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Duration: **10 days / 9 nights** · Physical effort: **Easy**

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A photo tour in Oman, between rugged coastlines, lush oases, golden and white dunes, traditional villages, and ancient fortresses, to capture the country's authentic beauty.

This 4x4 journey crosses a variety of breathtaking landscapes, blending rugged coastlines, lush oases, traditional villages, and vast stretches of golden and white sand. From the cosmopolitan vibes of Muscat to the crystal-clear waters of Fins, from the evocative depths of wadis like Tiwi and Bani Khalid to the dunes of the Wahiba Sands, each stop reveals a world of light, colour, and contrasts. Along the way, you'll encounter the famous *sugar dunes* of Khaluf, the daily life of places like Sur, Nizwa, Misfah, and Birkat Al Mawz, before reaching the heights of Jebel Shams and the fortresses of Nakhal, completing an itinerary that inspires and amazes at every glance.

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The route



1. **Muscat**
   1 night · Day 2
2. **Sur**
   1 night · Day 3
3. **Wahiba Sands**
   2 nights · Days 4–5
4. **Sugar Dunes**
   1 night · Day 6
5. **Nizwa**
   1 night · Day 7
6. **Jabal Shams**
   1 night · Day 8
7. **Muscat**
   2 nights · Days 9–10

Itinerary

Day 1 – Departure

Direct flight from Milano Malpensa with Oman Air on Friday evening, arriving Saturday morning (day 2) in Oman.

Overnight **flight**.

Day 2 – Welcome to Oman. Marhaba!

Muscat

Arrival at Muscat International Airport, transfer to hotel and check-in (early check-in included). Breakfast at the

hotel.

Free day for relaxation, individual or group visits and activities. For example, visit the **National Museum of Oman** in the afternoon, photo stops at the **Sultan's Palace** (Al Alam Palace) and the **Portuguese forts of Jalali and Mirani**, and at sunset, explore the historic quarter of **Mutrah**, where you can stroll and photograph through the alleys of the **Suq** and along the **Corniche**. Overnight in hotel.

Transport: transfer in **minibus** with driver from the airport to the hotel

Overnight: 4-star hotel in Muscat (standard room) · Meal included: breakfast

Day 3 – The Grand Mosque of Muscat and the coast to Sur

Muscat – Fins – Wadi Tiwi – Sur

Breakfast at the hotel. Meeting with the local guide. Visit the **Grand Mosque of Sultan Qaboos**, inaugurated in 2001 to celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of the sultan's ascension to the throne, can accommodate over 20,000 worshippers and is a true masterpiece of modern architecture, harmoniously blending different artistic currents of the Islamic world, from the Maghreb to Central Asia.

Following this, the journey begins towards the south-east. The route winds through the stunning white beaches bordered by the Gulf of Oman and the imposing **Eastern Hajar Mountains**. Morning stop at the beach of **Fins**. Lunch.

In the afternoon, departure for **Wadi Tiwi**, with the possibility of swimming under the **Mibam waterfall**, and continuation to the charming town of **Sur**, where you will visit the traditional dhow shipyard, the typical Omani vessels. Dinner and overnight in hotel.

Transport: **4x4** with drivers

Overnight: 2-star hotel in Sur (superior room) · Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Day 4 – The Wahiba Sands Desert

Sur – Ras Al Kabbah – Woodland – Wahiba Sands

Breakfast at the hotel and departure southwards along the wild coastline of the Sharqiya region. Photo stop along the way at the cliffs of **Ras Al Kabbah** to admire the imposing rock formations meeting the blue of the ocean. Continuation to the **Woodland** area, where trees and shrubs surprisingly emerge among the dunes, creating a unique and evocative landscape. Lunch.

In the afternoon, the asphalt gives way to sand, and the 4x4s venture into the dunes of the **Wahiba Sands**, the second-largest desert in Oman, covering over 12,000 square kilometres. Sunset on the dunes. Dinner and overnight in lodge.

