



03 NIGHTS/ 4 DAYS – MOUNTAIN/DESERT/BEACH

DAY 01: MUSCAT / NAKHAL / BILAD SAIT / AL HAMRA / JABAL SHAMS

After breakfast **0800 hrs** you will meet your tour Guide/Driver who will escort you to the waiting 4 wheel drive which you will board for a soft adventure tour. We start the tour by visiting famous Barka Fish market. After visiting the fish market, you drive to Nakhal. Arrive at Nakhal and visit the Nakhal Fort. This fort once served the Imams of Bani Kharous and the Ya'arubah dynasty. After recent restoration work carried out, it is refurbished with the traditional furniture, handicrafts and historic relics. The ceilings, the doors and the windows are decorated with beautiful carvings. The view from the roof-top is very impressive and offers a panoramic view of the surrounding landscape. The old village of Nakhal, which nestles below the fort, gradually leads to the famous warm springs of Nakhal situated at the end of an attractive Oasis. Relax by the side of the shallow waters of the springs surrounded by lush green date plantations and steep mountain peaks. From there drive to Wadi Bani Awf and reach Bilad Sayt. Arrive at Bilad Sayt, the most idyllic village with a wealth of verdant terraces. The graded track through the mountains is stunning. , 'It is one of the most interesting off road drive in Oman and most of the time, this Wadi has water making it a unique place for bashing. Make a short stop at Bilad Sayt and continue driving to Al Hamra. Make a stop at Al Hamra by the old houses. After the stop, continue driving to Jabal Shams. Jabal Shams, the highest peak in Oman with a height of 3,009 meters. Jabal Shams means "Mountain of the Sun" and its old name is JABEL AL QANAHA. The area is home to weavers of heavy woollen rugs in distinctive colours. Take a walk to see the Grand Canyon before driving to your Hotel where you are going to spend overnight. Check in at Jabal Shams Resort. Rest of the day at leisure.

Dinner and Overnight stay at Jabal Shams Resort.

DAY 02: JABAL SHAMS/ NIZWA / IBRA / WAHIBA SANDS

After breakfast you will explore the various villages scattered around on the mountain and proceed to Nizwa. You will drive to the Oasis city of Nizwa and then continue on a tour of the Nizwa fort with its enormous round tower built in the 17th century built by Imam Sultan Bin Saif Al Ya'aruba to defend the route to the interior. The fort dominates the entire area with the town having grown around the edifice. Access to the top is possible only by means of a narrow, twisting staircase barred by heavy wooden doors, studded with metal. From the top of the tower one can get a bird's eye view of the Nizwa city. From here you will proceed to the Nizwa Souq which is renowned for its intricately hand-carved Khanjar and ornately designed silver Jewelry. Here on a Friday a unique goat and cattle auction is held. The atmosphere here is electric. Continue your drive to Ibra. Stop for Lunch at a local restaurant (own expenses). After having lunch proceed to Wahiba Sands which is the home of Bedouins.

The 'Wahiba Sands' often described as a perfect example of Sand Sea consists of large ranges of dunes running from North to South, some attaining a height of about 100 meters and orange in colour. Our experienced driver will take you on a dune bashing tour through the undulating sand



dunes to experience the thrills of dune driving. Arrive at the pre arranged camp site for overnight. Rest of the day at leisure.
Dinner and overnight at the camp

DAY 03: WAHIBA SANDS / WADI BANI KHALID /SUR / Waadi shaab

Break fast at the camp site. Check out and drive towards Wadi Bani Khalid, one of the beautiful Wadis in the country. You will drive through small villages and towns before arriving at Wadi Bani Khalid. This drive through the mountain offers a panoramic view of the beautiful landscape below. You will pass many pretty villages embedded in the mountains. Here the road winds down to the wadi along side a large, shallow pool fringed with vegetation & ends at a village. We park our vehicles at this point & continue on a short trek to the deep blue pools of the wadi. If you wish you may enjoy a swim in this glorious grace of nature. It is recommended to wear comfortable clothes & walking shoes for this trip. You can also enjoy some juices and fast food at the coffee shop situated by the poolside (at own expenses). After spending some time there, continue driving to Sur and from there to Waadi shaab
Dinner and over night in Waadi shaab Resort.

DAY 04: WADI SHAB / QURIYAT / MUSCAT

Breakfast at the hotel. At around 1000 hrs you will be met by your guide in the lobby, embark your jeep and start driving to Muscat. This tour along the coast line to Muscat offers breath taking glimpses of the blue waters of the Gulf of Oman offset pristine beaches. Short visit of Sur town & Dhow Building Yard. Thereafter proceed to **Wadi Shab**. Shab in Arabic literally means 'Ravine between Cliffs "shallow green pools and abundant shade give wadi Shab a perfect setting for a picnic. Continue on the bumpy track, sometimes touching the sea following a creek or overlooking superb white beaches hundreds of metres long. Arrive at Fins beach (White beach) stop. After spending some time proceed for Muscat. En-route visiting **Quriyat**, a very large fishing village between the lagoon and the sea. The port of Quriyat is still guarded by a watchtower. Reach Muscat by afternoon