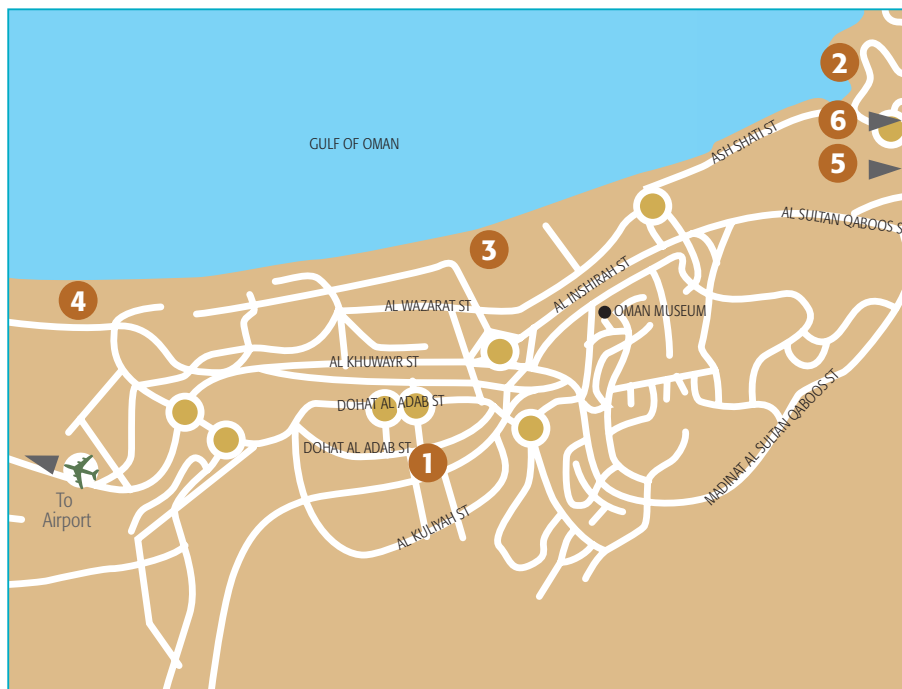


# OMAN

A country rich in beauty and culture, that extends back thousands of years, Oman is an alluring and fascinating destination. From the vast desert ranges to the crystal blue coastlines and the magnificent oasis', it is a land of natural treasures. Explore the architectural delights of the Round Tower Fort of Nizwa, the Natural History Museum and the Al Jalali Fort. Discover the traditional lifestyle of the Bedouin by visiting one of the many camps, which are spread throughout the Wadi Sands. Be adventurous and try a range of activities, from rock-climbing in the deep canyons and wadis to camel riding and desert trekking. Dive into the picturesque waters of Salalah where you will discover the unique marine life. Wander through the local markets along the Corniche and the Old Muttrah souq where you can shop for keepsakes and treasures.

- CLIMATE:** Oman has warm desert weather all year round. However the winter is the best time to travel with temperatures averaging 25-30°C. The summer period is hot and humid with temperatures peaking to 47°C.
- CURRENCY:** Omani Rial (OMR).
- ELECTRICITY:** UK and European plug.
- VISA:** A single entry visa can be obtained upon entry into Oman, which is valid for 30 days at a charge of approximately OMR6. Australian citizens can obtain a single entry visa prior to departure if they prefer from the Consulate-General at a cost of approximately AUD\$42.
- GETTING THERE:** Emirates, Etihad and Thai Airways.

## MUSCAT HOTEL LOCATIONS



		AVERAGE TEMPERATURE °C											
		jan	feb	mar	apr	may	jun	jul	aug	sep	oct	nov	dec
HIGH		25	25	28	32	37	38	36	33	34	30	26	
LOW		19	19	22	26	30	31	31	29	28	27	23	20

## Oman Citybreak

3 Days/2 Nights | Operates Daily

**Day 1:** Transfer from Muscat airport to your hotel. Overnight **Muscat**.

**Day 2:** Take a city tour of Muscat visiting the Grand Mosque\*, Natural History Museum, Old Town, Mirani and Jalali Forts and Muttrah Souq. Overnight **Muscat**. (B)

**Day 3:** After breakfast transfer to Muscat airport. (B)

**Includes:**

- Return Transfers
- 2 Nights accommodation with breakfast
- Half day city tour of Muscat

## Oman Explorer

4 Days/3 Nights | Operates Daily

**Day 1:** Transfer from Muscat airport to your hotel. Overnight **Muscat**.

**Day 2:** Day tour of Nizwa – the historical and heritage capital of Oman, Bahla, a mystical town, home to one of the most beautiful fortresses in Oman, Jabrin Fort and a final stop back at Nizwa to view the fort and souks. Return to Muscat via the oasis and plantations of Birkat Al Mauz. Overnight **Muscat**. (B)

