

Oman RoundTrip: An Oasis of Freedom in the Desert

8 Days / 7 Nights

Hotel MILLENNIUM MUSSANAH 4 \*\*\*\*



### **DAY 1: France / Muscat**

Arrival at Muscat airport, after visa formalities and immigration, you will be welcomed and transferred to your hotel "Millennium Mussanah".



### **DAY 2: Discovery of the Omani Capital**

In the morning, you set out to discover Muscat with a private guide. The Grand Mosque, inaugurated in 2001, will be the starting point for your visit. It has the second largest handmade carpet (with more than 1,700,000 knots) as well as the second largest candlestick to the world!.

You take the direction of Muttrah by taking the road of the Embassies. On the way, you will make a stop at the market Fish.

In Muttrah, get lost in the old traditional Souq. Continue the walk in the old town of Muscat where you can admire the palace of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos Bin Said and the former Portuguese forts Jilali and Mirani.

On the way back to the hotel, you will visit the famous Opera House of Muscat.

Delivery of your rental car to your accommodation at the end of the Day.



### **DAY 3 In Option: Swimming in the Wadis and meeting with turtles**

At the wheel of your car, you are travelling south along the coast. Your first stop is at the Bimmah chasm, a well of water caused by a landslide collapse of a depth of about 30 metres (depending on the water level, it will be possible to swim there).

On the way you will also visit the Rocky Mountain with their narrow valleys and dry rivers at the foot of the mountains Arid. On the way to Wadi Tiwi, a stop at Wadi Shab for a small walk in the river bed. In Tiwi, you discover this small village very characteristic of the region. Finally you can go to Ras Al Hadd where you are your accommodation. After dinner, you have an appointment with an accredited guide at the Ras Al Jinz Nature Reserve to observe green turtles that come to lay their eggs on the beach.



### **DAY 4: Road to the Wahiba Sands Desert**

After breakfast, you leave Ras Al Hadd to go to visit his dhow shipyard and his port which played an important role in the country's history. You continue your wadi Bani Khalid, named after a former

"Bani Khalid" tribe. The road winds and climbs a slope steep, this gives splendid views of the fertile Wadis valley and palm groves.

In Wadi Bani Khalid you take the opportunity to bathe in a natural water hole of unique purity. You then head to the Wahiba Desert (15,000 sq km) area.

This beautiful desert is renowned for the colour of its dunes, some up to 120 metres high.

Before you reach your camp, you witness the sunset on the desert. A special dinner awaits you at your accommodation: an Arabic barbecue.



### **DAY 5: Mountains and palm groves in the Jabal Al Akhdar region**

You return to Jabal Al Akhdar. Along the way, you stop at the home of a Bedouin family who will be happy to offer you Omani coffee with a few Dates. A great moment of sharing in perspective!

You then arrive at Jabal A Akhdar, a peak that peaks at 2,100 metres above sea level. You can discover wonderful villages mountains renowned for their rose groves and palm groves such as Al Ain,

Al Shraijah and Wadi Bani Habib. You can discover these landscapes breathtaking with a short hike. Accommodation in Hotel at Nizwa.



### **DAY 6: Set off for Oman's highest peak at more than 3000 metres**

Departure for the discovery of the fort of Nizwa and its souk. Then head for Jabal Shams, the highest peak Oman (3,009 metres). On the way, you stop in the rural village of Misfah Al Abreyeen, which is characterised narrow alleys, picturesque windows and splendid doors. You then go to Al Hamra and its 400-year-old rag houses.

Then you take the road that winds through stunning landscapes: river beds, canyons dizzying, abandoned villages on the mounting side such as Wadi Al Nakhar and Wadi Ghouh. Continuation

to the top to enjoy the splendid view panoramic views of the canyon and the village of Sab Bani

Khamis. You're back on the road and heading for your resort in the mountains where you spend the night.



**DAY 7: Return to Mussanah to enjoy the hotel**



**DAY 8: Mussanah – France**

Road to the airport for your return flight.

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2- Oman RoundTrip: Magic of the Sultanate of Oman

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## **DAY 2: MASCATE**

- Breakfast and departure for the visit of Muscat, the capital is without no doubt one of the most surprising cities in this region, it combines modernity and culture. Some of the buildings date back to the 16th century when Portugal occupied this part of Arabia region . Muscat is surrounded by the ancient walls of the city, completely surrounding the palace Sultan.

