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MUSCAT



Muscat, Oman's port capital, sits on the Gulf of Oman surrounded by mountains and desert. With history dating back to antiquity, it mixes high-rises and upscale shopping malls with clifftop landmarks such as the 16th-century Portuguese forts, Al Jalali and Mirani, looming over Muscat Harbor. Its modern, marble-clad Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque, with 50m dome and prodigious Persian carpet, can accommodate 20,000 people. Unlike the UAE with its man-made islands and towering skyscrapers, Oman is more a country natural beauty and impressive landscapes.

This majestic architectural masterpiece is one of the Sultanate's prized jewels. Being the first of its kind in the region, the Opera House is a beautiful landmark to tour and with its busy yearly schedule one is sure to catch a great show while visiting the capital. Coming up this year there will be a show put on by the American Ballet Theatre titled Giselle as well as a performance by Dee Dee Bridgewater, amongst other classical musical and cultural displays from all over the world. Good seating costs in excess of \$2,000 USD.

AL ANGHAM RESTAURANT

Enjoy a hearty meal at one of Oman's finest restaurants. It features Omani cuisine, with a contemporary twist at a spectacular location - the Royal Opera House. Al Anghams interiors tell a story as each room portrays something different (you can ask for a tour of the premises to learn more about the charming place).

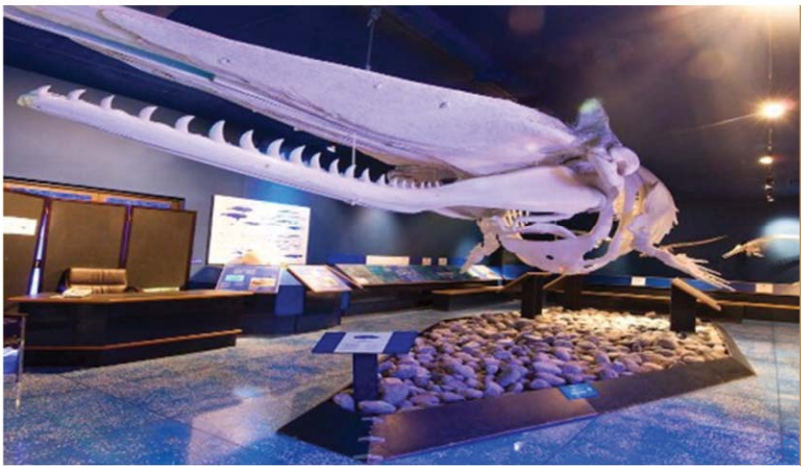
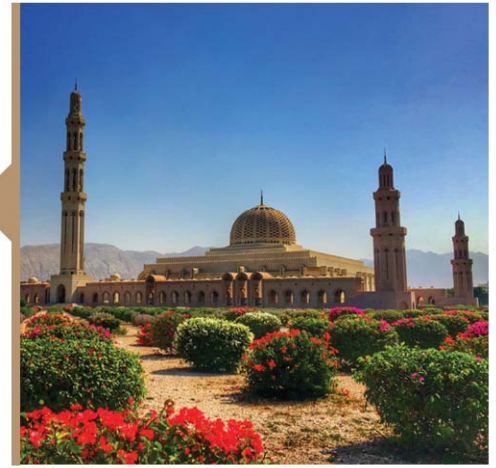
Al Angham Restaurant, Opera House Muscat, alanghamoman.com



SULTAN QABOOS GRAND MOSQUE

A modern Islamic architecture masterpiece in the Capital, the mosque holds the second largest Persian carpet in the world and once it held the record for the largest in the world. The intricate handmade carpet took around 4 years to complete. The mosque also houses one of the most beautiful and largest chandeliers in the world, and the interiors are basically commissioned works of art. The grand prayer hall can accommodate up to 20,000 people all at once.

Non-Muslims are allowed to visit the mosque every day, except Friday, from 8:30 until 11:00 am. Visitors are asked to dress modestly. Women are also required to cover their hair.



THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

The museum opened on 20 December 1985, and has detailed coverage of Oman's flora and fauna, with displays on indigenous mammals, insects, and birds and botanical gardens. One of the highlights of the museum is the whale hall: it houses the huge skeleton of a sperm whale, which was washed up on the Omani coastline in the 1986. The museum contains marine and animal fossils and ancient mammals such as monkeys and elephants primitive, teeth Deinotherium and Gomphoth

RELAX AT SOME OF MUSCAT'S SECLUDED SECRET BEACHES

Unspoiled secret beaches surround the city of Muscat, and Qurum beach is the most popular, filled with restaurants and cafes. Visitors can also go off-road and discover other beaches on their own or go to the many tour companies that will gladly take them on a boat ride. Choices include Yiti beach, which is a 40 minute drive out of Muscat city centre, Khalouf Beach south of Muscat, and Ras Al Hamra beach which is close to Qurum beach.

These spots are secluded and are great for some swimming downtime but be sure to bring your own food and drink. For a boat tour check out Marina Bandar Al Rowdha which is great for dolphin watching, pirces starting at \$40 for a 2 hour tour,

primitive, teeth Deinotherium and Gomphotherium, and stuffed animals: Arabian leopard. Caracal. Arabian Oryx. Arabian wolf. Arab Red fox. Ghazal skeleton Arabic, Ibex Arabic, Flamengo. Birds, Crow, Owl, Reptiles, Snakes' lizards. Snails and shells.

The Museum is located at the Ministry of Heritage and Culture complex, Al Khuwair, close to the city centre.





