

## **SALALAH EXTENSION**

**(2 Days / 2 Nights)**

### **DAY 01: ARRIVAL SALALAH**

On arrival at **Salalah Airport** you will be met and transferred to your room at **Haffa House Hotel**, where you will have time to freshen up. The rest of the morning and afternoon will be spent exploring the city of **Salalah**. We begin by visiting the Museum of the Frankincense Land. Situated within the ancient harbour of **Al Balid**, the museum houses many excellent works of art exemplifying the rich cultural history of the Dhofar Region. Later this afternoon we drive to the impressive Shanfari Mosque and from there to **Al Husn Palace** (Palace of the Sultan). Overnight at Haffa House Hotel.

### **DAY 02: FULL DAY VISIT OF EAST & WEST SALALAH**

You will be met by our guide at the hotel lobby in the morning and proceed for a full day visit of East & West Salalah. Your first destination is the coastal town of **Taqah**. Taqah Fort, the landmark of the small town, was the Seat of the Wali, or mayor, until 1984. East of Taqah we visit the ruins at **Sumhuram**. A once-thriving port city, Sumhuram now lies in ruin, but visitors here are able to gain an insight into the architecture and living conditions as they were 2,000 years ago. We also visit the adjoining port of **Khawr Rhoiri**, which was once an important trade centre and the main port for the export of frankincense. Indeed, excavations here have produced evidence of an ancient city with trade links by sea to far eastern destinations as well as ancient Greece.

Later this morning we visit **Mirbat**, the ancient capital of Dhofar, and an important centre for the 9<sup>th</sup> century trade in frankincense. Just outside of Mirbat is the famous tomb and mosque of Bin Ali. Ali was revered as a wise and holy man and over his tomb a twin-domed mosque was built, a fine example of medieval architecture.

This afternoon we proceed in a westerly direction towards **Mughsail**, passing scattered frankincense trees that dot the landscape en-route. Mughsail boasts a beautiful beach with spectacular natural water fountains, or 'blow holes'. Our last destination for the day is the **Tomb of Prophet Ayub (Job)** in the mountains north of Salalah. Dinner and overnight at Haffa House Hotel in Salalah.

### **DAY 03: DEPARTURE TRANSFER**

After breakfast depart for Salalah Airport for your return flight to Muscat.



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