



CLASSIC NORTH OMAN, 7 NIGHTS, Bus tour



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 - BAHLA - AL HAMRA - NIZWA

Breakfast at hotel in Muscat & Check out.

Drive to Nizwa, enroute Visit **Jibreen Castle**, Jibreen is the finest of Oman's castle built in the late 17th century, which became a seat of Omani learning. This castle has extremely well planned layouts with room for the wali, the ladies room, the kitchen, the majlis etc. Most of the ceilings are decorated with beautiful paintings with Islamic motifs. The view from the top of the castle is really mesmerizing.

Drive to drive to Bahla, a town famous for its traditional pottery, to visit the **Aladawi Pottery Factory**. The art of making pottery is evidence of the unique and distinctive heritage of Oman. Pottery is one of the oldest crafts practiced by Omanis. Since ancient times in Oman, potters have worked at their wheels making clay pots, jugs, urns, incense burners and decorative items. Archaeological discoveries have revealed that pottery work was practised throughout Oman during the 4th millennium BC. The Omani pottery industry shows that its artistic influence was derived from the pottery styles of Samurais, Siraf and Yemen, where Islamic crafts flourished.

Later visit the **Bahla Fort**, with its approximate 7 mile wall, which is the oldest fort in Oman. The fort is believed to have been built in pre-Islamic times and is now undergoing reconstruction sponsored by UNESCO. The site is on UNESCO's World Heritage site

Drive to the Mountain Village of Al Hamra. Arrive at the old **Village of Al Hamra** and walk through this village. Many of the mud houses found here are dated from 400 years old and some of them are still exist. The old falaj systems are still used for irrigation.

Thereafter drive to the Hotel in Nizwa, upon arrival at the hotel Check in & rest of day at leisure.

Overnight at Falaj Daris hotel in Nizwa (Breakfast)

Day-3: Main Highlights- Walking though the Mud houses of Al Hamra Village & Discover one of the finest forts in Oman.



Day-4/

NIZWA SOUQ & FORT - BIRKAT AL MAUZ

Breakfast at the hotel in Nizwa.

After Early Breakfast at the hotel drive to visit the **Halwa Factory**, Translated as 'sweet' from the arabic word 'Halwa' a trip to Oman is not completed without trying some of this delicious local delicacy, Omani Halwa. Halwa is considered as a symbol of Omani hospitality and is traditionally served with Omani Kahwa (Coffee). In fact Halwa Makers are very protective over their secret recipes.

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 .
- Halwa Factory working hours between 04:00 to 08:00 AM.

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!

Drive to **Birkat Al Mauz**. Birkat Al Mauz roughly translates as 'Banana Pool', an appropriate name as a drive through the village plantation will reveal, see the active falaj (irrigation channel), some interesting old buildings that are in the process of being saved from ruin, and a thick plantation of date palms that invite a quiet stroll.

Thereafter drive back 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, and try to figure out some secrets about the traditional Omani products.



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

Breakfast at the hotel in Nizwa and check out.

Embark your coach and continue for **Wadi bani khalid**.

Drive until you reach the Fuel Station and disembark your coach and get on the 4WD vehicle heading to 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 up to 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 - SUR

Breakfast at the camp and check out.

Embark on your 04Wds and exit from the desert until you meet with your coach embark on board the coach and drive towards Sur.

The city of **Sur** is one of the ancient Omani cities. It is a city that has played a prominent and distinguished role in maritime commercial activity across the Indian Ocean, the Arabian Sea and the Sea of Oman, forming a business and cultural bridge between the Arabian Peninsula, India, South East Asia and Africa. Sur Port is amongst the oldest ports, where more than one hundred and fifty sailing vessels docked daily during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. It is the most easterly city in Arabia and the first one to witness sunrise in this part of the world. Sur used to be an important shipbuilding centre of vessels that crossed the oceans.

We will conduct an orientation drive through the city of Sur, visiting **Dhow Factory yard** where authentic dhows are still built in the traditional fashion.

Drive to your hotel in Sur & Check in. Rest of the day at leisure.

By 20:00 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)**

Overnight at Sur Plaza Hotel in Sur. (Breakfast)

Day-6: Main Highlights- Explore the City of Sur that used to form a business and cultural bridge between the Arabian Peninsula, India, South East Asia and Africa and sight the turtles in their natural inhabitant.



Day-7/ SUR – WADI TIWI – BIMMAH SINKHOLE – QURYAT - MUSCAT

Breakfast at the hotel in Sur and check out.

Embark your Coach and drive to Muscat on a coastal route. Your first stop will be at **Wadi Tiwi**. There is village which has many farms mainly for banana and Pappaya. Your guide will explain the cultivation process. we will continue driving to **Bimah sinkhole**. On arriving at Sink hole, a spectacular limestone crater with blue green water at the bottom.

Then drive to Quriyat Village, a very large fishing village between the lagoon and the sea. The fisherman goes every morning in sea to catch fishes and then they sell in the market (located at the beach). The port of Quriyat is still guarded by a watchtower. We will have a short photo stop at this village.

Later drive to Muscat, on arrival check in at your hotel in Muscat.

Overnight at Al Falaj Hotel in Muscat. (Breakfast)

Day-7: Main Highlights- Enjoy the Eastern costal road of Oman and explore more interesting sites on the way to Muscat

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	784.00	726.00	684.00	655.00
Single room supplement in USD	303.00			

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	Falaj Daris Hotel 3*, Nizwa	Buffet Breakfast	45 Seater Coach
Day-4	Falaj Daris Hotel 3*, Nizwa	Buffet Breakfast	45 Seater Coach
Day-5	Arabian Oryx Camp (Dry Campsite), Wahiba Sands	Buffet Breakfast / Buffet Dinner	45 Seater Coach & 4x4 WD Vehicle
Day-6	Sur Plaza Hotel 3*, Sur	Buffet Breakfast	45 Seater Coach
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 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 dinner at the camp site)
- German Speaking guide throughout the tour and Transfers in Oman.
- In Oman all tours and transfers by 45seater coach.
- Day-5: 04WD vehicles will be used only for visit of Wadi Bani Khalid and return transfer to campsite in Wahiba as per 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 61.00**
- **Single room supplement @ USD 21.00**

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.

Kontakt & Weitere Informationen:

Travco Oman L.L.C.

c/o Majunke International Sales

Limburger Str. 3

D-61462 Königstein

Tel: +49 (0)6174 959960

info@majunkesales.com

www.majunkeinternationalsales.com