AL BUSTAN PALACE HOTEL

The Al Bustan Palace is a Ritz-Carlton property and has hosted some of the biggest VIP's on Earth in the last few decades including Michael Jackson and Bill Clinton amongst many others. It's a six star property and it literally resembles a palace in size, scale and outright beauty. It also boasts one of the best beaches in Muscat.

Entrance is free however charges may apply to Cabanas.

AL QURUM PARK

The large Al Qurum Park is an oasis of green in the rocky and sandy environments of Muscat located in the Al Qurum district. While it is a chance to enjoy vegetation, Al Qurum Park is also the site of many festivals in Oman. This is a great chance to rub shoulders with the locals. During our time, we spent an evening at the annual Muscat Festival, which constitutes much of the nightlife in Muscat. It's a cross between a state fair and cultural festival, and is one of the best things to do in Muscat at night if it is happening (usually for four weeks from mid-January to mid-February every year).



WHADI SHAB

If you want to go a drive and spend an entire day along the coast and the mountains, then Wadi Shab is the place to go. This place is a 90-minute drive away from the city of Muscat and then once you park your vehicle, you need to walk for an hour to get into the inlet. Once you arrive at the spot, you are surrounded by wonderful mountains and there is also a beautiful mountain river that does not flow.

You can dive-in swim or even walk until you find a small cave for you. Be sure to carry some food and water as this place lacks these items. If you want to have a picnic you should surely head out to this amazing place.



THE MUTTRAH CORNICHE

The Muttrah Corniche, a sidewalk along the Muscat harbor, runs for a mile or so from the fish market out to the Muttrah Fort. Along the path, there are sculptures as well as fountains and gardens that seem out of place in this arid landscape. It's the perfect place to see the Sultan's impressive yacht, as well as other exotic boats which may be in the harbor.



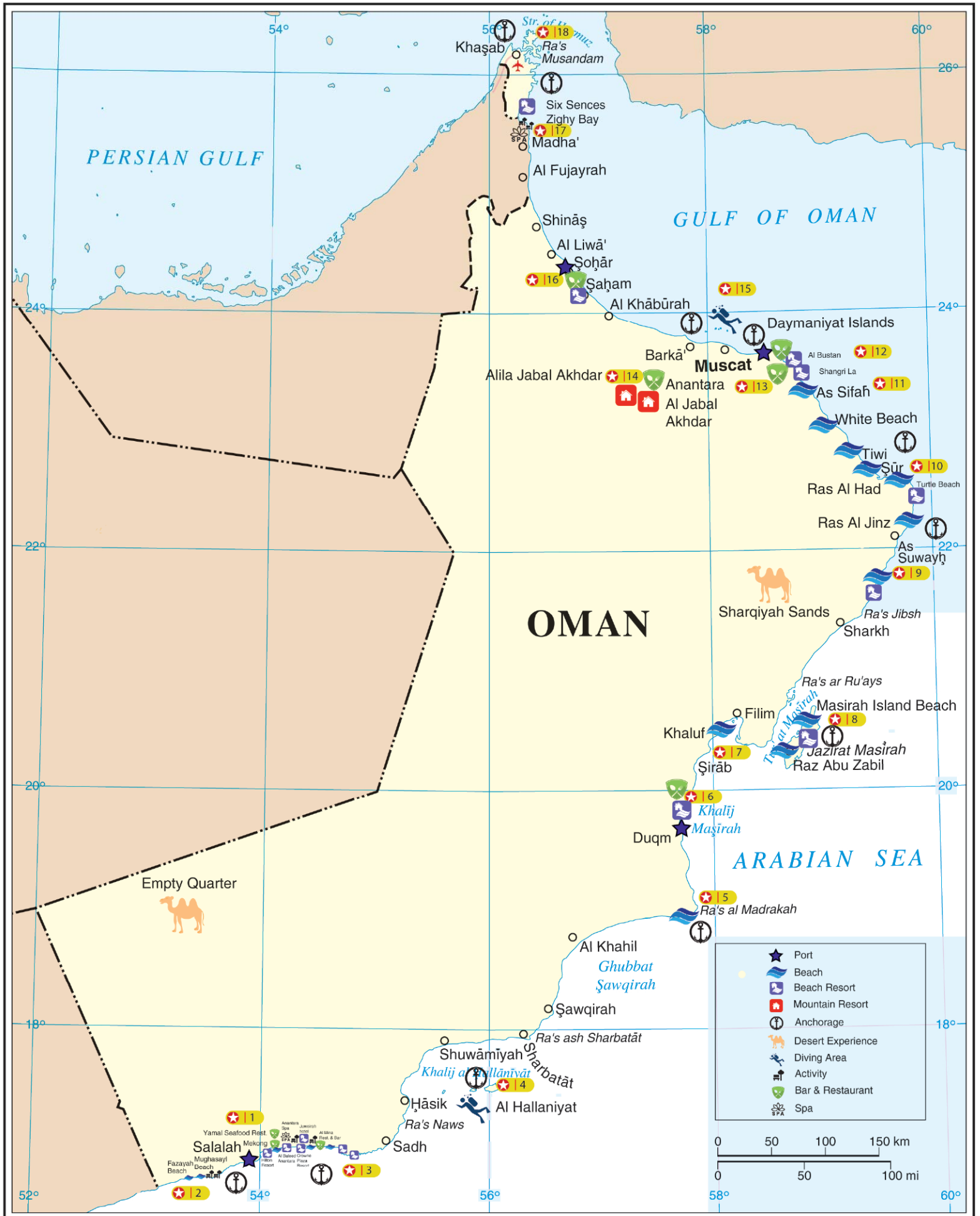
DAYMANIYAT ISLANDS

A 45-minute boat ride Northwest of Muscat you'll find this nine-island cluster, a favorite of swimmers and divers. The protected nature reserve in the Gulf of Oman teems with tropical fish, and coral reefs, the colors just seem brighter here. And there's much to see above water too: When the preserve is open, Daymaniyat Island beaches are one of the best places in the world to watch turtle nesting.