-Stop in front of the Royal Opera House Muscat of Omani architecture Contemporary.

-Then we continue to the Sultan Grand Mosque Qaboos, remarkable architectural achievement, perfect balance between deep-rooted Islamic aesthetics, culture and tradition.

Passage through the Corniche, visit of the fish souk and the Muttrah souk (Arab market).

-Visit the Bait Al Zubair Museum. From the museum, we walk through the old town of Muscat, bordered by the twin forts Jalali and Mirani.

-Lunch at a local restaurant.

-You will continue on Shatti Al Qurum Beach located in the heart of tourist Muscat, with the beautiful Jawharat Al Shatti shopping complex for free time.



### **DAY 3: Free day, optional: Mussanah – BARKA**

- Breakfast.

-The journey continues to the coastal town of Barka, visiting the market fish and a look from outside Fort Barka.

Then there is the passage to the former fort AL Hazm, emerging from huge palm groves and protected by the surrounding mountains. It is perfectly located for the defense. After a glance around the fort, visit Nakhl Hot Springs.

-Lunch at the hotel.



### **DAY 4: Mussanah- BAHLA - MISFAH - JEBAL SHAMS**

-Breakfast at the hotel and coach departure to Dakhiliyah.

-Our first stop will be the impressive Jabreen Castle, where can see beautiful Islamic architecture with inscriptions wood and ceiling paintings.

-Then head to the historic city of Bahla, which is a World Heritage Site stop at the former Bahla fort with fifteen gates and 132 watchtowers.

-We continue our journey to Misfah. Changing vehicles for 4x4 vehicles. The mountain village of Misfah makes old buildings and its fortified tower, is decorated with a splendid vertical cliffs.

The mystical village known for its architecture extraordinary with old stone houses and lime trees.

-You will attend the irrigation system of old age "the falaj".

-Traditional lunch in an Omani house.

-A visit to the ancient village of Al Hamra known for its ancient typical mud houses. By Wadi Ghul, the listed trail leads to a fascinating village nestled in the feet of the hills and surrounded by mountain ranges where sneaks a "wadi."

-Continuing on the trail towards Jebal Shams, and one of the highest peaks the "Mountain of the Sun", the road follows the contours, to rise to more than 2000 meters! The place is unique, the view incredible on mountains and rugged landscapes.

-Dinner and night in Jebal Shams.



#### **DAY 5: JEBAL SHAMS - NIZWA - WAHIBA SANDS**

-After breakfast, return to the valley and change of vehicle. The bus takes us to Nizwa. Nizwa was once the capital Oman.

-Visit the fort and its round tower of the 17th century and the souk known for his handcrafted copper and chiseled silver.

-It is at Birkat Al Mauz, the pretty oasis, that we will find the shadow of the date palms and banana plantations, all thanks to the Falaj system.

-Lunch at the local restaurant

-Back to Bidiya, where the sand begins ... Again we change to take a 4x4 ride in the Wahiba Sands Desert one of the most fascinating and mysterious regions of Oman.



The vast ever-changing dunes support a variety of wildlife and amazing floral.

The rapid changes of the dunes are the fun photographer.

Wahiba is also home to a few thousand Bedouins, known to inhabit this inhospitable region since 7000 years.

-Our experienced pilots will show their pilot skills, an exciting experience.

-For the night, the Bedouin-style camp (with toilets and showers) offers appreciable comfort between amenities and welcome from our guests Bedouin.

-Dinner and night at the camp.

#### **DAY 6: WAHIBA SANDS- WADI BANI KHALID - SUR**

-After breakfast at the camp, departing for Bidiya, we continue the visit to Wadi Bani Khalid a green valley surrounded by sculpted mountains to capture the scenic beauty of the place and explore the surrounding area on foot.

-We reach the coastal town of Sur, with a commercial port.

-Famous for its old town and shipyards where dhows, boats traditional Omanis have been built for centuries on the edge of The bay.

-Free lunch

-Head to the hotel for afternoon relaxation. Installation, dinner at the hotel.



