

OMAN HIGHLIGHTS with MUSSANDAM 10dys/9nts



A good overview cultural and historical tour of Oman to include also the fabulous Mussandam Peninsula with concluding drive out across the desert to Dubai.

Price From	£ 1832 per person sharing
Departure Dates	At the date you prefer, but Day 09 should be a Thursday or a Friday to suit Mussandam flights.
Minimum Number	None
Accommodation	Luxury and good simple hotels B&B basis.
Transport	Road Transfers in air conditioned 4WD. Flight Muscat-Mussandam.
Price Includes	Bed & Breakfast and accommodation as shown in text, and road transfers, services of an English-speaking driver.
Price Excludes	International flights, visas, items of a personal nature, meals not specified
Notes	Daily flights London to Muscat with Gulf Air and overnight with BA.

Day 1	Arrival Muscat
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Meet and assist on arrival and transfer to **Hotel Intercontinental or similar**. Rest of the day is at leisure

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Day 2	Muscat
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City tour starts in the morning with a visit to the **Grand Mosque** followed by a visit to the **Natural History Museum**, which has some excellent collection of the bygone era. Later we will visit the **walled city** and the **Old Town of Muscat**. Enroute we will have a photo stop at the **Al Alam Palace, the Royal Residence of His Majesty – Sultan Qaboos** and then to 16th century Portuguese built **Mirani and Jalali Forts**. Later we visit the **Muttrah Souq** where the shops sell the traditional Omani items like the Khanjars, Dallah (Bronze Coffee Pot), and the exotic spices, the Frankincense etc. Overnight at **Hotel Intercontinental**

Note: To enter Grand mosque dress code for Ladies should be fully covered with scarf and wear full sleeves shirt and Men are not allowed to wear shorts

Day 3	Muscat -Rustaq - Nakhl - Muscat
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Breakfast at the hotel, followed by a full day trip to Barka, Rustaq & Nakhl with visits to date plantations, Rustaq and al Hazm forts, souqs hot water springs etc. Return to Muscat hotel for overnight stay.

Day 4	Muscat - Sur
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Morning breakfast at hotel and later we depart for Sur through coastal route with sightseeing enroute at Wadi Dayqah- a beautiful valley with rugged trekking trails & cool turquoise pools, Daghmar, Dibab & its stunning caves formations, Finns beach and then to coastal town of Sur. After visit to Dhow (traditional arabian ship) building yard check into Hotel Sur Plaza

Day 5	Sur – Wahiba Sands -Nizwa
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After the breakfast at the hotel embark on a full day tour to Wadi Bani Khalid –an Oasis spot in the middle of the barren and dry mountains and then to Wahiba – the great Arabian Desert with sight seeing enroute. Visit to Bedouin house, camel ride & Sand Dune Drive while at Wahiba and later proceed to Nizwa- the cultural capital of Oman. On arrival check into hotel for overnight stay at Hotel Falaj Daris

Day 6	Nizwa - Muscat
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Morning breakfast at the hotel. Full day tour of Nizwa, Bahla & Jabrin including visits to Nizwa & Jabrin forts, pottery shop & Souk.

Nizwa is the main town in the interior province. It was the capital in the 6th and 7th centuries. The town's immense palm oasis stretches for 13km (8 miles) along the course of two wadis. It is famous for its fort and its gold and silver handicrafts. Overnight at **Falajdaris hotel**

Jabrin: The 17th-century fortified palace situated here is notable for its painted wooden ceilings and the splendid view across the desert to the mountains.

Bahla: This ancient town, known for its pottery, has a good souk and nearby is the picturesque village of **Al Hamra**.



Later return to Muscat O/n at Intercontinental

Day 7 | Muscat - Mussandam

After breakfast transfer to airport to board flight to Khasab (Musandam). Meet & Assist on arrival & transfer to Khasab Golden Tulip hotel. Followed by a 4 WD excursion to Wadi Muwa for bird watching & for meeting local Bedouins. Later return to hotel.

Overnight at Golden Tulip Khasab.

Day 8 | Mussandam & Dhow Fjord Cruise

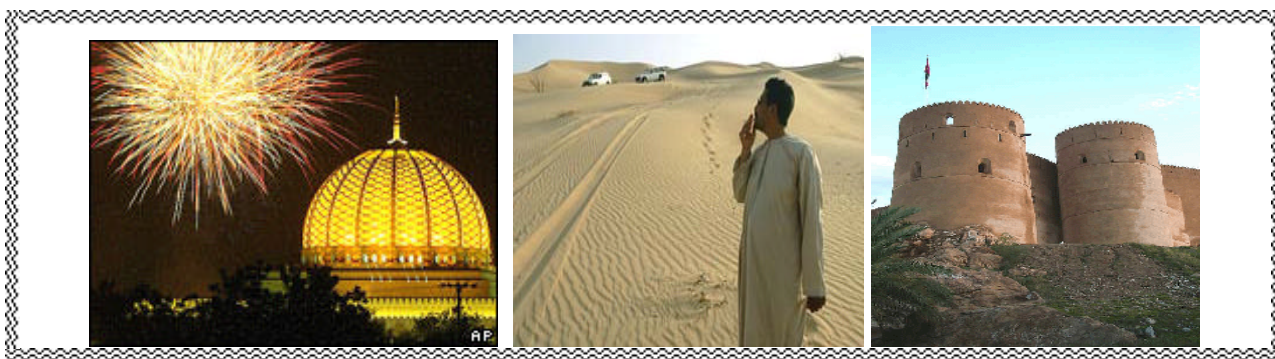
After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to Khasab port to board our dhow (traditional Arabian Ship) & cruise into the Sham fjords. Visit fishing villages, Telegraph Island & village of Meglab. Evening return back to hotel .

Day 9 | Mussandam - Dubai

After breakfast, Transfer to Dubai by road .Over Night at Dubai - Hotel Royal Ascot or similar.

Day 10 | Extend stay in Dubai or depart

Either extend your stay in Dubai or transfer to airport for departure from Dubai. Please contact our office with your choice for the end of your holiday.



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