BANDAR AL KHAYRAN

Thirty minutes from Muscat, this small scenic hamlet boasts some of Oman's most postcard-worthy views. Wedged between copper-colored mountains is a network of crystal-clear tidal pools and bays - a favorite spot for Muscat boaters. To visit, hike down one of the sandy, rocky paths to a small, deserted soft sand beach that overlooks the pools. Plop down with a cooler to bask and watch for spot giant sea turtles or the bright orange fins of a parrotfish.





PERSIAN GULF

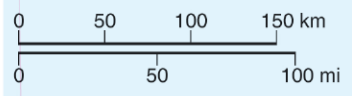
GULF OF OMAN

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ARABIAN SEA

Empty Quarter






-  Port
-  Beach
-  Beach Resort
-  Mountain Resort
-  Anchorage
-  Desert Experience
-  Diving Area
-  Activity
-  Bar & Restaurant
-  Spa



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If the tip was to start south working north. Trip can start in Salalah. Yacht can be alongside in the port or at anchor.

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|  Al Baleed by Anantara
Crowne Plaza Resort
Hilton Salalah Resort |  Al Mina Rest. & Bar
Mekong
Yamal Seafood Rest. |  Anantara Spa |
|  Salalah Beach
Al Haffa Beach
Al Baleed Resort Beach |  Al Baleed Archaeological Park
Expedition tour to Empty Quarter
Diving Salalah | |






★ | 2

For visiting the beaches WSW of Salalah the yacht can be positioned at anchor in front of one of the nine.

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|  Fazayah Beach
Mughsayl Beaches |  Marneef Cave
Al Mughsayl Blowholes |
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Relocate at anchor to E in front of Juweira Marina (16nm from Salalah Port).

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|  Juweirah Boutique Hotel
Rotana Resort
Fonar Hotel |  Saffron
Silk Road
Al Manara |  Zen the Spa
Al Waha Spa |
|  Ocean Beach
Taqa Beach
Mirbat Beach |  Wadi Darbat
Ayn Athum
Hawana Water Park
Mirbat diving | |

★ | 4

112nm ENE further are Khuriya Muriya Islands. Yacht can relocate to anchor at Al Hallaniyat Island. There are no resorts, restaurants or spa here, but the waters off the islands host diverse marine life including manta rays, pods of dolphins, humpback and sperm whales, there are also several wrecks to explore.

★ | 5

Further NE on the coast in Ras Madrasah Beach (130nm). The region is dominated by the desert. Yacht can anchor close to its eastern fringe.

★ | 6

40nm N is Port of Duqm, the yacht can go alongside if needed.

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|  Crowne Plaza Duqm |  Souq Restaurant |  Duqm Beach |
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★ | 7

45nm further N, is another isolated place with no resorts, restaurants and spa.

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|  Kalouf Beach |
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★ | 8

875nm further yacht can anchor at the NE corner of Masirah, a desert island with rocky interior and sandy shores, there are no recommended resorts or restaurants here.

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|  Masirah Island Resort |  Raz Abu Zabil
Sur Masiray Bay Beach
Masirah Island Resort Beach |
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★ | 9

980nm NE further are Al Ashkharah village two beaches, possibly with large waves and rough sea.

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|  Al Ashkharah Beach Resort |
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★ | 10

60nm further is Ras Al Hadd. With limited tourist facilities this place is famous giant turtle breeding ground.

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|  Turtle Beach Resort |  Dolphin Bar
Al Changa Restaurant |  Turtle Beach
Ras Al Hadd Beach
Ras Al Jinz Turtle Beach |
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★ | 11

The next 85nm NW on the coast are offering small port of Sur. As Sifah town and marina and Bandar Khayran Beach with some of the best dive sites in Oman.

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|  Bandar Khayran Beach
Tiwi Beach
White Beach |  Bimmah Sinkhole
Diving at Bandar Khayran |
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★ | 12

In just 6nm the yacht can anchor near Barr Al Jissah Marina or Marina Bandar Al Rowda (2,5nm further)

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|  Shangri La Al Husn
Shangri La Barr Al Jissah
Al Bustan Palace Hotel |  Al Muheet
Sultanah Fine Dining
Turkuaz |  Hareer Spa
Chi, The Spa
Al Bustan Spa |
|  Shangri La Private Beach
Al Jissan
Al Bustan | | |

★ | 13

4nm further is Port Sultan Qaboos Port, the main port of Muscat. The yacht can go alongside if needed.

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|  W Muscat
Kempinski Hotel Al Mouj
The Chedi Muscat |  Al Angham
The Beach
Kargeen Cafe |  Kempinski The Spa
Chedi The Spa
Away Spa |
|  Al Mouj Private
Beach Park |  Diving at Al Fahal
Expedition to Sharkiya Sands
National Museum | |

★ | 14

A trip to the mountain Jebel Shams can offer some of the best resorts in Oman (200km away from Port Sultan Qaboos).

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|  Alila Jabal Akhdar
Anantara Al Jabal -
Al Akhdar |  Juniper
Al Maisan
Al Qalaa |  Spa Alila
Anantara Spa |
|  Nizwa
Jabreen Castle
Al Hoota Cave | | |

★ | 15

135nm WNW of Port Sultan Qaboos are Daymaniat Islands. These nice rocky islands are the best for diving in Oman. They are closed from May to October.

