

Desert Kingdom of Oman

ADVENTURES IN THE LAND OF FRANKINCENSE AND MYRRH



TRIP DATES

January 17-28, 2026

January 31-February 11, 2026

January 9-20, 2027

January 23-February 3, 2027



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With its jagged peaks, dazzling white mosques, mystical ruins, and lively souks laden with incense and oil, it's easy to fall under the spell of Oman. On our captivating expedition with Trip Leader Annie Hawkins—WT's consummate desert explorer—you'll uncover the wonders of this enchanting realm. Our journey brings you from opulent Sultan's palaces and historic Islamic forts to the towering Hajar mountains, where timeless mudbrick villages sit nestled in emerald palm forests, and ancient irrigation channels spiral magically through the arid landscape. We'll ply the Arabian Sea coast aboard a traditional dhow, mingle with village traders at a spirited goat auction, visit a sea turtle sanctuary, and savor a rich local cuisine of succulent kebabs, saffron-infused rice, and cardamom coffee served with sweet dates. Oman's dramatic wadis and their cool turquoise pools provide perfect natural oases, and our overnight in spectacular Wahiba Sands carries you back in time (in classic WT style!), for a camel ride amid the dunes. All along the way we'll experience the generous spirit of the Omani people and hear intriguing tales of their tribal ancestry and seafaring heritage. Join us for a true adventure into the heart of this mesmerizing land!

Itinerary

DAY 1

MUSCAT

Arrive in Muscat where you are met and transferred to the Al Bandar Hotel, our 5-star resort overlooking the sea. In the evening, we gather for our Welcome Dinner and Orientation...D

DAY 2

MUSCAT

The glimmering Gulf of Oman and the rocky Western Hajar mountains create the dramatic setting for the bustling port of Muscat. Our morning explorations of Oman's capital include the Grand Mosque, a fine example of modern Islamic architecture with its soaring domes and marble columns (and the only Omani mosque open to non-Muslims). We'll also visit the Bait Al Zubair Museum, a family-owned museum with a private collection of jewelry, weaponry, and traditional clothing. In the heart of Old Muscat, we'll marvel at the impossibly bright blue and yellow façade of Al Alam Palace, one of six royal residences belonging to His Majesty Sultan Qaboos, then set off for legendary Muttrah Souk, Muscat's 200-year old marketplace. The labyrinthine alleyways are filled with a dizzying array of fragrances, vast supplies of bukhhor (scented woodchips), and tiny shops piled roof-high with Omani goods of all kinds—honeyed sweets, produce, textiles, clothing, and crafts such as silver khanjars (you've never seen so many daggers!). We'll enjoy lunch in a traditional restaurant. In the afternoon, we embark on a traditional dhow cruise along the coast, taking in the views of Muscat Harbor, the sultan's Palace, and the Forts of Al Jalali and Al Mirani. Overnight at Al Bandar Hotel...BLD

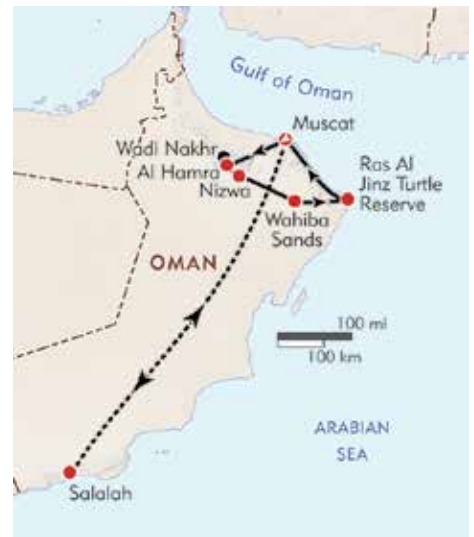
DAY 3

SUR / RAS AL JINZ TURTLE RESERVE

We drive to the trading port of Sur, renowned across the centuries for its expert sailors, skilled boat builders, and elegant wooden dhows, handcrafted vessels that sailed the trade routes along the coast of Oman and as far away as China, India, and Zanzibar. In Sur we'll explore the country's last-remaining dhow-yard and meet the local craftsmen who build and repair extraordinary boats using traditional techniques. We have lunch en route at Wadi Tiwi, a striking canyon with pools of emerald waters, old villages, and lush plantations. Near Wadi Tiwi, we will also find Bimmah Sinkhole, a seasonal pool at the base of a limestone crater where we can have a swim.

