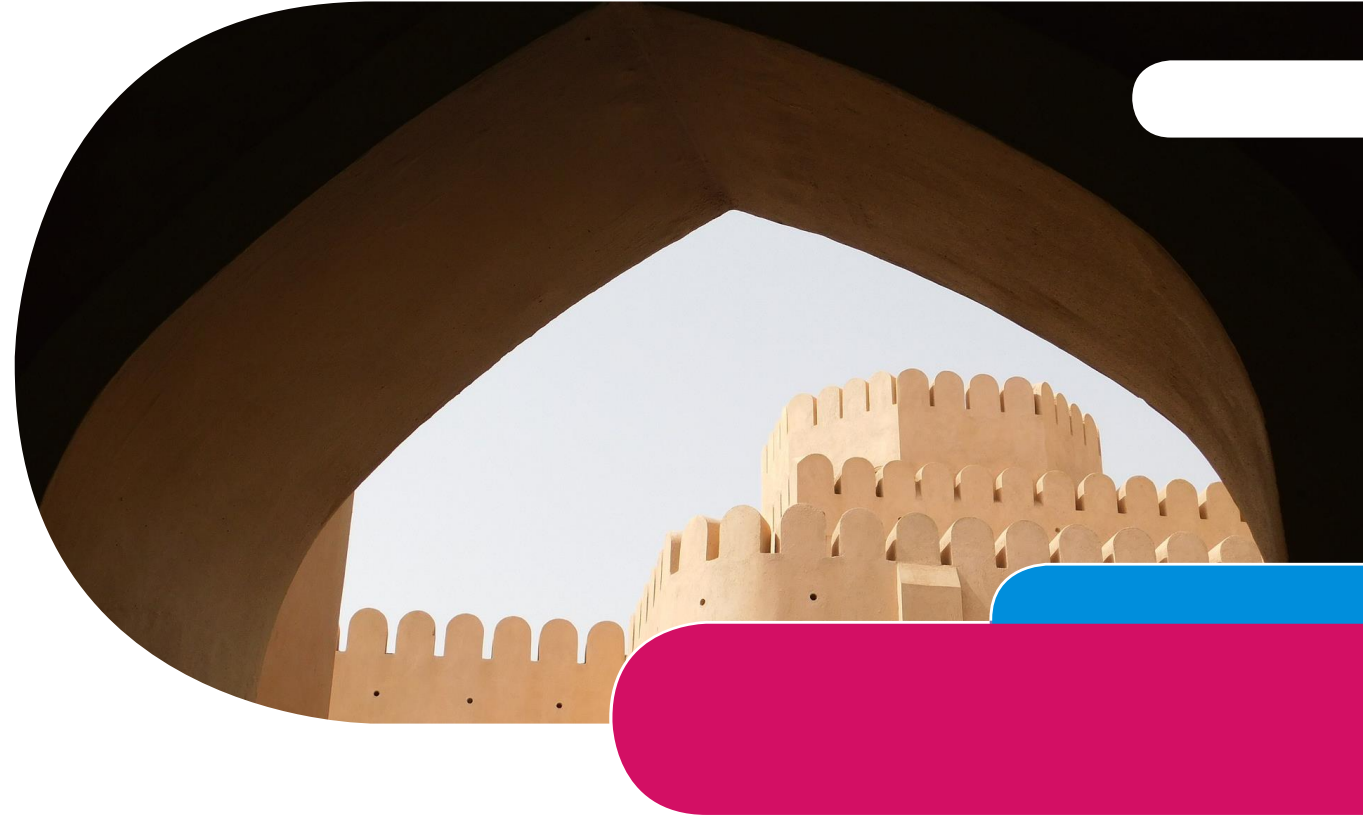


Over night in a desert camp - Wahiba

## Day 05

### Wahiba – Ibra – Jabrin – Nizwa

After breakfast, drive to Ibra, where you will visit the old town with its abandoned mud buildings. Then it goes on to the Imams palace of Jabrin. It was built in the 17th century and should not be missed on a journey through Oman. The residential castle was designed as a fortress and is known for its richly decorated old wooden ceilings. The journey takes us now to the oasis city Bahla. In addition to a well-preserved city wall, there is a UNESCO World Heritage fortress and a traditional pottery. Continue to the old capital of Oman, Nizwa.



