



CLASSIC NORTH OMAN, 7 NIGHTS, BUS & 4WD



DAY -1/

ARRIVAL & MUSCAT CITY TOUR

Arrive Muscat on Morning Flight.

As per new policy, Guests need to apply for online Oman visa from the below website.

www.rop.gov.om

https://www.rop.gov.om/visa/english/onlineservices_VisaApplication.aspx?AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1

Non-Muslims are allowed to buy 02 liters of Alcohol and 200 cigarettes from Duty Free.

After immigration and baggage check, you will enter at the general arrival hall and will be met by your guide. Your guide will assist you to comfortably embark your Coach to start your Muscat City Tour.

Check in time at 14:00 hrs.

Note: Early check in is subject to the availability and hotel discretion and If guests need guaranteed early check in, then we need to book the room from previous night, in this case guests can be transferred direct from the airport to the hotel for breakfast, check in & rest.

Our first stop would be **Grand Mosque** is one of the largest Mosques in the world and at one time, it can accommodate 20,000 worshippers. Grand Mosque has beautiful art work, chandeliers and one piece carpet covering entire prayer hall.

Quietly imposing from the outside, this glorious piece of modern Islamic architecture was a gift to the nation from Sultan Qaboos to mark his 30th year of reign. The main prayer hall is breathtakingly beautiful. The Persian carpet alone measures 70m by 60m wide, making it the second-largest hand-loomed Iranian carpet in the world.

- To visit Mosque, one has to be dressed in conservative manner.
- One should not wear revealing or transparent clothes and should be covered from head to toe.
- Ladies have to cover their head with a scarf.
- Grand Mosque is open for the tourists from Saturday to Thursday from 08:00 hrs to 11:00 hrs.
- Children below the age of 10 years are not allowed to visit Mosque

Drive to visit **National Museum**. The National Museum was established as per the Royal Decree No. (62/2013) issued on Muharram 16, 1435 AH corresponding to November 20, 2013 to be a significant project tasked with preserving the Omani heritage and material and non-material collectables of all manifestations of the history, culture and arts of the Sultanate, in a form that highlights the cultural, historical and cultural dimensions of the Sultanate.

The National Museum has (14) permanent galleries which cover an area of (4,000) square meters, out of the construction area of (13,700) square meters. The galleries have been designed and sectioned chronologically and thematically. The museum displays more than 5400 artifacts in different galleries.

Then to the magnificent **Al Alam Palace**, the official residence of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos Bin Said the ruler of Oman. The palace is an architectural marvel for both its design and its location between the twin Portuguese forts **Mirani and Jalali (A brief photograph stop from outside only)**.

Drive to the hotel for check in and rest of day free at leisure.

Overnight at Al Falaj Hotel in Muscat. (No Meals)

Day-1: Main Highlights- Enjoy the visit of the most attractive sites in Muscat.



DAY-2/ MEET & GREET AT NHI - ROYAL OPERA HOUSE - MUTTRAH SOUQ

Breakfast at the Hotel in Muscat

After breakfast depart to **Royal Opera House** for house tour. The visitors can see the main foyer with its elegant grand staircase and wander through the stunning theatre, even getting a glimpse of the stage from the balconies. The house tour (approx. 10-15 min) is done by Opera House guide.

Note: House tour of Royal Opera House is closed on Friday & Opera House can stop entry for the house tour in case of any rehearsal plan on this day.

Later, depart to visit **Muttrah Souq**, a Muttrah Souq is one of the oldest souq in Oman and the narrow alleys of souq with mystic smell of sandal wood make a great atmosphere. It is a place where you can communicate with local people and can buy souvenirs for friends and family.

Proceed to the NHI (**The National Hospitality Institute**) is one of the famous Hospitality Institute in Oman where young Omanis are trained to be a part of the Omani workforce in the hospitality industry. This is one program where the guest come to NHI and they interact with the Omani Travel Management students who introduce themselves and explain them about the culture of Oman, a couple dressed in Omani Traditional Wear. Guests are then taken for a show around of Institute by the students and served Omani Dates & Kahwa to the guests. In addition, guest enjoy delicious meals at Classroom Restaurant located within the Institute, this special Omani Buffet lunch cooked by the students (with the help of chef) also provide an opportunity to interact with them and find out more about their families and their back ground, as most of them come from Al Dakhalia and Al Sharqiah regions.

Note: The National Hospitality Institute is closed during weekends (Friday & Saturday) and Public Holidays.

Return to Hotel by afternoon.

Overnight at Al falaj Hotel in Muscat. (Breakfast)

Day-2: Main Highlights- Interact with The Omani Travel Management students as well as the local people and Explore the main foyer at the Royal Opera House



Day-3/

MUSCAT - WADI BANI AUF - JEBEL SHAMS

Breakfast at hotel in Muscat & Check out.

