

# Oman - Desert Stars & Highland Vistas

Muscat, Oman | 5 Nights / 6 Days

Route: Muscat & Surrounds | Type: Culture, Coast & Desert



## Tour Overview

Muscat's culture, an overnight in Wahiba Sands, emerald wadis and Hajar highs.

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## Day by Day

### Day 1 — Arrival & Corniche Glow

Greeted at MCT, you glide to the hotel by private transfer. Mutrah unfolds in soft evening light as you walk the promenade with your guide. The souq's alleys are alive with traders and the scent of cardamom and myrrh. Take a rooftop coffee above the harbor to set the tone for the journey. Dinner is at leisure with recommendations tailored to your taste.

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### Day 2 — Mosque, Old Muscat & Heritage

Visit Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque in the morning's quiet, appreciating the interplay of shadow and symmetry. Cruise past Qurum and embassy districts to the Royal Opera House for photos, then continue to Old Muscat's palatial quarter and a curated museum. Your guide connects Oman's maritime past to today's peaceful sultanate. The afternoon is left light to rest or swim. Prepare a small overnight bag for the desert.

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### Day 3 — To Wahiba Sands: Dunes, Sunset & Camp

Drive toward the shifting sands of Sharqiya (Wahiba) Sands, watching villages thin to desert scrub. Switch to 4x4 for a gentle dune approach and crest a ridge for sweeping photos. Arrive at your Bedouin-style camp; settle into your private tent with ensuite and lantern-lit pathways. As grills sizzle and stars multiply, learn a few constellations and desert lore from your host. The silence after lights-out is part of the magic.

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### Day 4 — Wadi Bani Khalid & Up to the Mountains

Wake to cool desert air and a warm breakfast before rolling out through low dunes. Stop at Wadi Bani Khalid to swim in clear pools beneath date palms; paths are paved near the main pools with optional short walks upstream. Continue into the Hajar Mountains, winding to either Jabal Shams (Grand Canyon of Oman) or Jabal Akhdar depending on preference. Enjoy balcony viewpoints and a late, scenic lunch before descending toward Muscat. Evening at leisure.

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### Day 5 — Seaside & Souqs

Keep the pace easy with a beach club day, a short coastal boat ride, or a perfumery visit focused on frankincense. Those who love crafts can browse Omani textiles and modern design in small boutiques. Sunset drinks along the Corniche close the loop nicely. Bags are pre-tagged and timings reconfirmed for morning departure. Early night or final stroll—your choice.

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### Day 6 — Departure

Private transfer to MCT with portage and assistance. Check-in is pre-coordinated to streamline the process. A final gift of frankincense resin reminds you of mountain breezes and desert stars. Shukran for traveling with us. Safe onward flight.

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## **Inclusions**

- Private airport transfers; 5 nights with breakfast (4–5★)
  - Licensed guide and private 4×4 where required
  - Overnight desert camp in private ensuite tent with dinner & breakfast
  - Admissions per program; bottled water during touring; local taxes
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## **Exclusions**

- International flights, visas, insurance
  - Meals not specified; personal expenses
  - Early check-in/late check-out
  - Optional boat/snorkeling; mountain hotel upgrades; gratuities
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