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### **Oman Discovery & Adventure Program** **8 - Day Itinerary**



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### **Day 1 – Muscat**

Arrival at Muscat Airport and transfer to Hotel.

### **Day 2 – Muscat**

Full day in Muscat, the seat of Al-Busaidi dynasty which is the current ruling royal house of the Sultanate of Oman since the 18th century. Transfer from the hotel to the Muscat district, visit the Bait al Zubair Museum occupying a traditional house and reflecting Omani heritage; continue on foot and have a look from outside at the Al Alam Palace, the Sultan's residence, built in 1972, a stunning example of the modern Arabic architecture. Walk by the cornice with a view of the old Muscat port. Lunch; Continue to Muttrah, the second district in Muscat; it is the main trading and residential port; visit the old souks; one of the most beautiful in the region, and have a walk with sunset on Muttrah cornice before transfer to hotel for a change and dinner in restaurant by the sea shore. Overnight in a hotel.

### **Day 3 – Qurayyat - Wadi Shab - Ras al Jinz**

Departure to Qurayyat village, and watch the fishermen at work on the coast; have a walk in the old souks; transfer to the mountain through the Wadi's by 4x4, and have a walk to the Bimmah sinkhole; the crystal clear water is a mixture of salt and freshwater; an ideal place for a swim and a picnic lunch; Continue the journey to the easternmost point on the Arabian peninsula, Ras al Jinz, a turtle breeding site. Wild camping on the beach or accommodation in a fixed camp with facilities. Night turtle watch during the season.

### **Day 4 – Ras Al Hadd - Sur - Wadi Bani Khalid - Al Kamil - Wahiba Sands**

To Sur, once a major trading port and today a center for traditional ship-building; watch the dhow builders at work. Leave the coast and head to the interior lands to the Wadi Bani Khalid mountains, enjoy an easy walk in the rocky valley, and swim in the refreshing waterhole. Continue to Al Kamil and visit the mud brick houses and fort in the town center built in the Yemeni style. Continue to the exceptionally beautiful Wahiba Sands for overnight in a fixed campsite and a spectacular sunset watch.

**Day 5 – Wahiba Sands - Ibra - Birkat al Mawz - Nizwa**

Sunrise is already set, for those who wake up early. Discover the fascinating desert of the Sands, and 4x4 discovery of the endless colored dunes. Continue to the Dakhiliyah region, and stop in Ibra where you can wander around in the traditional souk, transformed into a woman's souk on Wednesdays; drive to Birkat al Mawz, and visit this typical Omani oasis, walk in the palm gardens, and meet the local date farmers. Our final destination today is Nizwa. Overnight in hotel.

**Day 6 – Nizwa - Jabrin Fort - Bahla - Tanuf - Nizwa**

Visit of the 17th century Nizwa fort offering tour information a nice view over the city; assist to the real life of the Omanis in the goat market, held on Thursdays; drive to Jabrin and visit the fort, rich in painted ceilings, originally built as a palace for the Imam al Yoruba, who is buried there. Short drive to Bahla and walk in the Oasis where you can meet the local community and see the artisans making pottery. Visit the UNESCO World Heritage site of Bahla fort. Parts of the fort date from pre-Islamic period. Short stop in Tanuf village where you can see the ruins of an old city. Back to Nizwa. Overnight in a hotel.

**Day 7 – Nizwa - Al Hamra - Jabal Shams - Wadi Bani Awf - Al Nakhl - Muscat**

Departure to Al Hamra, a typical village of the Omani inland, with terraced gardens; from this village situated at the foothills of the mountains, continue to the peak of Al Hajars chain, and enjoy a breathtaking panorama on Jabal Shams culminating to 3000 m above sea level. Cross the mountains by 4x4, pass by scenic villages hanged to the rocks, and reach the Al Nakhal village, visit its fort and have a rest near the hot spring of A'Thowarah. Drive to Muscat. Dinner and overnight in a hotel.

**Day 8 – Muscat and Depart**

Transfer from your hotel to the airport for your onward journey.