






## EXPLORE THE BEAUTY OF THE MIDDLE EAST

 Group Tour

 Bike tour

 1000-1030 km

●●○ Medium

Duration: 11 days / 10 nights

From 16 years old



## DESCRIPTION

A tour of Oman is a perfect way to explore the beauty of the Middle East. The country is known for its breathtaking landscapes, rich culture, and warm hospitality. Oman is a country where traditional values blend seamlessly with modernity, and the result is a unique experience that you will not find anywhere else. A tour in Oman should include a visit to the capital city of Muscat, where you can explore the Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque, one of the largest mosques in the world. You can also visit the Royal Opera House, which is a stunning example of contemporary Omani architecture. For those who are interested in history, a visit to Nizwa, the former capital of Oman, is a must. Here, you can explore the ancient forts and castles, including the Nizwa Fort, which dates back to the 17th century. Oman is also known for its stunning natural beauty, and a tour of the country should include a visit to the Wahiba Sands desert. Here, you can explore the dunes, or simply relax and enjoy the tranquillity of the desert. A tour of Oman should also include a visit to the coastline, where you can explore the pristine beaches and turquoise waters. A tour in Oman is an unforgettable experience that will leave you with a deep appreciation for the country's culture and natural beauty.

## DETAILED ROUTES

### 📍 Day 1: Muscat

Upon your arrival at Muscat International Airport via your selected flight, you will pass through immigration and customs. Once you have completed these formalities, our driver will be waiting for you in the main Arrival Hall to whisk you away to your hotel.

### 📍 Day 2: Muscat - Wadi Arbayeen

**Distance: 140 km - Cycling: Approx 75 km - Altitude : (+ 50 M/ - 40 M)**

After breakfast and checking out from the hotel, you will start with the first stage of your tour.

After Cycling just a few kilometres you will find yourselves absorbed in an almost lunar world where unreal mountains dominate the view. Heading off-road you will proceed to the Wadi Ál Arbeieen, a spectacular canyon with tall mountainous walls covered with lush vegetation, where the course of the water has created little green-blue ponds and swimming pools. Here you will have the opportunity to take endless pictures, to visit a typical Omani village where the rhythm of a simple daily life has remained uninfluenced by modern ways. Local inhabitants are always cordial and hospitable and the children will greet you with their touching smiles. Whilst off-road you will also cycle through the streams known as "water bashing", an exhilarating experience. You will then reach a natural pool where, for those who wish, there will be the opportunity to swim in a natural amphitheatre surrounded by imposing nature.

You will dine in your hotel at Wadi Arbayeen Resort.

### 📍 Day 3: Wadi Arbayeen - Sur - Ras Al Jinz

**Distance: 150 km - Cycling: Approx 100 km - Altitude : (+ 50 M/ - 40 M)**

After checking out from the resort, you will take a scenic drive along the coastal road towards Sur. During the journey, you will make a stop at Bimah Sinkhole before heading to Wadi Tiwi.

Upon arrival at Wadi Tiwi, you will have the opportunity to admire the stunning beach and explore the coastline by bike. The white sands, beach formations, and sea breeze make for a truly unforgettable experience. Once you're finished cycling, you will continue your journey to Sur, stopping at various tourist attractions along the way.

In Sur, you will have the chance to enjoy a delicious lunch (on your own) before heading to your overnight stay at Sama Ras AL Jinz. Dinner will be served at the resort.

### 📍 Day 4: Ras Al Jinz - Wadi Bani Khalid - Wahiba Sands

**Distance: 200 km - Cycling: Approx 75 km**

**Please note: There is a steep hill of approx 10 km to reach Wadi B**

At 03:30 in the morning, we will depart on a drive to Ras Al Jinz Turtle Reserve where we will be taken on a guided tour to watch turtles. The entrance fee of \$22.00 per person is to be paid directly at the Reserve. Upon our return to the resort, you will have breakfast and check out. We will then proceed to Wahiba Sands where you have the option to cycle to Wadi Bani Khalid, which is one of the most beautiful wadis in Oman. Afterwards, you can enjoy lunch on your own at the Wadi before continuing on to Wahiba Sands. Once we arrive at Desert Rose Camp, we will check in and watch the sunset over the dunes in the evening. Dinner will be provided at the camp, and we will spend the night at Desert Rose Camp.

### 📍 Day 5: Wahiba Sands - Ibra

**Distance: 200 km - Cycling: Approx 75 km - Altitude : (+ 50 M/ - 40 M)**

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Enjoy breakfast at the camp before engaging in morning activities. After checking out from the camp and embark on a drive to Ibra. Upon arrival, you will check in at Saj Farm Inn, where you will have dinner and spend the night.

## 📍 Day 6: Ibra - Jabreen - Bahla - Nizwa

**Distance: 185 km - Cycling: Approx 100 km - Altitude : (+ 50 M/ - 40 M)**

After breakfast and checking out, you will continue your journey. A mountain scenery marks your way to Jabreen Castle, designed to imitate the most beautiful grand European palaces of the 1600s. On the visit, you'll be enchanted by the stunning decorative inscriptions, frescoes and magnificent carvings – truly an authentic expression of Omani craftsmanship. In the Sun and Moon Room, reserved for important visitors, admire the majestic Islamic calligraphy, colourful eye drawings and rows of decorative windows.

