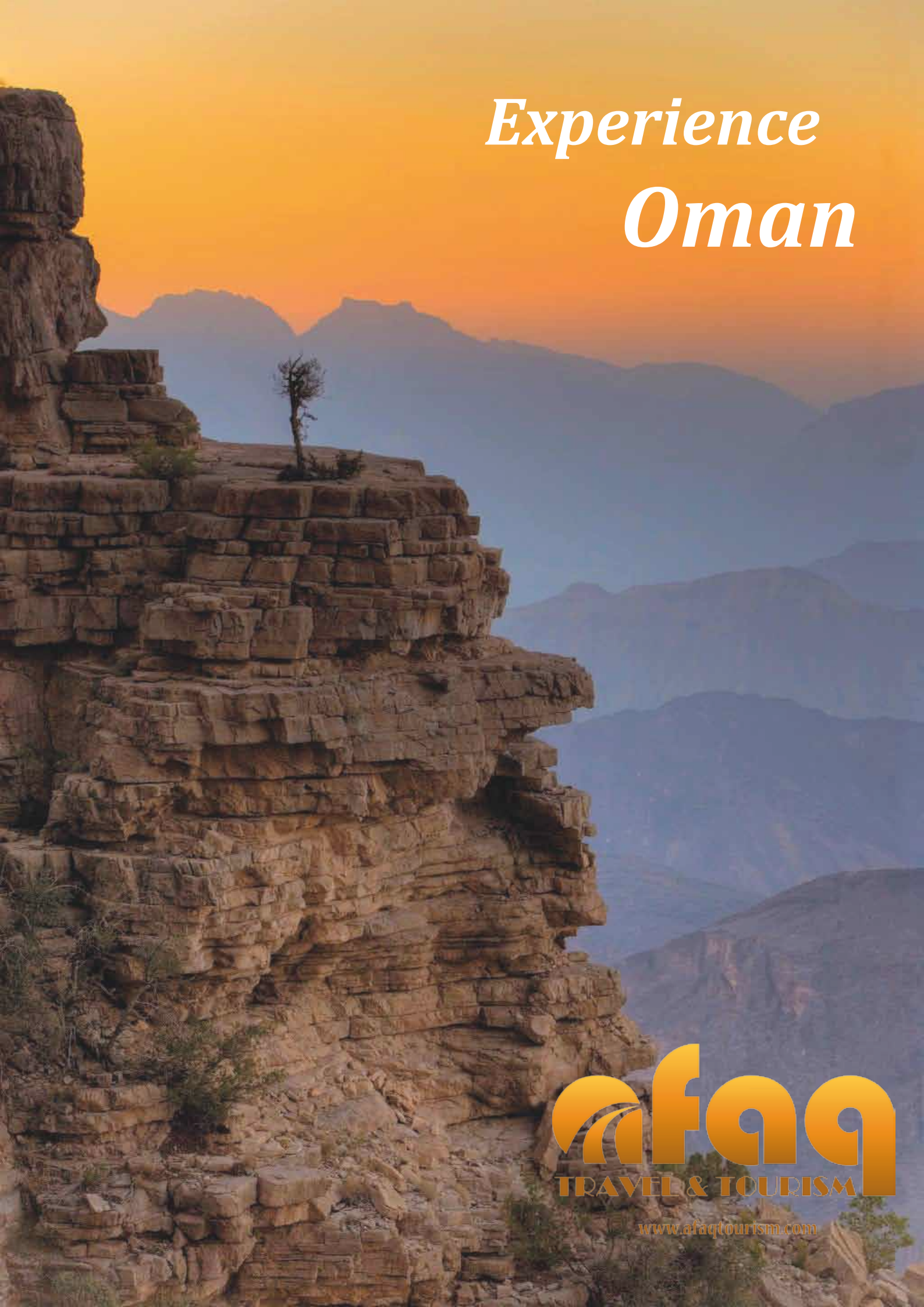

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Sultanate of Oman

About Oman

The Sultanate of Oman, a hidden jewel at the tip of the Arabian Peninsula is a wonderful combinationof ageless heritage and modern life. A place where one can explore a traditional and cultural Festival in the morning, and attend a world-class show at the majestic Royal Opera House Muscat in the evening. Visitors and adventurers looking for a unique experience will definitely find that Sultanate has a lot to offer. Hiking, scuba diving, fishing, kite surfing and caving are just a few activities Sultanate offers. From tall mountains and deep gorges, to water-filled wadis (valleys), endless beaches and some of the world's most stunning desert landscapes, the diverse uniqueness of Oman is apparent in every region of the country.

About Culture

Oman's culture is deeply rooted in the Sultanate's proud heritage and history of seafaring, trading and exploration. Today, long-standing traditions blend seamlessly with modern day living, with the latest fashion and electronics brands sold alongside traditional hand-made crafts, jewellery, and even goats and cattle at souqs around the country.

Despite Oman's relatively rapid transformation to a modern society since His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said ascended the throne in 1970 but the country has never lost sight of its roots. Traditional Omani culture is embedded in nearly every aspect of daily life, from clothing and food, arts and crafts, to the way Omanis welcome visitors. The uniquely Omani culture and heritage continues today in many of the same ways it has been for hundreds of years.

About People

His Majesty Sultan Qaboos Bin Said has successfully united all tribes since he took charge of the country in 1970, ensuring that the country and its people work together to reform this nation.

Oman has a population of about 4 million people and an Islamic country which is very accepting to other religions and cultures, allowing anyone to practice their faith freely without any prejudice. It is this accepting culture and kind of peacefulness that makes Oman one of the safest and most livable countries in the world.

Locals also called as Omanis, are very welcoming towards the tourists from other countries, a fact that is reflected in the generous hospitality extended to guests by everyone they come across while their visits.

