



## NORTH & SOUTH OMAN, 11 NIGHTS



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### DAY -1/

### ARRIVAL TRANSFER

Arrive Muscat in evening Flight.

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

[www.rop.gov.om](http://www.rop.gov.om)

[https://www.rop.gov.om/visa/english/online services\\_VisaApplication.aspx?AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1](https://www.rop.gov.om/visa/english/online services_VisaApplication.aspx?AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1)

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

**Optional :** Meet and Assist Service by TAV PrimeClass Lounge- TAV “primeclass” combines hospitality and professionalism and provides service to the passengers who prefer comfort and speed, expect privilege and require special attention (disabled, unaccompanied child, transit passengers, etc.) before or after

their flights. **Meet and Assist Service includes following.**

- Greeting at the flight gate by a personal assistant carrying a name placard.
- Escort to Primeclass Arrival lounge with a buggy car for light refreshments.
- Assistance for visa procedures , if necessary.
- Escort through Fast Track immigration.
- Escort to luggage area and porter assistance for luggage collection.
- Escort through customs and hand over to the receiving party at Arrival floor.

On your arrival at general arrival hall and will be met by our English speaking representative and transfer to selected hotel

Rest of the day at Leisure.

**Overnight at Hotel**



## DAY-2/

## DAY VISIT OF MUSCAT

After breakfast, depart to Full day tour of Muscat.

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.

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

Depart to Royal Opera House for house tour (between 8:30am and 17:00 PM). 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.

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

Visit National Museum aims to preserve the components of Omani cultural heritage by supporting research and scientific and historical studies, and plans for the conservation, in addition to education and community outreach, which is achieved through the Learning Center, which provides excellent educational services for all visitors and different age groups especially for children and students, as well as provision of services to visitors and special groups.

Later, walk to admire 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).**

**Optional :** Visit 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. At National Hospitality institute, the students in traditional dress will welcome the group and will show the class rooms. The students will serve dates, coffee/ tea. The group will have opportunity to interact with them to understand the educational system and other culture. Lunch at the institute cooked and served by Omani students. ( Open only from Sunday to Thursday . Closed on public holidays)

**Optional :** The Sidab Women's Sewing Group (SWSG) to understand that how the Social entrepreneurship has become a global movement aiming to effect positive social change, and it has begun to take root in the Arabian Gulf. The Sidab Women's Sewing Group (SWSG), is but one example of a growing group of local women social entrepreneurs. SWSG is Oman's most successful cottage industry based in Sidab, a fishing village near Muscat, with 35 women active in the group. Using traditional 'wizar' art of Oman, products like calico shopping bags, mobile phone cases, cushion covers, tissue boxes, CD covers and water bottle covers are handmade. The non-profit organization gives them an opportunity to supplement their household income and at the same time utilize their sewing skills. (Closed on Public holidays, Friday & Saturday)

Return to Hotel by late afternoon.

**Optional :** **SUNSET DHOW CRUISE** ON Seat in coach basis (operated on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Monday from 1600Hrs -1800 Hrs.)

Afternoon by around 1530 Hrs embark on your vehicle and drive to Marina to board traditional dhow cruise. These traditional arabic dhows are made of wood and were used in ancient times for seafaring. Enjoy 02 Hrs sunset cruise through the Muscat coast with water and soft drinks on board. Disembark the dhow at around 1800 Hrs and return transfer to the hotel.

**Optional : Dinner at Kargeen Restaurant**

Evening ,by around 1900Hrs embark on your vehicle and drive for Kargeen restaurant. Kargeen Restaurant for set menu Arabic Dinner, Kargeen an old Omani word meaning 'little wooden cottage.' A place which takes you back in to living Omani Culture. Just sit back and relax ...a place where time stands still. Choose a whole new experience of a beautiful candle light dinner on the lawns, accompanied by myriad stars or a cozy meal under the canopies. A meal at Kargeen Café is an experience in itself Please note this restaurant does not serve alcohol. However, the restaurant offers some wonderful mock tails and Sheesha (Water pipes).

**Overnight at Hotel**

**Day-2: Main Highlights- Visit of Grand Mosque, Royal opera house, National Museum, Traditional Souk.**



## **DAY-3/ MUSCAT - WADI ABRYEEN - WAHIBA**

Breakfast at Hotel.

Embark on your 04WDs and depart for explore interior of Oman. After few kilometers of black top road, you enter to off road terrain with some of photo stop locations at Wadi Miyah.

