



# OMAN SELF DRIVE TOURS

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## *Tour "Secret deserts and wadis"*

*Discovery 4x4 self drive tour*

*8 days / 7 nights*

2020 - 2021



*After visiting Muscat, go off the beaten paths through little visited regions. Explore the deserts of Khaluf - known for its white dunes but including other treasures - and Wahiba Sands - a classic but offered here in small and authentic accommodations. Discover also the wild beaches of Masirah Island and the palm groves of wadis far from the tourist crowds.*

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# *Understand your travel proposition*

## Self drive tour

The travelers themselves will drive along all the road transfers detailed in the program as well as along possible additional transfers to reach an activity place (except for transfers with driver or guide).

## Program type: "Freedom discovery"

Each day, a number of possible activities - cultural discoveries and strolls - are proposed. It is up to the travelers, during their trip, to choose which activity they are interested in depending on their wishes and the time available. The times given for each activity and each transfer are intended to give an idea as accurate as possible of what can be done in one day.

## Driving level: 4x4

The itinerary includes dirt roads without major difficulty but requiring a 4x4 vehicle. Under normal conditions, anybody can drive on these roads as long as he/she respects the basic safety rules. However, unpredictable events, especially weather-related, can make these dirt roads harder to negotiate.

## Possible activity

Activity not requiring prior reservation. The travelers are free to go for them or not. Most of them are free of charge.

## Optional / Included activity

Paying activity requiring prior reservation. If it is a guided activity, it may involve transfers. In this case, such transfers will be arranged by the guide or a driver, with their own vehicle.

## Variant

Road transfer longer than the reference transfer but of a greater interest in terms of landscape or possible activity.

## Accommodation with surcharge

Hotel not included in the standard package, proposed as an upgrade of the accommodation already included that day.

## Key

### Transfers

-  Road
-  Scenic road
-  Plane
-  Ferry

**|30min|** Approx. time of transfer

**|4x4|** Dirt road: 4x4 required

**|4x4+|** Difficult dirt road: 4x4 and experience required


### Landscapes (transfers & activities)

-  Mountain
-  Village/palm grove
-  Wadi
-  Town
-  Sea
-  Desert

### Activities

-  Culture
-  Shopping
-  Viewpoint
-  Scenic road
-  Strolling
-  Walking/hiking
-  Canyoning
-  Bathing/swimming
-  Nature
-  Cruise

**|1h-2h|** Approx. time dedicated to the activity

 **|10min|** Approx. time up to the activity place (one way)















### Meals

- RO** Room only
- BB** Breakfast
- HB** Half board
- FB** Full board
- L** Lunch (during an activity)

# OVERVIEW OF YOUR TOUR













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## DAY 1 - Muscat

-  Muscat International Airport to the Mutrah district | 30km-30min |
-  Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque (Ghubrah district) | 45min-1h30 |
-    Mutrah District | 1h-4h |
-    Old Muscat District and the Sultan's Palace | 30min-1h |
-    South Muscat coastline | 1h-3h |
-  Hotel \* (Mutrah District) | BB |
-  Guesthouse (Ghubrah District) | BB |
-  Guesthouse (Azaiba District) | BB |










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## DAY 2 - From Muscat to Sinaw

-  Muscat to Fanja | 50km-45min |
-  Town of Fanja | 20min-1h30 |
-  Fanja to Birkat al Mouz : the Samail Gap | 90km-1h |
-   Wadi Qurai | 15min-2h |
-    Izki old town | 30min-1h |
-    Village of Birkat al Mouz | 15min-1h30 |
-  Birkat al Mouz to Sinaw | 85km-1h10 |
-  Hotel \* (Sinaw) | RO |




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## DAY 3 - From Sinaw to the Huqf region

-   Sinaw souq | 30min-1h |
-  Sinaw to Mahoot (service station) | 190km-2h |
-  Mahoot (service station) to Khaluf junction | 30km-25min |
-    Southern Khaluf desert and the Sugar Dunes | 2h-8h | 4x4 |
-  Khaluf junction to Mahoot (service station) | 30km-25min |
-  Hotel \* (Mahoot - service station) | BB |

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## DAY 4 - From the Huqf to Masirah Island

