



Oman Private Cultural Discovery

9 Days



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➤ Oman Private Cultural Discovery

Venture across the mesmerizing Sultanate of Oman, a hidden gem of the Middle East. Enjoy camel rides and encounter Bedouin tribes in the rolling dunes of the Wahiba Sands. Take in Oman's fascinating heritage: walk through ancient Arabia's frankincense trade sites and souqs overflowing with fabrics and handicrafts. Take a spectacular canyon drive through the dramatic Wadi Bani Awuf and explore the wonders of Jebel Akhdar on foot. Visit well-preserved old villages, embark on a sunset cruise, and spend a night in a Bedouin-style tent. See the best of Oman - in just over a week.

Details

Arrive:	Muscat, Oman
Depart:	Salalah, Oman
Duration:	9 Days
Group Size:	3-8 Guest
Minimum Age:	16 Years Old

Activity Level:



Testimonials

Oman is a unique, fascinating country and we are delighted that Mt. Sobek offered a trip. They put together an excellent itinerary that provided an in-depth look at the history, culture, and varied topography of Oman. The accommodations, meals, guiding, vehicles, and transfers that were planned were top-notch. Highly recommended.

Doranne H.

Oman is a fascinating country. Embracing modernity yet maintaining strong cultural traditions. Mt Sobek did a fantastic job of developing a wonderful itinerary that enabled us to experience the sites, history, flavors, and culture of this wonderful country. From city to mountains to desert, Oman really offers so much. Our guide

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Why Take This Trip With Us?

REASON #01

Leave it to MT Sobek to find excellent hiking and combine it with the cultural and historical highlights of the country.

REASON #02

MT Sobek experts guide intimate groups through some of Oman's most striking landscapes.

REASON #03

On this trip we combine luxury hotels with boutique eco-resorts and a desert camp.

What to Expect



ACTIVITIES

Scenic drives, local market visits, archeological tours, and desert adventures featuring camel rides, Bedouin tribe encounters, and camping under the stars.



LODGING

Luxury resorts and boutique hotels provide high-class amenities and services, while Bedouin-inspired camping offers extraordinary lodging in deluxe desert camps.



CLIMATE

Weather is warm with little annual rainfall. Temperatures range from the high 60's to high 90's F on the coast and cooler in the mountains

Meet Our Guides

Our expert guides and trip leaders are truly the key to our trips' success. Many are locals who live in-country year-round; others have made it their second home—all are passionate, enthusiastic and endlessly knowledgeable. Meet two of the guides that might be on your trip.

Qais has been a guide for over 25 years and has extensive knowledge of Oman's history and culture. His favorite part of guiding is getting to meet so many different people from all over the world and learning about their cultures. He prides himself in providing the most enriching learning experience and warm hospitality on all his tours. Qais looks forward to sharing his beautiful country with you!

Qais Abdul Aziz Haji Al Balushi

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Itinerary

DAY 1

ARRIVE IN MUSCAT

Welcome to Muscat, the capital of the Sultanate of Oman, a millennial-old trading port between East and West. Meeting with your MT Sobek representative at the airport and transfer airport to your hotel. Enjoy a welcome group dinner and have an informative evening meeting with your guide at Bait Al Luban restaurant.

Meals: D

DAY 2

TOUR MUSCAT & TAKE A SUNSET CRUISE

Enjoy an action-packed city tour showcasing Muscat's exquisite Grand Mosque, built with sandstone and marble, and adorned with a Swarovski crystal chandelier and 27-ton handmade Persian carpet. Visit the magnificent Al Alam Palace, one of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos' six royal residences, and enjoy a visit to the National Museum. Here you will find a unique collection of Omani artifacts, some dating back to the earliest human settlement on the Oman Peninsula around two million years ago! Continue to Muttrah Souq, Muscat's famed market overflowing with fabrics, spices, and handicrafts. Weather permitting, take on a sunset boat ride along Muscat's spectacular coastline. Dinner is on your own this evening.

Activity: Scenic drive and heritage tour, plus a traditional 2- hour dhow cruise

Meals: B, L

DAY 3

VIEW THE NAKHL FORT & THE AL HAJAR MOUNTAINS

Start the day at the traditional Barka fish market and then set off on a 75-mile drive from Muscat to the village of Nakhal, known for its hot springs and surrounding date palms. View the beautifully restored Narhal Fort, built atop a huge rock in the 16th century. Thrill-seekers can opt for a spectacular canyon drive through the dramatic Wadi Bani Awuf involving steep bends and bumpy roads through remarkable geological formations. Next, tour the charming mountain village of Bilad Sayt near Jebel Shams, Oman's highest peak, and stroll through Al Hamra-one of the best-preserved old towns in the country. Relax at the hotel and replenish over dinner.

