



“Best of Luxury Oman” itinerary 8 days / 7 nights

Program details

Day 1 – Arrival at Muscat Airport (meals: -/-)

Welcome at Muscat International Airport where the Meet & Greet Service team will welcome you and escort you to the exit. Private transfer in Saloon/4WD vehicle with chauffeur to **The Chedi Hotel** for hotel check-in and rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight at **The Chedi Hotel 5***, 1x [Deluxe Club Room](#) (39sqm, extra-large queenbed) incl. breakfast.

You benefit from following added Club values:

- ✓ Access to The Club Lounge where complimentary afternoon tea and complimentary evening cocktails and canapés are served.
- ✓ Complimentary laundry (except dry cleaning and express laundry)
- ✓ Complimentary mini bar (entire selection)
- ✓ Complimentary in room spirits (gin, vodka, whiskey) replenished daily.

*Where the majestic Al Hajar Mountains meet their luminous reflection in the calm waters of the Gulf of Oman, **The Chedi Muscat** rises amidst an elegantly landscaped, one-acre garden oasis with 158 Omani-themed guest rooms and villas. The 5-star luxury beach resort in Muscat is Oman's first modern beachfront hotel, opening its doors in 2003.*

Six different restaurants and lounges, a Balinese spa with thirteen suites, three swimming pools, including the 103-meter Long Pool, and a 700-square-meter fitness club enhance Muscat's cultural offerings. With its Omani architecture with Asian influences, The Chedi Muscat is one of the hotels in Oman that captures the essence of luxurious 5-star Arabian hospitality for lovers of extravagance and culture.

Three restaurants and two lounges at The Chedi Muscat span the great cuisines and wines of the world, from the Mediterranean and the Middle East to Southeast Asia and India.



Day 2 - Muscat Morning City Tour (meals: B/-)

At 9am the English-Speaking driver will await you at the hotel lobby for the **Morning Half Day City Tour**.

It begins with a visit of the majestic **Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque**, a religious landmark of Muscat and splendor of unique Islamic architecture (*Ladies should cover their head with a scarf and wear long-sleeved clothes. Men should wear long trousers and t-shirt with sleeves, the mosque is closed on Friday*). We stop for a picture at the **Royal Opera House** before we continue to **Mutrah Souq**, which is a great opportunity to buy frankincense, gold, silver, and other souvenirs. Enjoy the drive along the beautiful Corniche to **old Muscat** for a photo stop at **Al Alam Palace** before heading back to the hotel. Afternoon leisure and enjoy the hotel facilities.

Self-drive: Later that day at your convenient time our colleague will meet you in the hotel lobby at The Chedi to finalize the rental car papers and hand over the rental car Toyota Prado 4.0l 4WD (or similar model).

Overnight at **The Chedi Hotel 5***, 1x **Deluxe Club room** incl. breakfast.



Day 3 – Muscat - Nizwa - Birkat Al Mouz - Jebel Akhdar (ca. 220km-3h drive / meals B/-/D)

After breakfast and checkout, start your self-drive journey or at 8:30am your English-speaking driver awaits you in the lobby for the round trip.

The tour starts in the direction to **Nizwa** and visit the famous the **local Souq** that is renowned for its hand carved “Khanjars” (daggers), dates souk, pottery, ornamental silver jewelers and much more.

Continue to **Birkat Al Mouz** to visit the UNESCO falaj Al Katmain and enjoy a drive through the palm plantations. Proceed to **Jebel Akhdar** 2000 meters above sea level that is known as the green jewel of the Al Hajar mountain ranges. Explore the village of Wadi Bani Habib before heading to the hotel for check-in.

Note: dinner is included in the buffet restaurant Al Maisan (International Cuisine) – buffet breakfast and dinner buffet or 3 course set menu, depending on Resort’s occupancy.

Alternatively, guests receive a credit of OMR 26 for dining in one of the a la carte restaurants Bella Vista (Mediterranean Restaurant) or Al Qalaa (Arabic Cuisine). Additional selected items will be charged as per consumption.

Dinner Dress code: Smart casual, Shorts, under t-shirts (sleeveless) and slippers are not allowed.

Overnight at **Anantara Jebel Akhdar Resort 5*, Deluxe Canyon View room** incl dinner and breakfast.



Day 4 – Free Day in Jabal Akhdar - Optional 3 villages walk (meals: B/-/D)

Enjoy a day at leisure in the mountains or you can take a tour in the mountains incl. a village walk or hike as per your preferences. Alternatively in the afternoon, enjoy the hotel facilities and we recommend to book Spa treatments in advance.

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Overnight at **Anantara Jebel Akhdar Resort 5*, Deluxe Canyon View room** incl dinner and breakfast.