Continue to Bahla, best known for its gigantic ancient fort with towers of unbaked bricks, a remarkable example of this type of fortification that sits adjacent to the Friday Mosque with its decoratively sculpted prayer niche dominating the surrounding mud brick settlement and palm grove.

You will spend the night at Nizwa Heritage Inn

## 📍 Day 7: Nizwa - Jebel Shams

**Distance: 85 km - Cycling: Approx 40 km - Altitude : (+ 1800 M/ - 1900 M)**

After enjoying your breakfast at the Guest House, you can proceed to check out and head towards Jebel Shams. Once you arrive, you can check in at the Jebel Shams Resort. In the afternoon, you can take a stroll on the balcony and enjoy the stunning views. You can also opt for a cliff walk up to the abandoned village. This walk is quite easy and exciting, and it takes approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes one way. You'll walk along steep canyon walls to an old village that will transport you back in time hundreds of years. You can end the day with a delicious dinner at the hotel and retire for the night at Jebel Shams Resort.

## 📍 Day 8: Jebel Shams - Shorfet Alalamin

**Distance: 70 km - Cycling: Approx 50 km - Altitude : (+ 1370 M/ - 1380 M)**

After Breakfast check out and drive to the old village of Al Hamra, restored by the government to show how Omanis lived in previous centuries. then cycling to Al Misfah Village which is a tourist attraction village and wins one of the Best Villages in the World by UNWTO in the year 2021 it's recognized for its traditional architecture and agriculture. You will conclude today's stage at Shorfat AL Ameen in Bilad Sait where you will also dine.

## 📍 Day 9: Shorfet Alalamin - Muscat

**Distance: 180 km - Cycling: Approx 50 km - Altitude : (+ 512 M/ - 80 M)**

After breakfast, drive to Bilad Sayt, a small village that has maintained its traditional charm and rural seclusion, nestled in the protective mountains of Rustaq. The village features quaint, old earthen houses arranged on terraces around the mountain's foot, exemplifying medieval Omani dwellings. Abundant palm trees and a patchwork of terraced fields characterize the area's beauty. Fresh springs provide crystal clear drinking water to the village, while the Aflaj canals distribute the rare commodity wherever it is needed.

The region's natural beauty extends to the adjacent Wadi, which winds into the mountain range for about 7 Km.

Next, head to Wadi Bani Awf, which lies in a deep canyon where the lush date palms offer a vivid contrast to the rugged, barren mountains. Despite their inhospitable nature, the mountains provide protection against the blazing sun.

Finally, arrive in Muscat and check in at the Park Inn hotel.

## 📍 Day 10: Muscat

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Rest Day; In Muscat, on your resting day, you can visit the Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque, explore the Royal Opera House, stroll along the Muttrah Corniche and Souk, or take a relaxing walk through Al Riyam Park. You can also try Omani cuisine in one of the many local restaurants.

## Day 11: Departure

Breakfast in the morning, check out from the hotel and transfer to Muscat International Airport

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

- **Classification:** Group Tour
- **Duration:** 11 days / 10 nights
- **Distance:** ca. 1000-1030 km
- **Starting point:** Muscat
- **Arrival:**
- **Accommodation:**

### INCLUDED SERVICES

- Upon arrival at Muscat International Airport, you will receive standard meet-and-greet services and assistance with your baggage.
- Transfer from the airport to the Park Inn hotel via a 20-seat coaster.
- 9 nights in hotels
- Breakfast every day and dinner on days 2,3,4,5,7 and 8.
- Round-trip transfer from Muscat to various locations such as Wadi Arbayeen, Sur, Wahiba Sands, Jabreen, Nizwa, and Bilad Sait Muscat by a 4x4 Jeep, accompanied by English-speaking drivers, as per the program.
- Bicycle pick up: The jeeps will be provided as follows: for 8 people, there will be 1 passenger Jeep and 2 pick-up Jeeps (4 people in 1 passenger Jeep and 4 people in 2 pick-up Jeeps with bicycles); for 12 people, there will be 2 passenger Jeeps and 2 pick-up Jeeps (8 people in 2 passenger Jeeps and 4 people in 2 pick-up Jeeps with bicycles).
- Entrance fees, wherever applicable
- All applicable taxes.

### NON INCLUDED SERVICES

- Travel insurance is highly recommended.
- Airfare
- Oman visa
- Meals other than those specified
- Personal expenses
- Departure taxes
- Tips to guides, drivers, hotel porters, etc.
- All not expressly mentioned under the item "Included services"

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## STARTING DATES

Available - arrival possible Not Available Available for groups from 6 persons and on request

January							April						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31					29	30					

## PRICES

Standard		
Package price in a double room	from 15/01/2024 to 25/04/2024	2.669 €
Package price high season	from 15/01/2024 to 25/04/2024	2.669 €
Single room surcharge		530 €