About us

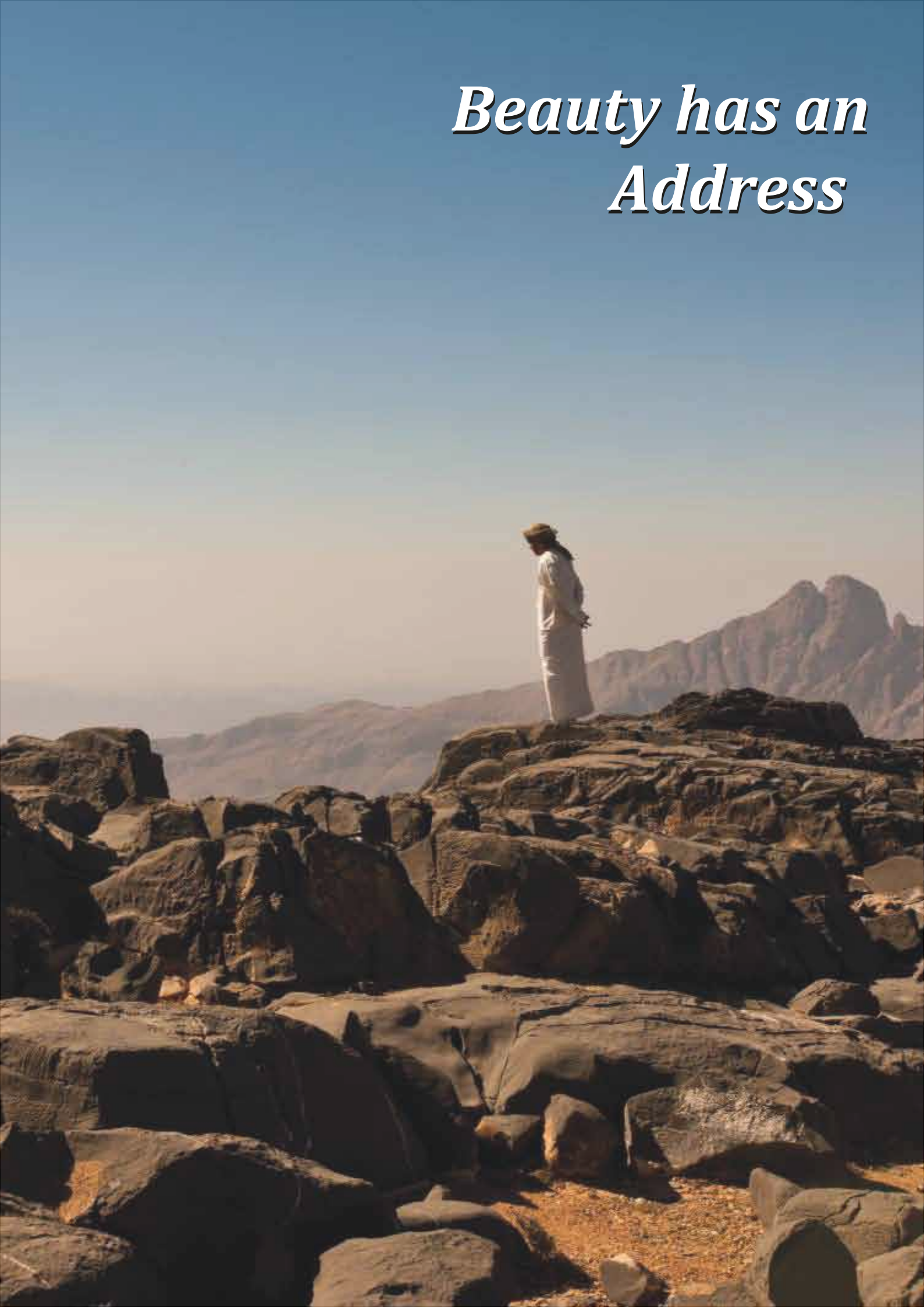
It all began with a big dream and a futuristic vision: spread the uniqueness of the Sultanate of Oman through the direct experience of our guests. We have always believed that the best way to visit a new country is to approach it with the eyes of who live the territory, and this is exactly what we offer. Intense emotions, unforgettable memories, tales of inconceivable adventures which the guests will keep in their heart are our purpose and together the reason why AFAQ TRAVEL & TOURISM has become one of the most recognized travel service providers in Oman.

Our services are designed to allow our travelers to immerse into the polished and extremely rich Omani knowledge, to experiment the famous hospitality of the local population, without overlook to get lost in front of the limitless and unrivaled natural landscapes.
During these more than 5 years of experience in tourism industry we have specialized in Private and Group Tours, Daily and Transit Tours, MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, Exhibitions), Cruises and Team building activities. To donate the best sensations we follow our guests step by step during the conception of their tour and we provide a complete tailor-made program that corresponds to their personal needs and desires. How we build our packages? Simply!

- **Each and every program specially designed for the target guests.**
- **A dynamic of selection of transportation and arrangements perfectly suited for every kind of traveller.**
- **Itineraries beautifully organized with luxury and comfort – priority given to safety and security.**
- **Welcome team with the best arrangement for transportation, sightseeing, food and**
- **accommodation to meet every individual taste.**
- **Qualified team of professionals with long and proved experience in tourism to handle any kind of query.**
- **Best tour directors to guarantee high knowledge content.**
- **A lot of enthusiasm that enrich every our activity!**



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Itinerary Suggestions



Gems of Oman

Theme: Souk | Desert | Wadi Oasis

Duration: 5D - 4N Tour Oman

Ideal Season: September – May

Hotel Category: 04 Stars & 03 Stars combined

Tour Highlights: Grand Mosque | Nizwa Fort & Souk | Wahiba Desert | Wadi Oasis

Explore Oman

Theme: Mountain | Desert | Wadi Oasis

Duration: 6D - 5N Tour Oman

Ideal Season: September – May

Hotel Category: 04 Stars & 03 Stars combined

Tour Highlights: Grand Mosque | Wahiba Desert | Wadi Oasis | Wadi Shab | Nizwa Fort & Souk | Grand Canyon