-  Mahoot (service station) to Khaluf junction | 30km-25min |
-    Village of Khaluf, between sea and desert | 2h-5h | 4x4 |

-  Khaluf junction to Mahoot (service station) | 30km-25min |
-  Mahoot (service station) to the Shannah pier | 75km-1h |
-  Shannah to Hilf : Crossing up to Masirah Island | 16km-1h |
-  Hilf to your seaside camp | 40km-40min | 4x4 |
-  **Beach camp (Masirah Island) Room Deluxe | HB |**














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#### DAY 5 - Masirah Island

-    **Masirah Island | 2h-8h | 4x4 |**
-  **Beach camp (Masirah Island) Room Deluxe | HB |**











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#### DAY 6 - Along the Indian Ocean, from Masirah Island to the Eastern Hajar

-  Your seaside camp to Hilf | 40km-40min | 4x4 |
-  Hilf to Shannah : Back to the mainland | 16km-1h |
-  Shannah to Al Ashkharah : between sea and desert | 175km-2h15 |
-   **Ras al Ruways : When the dunes meet the ocean | 1h-1h30 |**
-   **Al Ashkharah fishing port | 15min-30min |**
-  Al Ashkharah to Jaalan bani bu Hassan | 50km-50min |
-  **Jaalan bani bu Ali fort and Al Hamooda mosque | 30min |**  5km-10min
-  **Jaalan bani bu Hassan old town | 30min |**
-  **Desert camp \*\* (Jaalan bani bu Hassan) | HB |**
-  **Desert camp \*\* (Wahiba) Room Sultan King Tent | HB |**

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#### DAY 7 - Wadi bani Khalid and Wahiba desert

-  Jaalan bani bu Hassan to Al Kamil | 20km-25min |
-  **Al Kamil : Fortified houses and the Old Castle Museum | 30min-1h30 |**
-  Al Kamil to Al Wasil | 65km-55min |
-   **Lower Wadi bani Khalid : village and palm grove of Al Baatan | 1h-3h |**  15km-15min
-   **Upper Wadi bani Khalid : Muqal pool | 1h-2h |**  30km-40min
-  Al Wasil to your camp in the desert | 20km-30min | 4x4 |
-  **Walking in the Wahiba desert | 30min-2h |**
-  **Desert camp (Wahiba) | HB |**
-  **Desert camp \*\* (Wahiba) | HB |**

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**DAY 8 - From the Wahiba desert to Muscat**

 Your camp to Al Wasil | 20km-30min | 4x4 |

 Al Wasil to Fanja | 150km-1h30 |

   **Dima wa At Tayeen region | 3h-6h | 4x4 |**

 Fanja to Muscat International Airport | 40km-30min |

# PROGRAMME OF YOUR TOUR

## DAY 1 - Muscat

Arrival in Muscat International Airport.

Our agent welcomes you, hands over the travel documents to you and assists you in picking up your rental car.

Full day to visit the Omani capital and its surroundings.

### Transfer



#### Muscat International Airport to the Mutrah district | 30km-30min |



For your first drive in Oman, you take the main highway crossing Muscat, the Sultan Qaboos Street, up to the Mutrah district. On the way, you pass by the Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque and the Royal Opera House.



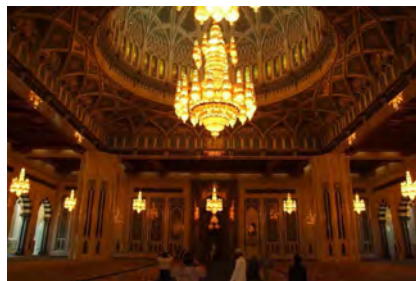
### Possible activity along the transfer



#### Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque (Ghubrah district) | 45min-1h30 |

A magnificent mosque, the largest of the country and the only one allowed to non-muslim visitors. The main praying hall, famous for its huge chandelier, is truly spectacular.

Audioguides are available for an in-depth discovery.



### Possible activity



#### Mutrah District | 1h-4h |



This historic district is the most interesting in the capital for tourists, with its beautiful sea-front (the so-called Corniche), its famous souq, its fish and vegetable market and even a short trekking path.