#### **DAY 7: SUR - WADI SHAB - Millennium Mussanah**

- Breakfast and departure for one of the most attractive parts of the Oman, which has more than 1,700 KM.
- We continue to Wadi Tiwi, a city lost in a lush valley blessed because many water flows into it. Wadi Tiwi retains a wild and rugged appearance requiring drivers to drive safely and sometimes tricky on narrow roads.
- Photo stop at Wadi Shab, one of the most popular places in visit on the Sultanate of Oman, one of the most amazing wadis Oman.
- Then, Lunch en route where a lunch box will be you Served.
- Stop at the famous Fink, a collapsed mountain filled with seawater, then we will join Mussanah.
- Free dinner and overnight at the hotel.



#### **DAY 8: Mussanah – France**

Breakfast and free morning. Transfer to the airport according to flight schedules. Flight to France.

**3- Oman RoundTrip: Mountains, desert and Oasis on hikes**

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### **DAY 2: Discovery of Muttrah's Corniche**

- First Departure for Qurayat, a world-class historic city until 16th century, famous for its beautiful beaches and its small port of Fishermen.
- You will then go to the village of Tiwi also called " Gorges of the nine villages" for a superb hike through its natural freshwater pools surrounded by banana trees, date trees and Fig.
- At the end of the day, drive to Finns beach and install the bivouac.
- Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner.
- Night at the camp.



### **DAY 3: Visit wadi shaab-Sur**

- You start this day with a visit to Wadi Shaab meaning "throat between the cliffs." Lush vegetation between palm trees and fruit trees await you.
- Small walk in the wadi and swimming in natural swimming pools.
- Arrival in Sur and its old town with Indian, Persian and famous for its beautiful wooden doors.
- Visiting her "dhow" construction site, where the famous dhows continue to be made used for pearl fishing or for transporting pearls.
- In the afternoon, continue to the wadi Bani Khaled, a vast valley green nestled against the Hajjar massif: a veritable Garden of Eden you will see palm trees, mango trees, lemon trees and many other trees fruit
- Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner.



### **DAY 4: Discovery of Wadi Bani Khaled**

- In the morning, swimming and hiking in the Wadi Bani Khaled. Then head to the Wahiba Desert where Bedouins still live camel breeders.
- This totally closed sea of sand is separate Rub'Al Khali by 200km of stony plain.
- Stopping at a family's home Bedouin to share a coffee, dates and to discover life Bedouin.
- Discovery of the desert and installation of your camp.



### **DAY 5: Hiking in the Wahiba Desert**

- Discover this famous desert where every moment is a painting! The day takes place on foot in the middle of these long dune cords stretching like impassable walls to the ocean Indian.
- Night at the camp



### **DAY 6: On the way to Ibra**

- Departure for Ibra, known for horse breeding. The souk of the women in Ibra (open every Wednesday) gives her her stamp Special.
- Walk through the old part of the city for the discovery of the old abandoned houses.
- The day continues in Birkat-al-Mawz to observe the traditional irrigation system.
- At the end of the day, arrival on the Sayq plateau, which offers spectacular views of the Cliffs.
- Night at the camp



### **DAY 7: Jabal Akhdar and Nizwa visit**

In Jabal Akhdar, also known as "The Green Mountain", many varieties of fruit trees are grown, such as pomegranates, lemon trees, apple trees and Cherry trees.

The plateau is also known for the culture roses. Many small villages are located in a grandiose setting interspersed with cliffs golden and black-throated.

Hiking between villages to enjoy the freshness of the place.

In the afternoon, discover the city of Nizwa and visit its fort: one of the oldest and most important in Oman, dating back to the 17th century Century.

You will also have time to go to the old souk offering traditional objects.

Overnight at the hotel.



### **DAY 8: Direction to Jibreen and his castle**

-Direction Jibreen to visit one of the Omani treasures of the 17th century, the "castle" of Jibreen.

-Visit the fort and descend to the village of Misfah, one of the most beautiful villages of Oman, it is covered with palm trees, lemon trees, banana and mango trees. Then drive to Wadi Ghul, for a

hike to the village of Nakher located in the Grand **Canyon**.

- Discovery of a multicolored landscape and cliffs from a height more than 800 metres.

- At the end of the day, short transfer to the jebel Shams plateau, which dominates the Grand Canyon.