Jewels of Oman

Theme: Mountain | Desert | Wadi Oasis | Turtles | Culture | People

Duration: 6D - 5N Tour Oman

Ideal Season: September – May

Hotel Category: 04 Stars & 03 Stars combined/ 04 Stars & 05 Stars combined

Tour Highlights: Grand Mosque | Wadi Shab | Sur | Turtle Watch |Wahiba Desert | Wadi Oasis | Nizwa Fort & Souk | Grand Canyon – Misfah old Village



Off-road & Desert Adventure

Theme: Nature | Desert Adventure | Wadi Oasis | Mountains | Island Stay

Duration: 10 D - 9N Tour Oman

Ideal Season: September – May

Hotel Category: 04 Stars & 03 Stars combined / 05 Star

Tour Highlights: Grand Mosque | Wadi Bani Awf | Nizwa Fort & Souk | Desert | Bedouin House Visit | Desert Cross Adventure | Masirah Island | Turtle Watch | Wadi Shab

Wonders of Oman

Theme: Culture | Desert | Wadi Oasis | Mountains | Coastal World

Duration: 10 D - 9N Tour Oman

Ideal Season: September – May

Hotel Category: 04 Stars & 03 Stars combined / 05 Star

Tour Highlights: Grand Mosque | Nakhal | Grand Canyon | Nizwa | Traditional Souk | Desert | Bedouin House Visit | Turtle Watch | Wadi Shab | Finns Beach





Hikers Trail

Theme: Hike | Trek | Camp | Visit Locals

Duration: 10 D - 9N Tour Oman

Ideal Season: October – March

Hotel Category: 03 Stars & Camping combined

Tour Highlights: Grand Mosque | Off-road drives | Camping in Mountains | Desert | | Trekking | Wahiba Camping | Wadi Shab | Hiking

Land of Frankincense – Salalah

Theme: Nature | Frankincense | Landscape | Beach

Duration: 5D - 4N Tour Oman

Ideal Season: October – April (winter)
June – September (Monsoon)

Hotel Category: 04 – 05 Stars Hotels

Tour Highlights: Grand Mosque | Wadi Darbat | Taqah | Rub Al Khali | Thumrait | Wadi Dawkah



Fjords of Oman

Theme: Dhow Cruise | Mountain | Sea Activities | Sea Food

Duration: 4D - 3N Tour Oman

Ideal Season: September – April

Hotel Category: 04 Stars & 03 Stars combined

Tour Highlights: Khasab Fort | Dhow Cruise in Fjords | Snorkeling with coral reefs | Dolphins Jebel Harim Mountain Safari



Explore Dubai - Oman by Road

Theme: Dubai delights | Culture of Oman

Duration: 9D - 8N Tour

Ideal Season: October – April

Hotel Category: 03 Stars & 04 Stars combined
04 Stars & 05 Stars combined

Tour Highlights: Dubai City | Dinner on Dhow | Abu Dhabi City | Nizwa Fort & Souq | | Grand Canyon Oman | Desert | Old Villages | Wadis | Turtle Watch



Day Excursions

Muscat Grand Tour

Itinerary: Pick up 8.30 a.m. The city tour begins with a visit to the Beautiful Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque. This is one of the largest mosques in the Middle East and the only mosque open to non-Muslims and expatriate in Oman. Later we drive along the picturesque Muttrah Corniche and visit Muttrah Souq which retains the chaotic interest of a traditional Arab market albeit housed under modern timber roofing. You will stroll through the Souq, where you will have the chance to buy Omani specialties like Frankincense, Omani daggers. You can also try your hand at bargaining for beautiful silver handicrafts and scarves. Your guide will be on hand to help you reach the best price. You will also be able to enjoy a moment along the corniche admiring the various cruise ships on the water at Mina Al Sultan Qaboos Port. You will then visit Bait Al Zubair Museum. The Museum tour will provide you with a wealth of information about the country's structure, tradition and heritage. Then it will be time to have a photo stop at the official residence of his Majesty Sultan Qaboos Bin Said, The Al Alam Palace, which is flanked by the 16th century Portuguese forts of Mirani and Jalali. From the Palace, you will travel through the old town; here you will pass some of the original houses. Post this our guide will drop you at your hotel/Airport/Port.

