

## Shore excursions from Sultan Qaboos Port Muscat

### Coach Tours

#### **a. Muscat Impression - Half-Day Tour – 0900 – 1330 hrs (4.5 hrs)**

Visit the **Muttrah Souq** where the shops sell the traditional Omani items like the Khanjars, Dallah (Bronze Coffee Pot), the exotic spices & the Frankincense

**Drive past cornice** and to the capital area before we stop in front of the Sultan's Palace flanked by the Portuguese forts, **Jalali** and **Mirani** for a photo stop. Also visit **Bait Al Zubair museum** for a fine display of Omani culture and history

#### **b. Fortress and Oasis – Full day tour – 0930 – 1730 hrs (8 hrs)**

Drive through the Hajar Mountains en route to **Nizwa**, on the way make a photo stop at **Fanjah**. Nizwa is one of the largest cities of Oman and the capital of Interior region. It has a wealth of ancient landmarks most prominent being the **Nizwa Fort** built over a period of 12 years. The fort is surrounded by ancient traditional **souqs** where local traders sell various gold and silver curios.

**Note:** Nizwa Souq closes by 1200 hrs

Lunch will be arranged at a hotel. Return to Muscat with a photo stop at **The Grand Mosque**. Also visit **Muttrah Souq** where the shops sell the traditional Omani items like the Khanjars, Dallah (Bronze Coffee Pot), the exotic spices & the Frankincense

**Note:** **Dress code** long sleeves & full-length trousers for men and women are required.

#### **c. NAKHAL & HOT SPRING – Full day tour – 0930 – 1730 hrs (8 hrs)**

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. On the way visit the **Hot Springs**, which is a popular picnic, spot. After spending some time at Nakhl we will proceed for Buffet lunch in a hotel. Return to Muscat with a photo stop at **The Grand Mosque**. Visit the **Muttrah Souq** where the shops sell the traditional Omani items like the Khanjars, Dallah (Bronze Coffee Pot), the exotic spices & the Frankincense

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### Four wheel drive Tours

#### **d. Wadi Shab Exploration – Full day tour – 0930 – 1730 hrs (8 hrs)**

The landscape and scenery is the highlight of this trip, the sunlight beams through as opening between two mountain ranges, drive on the rough road and enjoy the 4x4 drive experience. View fascinating rock formations crafted by the sheer force of water over time.

You will stop at the **Bimah Sink hole** a spectacular limestone crater with blue green water. **Wadi shab** is an Oasis in a middle of barren and dry mountains. **Fins beach** also called white sand beach is a popular tourist spot for picnic lunches. After lunch at the Fins beach return to Muscat

**Note:** Tour is not recommended for pregnant women and infants.

#### **e. Desert and Oasis – Full day tour – 0930 – 1730 hrs (8 hrs)**

The 4WD vehicle takes you through the fascinating Hajar Mountains – the terrain is rugged and takes you a long way from the modern landscape of Muscat. The tour proceeds to the **Wahiba desert** for an exciting dune drive. You will also have an opportunity to meet **Bedouin families** who inhabit this desert. Also see herds of camel's pass by you as you drive across the Wahiba.

Enjoy a roller coaster ride in the desert in the comfort of your 4wd & experienced driver, followed by lunch at one of the resorts situated in the desert. Later return to Muscat.

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