

3 NIGHTS / 4 DAYS - MOUNTAIN / DESERT / BEACH

DAY 1 MUSCAT / NAKHAL / BILAD SAIT / AL HAMRA / JABAL SHAMS



After breakfast you will meet your tour guide at 0800 hrs who will escort you to the waiting 4 wheel drive which you will board for a soft adventure tour. We commence the tour by visiting Nakhal. Arrive at Nakhal and visit the Nakhal Fort. This fort once served the Imams of Bani Kharous and the Ya'arubah dynasty. After recent restoration work carried out, it is refurbished with the traditional furniture, handicrafts and historic relics. The ceilings, the doors and the windows are decorated with

beautiful carvings. The view from the roof-top is very impressive and offers a panoramic view of the surrounding landscape. The old village of Nakhal, which nestles below the fort, gradually leads to the famous warm springs of Nakhal situated at the end of an attractive Oasis. Relax by the side of the shallow waters of the springs surrounded by lush green date plantations and steep mountain peaks.

After the visit proceed to Bilad Sait through the foot hills of Jabal Akdhar Mountain. Cross the mountain and arrive at Al Hamra and proceed to Jabal Shams

Overnight at the Jabal shams camp site. (Basic camp with basic facilities).

Day 2 JABAL SHAMS / NIZWA / IBRA / WAHIBA SANDS

After breakfast you will explore the various villages scattered around on the mountain and proceed to Nizwa.



You will drive to the Oasis city of Nizwa and then continue on a tour of the Nizwa fort with its enormous round tower built in the 17th century by Imam Sultan Bin Saif Al Ya'aruba to defend the route to the interior. The fort dominates the entire area with the town having grown around the edifice. Access to the top is possible only by means of a narrow, twisting staircase barred by heavy wooden doors, studded with metal. From the top

of the tower one can get a bird's eye view of the Nizwa city.

From here you will proceed to the Nizwa Souq which is renowned for its intricately hand-carved Khanjar and ornately designed silver Jewelry. Here on a Friday a unique goat and cattle auction is held. The atmosphere here is electric.



Continue your drive to the Jabrin castle en-route to Nizwa. The castle, the finest of Oman's castles built in the late 17th century, which became a seat of Omani learning. This castle has extremely well planned layouts with rooms 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. You will stop en-



route at the Bahla Fort for a photograph of the fort which is listed under the UNESCO's list of world heritage site.

Lunch at a local restaurant (own expense). After lunch proceed to Wahiba Sands which is the home of Bedouins.

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 metres and orange in colour. Our experienced drivers will take you on a dune bashing tour through the undulating sand dunes to experience the thrills of dune driving. Arrive at the pre arranged camp site for overnight.

Dinner and overnight at the camp (Breakfast)

Day 3 WAHIBA SANDS / WADI BANI KHALID /SUR / RAS AL JINZ/ RAS AL HAAD

Breakfast at the camp site. Proceed to Wadi Bani Khalid, which stands out like an oasis in the desert with clear green natural spring water pools, before continuing to the Wahiba Sands which stands out in stark contrast to Wadi Bani Khalid. After spending some time here, proceed to Ras Al Jinz and check in at the pre arranged camp site, dinner at the camp site. After dinner around 2200 hrs leave for the famous turtle beach to watch turtles laying their eggs and nesting.

Overnight at Ras al Hadd Beach Hotel or Turtle Beach resort (Breakfast)

Day 4 RAS AL JINZ / WADI SHAAB / QURIYAT / MUSCAT

Breakfast at hotel, then depart at around 08.00 hrs. This tour along the coast line to Sur offers breath taking glimpses of the blue waters of the Gulf of Oman offset pristine beaches. Short visit of Sur town & Dhow Building Yard. Thereafter proceed to Wadi Shaab. Shaab in Arabic literally means 'Ravine between Cliffs' shallow green pools and abundant shade give wadi Shaab a perfect setting for a picnic. Continue on the bumpy track, sometimes touching the sea following a creek or overlooking superb white beaches hundreds of metres long. Arrive at Fins beach (White beach) stop. After spending some time proceed for Muscat en-route visiting Quriyat, a very large fishing village between the lagoon and the sea. The port of Quriyat is still guarded by a watchtower. (Breakfast)

By evening return back to Muscat

Price includes:

- 3 nights accommodation on twin share basis.
- Daily breakfast
- 4x4 wheel vehicle for 4 days with the services of an English speaking driver guide
- Entrance fee at Forts and Museums.

All Museum visits are subject to change without notice. Museums are normally closed on Thursdays, Fridays and Public Holidays. Similarly visits to forts may be changed without notice since certain forts are often closed temporarily for renovations on a regular basis.