Coastal Wadi Adventure Tour

Itinerary: Pick up time 8.30 a.m. You will be picked up from your hotel by your tour guide in an air conditioned vehicle. The journey to Wadi Shab is around 2 hours. You will pass through many beautiful Omani villages and see the rugged landscape of the country and witness the amazing coast line of Oman. Wadi Shab is possibly the most spectacular Wadi in Oman. Upon arrival at Wadi Shab you will transfer to a small fishing boat to be taken across the Wadi to enable you to start your journey. The word breathtaking hardly does it justice. You will walk through the amazing canyon, until you arrive at the Wadi which leads to the Keyhole. Here you can relax; take a dip in the pools. You will have the opportunity to swim through a pool of crystal clear water and dive through a narrow keyhole, inside you will find a magnificent cave, complete with an incredible waterfall. Next you will have a short visit to Wadi Tiwi and will stop for lunch at a local restaurant. After lunch you will travel through the mountainous landscape arriving at the dramatic Bimmah Sinkhole. Your tour will allow time for you to swim in the clear sparkling waters. Once you are refreshed you will head back to Muscat City. Recommendations: Walking shoes or trainers, definitely not flip flops as the terrain is undulating.





Golden Desert & Wadi Oasis

Itinerary: Pick up time 8.15 a.m. The journey to Wahiba Sands is Around 2 hours in an air conditioned vehicle, travelling through some beautiful and interesting Omani villages. Once you have reached Wahiba Sands your tour guide will let down the tyres to prepare for the journey of a lifetime. You will travel through the vast and endless sand dunes which vary in size and color on a daily basis. There will be many opportunities to take pictures of roaming camels. You will visit the home of a Bedouin Family in the desert, where you will be invited in for Omani Coffee. You will also have the opportunity to go for a camel ride. The finale to this amazing trip through the desert is an incredible sand dune bashing experience this is not to be missed. After leaving the beauty of Wahiba Sands you will travel to Wadi Bani Khalid - an oasis spot in the middle of the barren and dry mountains. It is one of the most beautiful wadis in Oman with pools of clear deep blue water. A short walk takes you to the Wadi and it is truly breathtaking. You will have the chance to swim in the clear water or just take photos and admire the incredible countryside. Post that you will start your journey to Muscat. Once you are refreshed you will head back to Muscat city.





