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OMAN ADVENTURE 2022 – Itinerary

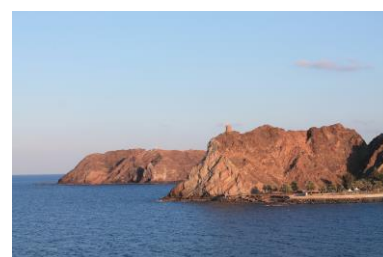


DAY 1

Welcome to the Sultanate of Oman!

Your personal chauffeur will drive you to your hotel for the first two nights. Stroll along the beach to relieve yourself from the jetlag. A variety of restaurants and cafes are within a walkable distance from your hotel.

Overnight Hotel Levatio



DAY 2

The magic of Muscat

Today you visit the 5th largest mosque in the world, the Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque. Passing by the diplomatic quarter, you will be taken to the oldest and largest market in the country, Muttrah souq. This is a time for you to shop for your Omani souvenirs. Walk through its narrow alleys where the air is filled with the smell of frankincense and sandalwood. Next stop is the Al Alam Palace where the Sultan receives his state guests. The palace is flanked by two Portuguese fortresses, Al Jalali (1578) to the right and Al Mirani (1581) to the left. At the museum, you will witness traditional artefacts and traces of history and pre-history of Muscat. Afterwards visit Bait Al Zubair Museum, with traditional artefacts based on personal collections. Drive along the corniche to Muttrah souq. It is the oldest and largest market in Oman. You will have time to go for a walk through its narrow alleys where the air is filled with the smell of frankincense and sandalwood.

See Muscat on a boat cruise while sipping an Omani kahwa!

Overnight Hotel Levatio (Breakfast/Lunch)



DAY 3

Coast, Wadis and Turtles

Today you will drive along the coast. On your way to Wadi Abriyeen, you will be graced by the views of high rigged cliffs and deep valleys. You will find a green oasis which is tucked away between the mountains. At the centre of the wadi you will arrive at a village which is home to many small crystal clear fresh water pools, providing refreshing swims after the drive. Further down the main road, visit Wadi Shab, one of the most beautiful Wadis in Oman. At the turtle reserve in Ras Al Jinz, you have the unique opportunity to witness the Green Sea Turtles coming ashore to lay their eggs in the safety of the night. Rangers will guide you to the nesting places of the turtles. The government has taken charge for the protection of this endangered species.

Overnight Turtle Beach Resort (Breakfast/Dinner)



DAY 4**Sand & Stone**

In the morning you take a coastal drive before reaching Wadi Bani Khalid. We embark on a stunning drive through the Sharqiya region. As for the main destination of the day, you travel through the elevations of the vast Wahiba desert. Before sunset you will climb one of the high dunes close to the camp so you can enjoy the stunning sunset. The stay at the authentic desert camp, with local cuisine and entertainment is an experience everyone will enjoy.

Overnight at the Sama Al Wasil Camp (Breakfast & Dinner)

**DAY 5****The Green Mountain**

Get in your 4WD and drive towards the Hajar Mountains. From a far, you will see the watchtowers situated on a hill that is surrounded by the village of Mudayrib. In the village itself, you will be graced with the beauty of some well-maintained clay structures dating back several hundred years. The Al Kanajirah Fort which is located on the hill east of the souk is a must-see. Another highlight would be the carved town gate on the northern front of the village. Whilst strolling through the lively market, you will find many traditional houses with impressive wooden doors, some of which originated in Zanzibar. Continue your round trip and visit Nizwa. Explore the cultural capital of the country where its souk is still the best place to buy silver in the country. This is followed by a photo stop at Nizwa Fort. Entry to the fort is optional. Oman's most beautiful castle from the 17th Century is Jabreen. Another UNESCO World Heritage sit, Bahla Fort is the oldest and biggest fort in the Country.

Overnight Nizwa Hotel Apartment (Breakfast and Dinner)

**DAY 6****Nizwa, the Cultural Capital**

Start the day visiting Al Hamra is a village that was restored by the Government, and it represents how the Omani population was living in early years. A truly enriching experience. Afterwards you will visit Misfat Al Abriyeen, a mountain village built of dressed stone. It is one Oman's finest medieval settlements and has not lost any of its nativeness during the centuries. It lies at the base of Jebel Shams and the old village center is surrounded by terrace-like palm tree plantations. Aflaj canals cross the gardens where you have the opportunity to walk in the shade. To the west of Al Hamra lies the road winding up to Jebel Shams, the mountain of the sun. It is the highest mountain of the Arabic world and reaches 3009 m above sea level. The drive to the peak is adventurous; you pass the old village of Ghul with its green terrace fields.

Overnight Jebel Shams Resort (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)

**DAY 7****Wadi Bani Awf to Muscat**

After a nice breakfast in the mountains, your journey continues to the Al Hoota Cave (optional). This is one of the largest underground cave systems in the world. Whilst in the cave, you will come across a lake where the temperature stays at a constant 23 degrees Celsius. The lake is home to blind fish, which are close to transparency. As the lake is very deep, it has only been partly surveyed as far as 150 meters. Due to the fragile surroundings and eco-system in this cave, the visitors are advised to manoeuvre with caution to minimize any potential damage. Your rugged route to Muscat consists of a stop at the charming village of Bilad Sayt, which is followed by one of the most exhilarating off-road rides through Wadi Bani Awf. A spring that starts somewhere in the mountain and is distributed through the Falaj system to the surrounding villages. Visit the hot springs of Nakhl and stroll around its 350-year-old fort before heading towards Muscat.

You now have the option to finish your visit, or extend your stay.

