

"A Glimpse of Muscat" (2nights)

Whether you stop over for just a couple of nights or longer, Muscat offers fantastic hospitality!

Day 1 ARRIVE MUSCAT Met on arrival and enjoy Omani hospitality in the Ahlan Lounge whilst your immigration details are completed. Private transfer to hotel. Overnight Muscat.

Day 2 MUSCAT Morning visit 'mystical Muscat'. Tour the Grand Mosque (except Thu & Fri) and Bait Al Zubair Museum (except Fri). Drive along the waterfront to the Fish Market & the colourful Muttrah Souq. Photostop at the magnificent Al Alam Palace, official palace of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos flanked by the 16th century Portuguese forts Mirani and Jalali. (Ladies fully covered with a scarf and men in trousers) Overnight Muscat. (B)

Day 3 DEPART MUSCAT You will be transferred to the airport for your onward flight.(B)

Inclusions:

- ♦ Airport meet/greet & use of Ahlan Lounge
- ♦ Private return airport transfers.
- ♦ 2Nights accommodation with private facilities
- ♦ Breakfast daily
- ♦ Morning 'mystical Muscat' tour.

Oman Sight-seeing

TWILIGHT DHOW CRUISE

(SUN & THU)

\$ 83*

Transfer to the pier to embark on a relaxed dhow (fishermen's boat) cruise. See Muscat through the eyes of ancient seafarers who plied this route for centuries. Brief stop at a natural cove before returning to the pier for the transfer to the hotel. (Soft drinks, tea, coffee and dates served on board)

AMAZING DOLPHINS (am)

DAILY

\$ 75*

Transfer to the pier to embark on a search 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 kilometres from Muscat's rugged coast. Sightings are not guaranteed 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, coffee and sandwiches included).

AL HOOTA CAVES

(9Hours - 350 KM)

Travel via Nizwa and visit the famous Round Tower Fort and the Souq renowned for its Friday cattle auction, hand-carved "Khanjars" (daggers) and ornamental silver jewellery. On to Al Hoota Caves and see stalactites and stalagmites plus an underground lake and the rare transparent, blind fish! The show-cave is reached via electric train that runs through a tunnel alongside the main entrance. Return via the pretty village of Birkat Al Mauz at the foothills of Jebel Akhdar (Green Mountains). Enjoy a walk

FULL DAY 'WADI BASH'

(11 hours 580 KM BY 4WD)

\$ 263*

Tour the coastline to Sur. Breathtaking glimpses of the Gulf of Oman offset by pristine white beaches. Stop at Bimah Sinkhole, a spectacular limestone crater with blue green water at the bottom. Maybe see sharks in the deep blue water or gazelles sprinting across the landscape. Stop at beautiful Fin's beach and pretty Tiwi village—a lush green wadi and plantations. The ruins of Bibi Miriam's Tomb can be seen at the village of Qalhat. Return to Muscat.

Want to see more of Oman? Ask us about Salalah, Musandam and northern Oman...maybe overnight in the desert? Or watch the turtles nesting.

View extraordinary scenery in this diverse land.

FULL DAY WAHIBA WILDERNESS

(11Hours 550 KM BY 4WD)

\$ 263*

The Wahiba Sands, a vast mass of undulating red and white sea of sand and dunes rising up to 200m, also host to a variety of flora and fauna. The ever-changing patterns of the dunes are a photographers delight. Visit a Bedouin house in this wilderness. In stark contrast to this is Wadi Bani Khalid with its clear deep blue water—consisting of small pretty villages embedded in the mountains.

FULL DAY BATINAH BASH

(8Hours - 340 KM BY 4WD)

\$ 243*

A full day tour along the Batinah coast. First stop is the Seeb Fish Souq by the seaside. Drive through the date palms to the sparkling springs and Fort at Nakhli. Visit the beautiful Wakan Village famous for its terrace farming. Next stop is Wadi Abhyad, or 'white wadi'. The drive winds through the mountains with small pools of water dotting the wadi bed.

**Sightseeing prices based on min. 2 persons. Apply for reduced cost if more than 2persons. Supplement applies if travelling alone. It is advisable to wear light comfortable clothing and walking shoes on all tours. A good level of fitness required for the 4WD tours.*

HOTELS

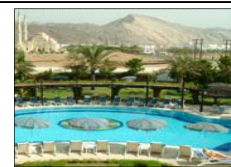
Golden Tulip 3★

Good value low-rise hotel near airport. Generous rooms with balconies. Gym, pool, restaurant, room service.



Radisson SAS 4★

12mins to airport. Landscaped gardens with mountain backdrop. Well equipped rooms. Health club with modern facilities.



Grand Hyatt 5★

Beach hotel with Omani elegance. Luxurious amenities and spacious rooms. Large pool, shops, restaurants and nightclub. 20mins to airport.



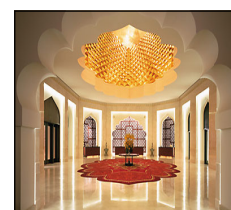
Chedi Muscat 5★

Stylish, exclusive beach resort. Elegant clean lines, international cuisine restaurants, luxurious health facilities. 30kms to Muscat. 10mins to airport.



Al Bandar Hotel 5★

Deluxe beach hotel set in 124acres. Part of Shangri-La Barr Al Jissah Resort & Spa. All rooms sea-facing with terraces. Myriad of sport & recreational facilities. 45mins to airport. 15mins to city.