Forts of Oman Tour

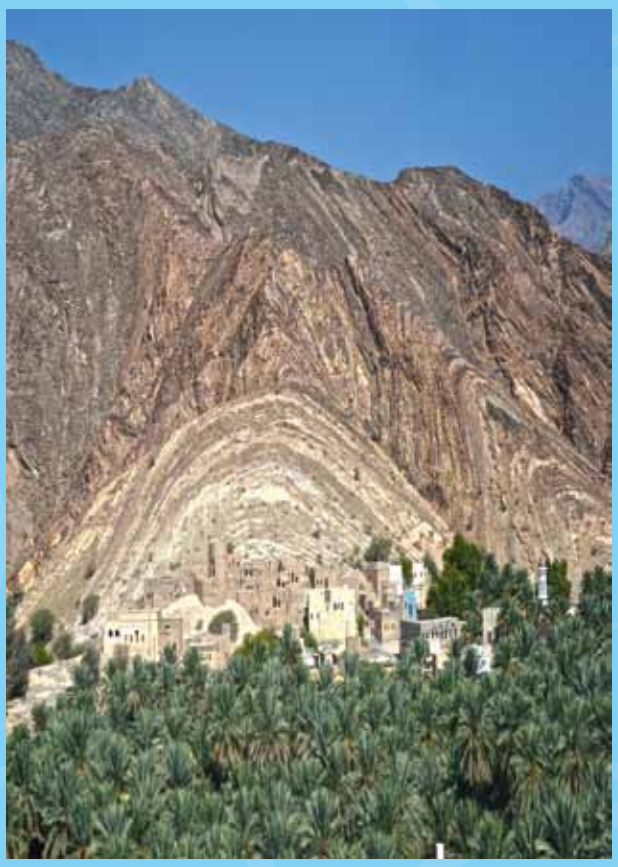
Itinerary: Pick up 8.30 a.m. You will depart your hotel and proceed towards Bahla, one of the oldest small towns of Oman and in the 12th century the capital of the tribe living in the region. As the monumental fort is closed for renovation only a photo stop is planned. Bahla is also famous for its pottery. You will then visit the spectacular Nizwa Fort with its massive Circular Cannon Tower, one of the most impressive forts in Oman. You will also visit the Nizwa traditional Souq. The Souq is a lively place and an ideal location to purchase handicrafts and souvenirs. A wide variety of vendors offer their goods in the streets of the souk from 05:00 am to about 10:00 am each morning. Here you can find fish, meat, vegetables, pottery, jewelry, handicrafts and souvenirs which are sold in authentic old market halls that few places can boast. Especially interesting is the Friday cattle market, when the locals from the nearby Villages come to sell their donkeys, goats, cattle, sheep and chickens in a circus style open market place. After completing your Souq experience you will proceed to Jabreen Palace/Castle where the visitor is able to capture the medieval atmosphere and view the beautiful hand painted ceilings and carved door frames. After an impressive cultural day it will time to travel back to your hotel.

Journey to the Grand Canyon



Itinerary: Pick up 8.30 a.m. You will depart your hotel and proceed towards the Jebel Shams Mountain. we drive up the Mountain to the stunning Grand Canyon of Oman in 2000 m. You can spend the afternoon walking around this famous Grand Canyon. The Grand Canyon offers spectacular views over the surrounding valleys and Wadis below. Then we drive to Al Hamra, and into the old part of the village, to visit a cute little museum housed in one of the old restored houses within the village. Local Omani woman will show you around a traditional 7 bedroom house. They will also demonstrate how they used to make coffee, food and pottery in the old days. Then we move on towards Misfat Al Abriyeen. This picturesque village lies on a steep slope at the foot of Jebel Shams, a few kilometers from the village of Al Hamra and consists of old homes and narrow streets. It has a large Falaj system which supplies water for many orchards, date palms and vegetables. It is worth to spend at least 1 ½ hours walking around the village. There are marked footpaths through the village and surrounding area. In the late afternoon we drive back to Muscat. Lunch will be served en route.

A Day at The Cultural Capital



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Adventure Activities

Climbing

Climbing is one of our favorite adventures which can vary from easy climbing to extreme rock and mountain climbing via ferrata. There are several places famous for via ferrata and zip line crossing such as the one of up the snake canyon or one of the Grand Canyon at Jebel Shams. Adventures from different places around the world comes to taste and experience Oman's unique climbing where we provide you with all your needs starting from scratch. We can guide beginners the first steps of the mountain and rock climbing. For experts, we will show you something beyond your imaginations.





Canyoning

Snake canyon is one of the most gorgeous canyons in Oman. It is in Wadi Bani Awf and in some parts it is so narrow, you can touch both sides of canyon at the same time. Jumping into the water from a height of 10 to 20 mts or up sailing down are some of the most favorite activities. Along with this, you can also do some swimming trekking and hiking around the canyon. If you continue further along the way you can find one of the most beautiful and hidden mountain village, Bilad Sayt or another mountain village of Oman, Wakan

Desert Crossing

Wahiba Sands with its 3000 Bedouin families from different tribes will show you the real Omani Bedouin culture and lifestyle. In this amazing adventure, most of their lifestyle including their food handcrafts camel riding and desert crossing. You will also enjoy the dunes skies and off road for dune bashing. We also have options of desert camping and Bedouin hospitalities. We also have option for amazing night events with traditional Bedouin music.