Continue to Ras Al Jinz Turtle Reserve, the only place in the world where endangered green sea turtles lay their eggs year-round, and more than 20,000 females return each year to nest. Dinner and overnight at simple accommodations at the Ras Al Jinz Scientific Center...BLD

Driving Time: Approximately 2.5 hours



TRIP DETAILS AT-A-GLANCE

- Length:** 12 days
Arrive: Muscat, Oman
Depart: Salalah, Oman
Lodging: 9 nights hotels, 1 night deluxe desert camp, 1 night eco-tents
Meals: All meals included (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
Activity: Cultural Adventures
Trip Level: 1 2 3 4 5 6
Cultural adventures with walking tours, hiking, rugged off-road travel, and optional camel riding

HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit colorful fishing harbors and ancient trading ports, meet a local archaeologist
- Explore golden sand dunes by camel and 4WD vehicle
- Roam the narrow alleys of Oman's traditional markets, enjoy a private dhow cruise
- Explore the cliff-hugging villages, lushly terraced gardens, and historic forts of the Hajar Mountains
- Visit the Nizwa Goat Market

Itinerary



DAY 4

RAS AL JINZ / WAHIBA SANDS / DESERT CAMP

We wake up early and are joined by an ecologist for a walk along the beach in search of giant green sea turtles as the sun is rising. Using their fins, the females first dig a “pseudo-hole,” intended to deceive other animals that may prey on their eggs. Once their eggs are buried, these massive reptiles move slowly back into the safety of the waves. Perhaps most memorable here are the newly hatched turtles, and we’ll watch in delight as the tiny creatures scramble swiftly in the sand. Afterwards, we continue our journey as we cross into Sharqiya (“The East”) and to the serene desert region of Wahiba Sands, with golden dunes rolling as far as the eye can see. This vast expanse of desert is absolutely breathtaking and home to more than two hundred plant and animal species, including camel, desert fox, and the hearty, drought-tolerant ghaf tree.

For thousands of years, nomadic Bedouin tribes moved around this desert and survived by raising camels, herding goats, and raiding other tribes. Today many Bedouin tribes have settled into a less nomadic lifestyle, but still retain their traditional ways of living—from growing dates to raising livestock. Along the way, we may be invited in the customary style for kahwa (Omani coffee) and dates with a Bedouin family.



Itinerary

Our perfect base for our exploration (and relaxation!) amid the dunes is Desert Nights Camp, an oasis in the desert and Oman's most luxurious tented camp, with comfortable Bedouin-style tents and en suite bathrooms. In the afternoon, you can head out from camp for a camel ride that brings you to the magnificent sunset over the copper-colored desert from atop a high dune (the dunes here rise up to 650 feet). It's the perfect place to enjoy a sundowner. At our private dinner, we'll celebrate the day's adventures, feast on authentic Omani fare, and relax under a brilliant canopy of stars as the hypnotic chanting of Bedouin musicians fills the desert night—this experience is a highlight for many!