Day 5 – Jebel Akhdar - Al Mudhaireb - Wahiba Sands (ca. 200km-3h drive/ meals B/-/D)

After breakfast and checkout, descend the mountains and continue the tour with a drive of around 2h to **Al Mudayrib village**, which is a traditional Omani village where you can see palm trees, the Falaj water system and beautiful old doors.

Continue to the desert **Wahiba Sands**, located in the Al Sharqiya region. Experience sand dunes rising up to 200 meters that are also host to a variety of flora and fauna. Enjoy a thrilling ride for dune bashing before sunset watching on top of the dunes.

***Glamping Private camp:** Please be informed that in the event of unfavorable weather conditions such as rain, there may not be an exact alternative accommodation option available. We will endeavor to secure an alternative accommodation at tented camps (for example Desert Nights Camp) as per availability. Since preparations and setup for the private camp are made in advance, there will be **no refund applicable** in case of Force Majeure.*

Overnight at **Glamping Private camp, Standard tent** incl. dinner & breakfast.



Day 6 – Early morning Hot Air Balloon in Wahiba Sands - Wadi Bani Khalid OR drive via Sur along the coast back to Muscat - evening vehicle return (ca. 330km-4h drive / meals B/-/-)

After your breakfast, you'll have the opportunity to experience a **hot air balloon** ride early in the morning (pickup at 5:20 am).

Option 1: Leave the desert and drive to **Wadi Bani Khalid**, a famous Wadi with clear deep blue water pools. Experience this oasis with a short trekking or/and swimming. (Please wear covered clothes for both women and men in addition to your swimsuit.) Then, to Muscat for hotel check-in and leisure time for the rest of the day.

Option 2: Leave the desert and drive to **Sur**, which is an ancient boat building capital of the region, and you visit one of the last Dhow factories (entry fee applicable on spot). Continue along the coast and visit a **Wadi or Bimah Sinkhole** known as a huge sinkhole and specular limestone crater with blue green water at the bottom. Then, return to Muscat for hotel check-in and leisure time for the rest of the day.

Self-drive: In the late afternoon, as per the agreed time, our colleague will meet you in the hotel lobby at **Shangri-La Al Husn** for vehicle return.



Benefit from services included at Al Husn:

- Complimentary minibar (replenished daily).
- Daily afternoon tea with canapés
- Daily pre-dinner cocktails incl. alcoholic beverages

Overnight at **Shangri-La Al Husn 5***, 1x **Deluxe Sea View** incl. breakfast

Day 7 – Free Day in Muscat (meals: B/-/-)

Spend a leisurely day at the hotel, taking advantage of its facilities and unwinding by the pool and private beach. We recommend arranging spa treatments ahead of time for optimal relaxation.

Overnight at **Shangri-La Al Husn 5***, 1x **Deluxe Sea View** incl. breakfast

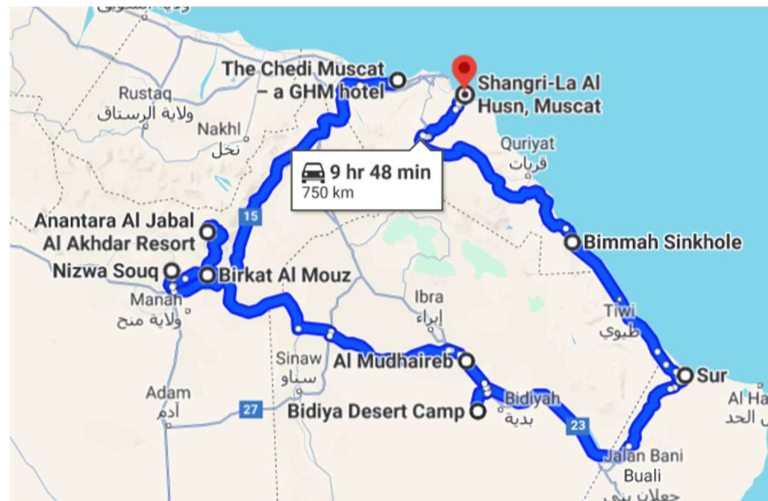


Day 8 –Departure

At the agreed time the driver will await you in the lobby for your private transfer to Muscat International airport for your flight departure. *Checkout from the room is at noon and hotel facilities can be used until departure.*

End of the Services

Your journey:



Travel period: 01 Oct 2024 - 31 March 2025
Blocked out dates: Peak, Christmas/New Year, Easter, public holidays.