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|  About 30 dive sites
Abundance of marine life, reefs, walls, wreck |
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★ | 16

85nm NW further on the coast is the town of Sohar, the last place a large yacht can go alongside if needed. No prominent resorts or restaurants.

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|  Sohar Beach Hotel
Crowne Plaza Sohar |  Cornish |  Sallan Silver Jubilee Park
Traditional Souq
Sohar Fort |
|  Sohar Beach | | |

★ | 17

82nm further NNW is located Zighy Bay.

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|  Six Senses |  Summer House
Spice Market
Sense on the Edge |  Six Senses Wellness
and Spa |
|  Six Senses Beach |  Microlight flight
Paragliding
Dibba Village Trek | |

★ | 18

Further N on Musandam peninsula re the towns of Limah on the E side (18nm away) and Khasab (another 54nm after Limah)

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|  Diving at Limah Rock
and 5 other sites |  Khor Al Sham
Khor Al Najd |
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SALALAH OMAN

01

Salalah is the capital city of southern Oman's Dhofar province, and is located in the Dhofar Governorate in southern Oman. It is the second largest city in Oman, but the biggest in Dhofar, and the biggest sea port in the Arab Peninsula. Salalah is also the birthplace of the current Omani leader, Sultan Qaboos. Known for its banana plantations, Arabian Sea beaches and waters teeming with sea life.

The Khareef, an annual monsoon, transforms the desert terrain into a lush, green landscape and creates seasonal waterfalls (June to September only). From the north, the city is surrounded by a mountain range. From the south, it has a long beautiful coast that is embellished with white sands.

02



DAYMANIYAT ISLANDS

Al Mughsail beach is located in Salalah in southern Oman. It has beautifully white sands, and crystal clear waters. What adds to the beach's beauty is the green mountain that surrounds it and the natural fountains that burst out of its rocky edges. It's around a 30-minute car ride from Salalah city, and has around six kilometers of clean, white sandy shores. Not a lot to do other than to relax in nature.

04



TAQAH CASTLE

Taqah Castle is one of the most popular castles in the Dhofar Region, and one of the most beautiful in Oman. This castle was built to be the residential house of a tribal leader called Sheikh Ali bin Taman Al Ma'shani, who was the grandfather of the mother of Sultan Qaboos. The castle now has several museums that exhibit weapons and tools that were essential to the old Omani way of life. Between its architectural design, plantations and ancient contents, the castle is a unique place that must be included in a visit to Salalah. Don't forget to wait for an unforgettable view of the sunset from the famous point in the castle.

Opening times: Saturday through Thursday 9am - 4pm. Friday 8am - 11am

03



SULTAN QABOOS MOSQUE

Salalah also has one of the most famous Sultan Qaboos mosques in Oman. The mosque is located in the city center and is an architectural wonder. It has two big domes, and two tall minarets, all of which are white and ornamented with golden shapes. The mosque's interior is decorated with beautiful lanterns, the walls are engraved in unique patterns and the floor is covered with green rugs. Reflecting the wonderful Omani architecture, the Sultan Qaboos Mosque is one of the must-visit attractions in Salalah.

Opening times: Non-muslims can tour the mosque from 8am through 11am, Saturday through Thursday. Modest dress is a must and women need to cover their hair

05



AL MARNEEF CAVE

The charm of this place starts with the surrounding mountain that has several benches for tourists to enjoy the marvelous view of the beach and the blowholes - Al Marneef Blowholes, which are also called Al Mughsail Blowholes or Fountains. These holes in the ground are known to be sea caves, through which sea waters come, creating beautifully high fountains that splash water around them.

06



BOAT TOUR

Enjoy the crystal waters of the Sea of Oman, and the surrounding beautiful mountains and white sandy beaches of Salalah through a boat trip. Around the Ocean boat tours offer private dolphin watching and fishing tours.

Half Day: 8.00 - 12.00 or 14.00 - 18.00

Full Day: 8.00 - 16.00

From Feb – Apr Tuna Fishing (8 - 10 hour trip).

Price: Half day/Full day/Tuna Fishing: 160/265/380 OMR, (Inclusive of up to 4 passengers. Additional passengers at extra cost). Water & soft drinks are provided onboard. A lunch box is provided on full-day trips. Trips depart from Juweira Marina.

08



SALALAH PLANTATIONS

Salalah, and Oman, is known for its fresh fruit produce – especially its coconuts which are perfect when served as fresh juice straight from the shell! The area also boasts banana and papaya plantations aplenty, and much of the produce is transported as fresh as can be to stalls set up near Salalah’s cornice (which is around 2km from Salalah city center), which continue to serve fresh juices late into the night.

07



SUMHURAM AND KHOR RORI

Khor Rori or Sumhuram is a famous archeological site located in Salalah. It is a fortified town that dates back to the Hadramawt empire of the 1st century CE. Some sources believe it was founded to control the profitable Frankincense trade of Dhofar. Khor Rori is also known to be the Frankincense exporting port in Dhofar. This unique site offers an overview of the ancient town, and the crystal waters of the Sea of Oman.