Overnight at camp...BLD

Driving Details: Approximately 2.5 hours

DAYS 5-6

BIRKAT AL MOUZ / JABAL AKHDAR

This morning we head for a day's journey west into the rugged Jabal Akhdar, part of the Al Hajar mountain range. We'll explore village life at Birkat Al Mouz, a UNESCO World Heritage Site famous for its mud-brick fortress and the ancient Falaj irrigation system of water channels. We enjoy a picnic lunch in the area. Later we make our way to our spectacular hotel, Alila Jabal Akhdar, perched on a mountain cliff with stunning views of Jebel Shams, Oman's highest mountain. The next day, we'll spend the day hiking and exploring the Jabal Akhdar area, noted for its production of a local delicacy, rose water. The hotel offers activities including yoga, geology walks, and stargazing, and you can take a swim in the infinity-edge pool...BLD each day

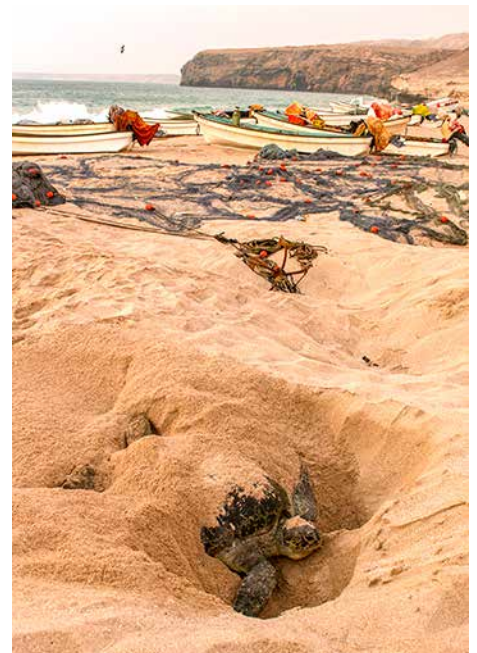
Driving Time (Day 5): Approximately 3 hours (not including stops)

DAY 7

NIZWA SOUK / FRIDAY MARKET / AL HAMRA

We'll rise early to attend the famed Friday morning cattle auction in Nizwa's wildly exciting souk, where hundreds of traders in gleaming white dishdashas (robes) gather in the main ring to haggle over the lively goats and cows—a buyer typically measures the worth of the animal by the quality of its coat. Alongside this spirited gathering, you can navigate the souk's narrow aisles brimming with fruit, fresh fish, silver jewelry, and other Omani crafts. We visit the Nizwa castle-fort, an impressive 17th century complex built by Imam Sultan Bin Saif Al Ya'rubi, then drive to the village of Al Hamra where we have a lovely picnic lunch in a date plantation. In Al Hamra, we visit Bait Al Safar, a living museum of old Oman and a great example of traditional Omani culture. Return to Nizwa for dinner and overnight at the Hotel Golden Tulip Nizwa...BLD

Driving Details: 2 hours total



Itinerary

DAY 8

WADI BANI AUF / AL JABREEN / MUSCAT

We head back through the rugged Wadi Bani Auf, a memorable off-road drive crossing the Hajar Mountains to Muscat. The wadi offers a fascinating glimpse of rural life in Oman's hidden interior. Along the way, we stop at Al Jabreen. This impressive, well-preserved castle was built in 1675 by Imam Bil-Arab Bin Sultan and features vast battlements and elaborately painted ceilings. It was once an important center of learning for astrology, medicine, and Islamic law. We enjoy lunch at a mountain refuge and arrive in Muscat later in the afternoon. Dinner and overnight at Hormuz Grand Muscat...BLD