Scuba Diving

Oman is one of the most popular diving destinations in the region. It has an exceptionally diverse marine life and a number of marine cliffs, small islands, bays and caves, as well as a diverse and unique marine life and coral reefs. The best months for diving in Oman are the period from April to July, but diving can be enjoyed at all times.The most prominent diving areas around the capital Muscat are: Al Khayran, Al Fahil Island, Dimaniyat Islands, Al Makbara Bay (Old Muscat), in addition to Al Jissah Beach.





Wild Camping

The diverse environment of Oman allows many options when it comes to camping. Camping is enjoyed on Shatti Qantab in Muscat Governorate, Shatti Ras Al Hadd in A'Sharqiyah South Governorate, on mountain tops in Jabal Shams (Sun Mountain) or Al Jabal Al Akhdar (Green Mountain) in A'Dakhiliyah Governorate, camping in the desert, both in Badiya sands in A'Sharqiyah North Governorate, or in The Empty Quarter in Dhofar. Dimaniyat Islands in Al Batinah South Governorate or beaches that spread in Musandam Governorate. Oman is sure to provide versatile options for fans of this outdoor activity

Trekking & Hiking

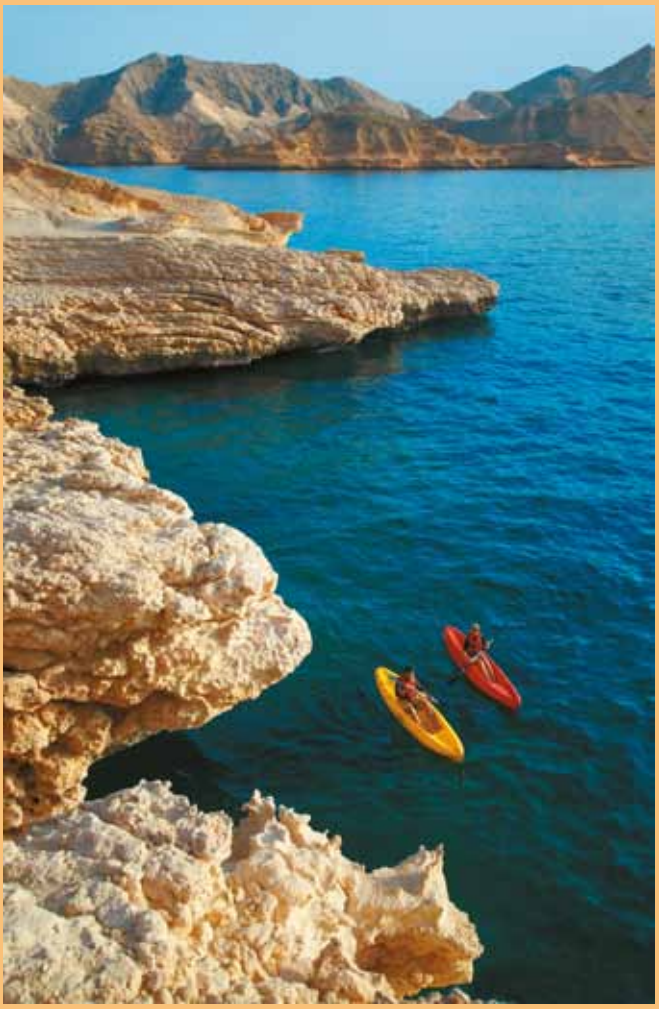
Trekking season runs from September to May, but the best time for hiking is between October and April. Despite the rough terrain, hiking remains the best way to enjoy the Sultanate’s wonderful mountainous nature. You can make different excursions of varyingdgrees of difficulty: from wandering around Muttrah, to walking over the groove edges of Al Shams mountain- Oman's highest mountain - to reach its peak.