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FACILITIES

- 132 modern floating marina berths
- 6m wide pontoon walkways with 2m wide berthing fingers
- High speed fueling facility providing diesel and benzene fuels
- Marina administration open 7 days a week
- 24-hour full berthing and marina assistance
- 24-hour security, CCTV coverage and gated access control
- Restaurants & cafe's
- Al Mouj Golf
- Supermarket, Laundry, bank, rent a car and gym
- On-water lounge area
- Emergency response services
- Daily weather forecast
- Deck wash for all yachts
- Waste removal from pontoons
- Maintenance facility
- Buggy service from and to your yacht
- Shore power up 225 Amps
- Members and Valet parking
- Members showers and toilets

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Suggested Marina tips



MARINA BANDER AL ROWDHA

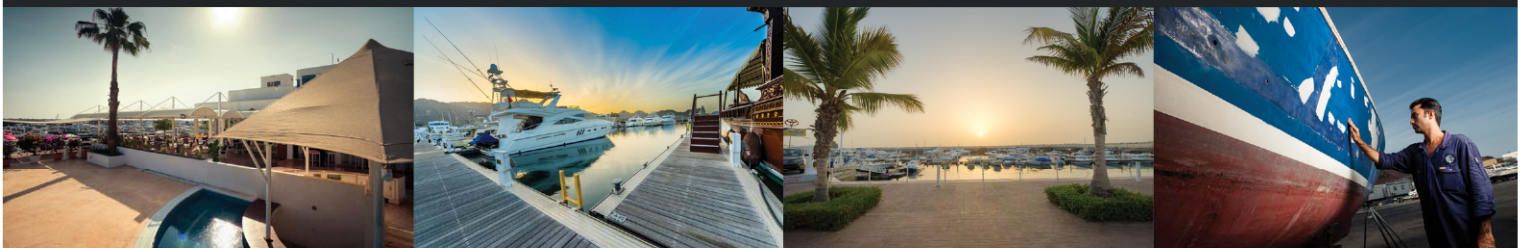
Marina Bander Al Rowdha is the Sultanates' "original" marina. Opened in 1996 it was before it's time and initially set the pace of leisure boating in the Oman. Nestled at the foot of the Al Hajar mountains the marina is the veritable mountains meets the sea experience.

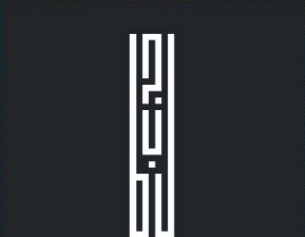
Located just to the south of Muscat City it is easily accessible from both old Muttrah and the modern surrounds by a well developed road network. On the sea the marina is close enough to numerous spectacular anchorages that are the envy of the region.

FACILITIES

- Wet berths from 6.5-40m
- Dry berths from 5m to 12.5m
- Full service workshop with 65ton boatlift
- 3 x full service slipways
- Fuel station serving 95 petroleum & diesel with high speed delivery available
- 24/7 dock service
- 24/7 security and CCTV coverage
- Free ice, boat rinse (by arrangement), dedicated berthing hotline, berthing assistance
- Dock trollies
- Garbage collection and used oil disposal
- 16amp to 63 three phase power and water available
- Licensed bar and restaurant
- Swimming pool with loungers and towels
- Onsite coffee shop selling Marinepool merchandise
- Ample parking with separate members parking
- Onsite dive center
- Showers and toilet facilities

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MARINA

BARR AL JISSAH

A unique luxury destination situated in a secluded bay where the Gulf of Oman meets the dramatic mountainous coastline. It is the first integrated tourism complex (ITC) established as a prestigious business in 2006 by Zubair Corporation in Muscat.

The ITC brings together residential, hospitality, retail and leisure experiences with a limited number of high-caliber dream homes a few minutes to Muscat city center. The four pillars of Barr Al Jissah destination are; four luxury residential developments; three luxury hotels are operated by Shangri-La Hospitality Group, Al Mina Marina & Al Mina Private Yacht Club, Al Mazaar Entertainment Center for kids and family activities.

SERVICES

- Wet berths
- Accommodate for 43 berths
- Short and long-term berth options
- Berthing assistance 24 hours a day
- Multi-lingual marina team
- Exclusive concierge services by an inhouse team
- 24/7 security
- Crew Club
- On-spot boat agency & custom clearance & immigration services
- Complimentary shuttle between Marina & Shangri-La Resorts
- Deck & entire boat cleaning services
- Water & electricity
- Rescue boats
- On-board catering
- Fuel station and Technical support
- Laundry services
- Point of entry
- Boat tours, fishing, snorkeling, water & outdoor sports
- Sightseeing tours, dolphin watching and daily trips

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BARR AL JISSAH MARINA

ANCHORAGE

OPTIONS

ANCHORING AT

LAT - 23° 33'N

LOE - 58° 39'E



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FEE STRUCTURES : DAILY

TENDER CHARGE : PER DAY (REGARDLESS OF THE YACHT & TENDER SIZE)

PRICE INCLUSIONS

- Dedicated moorage locations (ample swing room)
- Dedicated tender dock for pick up and drop off
- V.I.P. parking for owners and guests
- Daily removal of garbage via the tender dock and a receipt issued for garbage bags and weight.
- Access for refrigerator trucks to offload.
- Full access to all dock trolleys.
- Full access to the closest dedicated drop off point
- Access for approved sub-contractors and JLS staff.
- Free transportation to resort



