

Oman

Private Guided Tour

9 nights

Brief Itinerary



- Day 1 Fly Muscat
- Day 2 The Chedi 2 nights, B&B
- Day 3 Half-day tour of Muscat
- Day 4 Drive Nizwa, Falaj Daris Hotel 1 night, B&B
- Day 5 Drive Wahiba Sands, 1000 Nights Camp 1 night, HB
- Day 6 Drive Sur, Sur Plaza Hotel 1 night, B&B
- Day 7 Drive Muscat, The Chedi 2 nights, B&B
- Day 9 Fly home

Day 1

Today you will check in for your overnight flight to Muscat.

Day 2

You will be met on arrival and transferred to the Chedi where you will stay for the next 2 nights on a B&B basis.

The Chedi is situated on the quiet Al Ghubra beachfront on the western side of Muscat, and is one of Muscat's best-known hotels. It is one of the smaller hotels with 151 rooms and suites, and, unlike many of the other high end hotels in Oman which have a slightly over the top "glitzy" feel to them, the Chedi has a simple elegance with contemporary

stylish furnishings, natural but vibrant colours and characteristic traditional Omani architecture.



Day 3

After breakfast your English speaking guide will come to the hotel to meet you to take you on a half-day tour of Muscat in an air-conditioned 2WD vehicle. You will return to the hotel for lunch and spend the rest of the day at leisure.



Day 4

After breakfast your guide will meet you and will take you on a cultural tour via Bahla and Jabrin Castle to Nizwa, where you will stay at the Falaj Daris Hotel for the night on a B&B basis.

The Falaj Daris Hotel is in the suburbs of Nizwa based around two green leafy courtyards with two separate swimming pools. The hotel is one of the nicest in the area and is ideal for relaxing after a day exploring local castles and wadis (gorges). The hotel has 55 simple but clean and comfortable rooms including two suites, and a fully equipped modern gym and steam room.



Day 5

Early this morning your guide will meet you at the hotel and take you to the cattle and goat market at the base of the Nizwa castle. It's an amazing sight that takes place every Friday and encapsulates the hustle, bustle and bartering trade of Oman. You will

also have another opportunity to visit the castle and silver souk before being transferred to the picturesque Wadi Bani Khalid.



After your trip to the Wadi, you will stay at the 1000 Nights Camp for the night on a half-board basis.

The Wahiba Sands, also known as the Golden sands, is the perfect sand sea which stretches 180 kilometres north to south. Your guide will take you out into the dunes to do some exploring (or a bit of dune driving if you like!) before returning to the camp for a BBQ dinner under the stars. The 1000 Nights Camp is the only one of its kind at Wahiba Sands, with 15 traditional handmade wool Bedouin tents and there are no dune buggies or quad bikes, no electricity generators and no mobile phones! At night the camp is lit by the soft glow of paraffin lamps which cuts down on light pollution giving you spectacular night skies. *Please note that alcohol isn't served at this camp.*



Activities include camel riding (day trips or longer on request), trekking in the sand dunes at night under the stars or early in the morning while the sun rises, 4WD trips across the dunes to the beach for a lunch time picnic (on advance request).

Day 6

This morning your guide will take you for a cultural visit to a nearby bedouin settlement before proceeding to the coastal town of Sur, where you will stay at the Sur Plaza Hotel for one night on a B&B basis.

This is the best of a limited selection of hotels in Sur. The accommodation, whilst dated, is clean and tidy and it is perfectly adequate place to lay your head after a day exploring the local area. Later that evening your guide will take you on an evening drive to the Ras Al Hadd beach where the green turtles come ashore to lay their eggs. Please note that it is a 60km drive to the beach so you will be returning quite late in the evening.



Day 7

This morning your guide will take you to the Sur Dhow yards where you will have the opportunity to explore. Sur is a fishermen's town on the east coast of Oman. In the past it has been well known for its Dhow building and was Oman's main centre of trade with East-Africa. You will visit the Dhow yard where you will see the craftsmen in action.



After your visit to the Dhow yards you will be transferred along the coast back to Muscat where you will stay at The Chedi for two nights on a B&B basis.

En route you will stop at some sights of interest including Qalhat to see Beebi Miriam's tomb, the last building left standing after it was razed by the Portuguese in the 16th Century and the Bimah sinkhole, a natural wonder and geological feature.

Day 9

After spending the morning relaxing by the pool or beach you will be transferred to the airport where you will check in for your mid afternoon day flight back to the UK.

The price includes:

- All internal transfers
- All accommodation on a shared basis in double rooms
- Meals as indicated
- Service of an English speaking driver/guide as indicated*
- Tours/excursions in an Air Conditioned 4WD or 2WD vehicle as indicated

This does not include:

- International flights from the UK
- Local airport taxes
- Staff tips
- Travel insurance

Items of a personal nature

Visas

Extra activities

Scuba diving

Note: *Driver / guide is a driver with excellent knowledge of the roads and reasonable information of the locations being visited. He is not a professional guide.

All quotes are subject to alteration due to availability at time of booking, currency fluctuations, fuel & rate increases and government action.