**Day 3:** Take a city tour of Muscat visiting the Grand Mosque\*, Natural History Museum, Old Town, Mirani and Jalali Forts and Muttrah Souq. Overnight **Muscat**. (B)

**Day 4:** After breakfast transfer to the Muscat airport. (B)

**Includes:**

- Return Transfers
- 3 Nights accommodation with breakfast
- Half day city tour of Muscat
- Day tour of Nizwa, Bahla and Jabrin

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Minimum stays and Easter supplements may apply. Additional hotels and regions are available upon request.

# Muscat

## 1 RADISSON BLU 4★



15 minutes from the airport, the hotel is situated in the city's main commercial centre. Hotel features restaurants, bars, health club, swimming pool and business centre. All rooms offer minibar, TV, safe, air-conditioning and free broadband.

RATES ARE PER PERSON (AUD) WITH BUFFET BREAKFAST	CITYBREAK			EXPLORER			PER NIGHT		
	TWN	TRP	SGL	TWN	TRP	SGL	TWN	TRP	SGL
Jan 1-May 31 & Sep 1-Oct 31	648	N/A	1190	1182	N/A	2256	234	N/A	468
Jun 1-Aug 31	509	N/A	911	973	N/A	1838	164	N/A	328

## 2 CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL 4★



Located on a cliff with views of the Gulf of Oman and only a 5 minute drive from the shopping area of Qurum. All rooms have satellite TV and mini bar. Hotel features a gym, day spa, business centre and children's swimming pool.

RATES ARE PER PERSON (AUD) WITH BUFFET BREAKFAST	CITYBREAK			EXPLORER			PER NIGHT		
	TWN	TRP	SGL	TWN	TRP	SGL	TWN	TRP	SGL
Jan 1-May 12 & Sep 18-Oct 31	642	529	1177	1173	916	2237	231	187	461
Mar 13-Sep 17	553	470	999	1040	827	1971	186	157	373

## 3 GRAND HYATT HOTEL 5★



Located on Shatti Al Qurum Beach. Rooms feature TV, minibar and valet services. Hotel offers 8 restaurants and bars. Hotel features pool, health club, gym, boat trips and recreational aquatic activities, beauty salon and gift shops.

**Honeymooners: Sparkling wine, flowers and chocolates upon arrival. Room upgrade subject to availability.**

RATES ARE PER PERSON (AUD) WITH BUFFET BREAKFAST	CITYBREAK			EXPLORER			PER NIGHT		
	TWN	TRP	SGL	TWN	TRP	SGL	TWN	TRP	SGL
Jan 10-May 31 & Sep 8-Oct 31	732	607	1357	1308	1032	2507	276	225	551
Jun 1-Sep 7	574	502	1042	1072	875	2035	197	173	394

## 4 THE CHEDI 5★



Located on Boushar beachfront offering 85,000 square metres of private beach. Rooms are equipped with air conditioning, mini bar, satellite TV and safe. Facilities include spa, swimming pools, fitness centre, restaurants and bars.

RATES ARE PER PERSON (AUD) WITH BUFFET BREAKFAST	CITYBREAK			EXPLORER			PER NIGHT		
	TWN	TRP	SGL	TWN	TRP	SGL	TWN	TRP	SGL
Jan 10-May 7 & Oct 1-31	893	N/A	1679	1549	N/A	2990	356	N/A	712
May 8-Sep 30	619	N/A	1131	1138	N/A	2168	219	N/A	438

## 5 AL BUSTAN PALACE 5★



Set against a dramatic mountain backdrop on 200 acres of private beach and lush green gardens. All rooms feature satellite TV, in-room safe, mini bar, iron/ironing board and tea/coffee making facilities. The property has an infinity pool, several restaurants, health and fitness centre, children's pool and playground and beauty salon.

RATES ARE PER PERSON (AUD) WITH BUFFET BREAKFAST	CITYBREAK			EXPLORER			PER NIGHT		
	TWN	TRP	SGL	TWN	TRP	SGL	TWN	TRP	SGL
Jan 5-Mar 26 & Apr 10-May 15 & Oct 1-31	1145	N/A	2184	1887	N/A	3666	441	N/A	883
Mar 27-Apr 9	1283	N/A	2460	2094	N/A	4080	510	N/A	1021
May 16-Sep 30	957	N/A	1807	1604	N/A	3100	347	N/A	694

## 6 SHANGRI LA AL WAHA 5★



Nestled alongside the bay of Al Jissah in a dramatic desert setting of rugged mountains and inviting beaches. All rooms feature complimentary broadband internet access, satellite TV, mini bar, coffee/tea making facilities and electronic safe. The hotel offers several swimming pools, various restaurants, lounges and bars and spa.