After few kilometers enter to **Wady Arbyn**. 'Wadi' in Arabic means dead riverbed. This is one of the interesting off-road drive in this region and after enjoying the off-road drive, you will exit from Wadi and drive towards Bima Sink hole

On arriving at Sink hole, a spectacular limestone crater with blue green water at the bottom and this stop will also be a rest stop. Enjoy sometime at the Bima Sinkhole. This will also be a toilet stop.

Leave for Wadi shab, the villagers grow lemon banana, papaya, date palms and other fruits and vegetables in this Oasis. You will be transferred by local boats to other side of pool for short trek through the plantations. (around 45 minutes)

Later drive for Sur, orientation tour of city including visit of dhow building yard.

Later continue you drive to Wahiba Sands.

The 'Wahiba Sands' often described as a perfect example of Sand Sea consists of large ranges of dunes running from North to South, some attaining a height of about 100-mts and orange in color.

Evening watch the spectacular sunset from top of Sand dunes.

**Our guide will organize quick set up at top of sand dunes for watching sunset, including canned juices, soft drinks, water and light refreshments.**

Dinner and overnight in **desert camp**

**Day-3: Main Highlights- Off Road of Wadi Wadi Al Arbyeen , visit wadi shab, Sunset from the top of Dunes.**

## **DAY-4/ FULL DAY EXCURSION TO SOUTH COAST**

After breakfast, embark on your 04Wds and cross the sea of sand that stretch for around 200 Kms until southern coast You will pass some of the bedouin settlements. Visit Bedouin house and meet Bedouin ladies to know more about their life in desert. Enjoy Omani coffee and dates at their house and what ladies do to survive in desert.

Reach at southern side of wahiba sands and visit Ras Ruways where sand dunes meets sea directly. Drive back to Desert camp.

**Optional :** Sunset camel trekking ; Take camel trekking to top of sand dune for watch spectacular sunset from top of sand dunes

Dinner and over night Desert camp.

**Day-4: Main Highlights- Desert crossing to southern coast.**

## **DAY-5/ WAHIBA - WADI BANI KHALID - NIZWA**

Breakfast and check out

Embark on your vehicle and leave for Wadi bani Khalid.

“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.

Start your trekking through Wadi and after 15-20 Minutes’ walk you reach beautiful water falls. Later further walk through the Wadi until Muqil Cave and to beautiful village of Al Hayer. Later return to main pools area. Enjoy a walk in the Wadi or swim in wadi (no towels from our end).

**Optional :** Lunch at Farm house

Later drive through the lush green oasis village of **Birkat-Al-Mauz** , a small town at the foot of Jabel Akhdar (Green Mountain), famous for it is dates, banana farms and water channels. The water channels system in Oman is very old and goes back to 400 BC and in use till today. Thus, the UNESCO has acknowledged five of them, locally known as Falaj, as a living heritage of man’s hard work and intelligence. In Birkat Al Mouz lays Falaj Al Khatmeen which is one of the five Falajes recognised by UNESCO.

Later, drive to Jabreen and visit. Jabrin is the finest of Oman’s castle built in the late 17<sup>th</sup> 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 mesmerizing.

Later drive for hotel and check in. Overnight at hotel.

**Day-5 Main Highlights- Visit of Wadi bani khald, Falaj System , Jabreen castle**



## **DAY-6/**

## **NIZWA – JABEL SHAMS – NIZWA**

Breakfast at hotel.

Embark on your 04WDs and leave for visit Nizwa.

While heading for Jebel Shams short stop at the terrace farming village of **Wadi Ghul**. In the Jebel Akhdar range **Jebel Shams** the highest peak offers a spectacular. Jebel Shams’ in arabic means mountain of Sun. The Grand Canyon of Jebel Shams is highest in Oman and third highest in the world. Arrive at Jebel Shams and enjoy sometime at Grand Canyon

**Optional :** Walk at Al Khitaym village. The path is very easy and offers long wonderful views on Arabia's Grand Canyon. On the way we can see the highest point of the country. Finally, we arrive to an old village built in the cliff: Sab Bani Khamis. The village was abandoned some 15 years ago when the road was build.



Some 5 to 10 families were living there, taking care of their gardens also built on the cliff and of their goats. We come back the same way. It is a very easy wonderful walk.