Over night in Nizwa





## Day 06

### Nizwa – Al Hamra – Jebel Shams - Nizwa

The oasis city of Nizwa has always been a political and religious center of Oman. Since 751, Nizwa was the capital of the country until the 12th century, and during the reign of the Yoruba dynasty in the 17th century, the city once again became important. The mighty round tower of the fortress and the dome of the Sultan Qaboos Mosque can be seen from far. You will visit the fortress, which offers a panoramic view of the area, and explore the souk district. Here you will find fruit and vegetable markets, fish, silver jewelry and in the old part spices and everyday items. Continue to the Hajar Mountains. In Al Hamra, known for its ancient mud buildings, we visit the Bait Safa, where they learn more about traditional Omani crafts in the home of a local family. From here we drive through a spectacular mountain landscape up to a high plateau on Jebel Shams. With a height of 3009 meters, the mountain is the highest of the entire Arabian Peninsula. From the plateau we have a great view of the Grand Canyon of Oman, a unique geological window. Departure to the valley



**Over night in Nizwa**

# Day 07

## Nizwa – Muscat

After breakfast drive back to Muscat via Fanja, where we take a walk in the oasis and stroll through the old souk. Return of the rental car at Muscat airport.



## INCLUSIONS

- PICK-UP & COLLECTION OF THE CAR @ MUSCAT AIRPORT
- ENGLISH SPEAKING DRIVER UPON ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE
- ACCOMMODATION

**2 NIGHTs in Al Falaj or Similar – Muscat**

**1 NIGHT in Sur Plaza or Similar - Sur**

**1 NIGHTs in Arabian Oryx Camp or Similar - Wahiba**

**2 NIGHT in Al Diyar or Similar – Nizwa**

MEALS

### **BREAKFAST & DINNER**

- SIGHT SEEING TOURS
- EXPERT BRIEFING SESSION
- SELF DRIVE KIT (TABLET WITH LOCAL SIM CARD & NAVIGATION SOFTWARE, COUNTRY MAP & COOLING BOX)
- BEDUINE GUIDE TO THE DESERT CAMP

## EXCLUSIONS

- VISA CHARGES
- AIR FARES
- TRAVEL INSURANCE
- MEALS OTHER THAN MENTIONED
- EXPENSES OF PERSONAL IN NATURE
- ANYTHING WHICH IS NOT SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED IN THE INCLUSIONS PART

# NOTES

- The cost is based **on Per person**. Any change in the no. of people travelling will lead to change in package cost.
- This is a quote only and we have not made any booking for you. Prices offered are based on availability at the time of quoting. It may differ at the time of actual reservation based on availability.
- The price is based on NON REFUNDABLE HOTEL RATES for which immediate prepayment will be required. More flexible deadlines are possible with consequently rates increase.
- In case of exceptional occurrences, the program and the timing of the day in which they take place might be subjected to changes without undermining the good quality of the services.
- Please advise your acceptance of the above quote and Itinerary through email, In order to proceed with the booking
- The package rate is subject to change with the change in currency exchange rate as on the prevailing date.
- The standard check-in and check-out time of hotels are 1400hrs and 1200hrs respectively.
- It is recommended that you take insurance to cover you during your travel, medical expenses in case of an accident/illness, loss of baggage/passport/personal effects, etc.
- It is responsibility of passengers to ensure that their passports and visas are valid for travel. Kindly contact the relevant Embassy or Consulate for same. Passport should be valid at least 6 months beyond period of stay.
- Visa Note:- Granting or rejecting visas and immigration clearance is the sole prerogative of the concerned sovereign governments and we at PSTTOUR can only facilitate in the entire process. We at PSTTOUR shall neither be responsible in case of non-granting of such documents. Even if the visas are rejected, cancellation charges/fees shall be payable by the Client. There will be no refund, if the Clients, or any member of his party, is unable to travel due to the said reasons.



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