



MUSCAT DAY EXCURSIONS (with chauffeur)– 2007-08

Ex - AL SAWADI SURCHARGE US\$ 80.00 PER VEHICLE

MUSCAT IMPRESSIONS- Half Day City Tour (4 hours duration)

City tour starts in the morning with a visit to the **Grand Mosque** followed by a visit to the **Natural History Museum**, which has some excellent collection of the bye gone era. Later we will visit the walled city and the Old Town of Muscat. En route we will have a photo stop at the **Al Alam Palace**, the Royal Residence of His Majesty – Sultan Qaboos and then to 16th century Portuguese built **Mirani and Jalali Forts**. Later we visit the **Muttrah Souq** where the shops sell the traditional Omani items like the Khanjars, Dallah (Bronze Coffee Pot), and the exotic spices, the Frankincense etc.

(To enter Grand mosque dress code for Ladies should be fully covered with scarf and wear full sleeves shirt and Men are not allowed to wear shorts)

**Grand Mosque is open for public from Saturday – Wednesday
Opening Hrs: 0800Hrs - 1100 Hrs**

**PRICE: US\$ 85.00 BY ONE CAR
US\$ 195.00 BY MINI BUS (Max. 15 pax)
US\$ 308.00 BY LARGE BUS (Max 35-38 pax)**

MUSCAT DISCOVERY – Full Day Tour (8 hours duration)

Morning tour starts with a visit to the **The Grand Mosque** following by followed by a visit to the **Natural History Museum**, which has some excellent collection of the bye-gone era An orientation of Modern Muscat.

Afternoon city tour starts with we will visit the walled city and the Old Town of Muscat. Visit Bait Zubhair Museum. Later we will have a photo stop at the **Al Alam Palace**, the Royal Residence of **His Majesty – Sultan Qaboos** and then to 16th century Portuguese built **Mirani and Jalali Forts**. Later we visit the **Muttrah Souq** where the shops sell the traditional Omani items like the Khanjars, Dallah (Bronze Coffee Pot), the exotic spices, the Frankincense etc.

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**Grand Mosque is open for public from Saturday – Wednesday
Opening Hrs: 0800Hrs - 1100 Hrs**

**PRICE: US\$ 114.00 BY ONE CAR
US\$ 286.00 BY MINI BUS (Max. 15 pax)
US\$ 402.00 BY LARGE BUS (Max 35-38 pax)**



HISTORY & NATURE TRAIL- Nakhl, Rustaq (8 hours-Car)

Morning we will drive to **Nakhl** which has a magnificent Fort eternally rising out of the Rocky Mountain and towering well above this small town which has large Date Plantation. The narrow road through the town winds up to the Hot Springs, which is a popular picnic, spot. After spending some time at **Nakhl** we will continue for **Rustaq** (about 55 kms Southwest of Nakhl), once the capital of this area and always a major trading center of Oman, Later we will drive back to Muscat via **Al Hazam (Only Photo stop, Closed for renovations)**, which also has a nice fort with two large watchtowers.

PRICE: US\$ 185.00 BY ONE CAR
US\$ 420.00 BY MINI BUS (Max 15 pax)
US\$ 595.00 BY LARGE BUS (Max 35-38 pax)

HERITAGE & HISTORY WHIRL- Nizwa, Bahla & Jabrin (8 hours-Car)

Morning we depart on a full day trip to the **historical & heritage capital of Oman - Nizwa**, the city of gold and silver handicrafts which is about 175 kms from Muscat. After reaching Nizwa Visit **Nizwa souq** where potteries, gold& silver wares are sold. Then visit the famous **round tower fort of Nizwa**, probably the best fort architecture in Oman. *Later visit. Al Hamra one of the oldest villages & up to 400 years old mud houses are still occupied. Also visit the Al Hamra Falaj system, Visit of Al Hoota caves one of the largest natural cave.* There after we will straight away proceed to visit **Bahla**, the mystical village, once known for its black magic. But now the village is famous for Arabian Potteries. Visit one of the **pottery making units**. Later drive onwards to visit **Jabreen castle**, built in 17th century. There is no other fort or castle in Oman boasting of the magnificence and splendour of Jabrin. The plasterwork, wooden carvings, painted ceiling makes this castle amazingly different

PRICE : US\$ 182.00 BY ONE CAR
US\$ 570.00 BY MINI BUS (Max 15 pax)
US\$ 750.00 BY LARGE BUS (Max 35-38 pax)

DESERT EXPERIENCE -Wadi Bani Khalid &Wahiba Sands (10 hrs/4WD)