Board the 4x4 WD vehicle and depart to visit the **Barka Fish and vegetable market**.

Later, stop at **Nakhl springs**, a tranquil and picturesque spot. Experience and enjoy the magnificent scenery by the springs. The charming surroundings around the warm springs are framed by the majestic Jebels (Mountains) and a dense green oasis.

We drive through the spectacular **Wadi Bani Auf**. This stretch of graded road is very adventurous & for the physically fit only as it involves steep bends and bumpy roads. Stop at the quaint mountain village of Bilad Sayt framed by the dramatic mountains. Then, we drive to visit Misfah (**Misfah Al Abriyyin**), a pretty village with stone houses, precariously clinging to the side of a huge mountain cliff. The village is laden with date, lemon and banana groves. The route winds through mountains all the way unto the village of **Al Hamra** characterized by its mud houses and date plantations. Enroute visit of **Jabreen Fort** and outside **photostop at Bahla Fort**.

Then, we proceed to Wadi Nakher located in the depth of our deepest canyon. While heading for **Jebel Shams** stop at the terrace farming village of **Wadi Ghul**. In the Jebel Akhdar range Jebel Shams the highest peak offers a spectacular scene.

On Arrival, check in at The Jebel Shams Resort

Dinner & Overnight at Jebel Shams Resort in Jebel Shams (Breakfast / Dinner)

Day-3: Main Highlights- Walking through the Mud houses of Al Hamra Village & Discover one of the finest Wadi and the Grand Canyon in Oman.



Day-4/

JEBEL SHAMS - NIZWA

Breakfast at Jebel Shams Resort.

Check out and embark your 4WD vehicle to proceed to visit of impressive **New Souq complex** has been sensitively designed using Omani fort architecture and elegant Islamic arches. Every Friday, there is cattle market at the souq wherein cattle sellers auction their cattles to locals. The air-conditioned halls of this souq are full of fresh fruit and vegetables, herbs and spices, huge stacks of dates and freshly caught fish. This is still the best place to buy traditional silver “Khanjars” (hand- carved Omani daggers) and Bedouin jewellery, where silver is still sold by weight.

Notes:

- Cattle Market operates only on Fridays until 09:30 HRS.

Then At the far end and through the gate – this leads up to **Nizwa Fort**. The 17th century round tower fort nearby is Oman’s most impressive tower. Built on a solid base of rock, the huge tower was designed to withstand the vibrations of 24 cannons. From the top, a superb panoramic view gives visitors a bird’s eye view all around Nizwa and the surrounding plains – a sure delight for all avid photographers!

Later, depart to Wadi Al Madeen where there is a check post. From here a 36 km stretch of winding road takes one to **Jebel Akhdar** (2000 mts above sea level) the green jewel of the Al Hajar mountain ranges, a truly unique spot in the Arabian Peninsula. Enjoy the cool climate up in the mountains. Al Jebel Al Akhdar is famed for its fruit orchards typically laid out terrace style along the slopes of mountains, which are endowed with natural springs and aflaj. The villages of Saiq, Wadi Bani Habib (the village of the old houses) & Al Ain dot the landscape. The villages overlook a spectacular landscape of dramatic peaks , gorges and wadis. The roses of Jabal Al Akhdar fill the air with fragrance when in full bloom (March / April). Rose water is distilled in the homes of the villagers.

Thereafter drive to the Hotel in Nizwa

Overnight at Falaj Daris Hotel in Nizwa. (Breakfast)

Day-4: Main Highlights:- Get more involved with the normal Omani daily life, enjoy the spectacular landscape of dramatic peaks, gorges and wadis.



Day-5/ NIZWA – WADI BANI KHALED - WAHIBA SANDS

Breakfast at the hotel in Nizwa and check out.

Embark your 4WD vehicle and depart towards **Wadi Bani Khalid** through the Eastern Hajar Mountains which offer a panoramic view of landscape below. We pass many pretty villages embedded in the mountains. Here the road winds down to the wadi alongside a large, shallow pool fringed with vegetation and ends at a village. We will stop at Wadi Bani Khalid.

Wadi Bani Khaled, “Wadi bani Khaled’ in arabic means natural oasis. Arrive Wadi Bani Khaled and visit. Wadi Bani Khaled stands a complete contrast to Wahiba Sands. It is like an oasis in the desert with clear green natural spring water pools. Enjoy a walk in the Wadi or swim in wadi **(no towels from our end)**.

Note: Dresscode need to follow

Dress Code for Swimming at Wadi- As per the Municipality both Men and Women should **not wear swimming shorts or bikinis** as local people object same. Hence, for swimming, Men should wear shorts (longer ones) and Ladies should wear shorts (longer ones) and T-shirts to cover upper body also otherwise local people object and authorities do not allow swimming.