Then, proceed for Al Hamra. Arrive at the old village of Al Hamra and walk through this village to arrive Bait Al Safa. Bait Al Safa is a local Museum, made by villagers showcasing Omani house. Visit this Museum and enjoy Omani Coffee and dates.

**Optional :** Omani lunch at Bait safu Musuem , Folklore dance of a troop of Men  
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.

We proceed for Bahla, The mud 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 sponsored by UNESCO. **The site is on UNESCO's World Heritage list. Photo stops the village.**

Later drive back to Hotel. Overnight.

**Day-4: Main Highlights- Visit of Traditional villages, Old House Musuem, Grand Canyon**

## **DAY-7/ NIZWA - MUSCAT- SALALAH**

Breakfast at hotel.

Embark on your vehicle and leave for visit Nizwa fort & Souq  
on arrival in Nizwa, visit of impressive **New Souq** complex has been sensitively designed using Omani fort architecture and elegant Islamic arches. 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. **Our guide will lead you to visit dates souk where various types of dates are sold. You will have opportunity to taste various types of Dates.**

Later at the far end and through the gate – this leads up to **Nizwa Fort**. The 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Optional :** Lunch at Al Aqur restaurant ( near Nizwa fort ) where traditional Omani food are served.

On arrival at Salalah, meet your guide and vehicle and transferred to Hotel.

**Day-7: Main Highlights- Traditional Souk of Nizwa , date tasting at souk.**

## **DAY-8/ HALF DAY WEST SALALAH**

Breakfast at hotel

### **WEST SALALAH TOUR**

09:00 hrs, Proceed to Mughsail beach where blow-holes (perforations in the limestone rock) through which sea water gushes during high tide. Experience the hairpin bend roads for approximately 15 KM, which will take you a wadi. The views are breath-taking due to heights involved. This is the road that takes you to the Yemen border. At the nearby sanctuary, one may see seasonal birds. En-route the stark shape of leafless

Frankincense trees dot the landscape once traded as a commodity more precious than gold, frankincense harvested in Dhofar is rated the best in the world.

**Then visit Nabi Imran Tomb.** According to Islamic & some Jewish traditions, Nabi Imran was the father of Virgin Mary. (Men should cover knees and shoulders and woman should cover their heads and wear long dresses or skirts for this visit).

Drive for Hotel, on arrival check in at hotel. Rest of the day at leisure enjoy the beach.

Dinner and Over night at Hotel .

**Day-8: Main Highlights- Frankincense valley, Nabi Imran Tomb**



## DAY-9/

## SALALAH CITY & EAST SALALAH

Breakfast hotel

We first drive to grand mosque of Salalah. Visit of the beautiful Grand Mosque with Its exquisite artwork and stained tiles. (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)

Visit the **Al Husn souq**, where frankincense crystals of Dhofar and typical Dhofari frankincense burners are sold. Walk along the city's promenade (waterfront **corniche**) where single storey houses are dwarfed by tall swaying palms. Photo stop at (view from outside) Al Husn Palace, summer residence of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos stands at one end of the promenade. **Visit the Al Balid Museum** which is famous for the Dhofari costumes in the south (SUN - THU only).

### EAST SALALAH

First we move towards the East. explore the natural spring of 'Ayn Razat', beautifully laid out amidst the tranquil lush mountains & nourished every day of the year by natural underground spring water.

Continue onto the ancient ruins of the once famous city of Sumharam (Khor Rohri). The city was the easternmost outpost of the Hadramawt Kingdom on the ancient incense route between the Mediterranean Sea, Persian Gulf and India. Khor Rori was an important port on the coast of Dhofar, and one of the major trading cities with frankincense, believed to have been the hub & harbor for the shipping of Frankincense (UNESCO World Heritage site).

Visit to the old fishing village of 'Taqah', famous for the manufacture of 'Dried Sardines' & its traditional & old 'Dhofari Houses'. Visit the century old 'Taqah Castle', the former official residence of the 'Wali' (Governor) of the region & obtain a glimpse into the rich history of the region. (Opened Sat - Thu 9:00 - 16:00, Fri - 08:00 - 11:00)

A picturesque drive then leads you to 'Mirbat', the ancient capital of Dhofar and the beginning of the 'Frankincense trail'. Stroll through the streets lined with old Omani houses & visit the 'twin-domed Bin Ali's Tomb' as a photo stop ...a classic example of medieval architecture.

**Day-9: Main Highlights- Grand Mosque, Al baleed Musuem , Samharam, Mirbat**

**DAY-10/****FULL DAY AT LEISURE**

Full day at leisure..