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### Possible activity



#### Old Muscat District and the Sultan's Palace |30min-1h|



A few kilometres from Mutrah, with its numerous mosques and government buildings, this small district is the actual capital of Oman, from which extended the whole city. You can enjoy this quiet place by a short stroll around the Sultan Palace. This is also where the National Museum is located.



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### Possible activity



#### South Muscat coastline |1h-3h|



Discover by car and by foot this surprising coast, meeting of the mountains and the sea, with its small coves and islands, occasionally fringed with mangrove or beaches (some from where swimming and snorkelling is possible). Bandar Khiran, the jewel of this coast, offers some very beautiful viewpoints.



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### Accommodation



#### Hotel \* (Mutrah District) |BB|

Simple hotel but very well located on the Mutrah Corniche, a few minutes away by foot from the souq and the fish market. Among the few hotels on the Corniche, it is the best run.

The restaurant and some rooms are on the port and the sea side. Obviously, we request these ones whenever possible.



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### Accommodation with surcharge



#### Guesthouse (Ghubrah District) |BB|

A one-of-a-kind accommodation: a true guesthouse managed by an Omani family! In this very conservative country, it is a unique opportunity to stay with locals. You can notably share with your hosts during breakfast, which you take in the garden or in the living room of the main house (the rest of the family house is private). The 4 guest rooms are arranged separately, around a pleasant garden.

The house is located in the middle of the city of Muscat, halfway between the airport and the historical district of Mutrah (both at 15-20 min). The Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque is a few minutes away by car.



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### Accommodation with surcharge



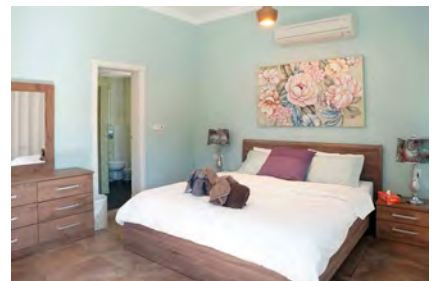
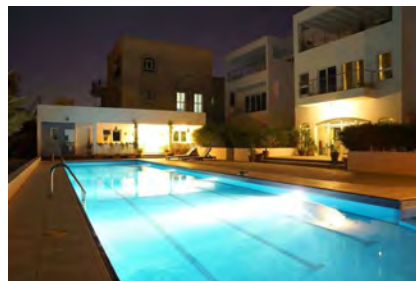
#### Guesthouse (Azaiba District) |BB|

Two big villas converted into a guesthouse with 10 comfortable and tastefully-decorated rooms.

Located in a posh neighbourhood, it is only a 5-min walk to the Azaiba beach, where you can find a Lebanese restaurant and a small park where young Omanis sell grilled food in the evening.

It is only a 10-min drive to the airport, 15 min to the Grand Mosque and about half an hour to the historic districts (Mutrah, Old Muscat).

The guesthouse has a 22-m long swimming pool and 2 living rooms. Breakfast can be eaten al fresco close to the pool.



## DAY 2 - From Muscat to Sinaw

Discover the Samail Gap. Following the highway, you can make photo stops at Fanja, hike in the Wadi Qurai or explore the old town of Izki and, with a short detour, the palm grove of Birkat al Mouz.

From Izki, the road leads you to Sinaw, last town of the north before the great desert plain.



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## Transfer



### Muscat to Fanja | 50km-45min |



From Muscat, the highway goes south and passes between the first low mountains of the Samail Gap.

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## Possible activity



### Town of Fanja | 20min-1h30 |



Just south of Muscat, the small town of Fanja extends on both banks of the wadi with the same name, at the foot of the Jebel Nakhl. Its old quarter, with its large palm grove and watch towers, offers a beautiful scenery.



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## Transfer



### Fanja to Birkat al Mouz : the Samail Gap | 90km-1h |



The highway runs through valleys separating the two great mountain ranges of northern Oman. Historically used to connect the coast and the inland regions, this passage, called the Samail Gap, features many villages, palm groves and watch towers. It also offers nice views of the steep side of the Western Hajar.



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### Possible activity along the transfer



#### Wadi Qurai |15min-2h|



The Wadi Qurai has dug out a deep valley into the abrupt side of the Western Hajar. A small road running between palm groves provides nice views of this wadi from a distance. Walking up the wadi will take you to a few nice small pools of pristine water (but swimming there is not allowed).