Sea Activities

Oman has a huge diversity of marine life and pleased to offers a variety of sea sports to fully experience and enjoys this prime location by the Gulf of Oman. It is one of the most beautiful diving locations in the world, the perfect destination for embracing a full range of sea activities.

- Dolphin Watching
- Snorkeling in Daymaniyat Island
- Snorkeling in Bandar Kairan Island
- Scuba Diving
- Fishing Tours
- Yacht charters
- Island Hopin
- Dhow Cruise Tour
- Sunset Cruise
- Beach Camping
- Kayaking







Good To Know

Climate:

The best time to visit Oman is from mid of September to end of March, when the climate is a refreshing 22 to 29 degrees Celsius. During the summer months (April to September), the climate stays moderate in the Al Hajar Mountain range and Dhofar region, which is rarity on the Arabian Peninsula as a region where in Summer, the temperatures usually exceeds 40 degrees Celsius.
Dhofar is especially worth a visit during Khareef, the monsoon season from June to September, when daily rains and a magical mist transform the landscape into a lush green.

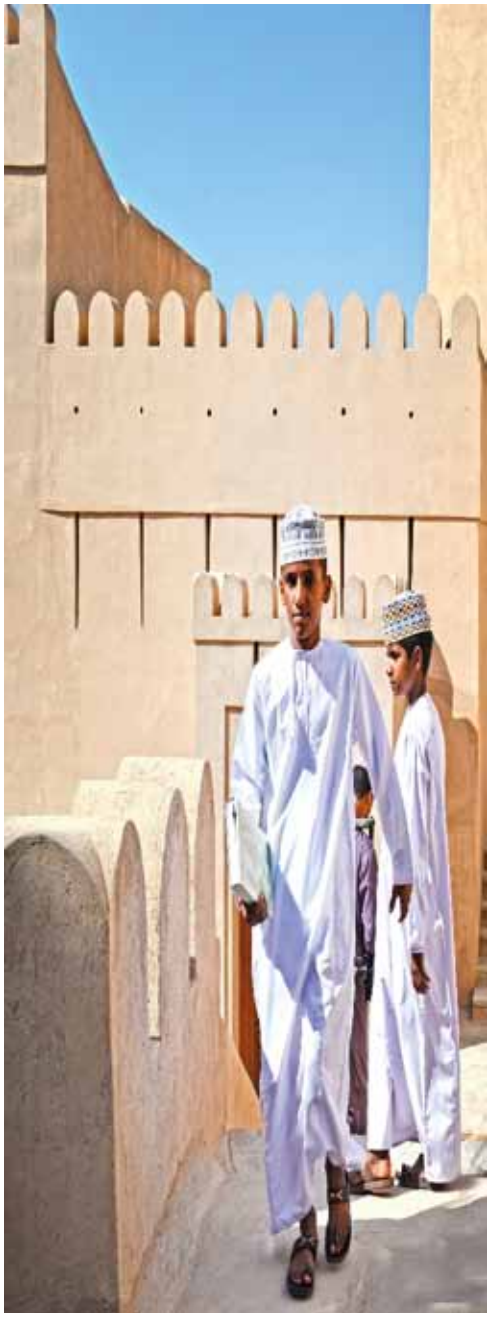
Safety:

Oman is ranked as one of the safest and most relaxing countries and is home to some of the most welcoming people in the world. However, when visiting anywhere it is always encouraged to take the necessary safety precautions of the personal belongings.
Oman also has excellent road infrastructure – nevertheless, caution is advised when travelling on the Sultanate's roads. Speed limits are in place at all times and clearly indicated through road signage.
Important contacts in the event of an emergency is dually available across the tourism centers including the Muscat International Airport. Working weeks are usually Sunday to Thursday with Friday and Saturday as weekends.









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