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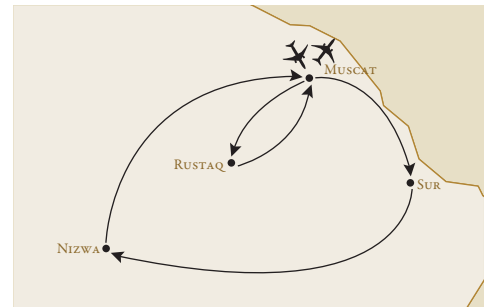
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OMAN: LAND OF FRANKINCENSE

8 DAYS & 7 NIGHTS / PRIVATE JOURNEY

MUSCAT, SUR, NIZWA, JABRIN & WAHIBA SANDS

Oman is one of the most beautiful countries of the Arabian Peninsula. On this enticing journey, visit the capital of Muscat and the historic inland walled town of Nizwa. Along the way, discover magnificent forts, the rolling dunes of the Wahiba Sands and the stunning spectacle of Wadi Ghul, the Grand Canyon of Oman.



2012 DATES

Jan - Dec

*PRICES FROM

\$ 4,635

Note: Upon request, your travel consultant can provide an exact price based on your specific dates of travel.



Muttrah Corniche, Muscat

Day 1: Arrive Muscat

Upon arrival, you will be welcomed by your Cox & Kings local representative and taken to your luxurious seaside resort. *The Shangri-la Barr Al Jissah Resort & Spa (Al Husn Deluxe Sea View Room)* – 3 nights

Day 2: Muscat

Discover Muscat's enchanting blend of ancient and modern. Explore the grand Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque. Wander the narrow covered alleys of Muttrah's souk where the exotic fragrances of enticing perfumes and aromas of ground coffee and other spices fill the air. Delve into Omani culture at the fascinating Bair Al Zubair Museum. And finish your travels with a walking tour of the old city. (B)

Day 3: Day trip to Rustaq

Rise early to visit the bustling Seeb fish market and Barka souq. Today's journey takes you from the country's agricultural heartland

through scenic valleys dotted with historic forts, including the strongholds of Bait Na'am, Rustaq and Nakhl. Upon your return to Muscat, relax in the hot springs of Thowarah. (B)

Day 4: Sur

Embark on a journey to Sur, the major dhow building town in Oman, which was once the hub for trade with Zanzibar, India and China. Visit the ancient city of Qalhaat on the way. This afternoon, visit a traditional shipyard before heading out into the desert for a night under the stars at a luxurious tented camp. *Desert Nights Tented Camp* – 1 night (B, D)

Day 5: Nizwa

Immerse yourself in the ancient world of the nomadic Bedouin people in the magnificent sea of dunes of the Wahiba Sands. After lunch in a local restaurant, continue to Nizwa, stopping

HIGHLIGHTS

- SEARCH FOR TREASURES IN MUSCAT'S FAMED MUTTRAH SOUQ
- TRAVEL TO THE OASIS OF NAKHL TO VISIT THE IMPOSING, 350-YEAR-OLD FORT
- TOUR THE TRADITIONAL DHOW SHIPBUILDING YARD IN SUR
- SPEND THE NIGHT UNDER THE STARS AT A LUXURIOUS BEDOUIN TENTED DESERT CAMP
- STAND AT THE EDGE OF WADI GHUL, OMAN'S GRAND CANYON
- DISCOVER THE GORGEOUS INTERIOR OF ICONIC JABRIN CASTLE
- INDULGE YOURSELF AT YOUR LUXURY SEASIDE RESORT IN MUSCAT

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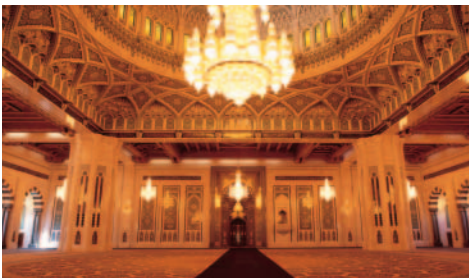
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Ash Sharqiyah, Wahiba Sands

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Qaboos Grand Mosque Chapel

in the pretty town of Al Mundayrib on the way. **Golden Tulip Nizwa Hotel (Standard Room) – 2 nights (B, L)**

Day 6: Nizwa

Discover the natural and cultural wonders of Oman today. From the ancient engravings at Hast bin Sult to the historic architecture of Jabrin castle, Bahla fort and the mud houses of Al Hamra, see how Omanis have adapted to the desert. Then stand in awe at Wadi Ghul, the Grand Canyon of Oman before visiting some traditional villages and a fascinating souk. **(B)**

Day 7: Muscat

Return to Muscat through the scenic Sumail Gap. Enjoy the late afternoon and evening at leisure at your lovely resort. **The Shangri-la Barr Al Jissah Resort & Spa (Al Husn Deluxe Sea View Room) (B)**

Day 8: Depart Muscat

Today, you will be transferred to the airport for your onward flight. **(B)**

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- All hotel accommodations as per the itinerary
- Meals as noted in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch & D=Dinner)
- All transfers and transportation on a private basis
- Private sightseeing as described in itinerary including entrance fees and services of professional guides

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- International air travel (USA to Saudi Arabia)
- Visa fees
- Travel insurance
- Personal items and alcoholic beverages
- Gratuities to your guides, drivers, porters and hotel service



Al Bahri Road, Muscat

EXTENSION

TOUR + SALALAH 12 DAYS & 11 NIGHTS

Day 9: Salalah

Discover the fabled city of Ubar, made rich by the frankincense trade and then lost to the shifting sands of the Empty Quarter, the Earth's largest sea of sand. Tour the excavations of the city and the silent expanses of the desert before traversing Wadi Dawka, the frankincense valley, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Frankincense, of course, is best known to Christians as one of the gifts of the Magi in Nativity story. **(B)**

Day 10: Salalah

Explore the history and culture of this ancient land today with visits to quaint villages, massive forts, caves housing prehistoric paintings and the site of the Queen of Sheba's palace. **(B)**

Day 11: Muscat

Before you leave Salalah, see the site of Job's tomb, stroll the sands of Mughsail Beach and search for treasures in the Haffa souq. Fly back to Muscat this afternoon. **The Shangri-la Barr Al Jissah Resort & Spa (Al Husn Deluxe Sea View Room) – 1 night (B)**

Day 12: Depart Muscat

Today, you will be transferred to the airport for your international flight. **(B)**