-Night at the camp



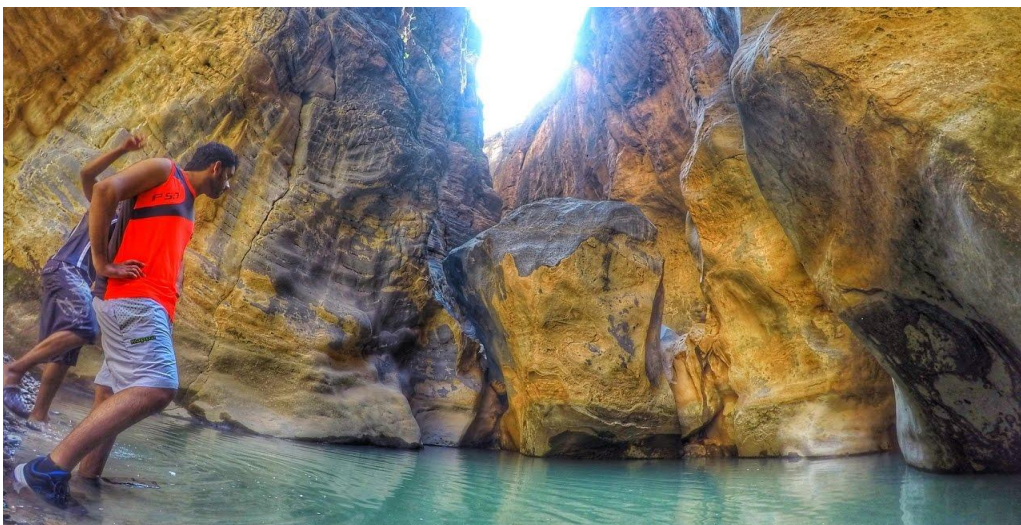
#### **DAY 9: Discovery hike of the old village**

- Discovery hike in the old village of Saab Bani Khamis by a balcony path over Wadi Ghul. According to some, it would be the second deepest canyon after the Great Colorado Canyon.

- Throughout the course, the views are spectacular. Swimming possible. The hike leads to the Sharaf Al Pass Alamayn offering stunning scenery and panoramic views grandiose at the top.

At the end of the day, transfer by Jeep to the Wadi Bani Awf.

- Night at the camp.



**DAY 10: Mussanah - France**

Departure to Muscat. Free time in the Mutrah and visit its souk where the alleys and shops have not yet changed in appearance.

Depending on the time of your return flight, transfer to the airport.



**4- Exploring the desert and mountains of Oman**

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### **DAY 2 In Option: Discovery of the Omani Capital: Muscat**

- You can discover the Great Mosque of Sultan Quabous.
- Walk through the old town of Matrah with the incense souk.
- Lunch at a Turkish restaurant.
- Stop at the Royal Palace and the Opera House to take pictures.



### **DAY 3 In Option: Discovery of El Hazm**

- Discover the most beautiful fort and small villages Oman with the local fish market and légumes in the Barka city, the hot springs in the city of Nakhl.

You will end with the Hazm strongly known and renowned for its Portuguese architecture.



### **DAY 4 In Option: road to the Wahiba Sands Desert**

You'll spend the day a bard from a comfortable and fast 4/4 in Oman.

During the cross-cutting of the DeWahiba desert, you will be able to escape from wide slopes and beautiful orange dunes.

It's a sea of sand! Strong feelings assured!

Break at a Bedouin's house to discover his way of life



### **DAY 5 In Option: Wade AlAbyadh**

Discovery of the mountain region of Wadi AlAbyadh which has shallow streams.

The panorama is truly grand!

You can cross the camels and cross the villages.



### **DAY 6 In Option: Wadi Shab**

Head for Wadi Shab along the coast. You'll walk a hour following the course of the river between gorges and mountains Steep.

A spectacular view awaits you at the end of the trail that leads on a beautiful natural pool of turquoise water.

Descent to the Sinkhole which is an oasis in the desert that contains lagoon blue water!



### **DAY 7 In Option: Dhow Cruise**

You will go by traditional boat for a cruise on Coast of the Arabian Sea.

You'll enjoy the sunset as well as a walk in the Matrah souk.



### **DAY 8 In Option: The Green Mountain**

Discovery of the imposing mountain range that runs through The Northern Sultanate of Oman, which culminated in Jabal Shams in 3009 meters above sea level, dotted with beautiful village.

These villages are nestled in oases that are crossed by falajas.

(the best known being Misfah, Tanuf and Bilad Sayt)



### **DAY 9 In Option: Cruise and Snorkeling**

You can go on a cruise on the Arabian Sea to to spot dolphins, snorkel with masks and snorkel to explore the coral reef.



### **DAY 10: Muscat - France**

Transfer to the airport and return to France.