After relaxing time in Wadi, we drive to **Wahiba Sands**, a vast mass of undulating red and white sea of sand and dunes rising upto 200 meters which are host to a variety of flora and fauna. The ever-changing patterns of the dunes are a photographer’s delight.

On arrival, we will visit a **Bedouin house** in this wilderness. The sands are also home to the traditional Bedouins tribe who are known for their hospitality and their knowledge of the Sands. We will visit a Bedouin family to get a first-hand knowledge of their house and living style.

Drive to reach Camp in the dessert for Check in.

Later we experience a roller coaster like feeling as our experienced drivers drive you over the dunes until you reach the Sunset point and enjoy a magnificent view for the Sunset over the golden sands. Later return back to campsite

Buffet BBQ Dinner and Overnight at Arabian Oryx Camp. (Breakfast / Dinner)

Day-5: Main Highlights- Mix your day between relaxing and adventure, swim in the Wadi and dune bashing in Wahiba Sands under the Sunset.



Day-6/

WAHIBA SANDS - DESERT CROSSING - SUR

Breakfast at the camp and check out.

Embark on your 04Wds and cross the sea of sand that stretch for approximately 250-Kms until southern coast. Enroute you will pass some of the Bedouin settlements. On reaching southern side of wahiba sands, enjoy pristine beach, some of points where sands meet Indian ocean coast directly. **Picni lunch** on the beach. Later drive for Ras Al Jinz along the Aseelah coast. During the drive through coastal road you pass Al Ashkara, and other tiny fishing villages. You will also have some photo stops at small fishing villages, breath taking views from the cliffs falling to Indian Ocean.

By late afternoon, check in at Sur Plaza Hotel in Sur.

By 2000 Hrs leave to **Turtle reserve** to visit. Green turtles travel 100s of kilometer every year for nestling. It is a unique opportunity to sight turtles in their natural inhabitant. The turtle watching tours are led in various groups by local naturalists. By 2100 Hrs join one of the groups along with your guide. Later return to the hotel. **(Sighting of turtles are not guaranteed, the entry is subject to availability of tickets)**

Drive back to your hotel.

Overnight at Sur Plaza Hotel in Sur . (Breakfast / Picnic Lunch)

Day-6: Main Highlights- Memorable wahiba desert crossing and sight the turtles in their natural inhabitant.



Day-7/

SUR - COASTAL ROUTE - MUSCAT

Breakfast at the hotel in Sur and check out.

Embark your Coach and drive to the interesting **Sur fish market** and watch fishermen at work as they bring in loads of glistening fish. Walk along the souq, overflowing with the daily catch.

Then we head towards **dhow factory yard** where authentic dhows are still built in the traditional fashion. Later we walk toward Fateh Al-Khair', dhow, the coastal city of Sur was famous for as a centre for the building of wooden ocean-going dhows. This 220-ton example has been preserved on the waterfront. The giant and sturdy Fateh Al Khair is a tourist attraction in Sur. "Fateh Al Khair is the last remaining ship which represents the Sur's mighty prowess over high seas. It reflects that in the past Omani people from this region were able to make such giant ships to travel across the globe and bring glory and fame to the Sultanate of Oman.

We continue to drive the **village of Al Ayjah** where you can discover old merchant houses. Recommend you discover it by foot to have time to admire the details in the carved wooden doors. We then, visit the lighthouse. Located in the historical area of Ayjah, it is a great place to start with its full view of the city of Sur. and board the coach to drive Muscat via Coastal route.

Enroute short **photo stop at Wadi Tiwi and visit of Bimah Sink Hole**. Later drive to Muscat, on arrival checks in at your hotel in Muscat.

Overnight at Al Falaj Hotel in Muscat. (Breakfast)

Day-7: Main Highlights- Explore the City of Sur and Enjoy the Eastern costal road with its interesting sites.

Day-8/

FINAL DEPARTURE

Breakfast at hotel & Check out. **Check out time is 12:00 hrs.**

After check out, group will depart from hotel to Muscat International Airport in air-conditioned vehicle.