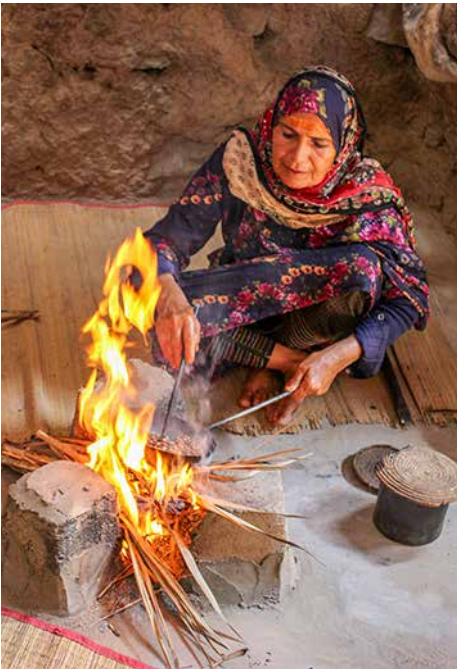
Driving Details: 5 hours



DAY 9

PLANTATION / OLD SALALAH / SULTAN PALACE / FRANKINCENSE SOUK

Our short morning flight whisks you southward over miles of vast desert to Oman's mystical Dhofar region and its delightfully unhurried capital city of Salalah, a tropical haven of sublime white sand beaches, sun-kissed waters, and herds of camels that laze in the shade of coconut trees and unapologetically dominate the local roads. Quite distinct from the rest of Oman in its language, tribes, and traditions, Salalah reveals Dhofar's Yemeni influence in the long arcades and exquisitely carved shutters of its "Old Ruined Houses," and the tile artistry of Shanfari Mosque. We enjoy lunch at the hotel and take a walk in a coconut and banana plantation before exploring Old Salalah and the Sultan Palace. Salalah stands atop the mythical ruins of Al Baleed, an ancient port and center of commerce along the Frankincense Trail. Derived from the silvery bark of Boswellia trees that grow wild in this region, treasured frankincense resin—once valued as more precious than gold—has been traded for more than 5,000 years. It is also deeply intertwined with today's Omani culture, and we'll see a variety of frankincense crystals and burners on display beside the textiles, weapons, and jewelry at the souk. Overnight at Al Baleed Resort Salalah, set right on the beach...BLD



DAY 10

SAMHURAM / WADI DARBAT / SALALAH

We visit the frankincense museum at Al Baleed with an archaeologist, then head for Samhuran, the former capital of Arabia's frankincense trade. The ruins of ancient Samhuran date back to 1000 BC and overlook the Kor Rori, a beautiful estuary where elegant dhows loaded with frankincense once embarked on trade expeditions to India and East Africa. We'll explore the ancient city's thick stone walls that once protected immense caches of coveted frankincense. Lunch is in a traditional restaurant and we'll visit Wadi Darbat, a tranquil river with a low cascading waterfall. Overnight at the Al Baleed Resort Salalah...

BLD

Driving Details: Approximately 1 hour, 50 minutes

Itinerary

DAY 11

SALALAH / AL FAZAYAH BEACH

This morning we visit the exquisite Sultan Qaboos Mosque, containing one of the largest interior prayer carpets in the world, and stroll through the colorful Salalah market where local Omanis shop for meat and produce. We head to isolated Al Fazayah Beach, considered one of the best beaches in Oman, for a picnic lunch, with the afternoon free to relax on the pristine white-sand beach or swim in the sea. We gather this evening for a festive farewell dinner.

Overnight at Al Baleed Resort Salalah...BLD

Driving Details: 1.5 hours

DAY 12

SALALAH / DEPART

We transfer to the Salalah airport to connect with onward flights...B



Pricing

TRIP COST

Prices are per person, valid through 2026

\$11,695 (9-11 members)

\$11,995 (6-8 members)

Single supplement: \$2,495

Internal airfare: \$250 (subject to change)

Oman VAT tax: \$350

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CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATE

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TRIP COST INCLUDES

- Expert leadership of a Wilderness Travel Trip Leader and local guides
- Accommodations as noted (9 nights in hotels, 1 night in basic tents, 1 night in a deluxe desert camp)
- All meals included as indicated in the Detailed Itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
- Sightseeing and activities as noted in the itinerary
- Land transportation and airport transfers as noted

TRIP COST DOES NOT INCLUDE

International airfare, visa, meals not specified at the end of each itinerary day, alcoholic beverages, travel insurance, optional tipping or gratuities to leaders or staff, additional hotel nights that may be necessitated by airline schedule changes or other factors, cost of medical immunizations (if any), and other expenses of a personal nature (laundry, etc.)

