

## North to South

### **Day 1**

You will be picked up from your Muscat hotel and enjoy a city tour of Muscat, taking in the Grand Mosque, Muttrah Souq, the Sultan's Palace and the Bait Al Zubair Museum. After lunch you head to Jebel Shams, pass by the terrace farming village of Wadi Ghul, before finally ascending the Arabian Grand Canyon "Jebel Shams". The drive up or down the mountain is magnificent. You spend tonight on top of the mountain with fantastic views over the surrounding area.

**O/N Camping L/D**

### **Day 2**

You drive across to Jebel Al Akhdar today. There is lots to see and experience in year-round destination of Jebel Al Akhdar – villages on the plateau like Al Aqr, Al Ayn, Ash Sharjah plus the old town of Bani Habib and Diana's Point (named after Princess Diana's visit by helicopter in 1990) – all of these offer stunning views, picnic sites, rich flora and interaction with locals worth experiencing and discovering on foot. After lunch you head down into Nizwa and check into your hotel.

**O/N Al Diyar Hotel B/L/D**

### **Day 3**

The expedition begins early morning and will lead you to the Wahiba Sands, the desert of the red and white dunes of which some reach 200m high. You will stop at a Bedouin house and have a chance to taste local Omani coffee and dates.

**O/N Camping B/L/D**

### **Day 4**

You break camp this morning and cross the camp in the footsteps of the famous explorer Wilfred Thesiger. After several hours driving you reach Ras Al Rues where the dunes of the desert meet the sands of the beach and this is where your first camp will be. Enjoy dinner on your own private beach.

**O/N Camping B/L/D**

### **Day 5**

You leave this morning and head south to the spectacular Khaluf Bay, an untouched piece of Oman coastline. There is lots of birdlife in the area and a good concentration of flamingos in the area. You may also consider a visit to Masirah Island today before returning to Khaluf Bay for tonight's camp.

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**Day 6**

You leave the camp and head south, with the ocean to the left and a plateau to the right. It is not uncommon to see gazelle grazing on the plateau, it is a little rarer to see an Arabian Oryx in this area but it is not impossible. You will though head into the Arabian Oryx Sanctuary to see these beautiful creatures. You return to the coast route and this coastal journey is full of wildlife and small fishing villages. You arrive at your camp, which is located in one of the many secluded bays at Ras Madrasah, late afternoon and sundowners will be served on the beach.

**O/N Camping B/L/D**

**Day 7**

You continue driving down the coastal track as we head towards Wadi Shuwaymiah. The scenery en route through the many villages is stunning and you will stop in one for lunch. You arrive at our guesthouse accommodation tonight on the outskirts of Shuwaymiah, where your hosts will take great care of you.

**O/N No Boundaries Lodge B/L/D**

**Day 8**

After breakfast you head out for a morning boat trip to the Hallaninyat Islands. You can see some stunning marine life before heading back to the mainland where you pick up the trail to the oilfields of Marmul, and then onto Thumrayt which is a small village built around one of Oman's military bases. You drive through the Dhofar mountains to arrive in the town of Salalah, the capital of the Dhofar region before being dropped at the airport or your hotel in Salalah. (camping on Hallaninyat Island is available though a supplement will apply)

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**Departure Dates:** 11th September, 2nd October, 23rd October, 13th November, 4th December, 1st January, 22nd January, 12th February, 4th March, 25th March, 15th April

**Also available in reverse:** 20th September, 11th October, 1st November, 22nd November, 13th December, 10th January, 31st January 21st February, 13th March, 3rd April, 24th April

**Rack Rate:** OMR869pp