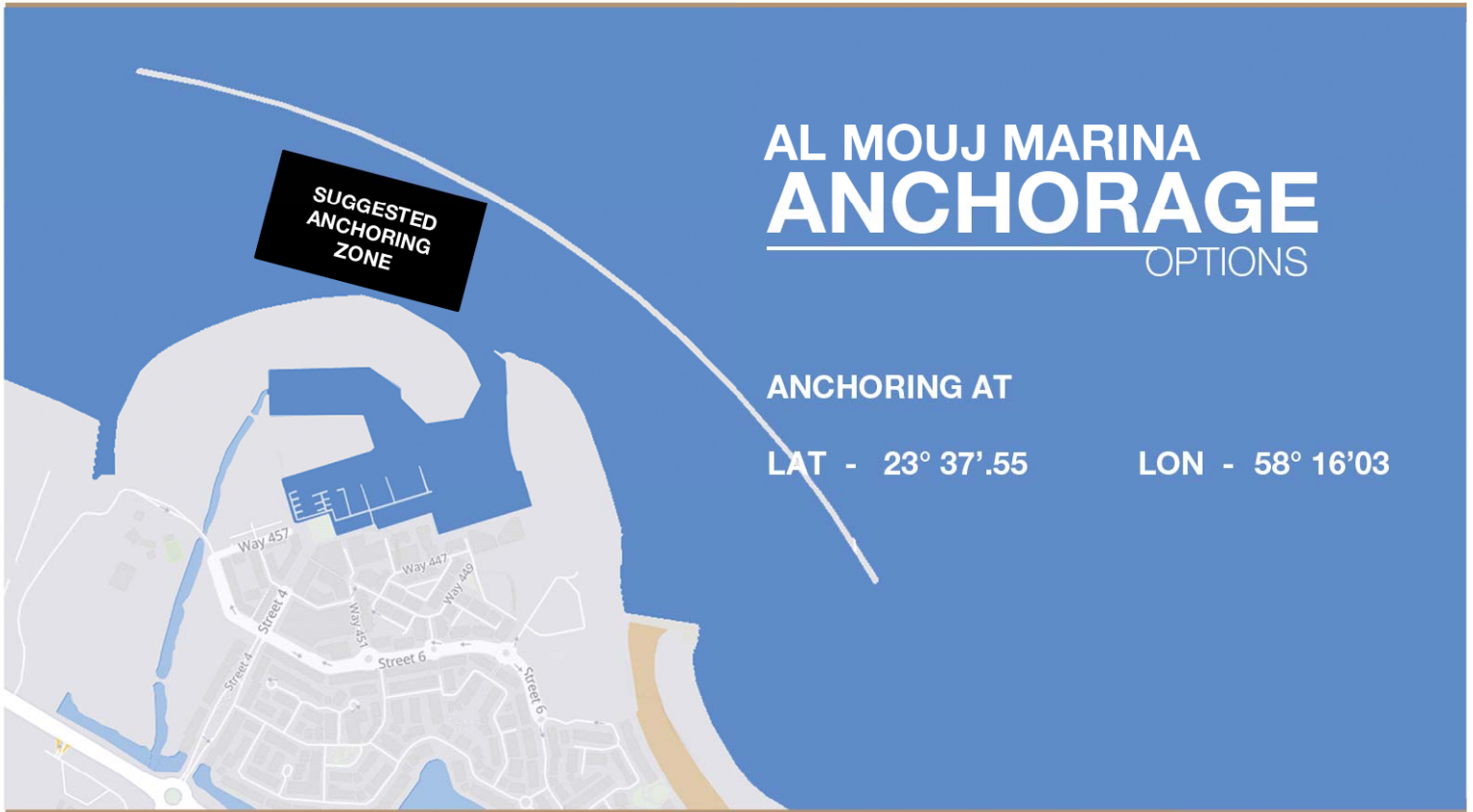
AL MOUJ MARINA ANCHORAGE

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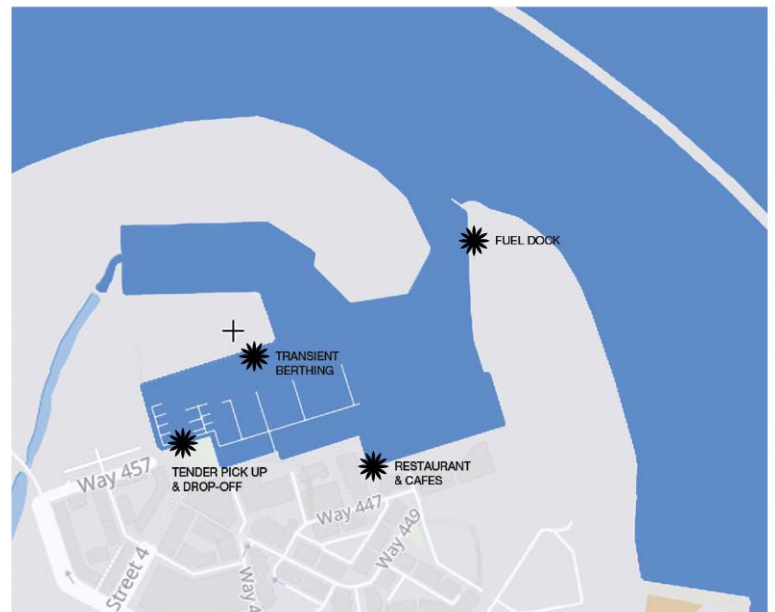
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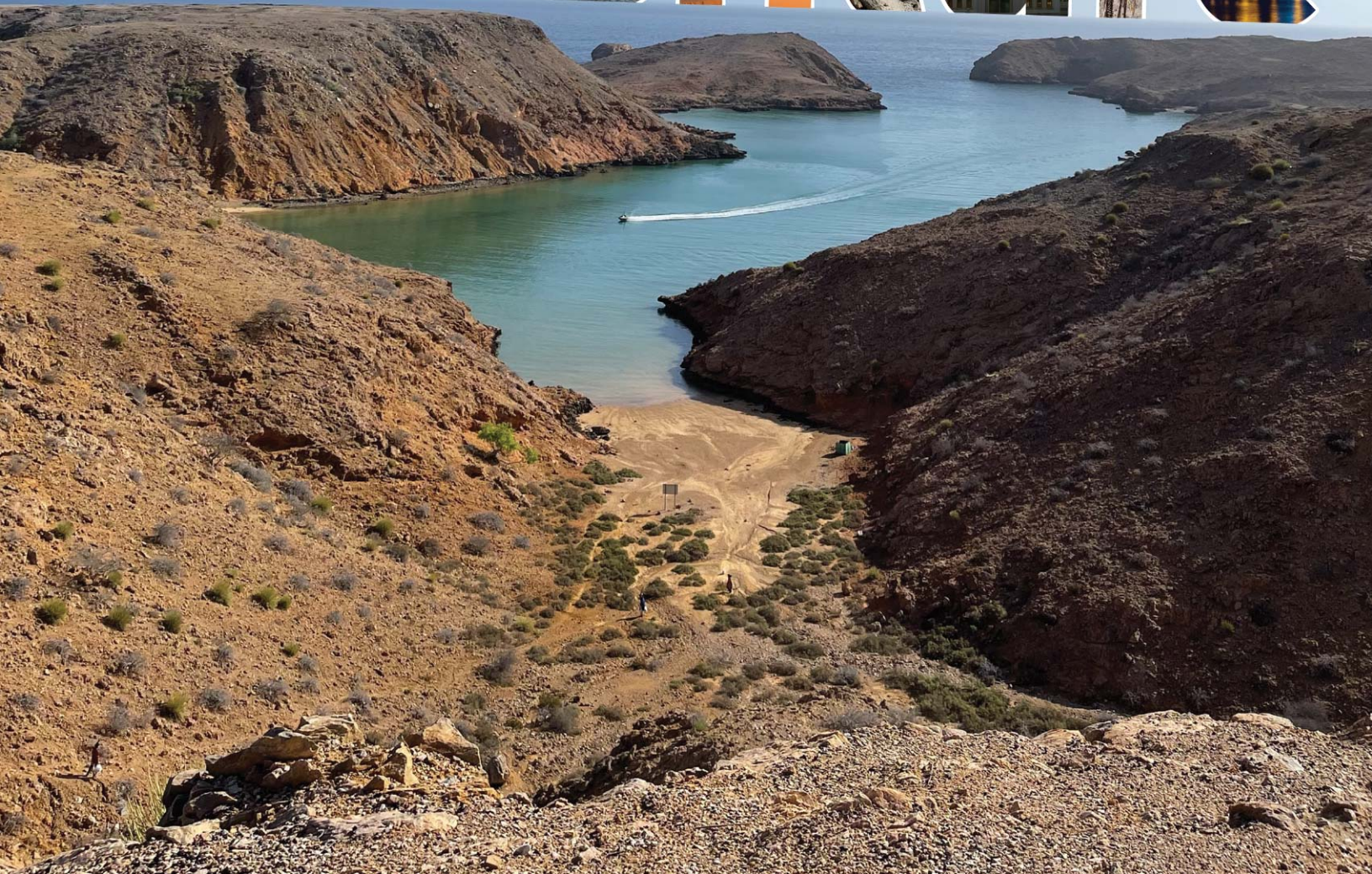


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From exploring one of the largest cave chambers in the world, Majlis Al Jinn, to snorkelling the colourful coral reefs of Daymaniyat Islands or camping under the stars in the A'Sharqiyah Sands; adventure is at the heart of every journey through Oman.

Thanks to its diverse landscapes, ranging from Rocky Mountains with green terrace fields to bustling souks selling camels on the edge of the desert or watching baby turtles hatch on the beach, the Sultanate welcomes all travellers seeking adventures of a lifetime.

Adventure





MOUNTAIN BIKING & CYCLING

Cycling and mountain biking has risen in popularity, with both amateur and professional cyclists appreciating the country for its stunning diverse landscapes and the new challenge that riding in Oman presents. Visitors can experience Oman on two wheels by booking any of the road or mountain biking excursions offered by a local tour operator.



KITE SURFING

A fantastic combination of surfing and paragliding makes for an incredibly challenging, yet exhilarating sport enjoyed by many in Oman. In fact, the Sultanate is known around the world as an up-and-coming kitesurfing destination. Particularly popular on Masirah Island, kite surfing there is best enjoyed in the summer months, when temperatures are around 25°C and the island receives some of the monsoon winds that bring rains to Dhofar and turn it into a green wonderland.



PARAGLIDING

A newer addition to Oman's rapidly growing adventure tourism scene, adding to an already impressive suite of outdoor pursuits in the country.



OFF-ROADING

Many of Oman's stunning attractions are off the beaten track and require a 4WD vehicle. Whether dune bashing in the desert or exploring a wadi, off-roading is one of the best ways to truly experience some of Oman's most exciting areas.



CAVING

Home to the second largest cave chamber in the world (Majlis Al Jinn on the Salmah Plateau) and numerous others, the Sultanate has plenty of caves to explore. Some, like Al Hoota Cave near Al Hamra or the Muqal Cave in Wadi Bani Khalid, don't require specialised equipment and can be explored by visitors with average fitness levels. However, the caves at Majlis Al Jinn are for experienced cavers only and also require additional equipment and permissions.



CAMEL RIDING

Historically, camels were used by local Bedouins for transporting goods and people through the desert and around the country. Today, owning camels has become more a sign of prestige, with many Omanis breeding them for racing and beauty contests. Visitors can still enjoy a taste of the traditional Bedouin lifestyle by setting off on a desert safari in the A'Sharqiyah Sands and Rub Al Khali. Nothing quite beats seeing the sun set while on a camel's back. Several local tour operators offer comprehensive camel safaris.