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

At time of reservation	\$600
90 days prior to departure	Balance

CANCELLATION AND TRANSFER FEE SCHEDULE

Up to 91 days prior to departure: No charge!
61-90 days prior to departure: 25% of trip cost
46-60 days prior to departure: 50% of trip cost
45 days or less: 100% of trip cost

TRAVEL INSURANCE

We highly recommend you purchase travel insurance. You can take advantage of a comprehensive Travel Protection Plan designed for Wilderness Travel by Travelex, or purchase other insurance on your own. See our website for details:

Arrival & Departure

Upon confirming your trip reservation, we will send you a Welcome Packet that includes a list of documents (passport, visas, etc.) required for your trip. Please feel free to call if you would like this information before making your air arrangements.

ARRIVAL & MEETING PLACE

Al Bandar Hotel

Muscat, Oman

Date & Time: Day 1, by 2:00 pm

Suggested Arrival Airport

Muscat, Oman (airport code MCT)

We provide a complimentary airport transfer for all arriving flights on Day 1.

DEPARTURE

Salalah, Oman

Date & Time: Day 12, anytime

Suggested Airport for Departure

Salalah, Oman (airport code SLL)

A complimentary transfer to the Salalah airport is provided on Day 12.

INTERNATIONAL AIR TRAVEL

You are responsible for making your own arrangements for flights to and from Oman. Airlines with the most convenient schedules for this trip include:

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Lodging



AL BANDAR HOTEL

Muscat, Oman

Days 1 to 2 (2 nights)

Meaning "The Town," the Al Bandar Hotel is inspired by old Muscat architecture, with buildings of varying heights featuring ornate balconies. Located just steps from the Gulf of Oman, you can stroll the beach at sunset or cool off in their pool, which has a lazy river that meanders between the Al Bandar and its sister hotel. Guestrooms have modern Arabic décor, tile floors, and beautiful views of the Gulf of Oman.



RAS AL JINZ TURTLE RESERVE

Sur, Oman

Day 3 (1 night)

While we explore the village of Al Ashkharah and Ras Al Jinz Turtle Reserve, we'll stay in the Turtle Reserve's carapace rooms or simple tent accommodations. These guestrooms are simple and comfortable, yet because we'll be at the Turtle Reserve, the chances of seeing thousands of green sea turtles ashore will be very likely. If you have time, be sure to check out the nearby Turtle Reserve Visitor Center.



DESERT NIGHTS CAMP

Al Wasil, Oman

Day 4 (1 night)

Nestled between the shifting dunes of the Wahiba Sands, you'll enjoy the rustic comfort of Desert Nights Camp. Guest tents have vaulted ceilings made of canvas and offer a large, comfortable space decorated with colorful pillows, rugs, and tapestries. Each tent also has its own beautiful tiled bathrooms, while the views of the tranquil landscape and outdoor lounges are the perfect place to enjoy a drink at sunset. One of the reasons we love this camp is for its authentic appeal, not to mention the sunrise, sunset, and superb stargazing!

Lodging



ALILA JABAL AKHDAR

Oman

Days 5 to 6 (2 nights)

Perched a mile above sea level in the Al Hajar Mountains, Alila Jabal Akhdar is a stunning retreat in this rugged, mountainous region. Inspired by ancient forts, the hotel's traditional Omani design features local stones, fort-like doors, and wooden rafters combined with modern comforts to create a peaceful environment. Relax poolside or on the terrace of your spacious suite to soak up mesmerizing views of the surrounding cliffs and mountains.



HOTEL GOLDEN TULIP

Nizwa, Oman

Day 7 (1 night)

Though recently renovated, the Golden Tulip has retained its traditional Omani-style architecture and offers authentic Omani hospitality. At the end of the day, relax by the swimming pool and take in the views of the surrounding Hajar Mountains before retiring to your spacious guest room for the night.