Activity: Scenic drives and village tours

Meals: B, D

DAY 4

HIKE RUGGED JEBEL AKHDAR

After breakfast, leave for Jebel Akhdar - Oman's premier outdoor hiking area at the center of the Al Hajar mountain range. Enjoy views of dramatic peaks as you traverse rugged landscapes, marveling at fruit orchards, ancient irrigation channels, wadis, and Omani villages along the way. Learn about the fragrant 'damascina'

rosewater made from the region's prized rose varieties and visit Wadi Bani Habib, an interesting village located on the massive plateau.

Activity: 3-4 hours/3-4 miles hiking

Meals: B, D

DAY 5 HIKE TO WADI AL MUYADIN & DISCOVER NIZWA

Rise today for a hike through beautiful Wadi Al Muyadin with its vast orange cliffs, limestone boulders and pretty trees, nourished by water below the wadi. Next, head to Nizwa, one of Oman's oldest cities nestled between palm trees and towering mountains. Stroll through the bustling souq stands selling traditional khanjars (silver daggers). Stop at the 17th-century Nizwa Fort, and continue to the desert of Wahiba Sands- home to the traditional Bedouin tribe where red and white dunes rise up to 650 feet. This is evening experience you'll never forget: dinner under the stars and an overnight in Bedouin-style tents beneath the dazzling night sky.

Activity: Cultural market tour and scenic drives

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 6 VISIT WADI BANI KHALID & RIDE A CAMEL

Wake for breakfast at camp before driving to the enchanting Wadi Bani Khalid. Its crystal-clear pools are cool and deep-just right for plunging in! Return to the desert camp, where you can enjoy a camel ride across the Wahiba Sands. The sands stretch over 80 miles and provide a real taste of the Arabian Desert, with their high dunes and traditional Bedouin encampments. Overnight again at Desert Nights Camp.

Activity: Camel ride and visit to a Bedouin family

Meals: B, D

DAY 7 VISIT SUR & TRANSFER TO MUSCAT

After breakfast travel 75 miles to the coastal city of Sur, known for its history of boat (dhow) making. See how dhows are crafted before heading to the pretty Al Ajjah lighthouse for a photo opportunity. The next stop is the Bimmah sinkhole, a deep natural depression filled with water. Legend has it that a meteor fell in this spot! In the afternoon, return to the Muscat Airport to fly to Salalah.

Activity: Scenic drives and heritage tours

Meals: B, D

DAY 8

TOUR ANCIENT SITES OF TAQA & SALALAH

Explore the old fishing village and 19th-century castle of Taqah, with a stellar fort museum, then head to the capital of ancient Arabia's frankincense trade and site of the ruined Samhuran city. From there, head to Mirbat and visit the twin-domed Bin Alis Tomb and see the natural spring of Ayn Razat. Overnight in Salalah.

Activity: Scenic drives and heritage tours

Meals: B, D

DAY 9

DEPART FROM OMAN


Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before transferring to the Salalah airport for homeward-bound flights.

Meals: B

Dates

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Inclusions & Exclusions

PRICE INCLUDES

- Expertise and services of our experienced adventure guides
- All accommodations as noted in the itinerary
- All breakfasts, almost all lunches and dinners as noted in the itinerary
- Water between meals
- Additional regional guides and experts on many trips
- Comprehensive Trip Planner with detailed pre-trip information
- Private guided tours at historic sites, museums, wineries and other select attractions as noted in the itinerary
- Special events and other select attractions as mentioned in the itinerary
- Equipment and experienced guides for activities as described in the itinerary
- Park and other entry fees (unless otherwise noted)
- Fares for trains, ferries and other modes of travel as listed in the itinerary
- Select transfers as mentioned in the itinerary
- Baggage transfers and portorage

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

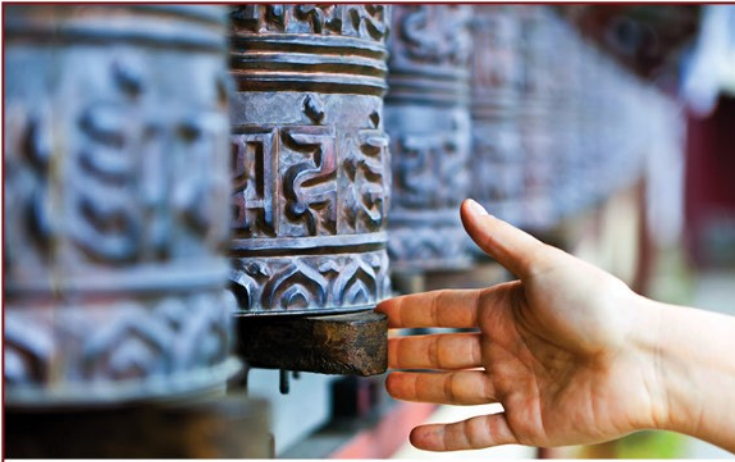
- International airfare, airport taxes, and excess baggage fees
- Alcoholic beverages
- Gratuities for MT Sobek guides and guide-drivers
- Travel Protection Program
- Personal expenses

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