**Optional : FULL DAY UBAR TOUR**

Visit Ar Rub Al Khali (The Empty Quarter), Dhofars most remarkable and popular site with its untouched and magical sand dunes.

Start the tour in the morning from the Hotel by 4x4 vehicle and drive towards the 'Qara' mountain range with its spectacular view of the Salalah plains dotted with thick shrub & woodland. After having a small break in Thumrait town, which was famous as a Bedouin settlement, proceed west on graded road crossing the huge gravel desert of ' Al Nejd'. Visit the 'Lost City of Ubar' (UNESCO World heritage site), 175km away from Salalah. This legendary ancient kingdom, known as Ubar, was said to have existed in one of the most inhospitable places on earth - a vast and forbidding Rub Al Khali desert, appropriately known as the Empty Quarter. According to myth, the desert swallowed up Ubar. Quite literally, it sank without trace - becoming the fabled "Atlantis of the Sands." This once buried city, which was spotted by satellite, gives you a glimpse of the value of work carried out by a team of explorers in 1992, led by Sir Ranulph Fiennes.

After walking around the site proceed to the Empty Quarter to experience the "biggest sand desert in the World" by rambling on fascinating sand dunes. A breathtaking overview of the vast desert awaits you on the top of the dunes.

On the way back to Salalah, drive into Wadi 'Dawka' (UNESCO World heritage site) known as the 'Frankincense Wadi', which is also well-known as the biggest collection of the naturally grown Frankincense trees in the region. Experience the Frankincense and its use in the past as well as in the modern World.

Dinner and over night at Hotel

**DAY-11/****DEPARTURE TRANSFER.**

Breakfast and checkout.

Transfer to Salalah airport to connect flight to Muscat and on arrival transit to International terminus.

**END OF OUR SERVICES****OMAN Package cost per person in US Dollar:**

	15-18 Pax	19-22 Pax	23-26Pax	27-30 Pax	31 -34 Pax
Cost is Per person in USD- Sharing Twin room	1560.00	1476.00	1419.00	1380	1351
Single room supplement in USD	550.00				

**ABOVE COST INCLUDES**

Date	Hotel	Meals	Transport
Day-1	Lavatio Hotel 4*, Muscat	No Meals	45 Seater Coach



Day-2	Lavatio Hotel 4*, Muscat	Buffet Breakfast / Buffet Dinner	45 Seater Coach
Day-3	Sama Al Wasil Desert camp Wahiba	Buffet Breakfast / Buffet Dinner	4x4 WD Vehicle
Day-4	Sama Al Wasil Desert camp Wahiba	Buffet Breakfast / Buffet Dinner	4x4 WD Vehicle
Day-5	Intercity Hotel Nizwa	Buffet Breakfast / Buffet Dinner	4x4 WD Vehicle
Day-6	Intercity hotel	Buffet Breakfast / Buffet Dinner	4x4 WD Vehicle
Day-7 to Day 10	Al fanar resorts	Buffet Breakfast / Buffet Dinner	45 Seater Coach
Day-8	Departure Transfer	Buffet Breakfast	45 Seater Coach

- 10 Nights, hotel accommodation in Standard rooms on half board at all mentioned Hotel except day 1 will on BB Plan .
- Meal Plan as per mentioned in the program (10 breakfast + 09 dinners)
- German Speaking guide throughout the tour and Transfers in Oman.
- Day1,2,7,8, 9: 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

#### **OPTIONAL SUPPLEMENTS**

- Meet& Greet services by TAV lounge : USD105 per person.
- Meet & Greet including lunch at NHI : USD25 per person ( based on minimum15 -pax )
- Visit of Sidab Sweing women associataion : USD8 per person
- Sunset dhow cruise ( sharing basis ) : USD 55 perperson
- Dinner at Kargeen restaurant instead of Hotel : USD 40 per person including group transfers. ( based on 15 pax)
- Sunset camel trekking ( 1 HR ) : USD110per camel.
- Lunch at Farm house – Non exculsive ( Birkat al mauz ) : USD18 per person.
- Trekking at Al kaitham Village : USD100 per guide
- Omani Lunch at Bait Safa Old House Musuem : USD18 per person
- Folklore dance by Omani men troop ( 6-7 performers) : USD265 per trop for 45 Minutes
- Traditional lunch at AL Aqur Restaurant : USD20 per person .

### 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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