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### Possible activity along the transfer



#### Izki old town |30min-1h|



The town of Izki, at the south entrance of the Samail Gap, is one of the oldest town in Oman. Its ancient walled town is among the most worth visiting of the country. Even if its mudbrick houses are now ruined, it boasts two nice traditional mosques.

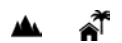


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### Possible activity



#### Village of Birkat al Mouz |15min-1h30|



The big village of Birkat al Mouz, at the end of the Wadi Muaydin, has at all times been the entrance to the Jebel Akhdar range as evidenced by its fort and numerous watch towers. Its large palm grove and the ruins of its old districts can be watched from a panoramic viewpoint or during a stroll.



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## Transfer



### Birkat al Mouz to Sinaw |85km-1h10|



The road goes away from the high summits of the Jebel Akhdar and crosses low rocky relief areas before diving due south. Arrival at Sinaw, last town before the vast dull Jiddat al Harasis plain which extends all over the center and south of the country.

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## Accommodation



### Hotel \* (Sinaw) |RO|

Simple hotel outside the town of Sinaw. It is the best option to discover the picturesque souq of the town.

## DAY 3 - From Sinaw to the Huqf region

In the morning, visit of the picturesque souq of Sinaw, which attracts the Bedouin shepherds of the whole region (and much less tourists than Nizwa souq).

Then the road takes you southwards through the desert plain, up to Mahoot, which only hotel is an ideal base for the discovery of the coastal desert of Khaluf. It is a real jewel with its sands of various colours, its rocky outcrops, its beaches and its surprising fishermen's village.

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## Possible activity



### Sinaw souq |30min-1h|



The souq of Sinaw is renowned for its live animal market, where the Bedouins of the region sell their goats, sheep and camels. Much less touristic than Nizwa goat market, it is all the more authentic. It takes place every morning but the Thursday market is the most important.

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## Transfer



### Sinaw to Mahoot (service station) |190km-2h|

You travel across a flat landscape, no hills, no villages, at the edge of the vast Jiddat al Harasis plain.



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## Transfer



### Mahoot (service station) to Khaluf junction |30km-25min|



The road runs southwards up to the junction for the coastal village of Khaluf. On the desert plain, small rocky reliefs come out. They catch patches of sand that further become small dunes.



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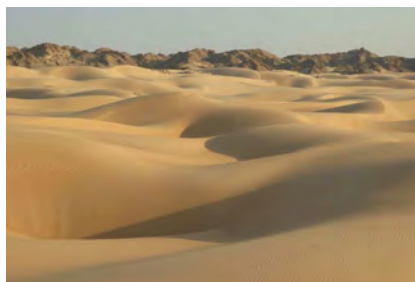
## Possible activity



### Southern Khaluf desert and the Sugar Dunes |2h-8h|4x4|



The southern part of the Khaluf desert is probably the most beautiful: small rocky outcrops, partially covered by sand strips with changing colours. Small fields of softly curved dunes, sometimes orange sometimes beige. Some acacia trees scattered around... Ideal for a morning or sunset walk! And the icing on the cake: white dunes at the seaside...





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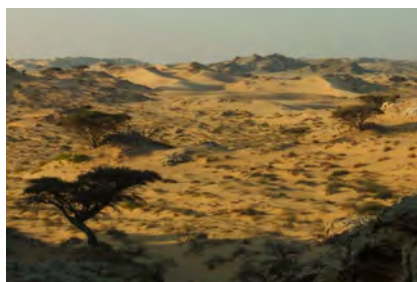
## Transfer



**Khaluf junction to Mahoot (service station) |30km-25min|**



Drive back to Mahoot.