HORMUZ GRAND MUSCAT

Muscat, Oman

Day 8 (1 night)

This large modern hotel with contemporary decor is centrally located. Amenities include a waterside courtyard, swimming pool, well-equipped gym, a spa offering a range of soothing treatments, and five dining venues. Free Wi-Fi and an in-room espresso machine and tea making facilities make for a comfortable stay.

Lodging



AL BALEED RESORT SALALAH

Salalah, Oman

Days 9 to 11 (3 nights)

Indulge in luxury at this wonderful beachfront oasis overlooking the Arabian Sea. Stroll garden walkways lush with palms and water features, take a dip in the infinity pool, or just relax on the private white-sand beach. Guest rooms feature a private balcony or terrace with daybed, with garden, lagoon, and beach views. Amenities include a holistic spa, three fine restaurants, a fitness center, tennis courts, and library. The Al Baleed is a member of the prestigious Anantara hotel group.

These are our signature accommodations for this trip. Although it is highly unlikely, we may make substitutions when necessary. To see more photos and descriptions, please visit our *Desert Kingdom of Oman* webpage and click on the “Lodging” tab.

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ANNIE HAWKINS

Annie Hawkins, born and raised in a small village in Burgundy, is a passionate world traveler and one of our most enchanting Trip Leaders. After studying art history in Provence, Annie moved to California, where she led adventure tours in the American Southwest and realized that leading adventure trips was her vocation—nothing would keep her inside an office again! She has led exclusively for Wilderness Travel since 1995 and has led journeys for us in France, Spain, Sri Lanka, Morocco, Niger, Oman, and more! “As a Trip Leader, I see myself as the personal ambassador to a place. In France, I love introducing the products of the ‘terroir’ such as wine or cheese, or in southern Spain, taking the group to my home to share a paella with them. And in the Sahara, I have a passion for the wind-created landscape I call ‘the yellow circle’ and the ingenuity of the people who live in this place of extremes. I’m also fascinated by the friendships that people forge while traveling together day after day. I remember how six guests become lifetime friends after our trip in Niger—this warms my heart!” While scouting our trip in southern Spain in 1999, Annie bought a 300-year-old house in a village clinging on the flanks of the highest mountains in Spain. It took her three years to transform it into the home she calls La Casa del Milagro. She divides her time between Europe and San Francisco, where she lives with her husband.

What to Expect

WHAT THE TRIP IS LIKE

This trip is rated **Level 2+, Easy to Moderate**, according to our trip grading system. It combines cultural exploration with walking tours and light hiking, and opportunities for desert camel riding. Our expedition includes several half-days of rugged road travel. We'll overnight in a variety of accommodations, from deluxe seaside hotels and chic bungalows perched high in the mountains, to a simple tent accommodation with incredible access to the turtle nesting beach, and of course Desert Nights, Oman's finest tented camp. Each participant should be in excellent health and physical condition. Daily walking or hiking, jogging, or stair-climbing are excellent for preparing for the trip.

Note: Oman is a Muslim country whose friendly people are anchored firmly in their traditions. As guests of the country, we will be welcomed warmly and asked to respect the local customs, dress modestly, avoid alcohol consumption outside of authorized premises (alcohol will be available in hotels and restaurants), and adhere to Omani codes of etiquette for greeting others, taking photographs, swimming, and visiting mosques. More information will be provided in your confirmation materials.

WEATHER

Oman has a dry and sunny desert climate, with a wide range of temperatures between day and night, and varying climate between the coastal and interior regions. In January the daytime temperatures average in the high 70's to low 80's. Nights and early mornings in the desert can get cold. Rain is unlikely.

CHOOSING THE RIGHT TRIP

Adventure travel often involves exotic destinations, unusual levels of physical exertion, or activities you may not have participated in previously. We work hard to help you choose the right trip for you, paying attention to your individual interests, abilities, and needs. If you have questions about the level of comfort or any of the activities described in this itinerary, please call Wilderness Travel at 1-800-368-2794 and ask for the Middle East Manager or email us at middleeast@wildernesstravel.com.

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