Rates starting from:

Number of travelers as Self-drive (Toyota Prado 4.0l or similar 4WD, free km and 1x main driver)	Total rate in OMR	Total rate in USD
2 adults (1x double room)	OMR 2867	Ca. USD 7'455
3 adults (1x double room with extra bed at Anantara and 1x double & 1x single room at The Chedi and Shangri-La)	OMR 4673	Ca. USD 12'150
3 adults (1x double room/1x single room)	OMR 5071	Ca. USD 13'185
4 adults (2x double rooms)	OMR 5229	Ca. USD 13'596

Number of travelers with English speaking driver	Total rate in OMR	Total rate in USD
2 adults (1x double room)	OMR 3040	Ca. USD 7'905
3 adults (1x double room with extra bed at Anantara and 1x double & 1x single room at The Chedi and Shangri-La)	OMR 4879	Ca. USD 12'686
3 adults (1x double room/1x single room)	OMR 5276	Ca. USD 13'718
4 adults (2x double rooms)	OMR 5462	Ca. USD 14'202

Number of travelers with German/French/Italian speaking driver	Total rate in OMR	Total rate in USD
2 adults (1x double room)	OMR 3492	Ca. USD 9'080
3 adults (1x double room with extra bed at Anantara and 1x double & 1x single room at The Chedi and Shangri-La)	OMR 5465	Ca. USD 14'210
3 adults (1x double room/1x single room)	OMR 5750	Ca. USD 14'950
4 adults (2x double rooms)	OMR 5935	Ca. USD 15'432

Note: the rate is net and incl. all taxes, non-commissionable, the rates remain subject to availability.
 There are currently no rooms blocked, therefore prices and availability are subject to change.
 The current rate includes a special offer with the following hotels:

The Chedi Muscat: book before 90 days prior (Travel dates: until 22 Dec 2024)
Anantara Resort Jebel Akhdar: bookings until 90 days prior (Travel dates: until 05 Jan 2025)
Shangri-La Al Husn: book by date until 31 July 2024

Inclusions:

- ✓ Prime Class VIP meet & greet service at Muscat airport (from the gate to the driver)
- ✓ Private arrival and departure transfers from/to Muscat International Airport to the hotel with local driver.
- ✓ Morning half day city tour with English or other language speaking guide.
- ✓ Early morning hot air balloon on day 6.
- ✓ 7 nights' accommodation including meals as below:

	Hotel	Room Type	Meals
1-2	The Chedi Muscat 5*	Deluxe Club room	Breakfast
3-4	Anantara Resort, Jabal Akhdar 5*	Deluxe Canyon View room	Dinner & breakfast
5	Glamping Private Camp	Private tent	Dinner & breakfast
6-7	Shangri-La Al Husn 5*	Deluxe Sea View room	Breakfast

- ✓ **Tour on self-drive basis:**
 - 5 days (à 24h) rental car Toyota Prado 4.0l 4WD (or similar model) including unlimited km with 1x main driver.
 - Vehicle hand over at hotel The Chedi Muscat on day 2 in the afternoon.
 - Vehicle return at Shangri-La Al Husn on day 6 in the evening.

✓ **Tour with English or other language speaking driver:**

- Entrance fee: Nizwa Fort
- 4 days round trip in 1x 4WD vehicle with driver, incl. his accommodation & meals.
- Bottled water

Exclusions:

- Flight tickets
- Visa (if required)
- Travel insurance incl. repatriation.
- Early check-in/late check-out
- All lunches and dinners in Muscat, additional meals and beverages
- Additional entrance fees.
- Self-drive: Petrol, GPS, additional driver, insurance excess of OMR 150 in case of any accident or damage, cash deposit of OMR 100 upon car handover
- Local SIM card (more information here: <https://www.muscatairport.co.om/en/content/telecom-services>)
- PCR test (if required)
- Tips, personal expenses, etc.

Rental Car Terms & Conditions:

1. Vehicles are comprehensively insured for 23 years and above and a Non-Waiver able **Excess of OMR 150** in case of accident/damage (also third-party faults and small damages, OMR 250 for drivers below 25 years old) is payable against each claim for all car groups.
2. A **cash deposit of OMR 100** is required upon hand over of the rental car and will be returned upon return of the vehicle.
3. Credit card details are required to charge any registered traffic or parking fines after the car return (the system of the police takes up to 2-3 weeks to register fines). Alternatively, we keep the deposit for 2 weeks and return it via cash money transfer (minus transaction fees) accordingly.
4. It is not permitted to use the vehicle for dune bashing or in water / Wadi's, taking vehicle into Wadi's / water is high risk and damages occurs due to such act is not covered under insurances. In such cases, the user has to pay the total repair cost decided by Al Maamari and the Dealerships.
5. Collision Damage Waiver does not cover the following: Wing Mirror, Damage or Loss of Antenna, Tires, Rims, Roof, Under Carriage, Puncture, etc. Additional Manpower cost, Rental charges for the period the car is in custody.
6. In case of any dispute about damages or repairs, the decision of the Authorized dealer will be final and binding.
7. If the vehicle is stolen, it is the client's responsibility to furnish us with a police report. Failure to provide the same will result in rental charge until such time the police report has been handed over to Al Maamari.
8. Cars are insured to use in Oman's geographic area, hence do **NOT** drive the car outside Oman without obtaining prior permission. Due to safety & insurance reasons, please inform us if you are planning to take the car to **Wadi Bani Awf, Dhofar or Musandam region**.
9. We advise you to obey the traffic rules and regulations to avoid traffic offenses. Fines may arise due to over speeding, wrong parking, municipality fines, crossing red signals etc. may attract fines along with administrative costs.
10. Irrespective of the value of the fine (Traffic/Parking), a service charge of OMR 5 will be levied on each fine. In case of a Red Signal Crossing, any penalty levied by the authorities including the custody of the car's by Police the renter hereby agrees to pay all charges arising along with legal charges.
11. The renter may face Legal Action in case of driving under the influence of alcohol, crossing Red Signal lights and Al Maamari will not be responsible for any such actions.
12. **We accept GCC and Omani driving licenses. We accept as well international driving license in combination with international driving permit only** = this is a translation of your domestic driving license that allows you to drive a private motor vehicle in any country. Some European driving license can be accepted by Al Maamari Tours without international driving permit, however without any responsibility in case the police will not accept it (the information on the driving license card should be written in English).