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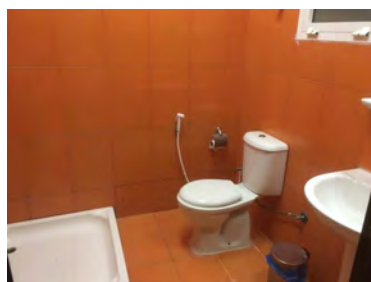
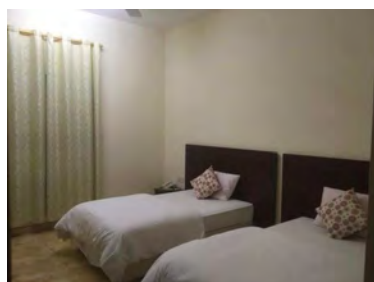
## Accommodation



**Hotel \* (Mahoot - service station) |BB|**

The junction of the roads coming from Duqm and Masirah is occupied by a kind of truck service area, which includes a petrol station and some local restaurants. The two simple hotels found there are the best-located ones to discover the village of Khaluf and its magnificent small desert.

The hotel proposed here is the best of the two. It opened in 2019 and has a multi-cuisine restaurant.



## DAY 4 - From the Huqf to Masirah Island

From Mahoot, morning discovery of the Khaluf desert, a real jewel with its sands of various colours, its rocky outcrops, its beaches and its surprising fishermen's village.

Then you drive up to Shannah, where you take the last ferry to Masirah.

Night on the island

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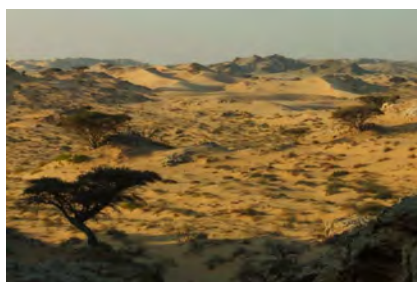
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### Possible activity

#### **Village of Khaluf, between sea and desert | 2h-5h | 4x4 |**



The road leading to the fishermen's village of Khaluf runs through a landscape of small light-beige dunes alternating with dark rocks, favourable to walking exploration.

The village is also worth a look: world's end feeling, sort of maritime Far West, where old pickups eaten into by the salt launch the boats.

Further than the village is a long beach where you can watch many sea birds, from gulls to ospreys.



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### Transfer

#### **Khaluf junction to Mahoot (service station) | 30km-25min |**



Drive back to Mahoot.



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### Transfer

#### **Mahoot (service station) to the Shannah pier | 75km-1h |**



The road, completely flat, winds its way between the Wahiba desert in the north and the Bar al Hikman peninsula in the south, crosses through the town of Mahoot and then reaches the coastal area. Here, the land and the sea blend together and locals harvest the salt that crystallises on the ground under the scorching sun.

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## Transfer



### Shannah to Hilf : Crossing up to Masirah Island |16km-1h|



Embark with your car onboard one of the two modern ferries linking Masirah Island with the mainland. You can sit in the air-conditioned passenger room or stay outside to breathe the sea air.  
Arrival at the port of Hilf, used by the island fishermen and their dhows.



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## Transfer



### Hilf to your seaside camp |40km-40min|4x4|



Leave the town of Hilf, in the north of Masirah, and follow the west coast. Your camp is found halfway to the southern tip of the island.

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## Accommodation



### Beach camp (Masirah Island) Room Deluxe |HB|

Camp with a basic comfort and a laid-back atmosphere, used as a kitesurf centre during the summer months. Best-located accommodation on Masirah Island: on the west coast (the best to swim), far from any settlement (no clothes restriction), 200 m away from the “kitesurfers beach” (not very pretty nor ideal for swimming because very shallow) and 800 m away from a very beautiful beach, perfect for swimming, reachable by foot or by car. The town and the port of Hilf are half an hour away.

The camp has an outside restaurant with wooden tables and benches.

The Deluxe rooms are proper comfortable rooms.



## DAY 5 - Masirah Island

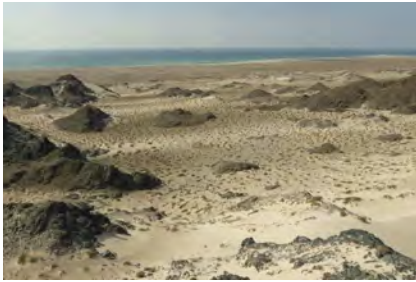
Full day to discover Masirah Island and its beautiful and wild beaches.

## Possible activity

### **Masirah Island |2h-8h|4x4|**



Masirah Island offers very contrasting landscapes: black rocky hills surrounded by white-sand beaches and a turquoise sea. A large part of the island is uninhabited even if many fishermen use some of the beaches during the day. Other beaches, more isolated, are perfect for swimming and relaxing.