CAMPING

From the white pebble sand beaches of Fins and Sur, to rocky outcrops above the clouds on Jebel Samham in Dhofar, Oman has hundreds of stunning camping locations for visitors to choose from. That includes disposing of rubbish in designated bins only. Those looking for more comfortable camping options, can book one of the available desert camps or join a local tour operator that offers organised camping trips.



STAND UP PADDLE BOARDING (SUP)

Stand Up Paddle Boarding has gained momentum in Sultanate, quickly earning itself a reputation as a great SUP location thanks to its over 3,000km long coastline. Shatti Beach and other beaches in Muscat are some of the best starting points for an unforgettable SUP session, depending on the paddler's level of fitness and comfort.



WATER SPORTS

It comes as no surprise that the Sultanate, with over 3,000km of coastline and rich marine life, has become one of the world's fastest-growing diving spots. Areas such as Al Khayran, Al Fahil Island, Daymaniyat Islands and Al Makbara Bay are incredibly popular with the discerning diver. Several tour operators specialise in water sports, such as snorkelling, sailing, jet skiing, and kayaking.



MOUNTAINS

Mountains take up a large part of Oman's landscape, varying greatly in appearance and vegetation. Often times they feature stunning wadis, cut into the mountains through time and crossable only by 4x4.

The mountains in Salalah, due to regular rainfall in summer time, remain green nearly all year round. The Al Hajar mountains range, which extends from A'Sharqiyah all the way to Musandam, features Oman's highest peak - Jebel Shams, home to Oman's very own Grand Canyon. Al Jebel Al Akhdar, also known as Green Mountain, is also part of the Al Hajar range. Its top is the Saiq Plateau, which runs across many kilometres and is home to numerous scenic terrace fields and mountain villages.



WADIS

Wadis are dry riverbeds or small valleys. Some have stunning water pools, fed by natural springs, and a backdrop of rugged mountains. Others are framed by date and fruit plantations that to this day are tended by locals using traditional falaj or waterways.

The most well-known wadis include Wadi Shab and Wadi Bani Khalid, both of which carry water year round and have adjoining caves that add to the adventure. Others, such as Wadi Mayh, Wadi Mistal or Wadi Bani Awf require a 4x4 to explore but are worth the extra effort, thanks to unbelievable settings, scenic villages and views to write home about.



BEACHES

With over 3,000 km of pristine coastline, Oman has some seriously beautiful beaches to call its own. Whether it is the rugged coastline of Ras Al Madrasah, the white sands of Fins Beach or the endless expanse of Masirah Island beaches, visitors are welcome to enjoy beach walks, picnics and wild camping.



GEOLOGY

For geology enthusiasts, Oman is a haven of geo-heritage sites that can be accessed directly by car, boat, trekking, or rock climbing. These range from quartzite at Al Awabi to the marble of Bawshar; to even million-year old Eocene limestone that makes up Al Fahal (Shark) Island. Each of these sites are impressive and awe-inspiring in their own right.



WILDLIFE WATCHING

If you have ever witnessed endangered Green Turtle babies hatch and try to make their way to the water, you will know what a special experience it is. Oman remains dedicated to enabling these kind of wildlife encounters while protecting the animals. Nature reserves are present throughout the country, on- and off-shore, to keep animals safe in their natural habitat. Examples are the As Saleel Nature Park in the A'Sharqiyah region, which provides a safe haven for the Arabian Gazelle and Omani Wild Cat (Al Senmar), and the Jebel Samhan Nature Reserve, one of the last places of the wild Arabian Leopard.



DESERTS

The interior of Oman is the gateway to one of the largest sand deserts in the world - the famous Empty Quarter or Rub Al Khali. Covering a large area of the Arabian Peninsula, this unique ecosystem is covered by sand dunes up to 250 metres in heights in certain areas, and salty plains in others.

Leading up to the coast in the A'Sharqiyah region are the A'Sharqiyah Sands, original homeland of the Bedouins and one of the most popular camping destinations in Oman. Away from the hustle and bustle of city or village life, visitors to this unique environment appreciate it for its easy accessibility and golden sands.



GEOGRAPHY

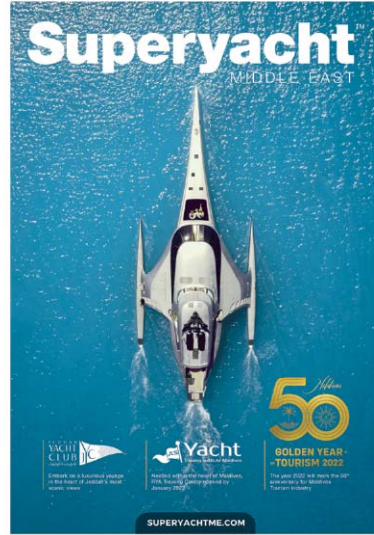
Oman is a wonderland for travellers with a keen interest in geology. Geological stories can be found just about anywhere, from Oman's highest mountain, Jebel Shams, to the mega dunes of the Empty Quarter (Rub Al Khali) and the Rock Garden at Duqm.

The Sultanate of Oman is the only country in the world composed mostly of oceanic crust and rocks that originate from the Earth's mantle. Evidence of continental drift can be witnessed in many of the unusual rock formations and topography around Oman, including the coastline around Muscat.

One of the most outstanding geological features of the country is the Al Hajar Mountain range, which forms an arc from the north-west to the south-east of the country.

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