Cancellations/No Shows/Changes:

1. Tourism Services may be changed or cancelled from time to time provided that valid reasons must be shared in advance. Parties may not send any cancellation notices invalidly and/or unreasonably.
2. Service Provider shall always have the right to seek a compensation equivalent of any total invoiced amount if the Service Receiver has decided to cancel or it is a no show for any of invoiced Tourism Service within the cancellation period of Service Provider or third-party suppliers before the commencement date of such Tourism Services.
3. Any charges invoiced by third parties pertaining to the cancelled Tourism Services will always be payable by the Party requested to cancel such Tourism Services.
4. In all events including Force Majeure, the Service Receiver is requested to pay the Service Provider any charges or costs incurred initially and to any Third-Party services providers but not limited to bookings charges, drivers (etc.).
5. Free cancellation/changes **until 30 days prior to arrival**. Later cancellation as per following breakdown:
30-21 days 50% of total package / 21-0 days & no-show 100% of total package.
After booking confirmation until 30 days prior to arrival, a non-refundable admin service fee of OMR 20 will be applicable.

Payments of invoices, billings, and taxes:

1. Rates are incl. all taxes.
2. Parties agree that entire invoices and bills issued between themselves must be paid and done in Omani Rials only. However, bank charges and taxes shall be excluded if any payments were made in foreign currency by a Party towards the other hence, bank charges and taxes shall be always borne by the payer.
3. The parties agree that the Service Provider will send an invoice for the Tourism Services based on proposed net rates as soon as the booking details are shared by the Service Receiver. Service Provider shall have an exclusive right to hold any obligations and carry out the agreed Tourism Services if any invoices were not settled.
4. Service Receiver agrees to pay the charges and rates pertaining to the Tourism Services, set out as per above details.
5. Service Receiver agrees to pay any invoices or/and billings for any Tourism Services immediately and as per payment details mentioned on the invoice/bill.
6. Amounts payable to the Service Provider must be done to its registered bank account as per the details mentioned in the invoice. We request a 30% down payment upon booking confirmation and 70% payment until 30 days prior to arrival.

Force Majeure:

1. Without any prejudice to the obligations of the Parties set out in this Agreement, Service Provider shall remain free of any liability against any failure to perform any obligations resulting of Emergency Circumstances, Acts of God, acts of governments or other authorities, wars, weather conditions, hostilities, civil disturbances, strikes, riots epidemics, quarantines, COVID-19 restrictions issued by the governments and affecting the enforcement of this Agreement or as a result of any cause beyond the control ("**Events of Threats**").
2. Service Receiver realizes that Events of Threats could prohibit Service Provider from carrying out its obligations entirely or partially and therefore, assessment of liabilities shall not strictly made or calculated immediately against the Service Provider.

Visa/Entrance regulations:

The passport must be valid for at least 6 months after the return date.

Nationals of 103 countries and regions are exempt from entry visas for stays up to 14 days, more information available here: <https://fm.gov.om/visitors/entry-visas/> or <https://evisa.rop.gov.om/>.

To apply for a visa, use only this website: <https://evisa.rop.gov.om/>.

Kindly be aware that we have no control over any sudden changes in entrance regulations imposed by the government. Al Maamari Tours bears no responsibility for any issues arising from the failure to meet insurance or visa requirements for entry into the Sultanate of Oman.

The passenger/guest has to strictly follow the implemented decisions & regulations taken by the Omani authorities. According to the latest regulations issued by the Supreme Committee for dealing with COVID-19, all restrictions have been lifted for travelers arriving in Oman.

We are looking forward to hearing from you and to welcoming you to the Sultanate of Oman very soon.

All the best and warm regards,
The Al Maamari Tours Team