

Glimpses of Oman

4 nights/5 days



Day 01: Muscat (2 Nights)

Welcome to Oman. Arrive at Muscat International airport, where you will be met with our representative and assisted with your transfer to the hotel. You have the rest of the day at leisure. Overnight stay at Muscat.

Day 02: Muscat – Half Day City Tour

Muscat offers the visitor a unique opportunity to witness a modern commercial centre existing in harmony with its traditional culture. The tour of the Grand Mosque (except Friday) & Bait Al Zubair Museum (except Friday) is a brief introduction that traces Oman's history and development. Drive along the waterfront Corniche visiting the Fish Market & the colourful Muttrah Souq. Later we proceed for a photostop to the magnificent Al Alam Palace, official palace of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos flanked by the 16th century Portugese forts Mirani & Jalali. After completion of the tour, return to your hotel.

Overnight in Muscat

Note: Ladies to be fully covered and to carry a head scarf and men in trousers

Meal: Breakfast

Day 03: Muscat – Quriyat – Sur – Ras Al Hadd (1 Night)

After breakfast, check-out and depart by 4WD to Ras Al Junaiz via the scenic and rugged coastal route. This tour offers breathtaking glimpses of the blue waters of the Gulf of Oman offset by pristine white beaches. We drive past the fishing village of Quriyat. There is a good chance of spotting Flamingos and Eagles at an inland stream. Visit the picturesque Wadi Arabayeen with its deep pools of water set among the date palms. We then proceed to the Bimah sinkhole, a spectacular limestone crater with blue green water at the bottom. On clear sunny days while driving along the coast one might chance to see sharks in the deep blue waters or fleet footed Gazelles sprint across the landscape. The mausoleum of Bibi Miriam at Qalhat stands as testimony of a bygone era. As we continue from here the road winds through mountain terrain offering breathtaking glimpses of the blue waters of the ocean enroute. We continue our drive to Ras Al Junaiz , a sanctuary for the green turtles. Check into the hotel. At night we take a short drive to the Ras Al Jinz Scientific Centre where we are escorted to the beach by trained guides to watch the turtles coming into nest on the sands. Overnight in Ras Al Hadd.

Meal: Breakfast

Day 04: Ras Al Hadd – Wahiba Sands – Muscat (1 Night)

After breakfast and check-out and proceed to visit Wadi Bani Khalid. It comprises of small pretty villages embedded in the mountains. The Wadi has clear deep blue water. It is advisable to wear light comfortable clothing and walking shoes. The Wahiba Sands, a vast mass of undulating red and white sea of sand and dunes rising upto 200 meters are also host to a variety of flora and fauna. The ever-

changing patterns of the dunes are a photographer's delight. Experience a roller coaster like feeling as our experienced drivers drive you over the dunes. The Wahiba Sands is also home to the traditional Bedouin tribe who are known for their hospitality and their knowledge of the sands. We will stop by a Bedouin family in their traditional and simple habitat. Overnight in Muscat.

Meal: Breakfast

Day 05: Muscat – Dolphin Watching - Airport

Today after breakfast, transfer from your hotel to the Marina to embark on a boat as we search the seas for Dolphins and Whales. Watching wild dolphins is a thrilling way to start the day and the lucky may even come across one of the many species of whales that can be found just a few kilometers from Muscat's rugged coast. Not every trip guarantees a sighting, but you are sure to enjoy a trip out to sea and enhance your knowledge of nature's most fascinating marine mammals. Later transfer to the airport for your onward flight or back home.

Meal: Breakfast

*****Come home with wonderful memories of the tour*****

Inclusions:

- 03 nights hotel accommodation in Muscat & 01 night at Ras al Hadd beach hotel at suggested or similar category hotels
- Meals – Breakfast as specified in the itinerary above
- Dolphin Watching on Shared Coach Basis
- 01 4WD/ Saloon car with English speaking chauffeur as per the itinerary above
- Oman visa, all entrances. Water during the tour