RATES ARE PER PERSON (AUD) WITH BUFFET BREAKFAST	CITYBREAK			EXPLORER			PER NIGHT		
	TWN	TRP	SGL	TWN	TRP	SGL	TWN	TRP	SGL
Jan 8-Feb 12 & Feb 21-Mar 26 & Apr 11-Oct 22	845	703	1584	1437	1149	2765	291	246	583
Feb 13-20 & Mar 27-Apr 10 & Oct 23-30	983	795	1859	1643	1287	3179	360	292	720

# Wahiba Sands

## DESERT CAMP NIGHT 5★



Located 11 kilometers from Al Wasil, in the middle of the Wahiba Sands desert. This desert night camp offers accommodation with their own bathroom and showers. It can also accommodate families in 2 bedroom units for up to 4 persons. Amenities include a tented lobby, a restaurant and a pub.

RATES ARE PER PERSON (AUD) WITH BUFFET BREAKFAST	PER NIGHT		
	TWN	TRP	SGL
Jan 1-Apr 30	369	O/R	525
May 1-Sep 30	230	O/R	382
Oct 1-31	418	O/R	678

# Sur

## SUR PLAZA HOTEL 3★



Situated in the picturesque town of Sur, renowned for its old fishing village, 300 km from Muscat the capital city. All rooms with A/C and feature satellite television, fully stocked mini-bar, in room safe and high-speed Internet access points. The property amenities include a restaurant, several bars, an outdoor swimming pool and 24 hour room service.

RATES ARE PER PERSON (AUD) WITH BUFFET BREAKFAST	PER NIGHT		
	TWN	TRP	SGL
Jan 1-Apr 30	131	110	213
May 1-Sep 30	111	95	179
Oct 1-31	139	120	222



Minimum stays and Easter supplements may apply. Additional hotels and regions are available upon request.

## DAY & OVERNIGHT ESCORTED TOURS

### Muscat City Tour

Departs Daily | Duration 4 hours

City tour of Oman including visits to the Grand Mosque\*, the Natural History Museum, the walled city and Old Town of Muscat. Quick photo stop at Al Alam Palace before finishing at Muttrah Souq for traditional Omani items.

RATES ARE PER PERSON (AUD)

SEASON	1 PAX	2 PAX	3 PAX
Jan 1-Oct 31	213	107	107

### Nizwa City Tour

Departs Daily | Duration 8 hours

Morning departure for a full day trip to the historical and heritage capital of Oman. Visit Nizwa Souq, the Round Tower Fort of Nizwa, Al Hamra and Bahla. Afternoon visit famous Arabian Pottery before finishing at Jabreen Castle.

RATES ARE PER PERSON (AUD)

SEASON	1 PAX	2 PAX	3 PAX
Jan 1-Oct 31	599	299	200

### Desert Safari Tour

Departs Daily | Duration 10 hours

Experience the beauty of Oman as you cross the Hajar Mountains. Stop at Wadi Bani Khalid, a beautiful oasis, before continuing to Wahiba Sands for sand dune bashing.

RATES ARE PER PERSON (AUD)

SEASON	1 PAX	2 PAX	3 PAX
Jan 1-Oct 31	599	299	200

### Oman Grand Canyon Tour

Departs Daily | Duration 11 hours

Morning transfer to Nizwa to visit Nizwa Souq, and the Round Tower Fort. Proceed to Wadi Nakher located at the bottom of the canyon, before proceeding to the mountain villages of Misfah and Wadi Ghul. Finish the tour at Jabel Shams to view the Jabal Akhdar ranges.

RATES ARE PER PERSON (AUD)

SEASON	1 PAX	2 PAX	3 PAX
Jan 1-Oct 31	599	300	200



MUTTRAH HARBOUR, MUSCAT

### Wahiba Desert Overnight Trip

2 Days/1 Night | Operates Daily

#### Day 1: Muscat – Wahiba.

Morning departure by 4WD from Muscat and cross the Hajar Mountains. Reach Wadi Bani Khalid that is made up of small villages embedded in the mountains. Continue to Wahiba Sands, a vast mass of undulating red and white sea of sand dunes. Enjoy dune bashing before watching the spectacular sunset. Overnight **Wahiba**. (L,D)