If you extend, you will go to your beach resort to relax.

Overnight at Crowne Plaza Muscat (Breakfast)

DAY 8 – Muscat beaches

Spend the day at leisure relaxing at your beach resort.

Overnight at Crowne Plaza Muscat (Breakfast)

DAY 9 - Ma'a as-Salama!

Today it is time to say goodbye to a fantastic journey with exciting experiences, colourful impressions and new friendships. Enjoy your last day in Muscat before your transfer back to the airport.

Crowne Plaza Muscat (Breakfast)

Flexible options: *We tailor many of our programmes for clients. If you wish to amend the itinerary content by staying somewhere longer, or wish to upgrade the accommodation, or extend the stay on the coast at the end, just ask us and we will provide you with a proposal.*

Price:

£1699* per person based on two people travelling (7-day programme) sharing a twin/double room for ground arrangements only.

£1995* per person based on two people travelling (9-day programme) sharing a twin/double room for ground arrangements only.

*The price is subject to the time of travel, availability and confirmation at the time of booking.

A 10% deposit is requested at time of booking and cancellation is free up to from 45 days prior to arrival (then 25% until 35 days prior when it is 100%). You should have your own travel and COVID travel insurance.

Flights:

International flights are not included, but we can advise if you wish and if you let us know your originating location.

Accommodation:

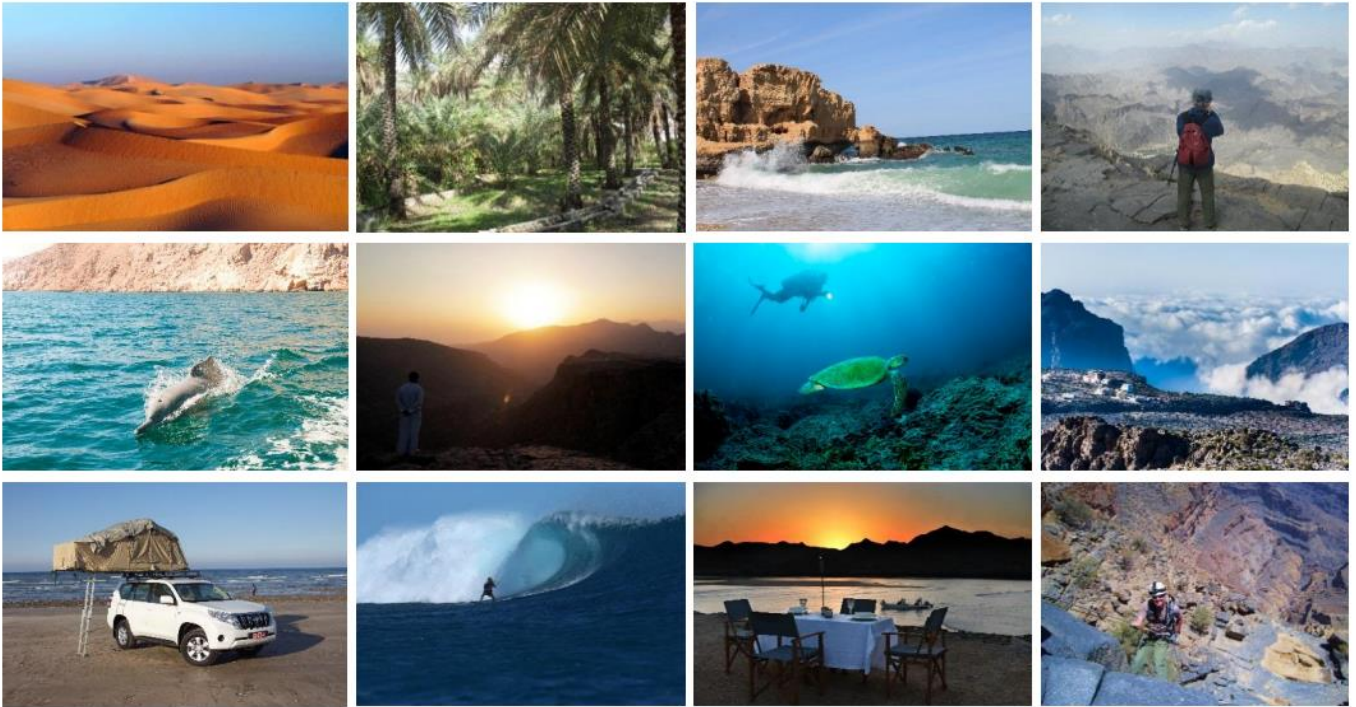
- Levatio Hotel 4* – Deluxe City View Room
- Ras al Jinz Turtle Beach Resort 2* – Hamoor Sea View Room
- Sama Al Wasil Desert Camp 3* - Standard Chalet
- Nizwa Hotel Apartments 3* - One bedroom apartment
- Jebal Shams Resort 3* - Chalet
- Crowne Plaza Muscat - 4* City View rooms

Inclusions:

- 6 or 8 nights at Hotels/Camps as per itinerary or equivalent
- 6 or 8 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 4 dinners
- Arrival transfers from Muscat Airport
- Airport or Hotel transfers at the end of the itinerary
- Entrance fees to sites as per the itinerary
- Boat trip Omani Dhow on day 2
- Turtle watching with Omani ranger
- English speaking guide
- Trip may be shared with other guests – please request if you do not wish to do so
- 4x4 vehicle and driver
- One piece of luggage per person

Exclusions

- International flights
- Oman visa, tips and personal expenses



Please come back to us with any questions or comments you may have.

Kind regards,
The Product Team, Earth Cultures Limited.