## Accommodation

### **Beach camp (Masirah Island) Room Deluxe |HB|**

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## DAY 6 - Along the Indian Ocean, from Masirah Island to the Eastern Hajar

Morning ferry to the mainland followed by the coastal road, towards the north and the Eastern Hajar mountains. Along the way, possible stops at Ras al Ruways, between the sea and the Wahiba desert, at the port of Al Ashkharah or at the twin towns of Jaalan, with their forts and fortified houses.

Your camp sits between the north-eastern edge of the Wahiba and the first massif of the Eastern Hajar range.

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## Transfer



**Your seaside camp to Hilf |40km-40min|4x4|**



Drive back to Hilf.

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## Transfer



**Hilf to Shannah : Back to the mainland |16km-1h|**



Crossing from Masirah Island to Shannah.



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## Transfer



**Shannah to Al Ashkharah : between sea and desert |175km-2h15|**



This recent road travels along the coastline of the Indian Ocean, on the eastern side of the Wahiba desert. In the south, the dunes fall into the sea, there forming sandstone cliffs. Further north, they lie away from the shore and the road. The landscape is then a mixture of sand and rocks in various colours and you pass through some fishing villages.





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### Possible activity along the transfer



#### Ras al Ruways : When the dunes meet the ocean | 1h-1h30|



At Ras al Ruways cape, the Wahiba dunes, partially solidified, are eroded by the waves of the Indian Ocean. The cliffs thus formed, a few hundred meters from the road, can be easily accessed on foot and provide nice viewpoints.



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### Possible activity



#### Al Ashkharah fishing port | 15min-30min|



Main town of the coast, Al Ashkharah has a decent-sized fishing port, used by the classic blue and white small boats as well as the larger dhows with their traditional Arabian shapes.



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### Transfer



#### Al Ashkharah to Jaalan bani bu Hassan | 50km-50min|



From Al Ashkharah, the road leaves the coast and runs between the first massif of the Eastern Hajar and the northeastern edge of the Wahiba desert, passing through typical towns of the region.



**Jaalan bani bu Ali fort and Al Hamooda mosque |30min|**

One of the largest non-restored forts in Oman, Jaalan bani bu Ali fort is really impressive. Part of the structure collapsed but there still are important remains, including the central keep. Very close to the fort lies a surprising old mosque with 52 small domes.

**Possible activity****Jaalan bani bu Hassan old town |30min|**

On the edge of the palm grove, the old town of Jaalan bani bu Hassan offers the classic adobe ruins. It comprises a few old fortified houses in a fairly good state of preservation, some of which were still inhabited in the eighties. With their several storeys and small openings, they are characteristic of the region.

**Accommodation****Desert camp \*\* (Jaalan bani bu Hassan) |HB|**

Camp located in one of the "woodlands", sandy and wooded areas that borders the eastern side of the Wahiba desert. The rooms, comfortable and with a Bedouin-style decoration, are settled around a "majlis" (sitting area) and at the foot of a small dune (the desert proper is a few kilometres away).



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### Accommodation with surcharge



#### Desert camp \*\* (Wahiba) Room Sultan King Tent |HB|

Small camp of 8 tents located in the eastern part of the Wahiba desert, a region much less touristy than the north of the sands. The restaurant offers a panoramic view of the dunes and the camp has 2 "majlis" (sitting areas) – one is shaded for the day and one is opened to the sky for the evening.

The Sultan King Tents are large and comfortable tents, nicely decorated in local style and with an attached bathroom.



## DAY 7 - Wadi bani Khalid and Wahiba desert

Between desert and mountain, you drive past Al Kamil and its old fortified houses. Then, two different detours can lead you to the Wadi bani Khalid. You then reach the dunes of the Wahiba, among which awaits your accommodation.

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### Transfer



#### Jaalan bani bu Hassan to Al Kamil |20km-25min|



Short transfer between the neighbouring towns of Jaalan bani bu Hassan and Al Kamil, located between the Jebel Qahwan and the Wahiba desert.