#### Day 2: Wahiba – Muscat.

Proceed to Muscat through the rugged coastal route. The roads wind through breathtaking glimpses of the Gulf of Oman offset by white beaches, valleys and villages. Visit the tomb of Bibi Miriam, Wadi Tiwi and also stop at Fin's beach. Visit Bimah Sinkhole, a limestone crater with blue green water at the bottom. Arrive back into Muscat by approx 1730hrs. (B,L)

#### Includes:

- Transportation by 4WD
- 1 night 4 star accommodation
- Meals as per itinerary
- Touring with English speaking driver
- Entrance fees, service charges and local taxes

RATES ARE PER PERSON (AUD)

SEASON	TWN	TRP	SGL
Jan 1-Oct 31	706	574	1296

### Salalah Discovery

3 Days/2 Nights | Operates Daily

#### Day 1: Salalah.

On arrival into Salalah Airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Overnight **Salalah**.

#### Day 2: Salalah.

Tour starts with a visit to the fishing village of Taqa. Proceed to Khor Rori Creek, the site of the ruined city of Sumhuram and then visit Mirbat as well as Bin Ali's Tomb. Perched high in the mountains see Job's Tomb then proceed to the blowholes at Mughsail Beach. Overnight **Salalah**. (B)

#### Day 3: Salalah.

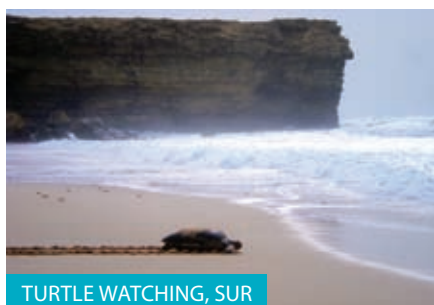
Following breakfast, transfer to Salalah Airport for departure. (B)

#### Includes:

- All transfers and assistance
- 2 nights 4 star hotel accommodation
- Meals as per itinerary
- Touring with English speaking guide
- Entrance fees, service charges and local taxes

RATES ARE PER PERSON (AUD)

SEASON	TWN	TRP	SGL
Jan 1-Oct 31	1017	788	1969



TURTLE WATCHING, SUR

### Classical Oman

8 Days/7 Nights | Operates Daily

#### Day 1: Muscat.

On arrival in Muscat you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Overnight **Muscat**.

#### Day 2: Muscat.

Full day tour of Muscat including the Grand Mosque, the Natural History Museum, the Modern Muscat and embassy area, Bait Zubair Museum, Al-Alam Palace and Muttrah Souq. (B)

#### Day 3: Muscat – Sur.

Morning departure to Sur via the scenic and rugged coastal route. Drive past the fishing village of Quriyat and stop at Bimah Sinkhole, a spectacular limestone crater with blue green water at the bottom. Stop at Fins beach before continuing to Wadi Tiwi. Arrive at **Sur** and overnight. (B,L)

#### Day 4: Sur – Wahiba Sands – Nizwa.

Embark on a full day tour of Wadi Bani Khalid – an oasis spot in the middle of the barren and dry mountains. Continue to Wahiba – the great Arabian Desert to visit a bedouin house, a camel ride and sand dune drive. Finally proceed to **Nizwa**, the cultural capital of Oman. (B)

#### Day 5: Nizwa.

Morning departure for a full day tour of Nizwa including Nizwa Souq, the Round Tower Fort of Nizwa, Al Hamra – one of the oldest villages, and Bahla – a village once known for its black magic but now famous for its Arabian Potteries. Overnight **Nizwa**. (B)

#### Day 6: Nizwa – Muscat – Salalah.

Morning departure to Seeb Airport for a flight to Salalah. On arrival in **Salalah** transfer to your hotel. Rest of day free. Overnight **Salalah**. (B)

#### Day 7: Salalah.

Tour starts at East Salalah with visits to Village Taqa, the ruins of Samhuram and Mirbat. Return from where Queen Sheba traded the Frankincense to the rest of the world. Afternoon visit West Salalah including Job's Tomb and Mughsail Beach. Overnight **Salalah**. (B)

#### Day 8: Salalah – Muscat.

Today take a Salalah city tour to visit the Garden Farms, photo shop at the beautiful Shanfari Mosque, then proceed to visit Al Husn Souq and Al Husn Palace. Return via the Al Balid Museum and transfer to the airport for an evening flight to Muscat. End of services. (B)

#### Includes:

- 7 nights 4 star accommodation
- Transfers and sightseeing with English speaking driver guide
- Meals as per itinerary
- Return flight Muscat to Salalah
- Entrance fees, service charges and local taxes

RATES ARE PER PERSON (AUD)