On arrival, guests visit the respective airline counter and check-in. Then pass Immigration and indulge in some duty free shopping before they board their flight back home. **(Breakfast)**

END OF OUR SERVICES

OMAN Package cost per person in US Dollar:

	15-19 Pax	20-24 Pax	25-29Pax	30-35 Pax
Cost is Per person in USD- Sharing Twin room	1022.00	996.00	938.00	899.00
Single room supplement in USD	307.00			

ABOVE COST INCLUDES

Date	Hotel	Meals	Transport
Day-1	Al Falaj Hotel 4*, Muscat	No Meals	45 Seater Coach
Day-2	Al Falaj Hotel 4*, Muscat	Buffet Breakfast / Buffet Lunch	45 Seater Coach
Day-3	Jebel Shams Resort3*, Jebel Shams	Buffet Breakfast / Buffet Dinner	4x4 WD Vehicle
Day-4	Falaj Daris Hotel 3*, Nizwa	Buffet Breakfast	4x4 WD Vehicle
Day-5	Arabian Oryx Camp (Dry Campsite), Wahiba Sands	Buffet Breakfast / Buffet Dinner	4x4 WD Vehicle
Day-6	Sur Plaza Hotel 3*, Sur	Buffet Breakfast / Picnic Lunch	4x4 WD Vehicle
Day-7	Al Falaj Hotel 4*, Muscat	Buffet Breakfast	45 Seater Coach
Day-8	Departure Transfer	Buffet Breakfast	45 Seater Coach

- 7 Nights, hotel accommodation in Standard rooms on BB at all mentioned Hotel except Arabian Oryx Camp & Jebel Shams Resort where we are considering Half Board as meal plan in our quote.
- Meal Plan as per mentioned in the program (07 breakfast + 01 Lunch at NHI + 01 Picnic Lunch + 02 dinners)
- German Speaking guide throughout the tour and Transfers in Oman.
- Day1,2,7,8: tours and transfers by 45seater coach.
- Day3,4,5,6: 04WD vehicles will be used as per the above program with 04 pax per 4WD Vehicle (04 pax and one driver will be accommodated in each four wheel).
- Still Water on board during tours.
- Entrance fees for all sites mentioned in the program in Oman.
- Rates valid SEP 2020 til APR 2021.

Cost does not include.

- Oman Visa @ \$ 14.00 per person for single entry valid for 10 days & USD.54.00 for 30 days visa only (Current Price)
- Any Domestic and International flight booking
- All expenses of personal nature such as laundry, telephone calls & mini-bar etc.
- Tips to guide, drivers and to porters in the hotels and in the airports
- All expenses of personal nature such as laundry, telephone calls, cigarettes & mini-bar, etc.
- Any kinds of Beverages during all meals, Porterage, Tips at various restaurants and for drivers and guides, Air fare, Travel Insurance
- Any meals which is not specified
- Any other services which are not mentioned in the price inclusion

Supplement of staying in Golden Tulip 4* Hotel instead of Falaj Daris 3* Hotel, in Nizwa:

- Supplement is Per person in Sharing Twin room per stay @ USD 31.00
- Single room supplement @ USD 11.00

IMPORTANT NOTES

- The above rates are based on minimum 10 paying rooms and any decrease in number of rooms will attract re-quote.
- No rooms / space is Blocked at this stage all rooms are subject to availability upon confirmation.
- Normal check in time is 1400 hrs and check out time is 1200 hrs

- Travco reserves the right to cancel any part of the schedules program and / or to allocate the group to Hotel/s of similar standards for reasons beyond our control.
- Incase of any sites mentioned are closed due to reasons beyond our control; we will operate the tour with alternate sites.
- No refund will be made for unused portion of the tour / tours.
- Travco does not accept any responsibility for losses or expenses due to delays, sickness, weather, strikes, war, quarantine, flooding or other causes.
- If group arrives early in the morning to guarantee the rooms upon arrival, we must book the room from previous night

Kindly note that the rates are subject to increase in case of the following

- ✓ If the number of pax is lower than the minimum paying guests
- ✓ In case of Period changed
- ✓ In case of non availability of mentioned/given hotels.
- ✓ Incase of changes in the entrance fee of included sites (Forts, Museums etc...)
- ✓ In case the government introduces any new taxes or increase the existing taxes, In case fuel cost increases exponentially due to any unforeseen

Most Important Note:

A). Oman is planning to introduce VAT (apprx 5%) in 2020 and as of now, the final date of implementation has not been announced by the government. Once, Government will advise and implement the same, we will accordingly charge the VAT to you from implementation date with no exception. This will be applicable for all bookings done and also for future bookings. Please mention and keep your clients informed accordingly

B). Kindly note that all our offer is based on present tax structure / visa fee / other government + Entrance fees of all sites. Any change of taxes or increased fees by Government will be advised to you and will be charged from immediate basis to you / client including present / future bookings with no exception as same is beyond our control. Hence, please keep your clients informed accordingly.

Please note that we have not reserved the space until you instruct us to do so. Kindly advise us soonest possible if you would like us to optional reserve the space for you. Please note rooms will be subject to the availability at the time of booking.

Thanking you once again for giving us the opportunity to quote for the above prestigious group. We look forward to hear from you soon on the above.

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