

Oman - Stopover — Gateway Beyond the Gulf

Muscat, Oman | 2 Nights / 3 Days



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

Tour Overview

Culture, coast and desert taster—Muscat's mosque and souqs with an easy day of wadis or coastline.

Day by Day

Day 1 — Arrival & Mutrah Corniche Evening

Your representative greets you at MCT and escorts you by private vehicle to the hotel. After a short rest, meet your guide for a gentle walk along Mutrah Corniche, where fishing dhows and whitewashed terraces curve around the bay. Step into Mutrah Souq, a labyrinth fragrant with frankincense and sandalwood, where silver merchants display khanjars and coffee sets. Pause for Omani dates and kahwa while your guide shares the stories of maritime trade that tied Muscat to Zanzibar and India. End with a relaxed seafood dinner overlooking the harbor lights before returning to the hotel.

Day 2 — Mosque, Old Muscat & Coastal Wadi

Start early at the Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque, admiring its geometric light, Swarovski chandeliers, and the vast prayer carpet; modest attire is required and arranged in advance. Drive through embassy-lined boulevards to Royal Opera House Muscat for an outside photo stop and continue to Old Muscat's palatial quarter at Al Alam Palace, flanked by the Portuguese forts Jalali and Mirani. After a brief museum visit to frame Omani heritage, head east along the coast to Bimmah Sinkhole and on to Wadi Shab for an easy scenic walk and swim in turquoise pools. Return via cliffy viewpoints at Qantab, with time for a seaside café before dusk. Evening at leisure.

Day 3 — Departure

Enjoy a slow breakfast and a final Corniche stroll. Browse a boutique for frankincense resins or handwoven textiles. Your driver collects you at the agreed time for a private transfer to MCT. Airport assistance keeps the formalities straightforward. Depart with the calm of Muscat still in your shoulders.

Inclusions

- Private meet & greet at MCT; roundtrip private airport transfers
 - 2 nights hotel with breakfast (central 4–5★)
 - Licensed guide during scheduled touring blocks
 - Entries as per program (Grand Mosque, museum); coastal wadi visit
 - Bottled water during touring; local taxes
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Exclusions

- International flights, visas, insurance
 - Meals and beverages not specified; personal expenses
 - Early check-in/late check-out
 - Optional activities (opera interior tour, dhow cruise, dolphin watch)
 - Gratuities
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