Morning at 0800 hrs we will get into our 4WD and drive Southwards, as we cross the **Hajar Mountains** the scenery all along the way is not only beautiful but also spectacular. On our way we will be stopping at various places to take photographs. Our first actual halt will be at **Wadi Bani Khalid** a **beautiful oasis** in the middle of the barren and dry mountains. The turquoise blue pools for fresh water. Spend some time to enjoy the ambiance of wadi From Wadi Bani Khalid our drive will take us to **Wahiba Sands**, a vast mass of undulating red & white sea of sand dunes is also host to a variety of flora and fauna. On arrival we will have **Roller Coaster sand dune ride** in our Land Cruisers, as we go deeper into the Sands of Wahiba. The whole area is breath taking which has scattered habitations of the **Bedouin and camel** moving around. Later in the afternoon we start our journey back to Muscat

PRICE : US\$ 332.00 BY ONE 4WD

THE GREAT GRAND CANYON of OMAN- Jabel Shams (11 hrs/4WD)

Morning at 0800 hrs we will get into our 4WD and drive to **Nizwa – the historical & heritage capital of Oman** - Nizwa, the city of gold and silver handicrafts which is about 175 kms from Muscat. We stop at **Nizwa Souk**, famous for its antiques & silver jewellery. We stop at **Round Tower Fort** and then proceed to **Wadi Nakher** located right on the bottom of the canyon. Later we visit **Misfah, the scenic mountain village** having very old stone built houses and structures. Before we reach Jabel Shams we stop at **Wadi Ghul** – the farming village in the mountains. Later we reach **Jabel Shams – the highest peak of Jabel Akhdar** and enjoy the breathtaking view of Jabel Akhdar ranges. We return to hotel in the evening.

PRICE : US\$ 332 .00 BY ONE 4WD



The Green mountains – Jabel Akdhar (11 hrs/4WD)

Day Excursion to Jabel Akdhar. In Arabic **Jabel akdhar** means green mountains. It is famous for its gardens and farms. Visit Wadi **habib** to see one of the remote villages and **fruit plantations**. Also visit one of the private **terrace rose plantations**. (Jan – Feb is the season). Descend down in the after noon to visit **Nizwa**, the Historical & Cultural capital of Oman. Visit the **round tower fort** of Nizwa & its renowned souq. Return back to Muscat

PRICE: USD 332 BY ONE 4WD - MAX 04-pax
Option for picnic lunch or lunch at local restaurant

Day Excursion to Snake Gorge And Bilad Sayt Village

Morning board the 04Wd and drive to explore the remote village of Western Mountain range. En route visit the hot springs of **Ain Towarah** and near by **date plantations**. The proceed to **Wadi Bani Awf** popularly known as the end point of mini canyon of Oman or snake gorge. The road winds through the steep cliffs of mountains on both sides. We will have short walk to enjoy the ambiance. Later proceed to see the Remote village of **Bilat sayt** lies in the fold of Western Hajar mountain range. Walk through the village to see terrace plantations, farms etc.

PRICE: US\$ 322.00 BY ONE 4WD
Supplement cost for picnic lunch: Us\$15 per person

DOLPHINS WATCH

(Duration: 4 Hours) (0700hrs – 1100 hrs including transfers)

Transfer from the Muscat hotel to the pier side to embark on a boat as we search the seas for Dolphins and Whales. Watching wild dolphins is a thrilling way to start the day and the lucky may even come across one of the many species of whales that can be found just a few kilometers from Muscat's rugged coast. Not every trip guarantees a sighting, but you are sure to enjoy a trip out to sea and enhance your knowledge of nature's most fascinating marine mammals.

Soft drinks, tea and coffee will be served on board

PRICE: US\$ 75 PER PERSON (MINIMUM 02 PAX)

WADI SHAAB TOUR – 8 hrs duration

Leave for Wadi Shaab, The road winds through the breathtaking sceneries. The complete drive along this stream with views of rock formations all along, which have been crafted by the sheer force of water over a period of millions of years is fascinating. From **Daghmar** we will drive further south to **Dibab** where you can see the stunning caves formations, when the underground water has eroded the limestone below the surface to create fabulous underground caves. **Finns beach** further down has beautiful stretch of White sands tucked between two cliffs with calm water for a refreshing dip. From here we will continue to Wadi Shaab a beautiful oasis in the middle of the barren and dry mountains. A short trek about 30 minutes required reach the pool. Then drive back to Muscat.

PRICE: US\$ 285.00 BY ONE 4WD

- **SUPPLEMENT FOR PICNIC LUNCH US\$ 15.00 PER PERSON**
- **SUPPLEMENT FOR LANGUAGE SPEAKING GUIDE (Half day): US\$ 105 nett**
- **SUPPLEMENT FOR LANGUAGE SPEAKING GUIDE (Full day): US\$ 160 nett**