SEASON	TWN	TRP	SGL
Jan 1-Oct 31	3266	1953	6318

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## Grand Tour of Oman

13 Days/12 Nights | Operates Daily

**Day 1: Muscat.** Arrive into Muscat where you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Overnight **Muscat.**

**Day 2: Muscat.** Half day tour of Muscat including the Grande Mosque before heading to Muttrah to visit the Bait Al Zubair Museum, a photo stop by Qasr Al Alam (His Majesty's Palace) and the vibrant fish market and lively Muttrah Souk. Overnight **Muscat.** (B)

**Day 3: Muscat – Ras Al Had.**

Drive to Ras Al Had en route viewing the picturesque traditional small towns. View Tiwi being a small fishing village and Sur a much larger town with an ancient harbour that still houses some of the original Dows that are still used today to catch the pride of the Omani oceans. Later that evening you will be guided down to the beach of Ras Al Jinz for an unforgettable evening. Watch giant sea turtles make their way slowly up the beach to within meters of where they were hatched, up to 50 years before, to continue the legacy they have inherited. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to see one of the largest turtle reserves in the world. Overnight **Ras Al Had.** (B,L,D)

**Day 4: Sur – Wahiba Sands.**

After breakfast, head to Sur visiting its main attractions and most important of all is the Dhow Making Factory and then it is off to discover Wadi Bani Khalid. Arrive Wadi Bani Khalid for trek and a very refreshing swim then continue to Wahiba Sands desert for some adventure sand dune drive before you head to your tourist **desert camp** for overnight. Experience an unforgettable night under the stars in the desert. (B,L,D)

**Day 5: Wahiba Sands – Nizwa.**

Depart for Nizwa and take the winding route over the Canyon Road via Sinaw popular for its Ladies market in the inside of the souk surrounded with fruit, vegetable and cattle market. Overnight **Nizwa.** (B,L)

**Day 6: Nizwa – Muscat.** Enjoy a full day Nizwa and Jibreen Tour. Drive through the spectacular Hajar mountains and arrive in Nizwa to view the 17th century fort and souq. The fort was still in use until the end of the last century and

the souq is world famous for its large collection of traditional silver jewellery. After a traditional Omani lunch, head to the most beautiful castle in Oman, Jibreen Castle. Feast your eyes on the marvel of artistry that has gone into constructing the ceilings and building. Return to **Muscat** for overnight. (B,L)

**Day 7: Muscat – Salalah.** After breakfast transfer to the airport for your flight to Salalah. Arrive in **Salalah** and transfer to your hotel for overnight. (B)

**Day 8: Salalah – Taqa – Mirbat – Salalah.**

Tour of the capital of Dhofar, starting with East Salalah. Drive past the Royal Farm and the Mamura Palace to arrive at Taqa. The village is famed for its sardines and here you will see the Taqa Castle before proceeding to Samhuram with its famed port from where the frankincense trade used to take place and you will also see the remains of Queen Sheba's Palace on top of a small hill overlooking the Khor Rawri. Continue by the coastal road to the old city of Mirbat where the Arabian Horses and slave trade used to take place. Overnight **Salalah.** (B)

**Day 9: Salalah.** Tour West Salalah visiting Job's tomb marking the place where the remains of the Moslem Prophet known as Job in the Old Testament can be found. Continue to Mughsail beach to view the abundance of bird life such as flamingos, pelicans and stork. The tour ends with a visit to see frankincense trees, which produce the incense for which this region is famous. For lunch ask your guide to take you

for some local treat (Madhabi – meat cooked on stones, served with rice and sauce). Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight **Salalah.** (B)

**Day 10: Salalah – Khasab.**

Transfer to airport for your flight to Khasab via Muscat. Arrive Khasab and transfer to Hotel. Afternoon Khasab city tour, visiting the town area and Khasab fort. Overnight **Khasab.** (B)

**Day 11: Khasab.** Transfer to the harbour for full day cruise in a traditional dhow. Enjoy cruising and snorkeling with dolphins and the beautiful marine life. Overnight **Khasab.** (B,L)

**Day 12: Khasab – Muscat.**

Transfer to the airport for your flight back to Muscat. Arrive **Muscat** and transfer to your hotel for overnight. (B)

**Day 13: Muscat.** Transfer to the airport for your departure flight. (B)

**Includes:**

- 12 nights 4 star accommodation
- Transfers and sightseeing with English speaking driver guide
- Meals as per itinerary
- Entrance fees, service charges and local taxes
- Flights Muscat – Salalah and Khasab – Muscat

RATES ARE PER PERSON (AUD)

SEASON	TWN	TRP	SGL
Jan 1-Oct 31	3856	O/R	7073

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MUSCAT TO SUR COASTLINE

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