Hotels Prices for 2008 in Australian Dollars. Rates are per person based on minimum of 2 persons travelling.	A Glimpse of Muscat		Extra Nights		
	Twin	Sgl	Twin	Sgl	
Golden Tulip Muscat –Standard Room					
	01/01-30/04	505	662	134	212
	01/05-31/10	479	608	120	185
Radisson SAS Hotel Muscat – City View Room					
	01/01-31/05 + 01/09-31/12	658	1075	210	418
	01/06-31/08	492	742	127	252
Grand Hyatt Muscat – Grand Room					
	01/01-05/01 + 16/03-29/03	905	1382	333	572
	06/01-15/03 + 30/03-31/10	799	1178	282	470
	Offer: 01/06-31/08 stay 5nights pay 4 or stay 10 pay 8				
The Chedi Muscat –Serai Room (no twin bedded rooms)					
	01/01-10/01	749	1258	255	510
	11/01-31/05 + 01/10-26/12	852	1457	307	612
	27/12-31/12	899	1565	332	663
	01/06-30/09	328	952	178	357
Shangri-La Barr Al Jissah Resort & Spa (Al Bandar Hotel)					
Deluxe Pool	01/01-15/01	899	1565	332	664
	16/01-17/02 + 24/02-14/03 + 30/03-30/04 + 01/10-23/10 + 01/11-25/12	965	1688	364	725
	18/02-23/02 + 15/03-29/03 + 24/10-31/10 + 26/12-31/12	1118	1995	440	878
	Offer: 01/05-30/09 stay 5nights pay 4	665	1092	214	427

Please ask about the mandatory Christmas and New Years Eve dinner rates and some hotels

Things to know

Other Destinations

Ask us about arrangements in DUBAI also....

Thinking of combining a Gulf State with another destination? Why not ?

Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia, Libya, Syria, Jordan, Turkey, Greece, Italy....

Contact **International Destinations** for information on any of the above destinations.

Australian passport holders will require visas for some of the Gulf destinations. Please check with your travel agent.

Ramadan 2008: 01Sep-29Sep (approx)

Groups

Flexibility and individuality—these are key features of arrangements with International Destinations. We can design a tour specifically to suit your budget, available time and special interests.

Do you belong to a club or special interest group? Why not consider travelling as a group to one of our destinations?

Contact International Destinations for assistance.



Colours of the souq!

BOOKING TERMS AND CONDITIONS

RESERVATIONS A deposit of \$330.00 per person (or that requested by principal) required at the time of booking. Payment of deposit signifies acceptance of the terms and conditions. Passenger names must be booked exactly as appears in passport.

BAGGAGE The free baggage allowance on the flights is restricted to 20kgs per person and, whilst on tour, one bag per person.

CANCELLATIONS & OTHER FEES Cancellations of firm bookings will incur an administration fee (minimum \$55.00 per person or more if required by principal). Cancellations received within 6 weeks of departure date will be subject to a \$330.00 per person service fee plus any charges imposed by principals involved in operating the tour. Therefore the cancellation fee may be up to the total tour cost for land/or airfares. Once travel has commenced, refunds will not be forthcoming if a service is not used because of late arrival, early departure or passengers choice. International Destinations does not authorize any overseas supplier to promise refunds on our behalf. No responsibility is taken for cancellations of any arrangements made directly by the passengers or their travel agent (other than International Destinations) regardless of whether written proof is given.

Should a confirmed reservation be amended a fee of \$33.00 may be charged. Bookings made within 14days of departure may incur a late booking fee. If it is necessary to re-issue documentation, a fee of \$33.00 plus any express postage fee may be applied. Courier fees for requested visa issuance or document delivery are additional.

INSURANCE We strongly advise passengers to take out insurance cover against loss of deposit and loss of airfares, personal accident, medical cover etc. Your consultant will be happy to provide details of excellent quality cover.

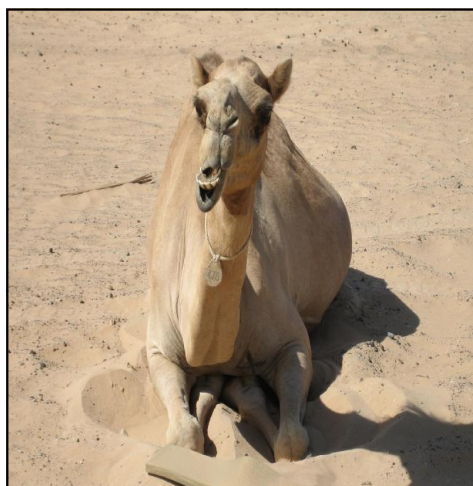
PASSPORT & VISA It is necessary for all passengers to be in possession of a valid passport with at least six months validity remaining from last country visited.

Passengers must check with the travel consultant regarding necessary visae.

ALTERATION OF FARES Tour prices specified are based on airfares & land arrangement, tariffs, applicable at the time of printing. The prices are therefore subject to alteration with/without notice.

PROVISION FOR GST Australian GST applies to reservation deposit, amendment and cancellation fees. Overseas arrangements are not affected.

RESPONSIBILITY International Destinations reserves the right to amend any tours should the occasion demand. Also, if there are insufficient bookings to cancel the tour. International Destinations does not accept liability for failure on the part of transportation companies, hotel contractors and other principals whose responsibility is confined to their own operations. International Destinations reserves the right to alter hotels used should the necessity arise. The transportation companies or firms shall be exempt from all liabilities in respect of any detention, delay, loss, damage, loss of enjoyment due to bad weather etc, sickness or injury however and by whom so ever caused and whatever kind occurring of or to the passenger at any time when the passenger is not on board a conveyance used or operated by the transportation companies or firms. All ticket coupons and orders are furnished and issued subject in all respects to those terms and conditions under which the means of transportation or other services provided thereby are offered or supplied by the owners, operators, public carriers, management agents



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