Transport: **4x4** with drivers

Overnight: Lodge at Wahiba Sands (premium tent) · Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Day 5 – The Natural Pools of Wadi Bani Khalid

Wahiba Sands – Wadi Bani Khalid – Wahiba Sands

Breakfast at the lodge and departure for **Wadi Bani Khalid**, a spectacular oasis of palm trees and natural pools nestled among the colourful rock formations of the **Eastern Hajar Mountains**. Free time for swimming and relaxation. Lunch.

In the afternoon, return to the desert dunes and free time for extras, such as a pleasant sunset walk on camelback. Dinner and overnight in lodge.

Transport: **4x4** with drivers

Overnight: **lodge** (premium tent)

Overnight: Lodge at Wahiba Sands (premium tent) · Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Day 6 – The Sugar Dunes of Khaluf

Wahiba Sands – Ras Ar Ruways – Khaluf

Breakfast at the lodge and start of the crossing of the **Wahiba Sands**: experience an authentic and thrilling desert adventure until you reach the coast, crossing ever-changing landscapes of dunes, thorny acacia groves, and Bedouin tents. Arrival at the cliffs of **Ras Ar Ruways**, where stratified sandstone meets the blue of the ocean, creating a unique and captivating scenery. Lunch.

In the afternoon, arrival at the **Sugar Dunes of Khaluf**, where pristine white dunes meet the sea. Free time to stroll among the stunning white dunes and swim in the bay. Dinner and overnight at the lodge.

Transport: **4x4** with drivers

Overnight: Lodge at Sugar Dunes (standard room) · Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Day 7 – Ancient villages and palm groves of the Dhakiliyah region

Khaluf – Birkat Al Mawz – Nizwa

Breakfast at the hotel and morning transfer north towards the **Dhakiliyah** region. Lunch.

In the afternoon, visit the picturesque village of **Birkat Al Mawz**, famous for its lush palm grove and the **Falaj Al Khatmeen**, a 17th-century irrigation canal.

Arrival in **Nizwa** and check-in to your reserved rooms. In the evening, free time for a walk to soak in the evocative atmosphere of the **Al Aqar** quarter, along the old walls and through alleys flanked by ancient clay houses. Overnight in a guest house.

Transport: **4x4** with drivers

Overnight: Guest house in Nizwa (standard room) · Meals included: breakfast, lunch

Day 8 – The Friday market in Nizwa

Nizwa – Misfah – Jebel Shams

Breakfast at the guest house and a full morning dedicated to **Nizwa**, the capital during the Yaroubi imam dynasty and still an important cultural and religious centre, known as the Pearl of Islam. Visit the **Suq**, which comes alive every Friday morning with the traditional livestock market, and the **Fortress**, with its imposing guard tower offering beautiful views of the Friday Mosque and the date palm plantations surrounding the city. Departure for the village of **Misfah**, perched on the steep mountain walls, where you can see the old stone houses and the ancient terraced farming system. Lunch. In the afternoon, ascend to admire and photograph the scenery of the **Grand Canyon of Arabia**, a breathtaking gorge about 1000 metres deep that opens between the rocks at the foot of **Jebel Shams**, the highest peak in Oman. Dinner and overnight in a lodge.

Transport: **4x4** with drivers

Overnight: **lodge** (sultan tent)

Overnight: Lodge at Jebel Shams (sultan tent) · Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Day 9 – The crossing of the Western Hajar Mountains

Jebel Shams – Wadi Bani Awf – Nakhal – Muscat

Breakfast at the lodge. In the morning, we start our traverse of the Western Hajar Mountains, following the rugged track of **Wadi Bani Awf**, one of the most challenging and evocative canyons in the country. Lunch.

In the afternoon, visit the fortress of **Nakhal**, which has stood majestically on a rocky outcrop for centuries, guarding the mountain passes.

Arrival in **Muscat** and check-in to your reserved rooms. Overnight in hotel.

Transport: **4x4** with drivers

Overnight:

Overnight: 4-star hotel in Muscat (standard room) · Meals included: breakfast, lunch

Day 10 – Departure

Breakfast at the hotel. Morning at your disposal for individual or group visits, such as exploring the **Royal Opera House**. Transfer to Muscat International Airport in time for your Oman Air return flight to Milano.

Transport: shuttle bus with driver from the airport to the hotel

Meal included: breakfast

Good to know

No visa required to enter Oman if staying less than 14 days.

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