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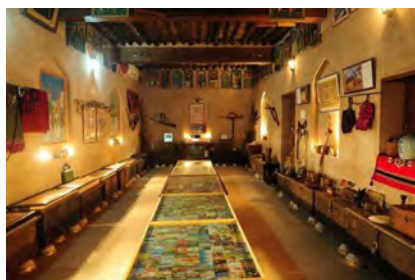
### Possible activity



#### Al Kamil : Fortified houses and the Old Castle Museum |30min-1h30|



The old town of Al Kamil offers a few beautiful examples of fortified houses, typical in this area. One of them has been converted into a little museum, its first attractions maybe being to be able to enter one of these old houses and to meet its owner if he is present.





### Al Kamil to Al Wasil | 65km-55min |



The road follows a narrow plain between the Eastern Hajar mountains and the dunes of the Wahiba desert.

#### Possible activity along the transfer

 15km-15min



#### Lower Wadi bani Khalid : village and palm grove of Al Baatan | 1h-3h |



The small village of Al Baatan has a very beautiful palm grove along the Wadi bani Khalid. The walk, along a falaj winding between palm and mango trees, is very pleasant and gives access to a small natural pool.

It is also possible to proceed on a rocky path up to a larger pool.



#### Possible activity along the transfer

 30km-40min



#### Upper Wadi bani Khalid : Muqal pool | 1h-2h |



This large pool, between the Muqal palm grove and the gorge of the wadi, has been developed for tourism and is highly appreciated by locals who come there for picnics at weekends. The setting is magnificent and it is possible to walk along the wadi or go up a donkey path for a bird's eye view of the place.







### Al Wasil to your camp in the desert |20km-30min|4x4|



At Al Wasil, you meet a car from the camp and follow it through the desert. The 15 km drive in the dunes is a first contact with the Wahiba desert. You proceed on a sand road, along a "valley" between long orange dunes about 50 meters in height. The lower part of the dunes is surprisingly studded with small plants.



### Possible activity



### Walking in the Wahiba desert |30min-2h|



What a delight to walk out of the camp and climb up the nearby dunes to watch the sun sink behind the horizon! But the grazing light in the early morning over the orange sand undulations is most appealing too...



### Accommodation



### Desert camp (Wahiba) |HB|

Rustic camp nestled against the curve of a dune, 15 km inside the desert. Managed by a local Bedouin family, it has an authentic feel.

The rooms are basic: small "barastis" made of palm leaves, decorated with fabrics of traditional colours.

The showers and toilets are shared and opened to the sky.

The camp offers camel rides (30 OMR for 2 hours).

Note that only the restaurant has electricity.



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### Accommodation with surcharge

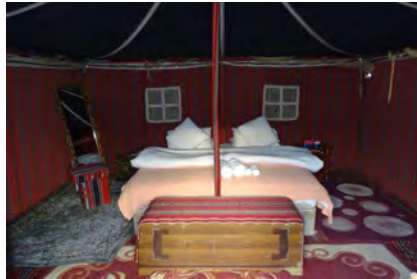


#### Desert camp \*\* (Wahiba) | HB |

What a luxury to have the desert to yourself! Private camp with 2 tents, among the dunes, a few kilometres away from the main camp and about 20 km inside the desert.

The large bedouin-style tents have comfortable beds and are nicely decorated. The camp has simple shared toilet and bathroom.

One person from the main camp stays on site and organises the meals.



## DAY 8 - From the Wahiba desert to Muscat

After enjoying the Wahiba desert, you drive back to Muscat via Ibra and Fanja. Leaving the main road, you can also discover the beautiful and little-known region of Dima wa At Tayeen, with its large valleys, its many palm groves and its nice views of the mountains.

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### Transfer



#### Your camp to Al Wasil | 20km-30min | 4x4 |



Drive back out of the dunes.



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### Transfer



#### Al Wasil to Fanja | 150km-1h30 |



The road goes away from the desert and goes past the town of Ibra and its ancient mudbrick houses. Then it crosses wide massifs of low rocky mountains, passing by a few villages.



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### Possible activity along the transfer

   **Dima wa At Tayeen region | 3h-6h | 4x4 |**



Little visited, this region yet offers very beautiful landscapes. At the foot of the high arid mountains of the Eastern Hajar, three big valleys shelter many villages surrounded by lush palm groves and guarded by ancient watchtowers. On the programme: driving through the region, walking in a wadi or swimming in a natural pool.



