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## **OMAN**

### **Oman Wadis & Mountains Program** **11 - Day Itinerary**



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*Oman*

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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 & 4 – Qurayyat - Wadi Dayqa - Wadi Tayein - Wadi Dima - Wadi Shab - Ras al-Hadd**

Early departure to Qurayyat, and watch the fishermen at work on the coast; transfer to the mountains through the Wadi's by 4x4; beginning of the 2 day hike in the Eastern Hajar mountains; in a relatively rugged terrain and spectacular arid mountain architecture with surprising pockets of water and green, where you can freshen up and swim. Transfer to the easternmost point on the Arabian peninsula, Ras al Jinz, a turtle breeding site. Camp in Ras al Hadd.

### **Day 5 – Ras al-Hadd - Ras al-Jinz - Al Ashkara - Wahiba Sands**

Departure to Ras al Jinz for a swim on the most eastern part of the Arabian peninsula; transfer along the coastline to Al Ashkhara, and meet the local community of Beni Bou Ali tribe. Continue towards the Wahiba Sands. Dinner and overnight in a fixed campsite.

### **Day 6 – Wahiba Sands - Al Mintarib**

4x4 discovery of the fascinating desert and dunes of the Sands. Continue to Al Mintarib; Dinner and overnight in huts with facilities.

### **Day 7 – Al Mintarib - Sinaw Souk - Wadi Muhaydin - Birkat al Mawz - Nizwa**

Departure to Sinaw for a stroll in the traditional souk and continue to Birkat al Mawz, and visit this typical Omani oasis, walk in the palm gardens, and meet the local date farmers. Continue to Wadi Muhaydin and hike with sunset on the horizon. Transfer to Nizwa. Overnight in a hotel.

### **Day 8 – Nizwa - Bahla - Jabrin - Tanuf - Al Hamra**

Visit the 17th century fort in Oman with a great view over the city; free time in the local souk; to Jabrin; visit the fort, rich in painted ceilings, originally built as a palace for the Imam Bal'arab bin Sultan al Ya'ruba, who is buried there. 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. End your day with a short excursion (25 km) to Tanuf village where you can see the ruins of an old city. Continue to Al Hamra for dinner and overnight in a fixed campsite.

### **Day 9 – Jabal Shams**

Breakfast at the campsite. Drive (25 km) to the Western Hajar mountains and have a full hiking day in Jabal Akhdar, climb to the peak at Jabal Shams (3000m); enjoy great panoramas, deep valleys and archeological Tour information remains from the Persian period. End your day with a beautiful sunset in the fixed campsite.

### **Day 10 – Al Hamra - Jebel Shams - Wadi Bani Awf - Al Nakhl - Barka - Muscat**

Departure to Wadi Bani Awf, one of the most stunning wadis in Oman, walk in the gorges and swim in the pools; here you will have the chance to meet local people from the villages hanging on the rocks with their traditional houses. Continue towards Ar Rustaq and visit its imposing fort. Continue to Al Nakhl, visit its fort and have a rest near the hot spring of A'Thowarah. Drive to Muscat. Overnight in a Hotel.

### **Day 11 – Muscat and Depart**

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