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### Transfer

 **Fanja to Muscat International Airport | 40km-30min |**



From Fanja, the highway continues northward and passes between the last low mountains of the Samail Gap before reaching the town of Muscat.  
Rental car drop-off.

## *PRICES / TERMS AND CONDITIONS*

**01/10/2020 - 30/04/2021**

Number of people	2	4
Price per person in double room (in OMR)	410	290
<b>Toyota Fortuner</b> or similar (8 days)	1	1

Options and extras (prices per person)	
Accommodation upgrade on day 1 <b>Guesthouse (Ghubrah District) BB </b>	<b>8 OMR</b>
Accommodation upgrade on day 1 <b>Guesthouse (Azaiba District) BB </b>	<b>10 OMR</b>
Accommodation upgrade on day 6 <b>Desert camp** (Wahiba) Room Sultan King Tent  HB </b>	<b>10 OMR</b>
Accommodation upgrade on day 7 <b>Desert camp** (Wahiba) HB </b>	<b>35 OMR</b>

*Prices valid at the dates and for the types of room mentioned above.*

*These prices are given in Omani rials (OMR).*

*For conversion into another currency, you can use [www.xe.com](http://www.xe.com). Note that these conversions do not include bank fees and transfer charges.*

**Note that this document is an quote and that no reservation has been made to this day.**

*Prices are therefore subject to changes in accordance with the availability of accommodations, vehicles and guides at the time of the reservation. Insofar as possible, we offer alternatives of equivalent quality and cost in the event of unavailability.*

### Proposed vehicle (non contractual photo)



Toyota Fortuner

SUV 2x4/4x4 2.7L automatic



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### The price of the tour includes:

- Meet and greet service and rental car pick up assistance
- Your travel documents
- The whole self drive tour recorded in a GPS application
- An Oman road map (and a Muscat road map if required by the programme)
- A mobile phone with credit for 1 hour of local calls
- Phone assistance by our local agency throughout your trip
- Accommodations as mentioned in the programme
- Meals at the accommodations as mentioned in the programme along with each accommodation (cf. key)
- Lunches on guided days
- Bottled water in hotels
- Included activities as mentioned in the programme
- For each included guided activity:
  - The guide
  - The car(s) and driver(s) if required for this activity
  - Safety and camping equipment (tents, mattresses, kitchenware) if required for this activity
- Included transfers with driver or guide as mentioned in the program
- The rental of the above-mentioned vehicle(s), for the above-mentioned period of time, with:

- 2 possible drivers
- Unlimited kilometres
- Comprehensive insurance: zero excess in case of damage (provided you get a police report)  
*Caution: Damages occurred when driving off roads or off trails clearly marked on the terrain are not covered by the insurance (particularly when driving on sand).*
- Carbon offsetting for the mileage driven during your tour  
*On completion of your trip, we grant our specialist partner a certain amount in order to offset the CO2 emitted during the transfers.*

### **The price of the tour does not include:**

- VAT: nonexistent to date, it may be implemented in 2020 at the rate of 5%
- International flights
- Tourist visa fees: as at 01/01/2019, 5 OMR for 10 days or 20 OMR for 30 days (per person)  
*Check for visa issuing formalities on <https://evisa.rop.gov.om/en/visa-eligibility>. Passports must be valid at least 6 months after the return date.*
- Meals not included in the program (from 1.5 OMR per person in small restaurants or 5 OMR at hotels)
- Beverages
- Entrance fees, if any, of the “possible activities” mentioned in the program (forts: 0.5 OMR pp; museums: 2 to 5 OMR pp)
- Tips to guides and drivers, if any
- Sleeping bags and personal camping equipment (headlight) if required
- Personal expenses
- Fuel for your self driven car(s) (approx. 30 to 50 OMR per car and per week of tour)
- The rental car refundable deposit: the amount of 125 OMR per vehicle is blocked on your credit card but not debited
- Fines for driving offenses (speed cameras notably)
- Tyre repair or replacement fees in case of puncture
- The cost of repairing damages suffered by the rental cars if not justified by a police report
- Your personal repatriation insurance
- Your medical insurance